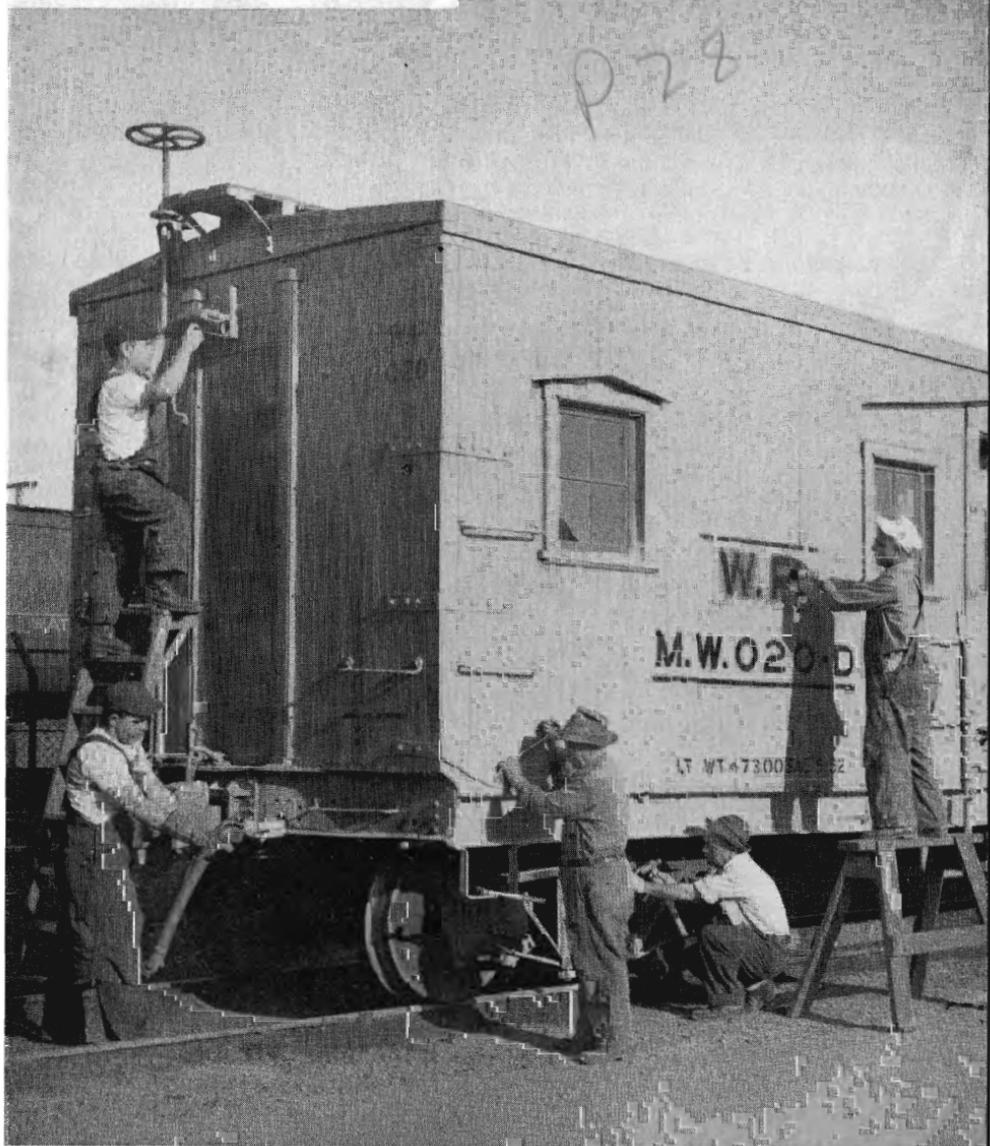
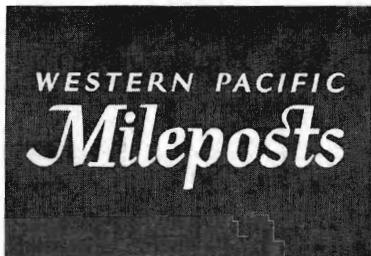


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MILEPOSTS

**FATHER'S DAY JUNE 15**

*"Father works from sun to sun  
 But Mother's work is never done."*

While we have little cause to disagree with the above quotation, we think we should pay respect to the "old man" this month, particularly since the third Sunday in June has been especially set aside each year for the unappreciated male.

Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington, in 1910, by, believe it or not, a woman, Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, in honor of her father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran. It took a quarter century more before the National Father's Day Committee was formed in 1936 to spread the sentimental, spiritual and patriotic observance of Father's Day throughout America. The first Father of the Year, selected by this committee in 1942, was General Douglas MacArthur. Other fathers honored since that date have included General Dwight D. Eisenhower, President Truman, Albert A. Schmid, a Marine who was blinded in action on Guadalcanal; Drew Pearson, Dr. Ralph Bunche, a Palestine mediator for the United Nations, and in 1951, Senator Estes Kefauver.

By and large, father is not a bad sort of a guy when you get to know him, even with all his faults. Sure, he likes to sneak off occasionally and have a beer with his cronies, do a little fishing, putter around the garden, or take in a ball game where he can let off a little steam and come back home in all probability a better man. He likes to appear responsible but dislikes responsibility. Take Bill

Jones, for example. Those three kids of his are the apple of his eye and little Willie is a chip off the old block. But, come the day when he is asked to hang around home, feed the children, answer their questions and keep an eagle eye on them in general while mother takes a day off, he suddenly remembers he promised his old pal over in another county that he would help him overhaul the family jalopie.

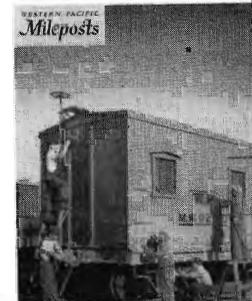
And then there was one father who told his son never to go near a burlesque house because he would see things he shouldn't. It didn't take the boy long to accumulate some loose change, and of course he headed straight for the burlesque show and found out father was right. He did see something he shouldn't have seen—father.

But don't overlook dad's many fine qualities either. In general he's a pretty nice guy to have around.

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**JUNE COVER**

Our cover shows WP's "Father of the Year," carman Anthony Latino, and four sons, Sacramento Shops employees with a combined service of 40 years. Mr. Latino's family consisted of seven sons, seven daughters (of which five sons and six daughters are living at present), and 16 grandchildren. Left to right are Vincent, electrician, and Sam, carman, both formerly property of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and pitcher and third baseman on WP's softball team; the father; Joseph, carman; and Monte, painter, outstanding semi-pro baseball star and manager-shortstop for WP's team. Photo by Hy O'Rullian.



## PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS

John C. Nolan has been appointed assistant to vice-president (traffic) effective May 1, with headquarters at San Francisco.

In a newly created position, Nolan will direct traffic research and training programs over the entire system, and handle special freight and passenger matters, including the coordinating of employee relation policies, as assigned by Vice-President H. E. Poulterer.

Nolan was born in Galesburg, Illinois, July 6, 1899, and after serving with the Santa Fe Railroad joined Western Pacific in 1928 as city passenger agent at Chicago. Following promotion to assistant general passenger agent at Chicago January 15, 1932, he

was granted a leave of absence in 1942 to enter the U. S. Army Transportation Corps as captain. He served in North Africa, Sicily and in the invasion of Italy, where he earned the nickname "Keep 'Em Rollin' Nolan" and promotion to major. Later invalided home, he spent considerable time in Gardner General Hospital in Chicago, and following his release served as district transportation officer at Cincinnati and was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Returning to WP, Nolan was appointed assistant general passenger agent at New York City on August 16, 1946, which was followed by promotion to position as general eastern freight agent in January, 1950.

At a "tea" given in John's honor be-



John Nolan, center, pictured with two generations of John Nolans on the occasion of his father's 82nd birthday at Galesburg, Illinois. His father was steamfitter foreman for the Burlington Lines for many years, and his nephew, 11, has an ambition to be an engineer on the California Zephyr.

fore his departure from New York, P. E. White, eastern traffic manager, said: "There isn't a man back here in 'Old Gotham' who isn't going to miss him, but we're sure he will be happy in his new surroundings and successful in the new work the management has for him. We trust our little going-away gifts of a clip desk clock and desk pen set will tend to remind John that time will not erase our affection for him and that pens are used to write to old friends now and then."

While his principal hobby is rail-roading, Nolan has made a specialty of the study of history of governments, and is also a member of the Manhattan Chapter of the Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.

Nolan and his wife, Lydia, have made their home in Berkeley since coming to the West Coast.

Peter Citron has been appointed foreign freight agent for Western Pacific, effective June 1, succeeding P. R. Tobin on his retirement.

Pete was born in San Francisco July 17, 1907, and after graduation from Commerce High School there worked for a local security firm before joining Western Pacific in October, 1933, as file clerk in the traffic department. He was promoted to freight traffic agent in the general agent's office in August, 1935, and served as chief clerk in that office from March, 1944, to October, 1946. He advanced to the chief clerk's position in the freight traffic department at

general office in November, 1946, and was appointed office manager on September 1, 1950, which position he held at the time of his recent appointment.

His headquarters will be in the general agent's office, 149 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

Citron and his wife, Jeanette, have one daughter, Katherine, 14, and make their home in San Francisco.

He is a member of the Fraternity Club of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and is a past chairman of the Membership Committee of the Pacific Traffic Association. Interested in all sports, Pete usually manages to get in a few sets of tennis on week-ends. The Citrons are also members of a folk-dancing group of twenty couples.

L. B. Larson has been appointed office manager for the freight traffic department, effective June 1, succeeding Peter Citron.

By was born at Berkeley on November 30, 1908, and went to work for Western Pacific as a file clerk in the general agent's office, then located at 244 California Street, following graduation from Berkeley High School. He was transferred to the rate department in general office in 1934 and has been actively handling rate matters since that time. Since 1946, Larson has been attending the quarterly Trans-Continental meetings in Chicago with M. R. Roper, freight traffic manager, and is at present assisting as one of the instructors in the traffic department's recently inaugurated Rate Training Program.



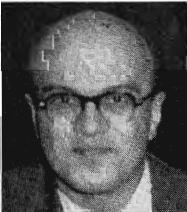
Fond of sports, primarily football, basketball, baseball and swimming, he has given up most active participation for that of spectator, having finally realized that discretion is the better part of valor. Being Berkeley born, and with son Donald a freshman at the University of California, it goes without saying who the L. B. Larsons support in football and other activities. He says he can't understand why January 1 in the past several years has been so discouraging.

His wife, Helen, was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and daughter, Bona, attends Junior High School.

His brother, Oscar H. Larson, is chief clerk to the superintendent of transportation.

Robert E. Gonsalves has been appointed special passenger representative, with headquarters at the San Francisco city ticket office, 299 Post St., San Francisco.

Bob claims he was born in Franklin, Indiana, but has little reason to remember the date and likes to keep people guessing. After one year at Franklin College, he joined the Powers Tours, Chicago, and spent five years between 1934 and 1939 escorting tourists.



Convinced that the best way to travel is by train, he joined Western Pacific May 1, 1939, as assistant general passenger agent at Chicago under John Nolan, was transferred to Salt Lake City in December of 1942 as passenger agent, and became district

passenger agent in that city on July 1, 1947.

While house hunting is a major problem at the present time, he hopes soon to locate on the peninsula where he will be joined by his wife, Grace, and five-year-old son, Tom. One qualification of the home must be a room to display a collection of antiques and old furniture which Bob and his wife have accumulated over the past several years.

Bob was a member of the City Passenger Agents' Association while in Chicago, and the Salt Lake City Exchange Club and University Club in Salt Lake City.

Donald L. Loftus was recently appointed technical assistant in the president's office, to handle special assignments.

Born in Chicago on August 17, 1921, Don graduated from Northwestern University in 1948 with a degree of BBA, majoring in transportation economics. Prior to coming to Western Pacific he served as research assistant for the Northwestern University, department of transportation, from September, 1948, to July, 1949. He joined Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Company's sales and service engineering division in August of 1949 as research analyst, and also served as lecturer, evening division of Northwestern University from September of that year to January, 1952.

Loftus is a member of the Western Railway Club of Chicago, and spends



much of his free time reading non-fiction historical articles, and enjoys fishing and all sports.

He lives in San Francisco with his wife, three-year-old daughter and seven-month-old son.

Otis J. Gibson was appointed attorney for Western Pacific, effective September 1, 1951, but has represented the company only before the Interstate Commerce Commission since that date until his recent passing of the California Bar examination. He is a member of the Bar of Colorado and the United States Supreme Court.



Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on November 27, 1910, Gibson attended the University of Kansas City and has a law degree from that school and also from Westminster Law School in Denver, Colorado. He is also a graduate of the Practicing Law Institute sponsored by the American Bar Association.

Otis was employed in public relation work for Capper Publications until 1940, when he joined the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad in 1941, handling insurance, and contract work in the president's office, later becoming Commerce Attorney for that railroad. While with the D&RGW he was elected secretary of the Republican County Central Committee at Denver, serving from 1946 until 1951, and was also the youngest member of the Colorado Legislature during 1947 and 1948, and chairman of the Railroad Committee of the House of Representatives.

He spent one year at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, during 1943, instructing firing of four, eight and twelve-gun batteries from command posts.

Otis resides in San Mateo with his wife and three children, Karol, 14, Michael, 10, and Patricia, 5. Unlike his father and mother, Mike is a typical red-head, which befits his name, but is cause for much kidding among friends of the brown-haired Gibsons.

With little time now for hobbies, Otis enjoys reminiscing the time he spent on a two and one-half-acre farm on the outskirts of Denver, where he experimented with the raising of 100 dwarf cherry trees.

He is a member of El Jebel Shrine of Denver.

## BENEFITS INCREASED

Beginning July 1, unemployed or sick railroad workers will receive 40 per cent higher benefits as a result of amendments to the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act approved by President Truman on May 15.

Benefits are paid for as many as five days a week up to a maximum of 130 days a year to employees earning \$300 or more in railroad employment during 1951.

The new rates are as follows:

Annual Earnings	Daily Rate
\$ 300-\$ 474	\$3.00
475- 749	3.50
750- 999	4.00
1,000- 1,299	4.50
1,300- 1,599	5.00
1,600- 1,999	5.50
2,000- 2,499	6.00
2,500- 2,999	6.50
3,000- 3,499	7.00
3,500 and over	7.50

## WP WILL REMEMBER . . .

"When a man devotes his life to an industry, he has truly paid that industry the greatest compliment possible."

Now retired, after serving Western Pacific well, are:

*Claude B. Armstrong*, accountant, Sacramento.

*Felix Casanova*, machinist's helper, Stockton.

*Ray M. Gossett*, switchman, Portola.

*Leon F. Henderson*, carman inspector, Warner, Utah.

*William A. Hinze*, carman, Elko.

*Charles G. Howeth*, switchman, San Jose.

*James A. Karten*, telegrapher, Shafter, Nevada.

*Edward W. Matthias*, Sacramento Northern engineer, Sacramento.

*George E. Miner*, telegrapher, Shafter, Nevada.

*Louis J. Panos*, Sacramento Northern track laborer, Westgate, Calif.

*Mario Pantalone*, B&B carpenter, Stockton.

*Roy A. Roderick*, rate clerk, San Francisco.

*James D. Salarno*, track walker, Sacramento.

*Frank Wilson*, Alameda Belt Line switchman, Alameda.

*Roy Woodin*, pumper, Kampos, Nevada.

Patrick R. Tobin, foreign freight agent for Western Pacific for the past 35 years, retired from service June 1.

Born at Galesburg, Illinois, March 16, 1887, Pat began his railroad career as a laborer and clerk on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at

Galesburg in July, 1906. He became a stenographer for that railroad in October, 1908, and advanced to the passenger department in December, 1909, was made ticket clerk in January, 1910, and assistant depot passenger agent in September, 1911, with headquarters at Chicago.

His career with the Western Pacific began in September, 1917, as secretary to the traffic manager at San Francisco. He later served as traveling freight and passenger agent at San Jose from December, 1920, until July, 1926, became chief clerk in the San Francisco general office in August, 1926, and was appointed foreign freight agent in January, 1936.

Pat is a member of the San Francisco Commercial Club, Transportation Club of San Francisco, life member Pacific Traffic Association, San Francisco World Trade Association as a member of the executive committee, and the Oakland Foreign Trade and Harbor Club.

He likes to read and is fond of all sports, especially football, baseball and fishing, and enjoys an occasional game of dominoes.

Pat lives in San Francisco with his wife, Ruth, and daughter, Patricia, a chemist for the Golden State Co., Ltd. Plans for the future call for taking life easy and taking things as they come, following a three or four-week trip to the Pacific Northwest during June.



With deep regret we report the death of the following employees and annuitants:

*Lester T. Davis*, engineer, died at his home in Portola on May 23, following a heart attack.

Democratic assemblyman from the second district since 1946, Davis succumbed while in the midst of a primary election campaign in which he faced four opponents. He was chairman of the assembly interim committee on fairs and expositions in 1949 and 1950, and was a member of the wildlife conservation board



Lester T. Davis.  
Picture courtesy Portola Reporter.

and the assembly fish and game committee and active in outdoor sports legislation. Davis served also as a member of the assembly committee on public utilities and corporations.

Born September 6, 1904, at Liberal, Missouri, Davis worked for the Santa Fe and Wabash railroads before coming to Western Pacific in September, 1926, and was promoted from fireman to engineer on September 15, 1940.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; two stepchildren, and a son, Tom, now in the Navy.

*John Fernandez*, laborer on the Eastern Division, died January 22, 1952. He last worked for the company in November, 1951, after nine months' service.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs.

*Felicita Fernandez of Rodarte*, New Mexico.

*Lawrence T. Haggerty*, Western Division clerk, died on May 6, 1952. Mr. Haggerty entered service December 2, 1949. He is survived by a brother, C. F. Haggerty, of Oakland.

*Rosenaldo Martinez*, Eastern Division laborer, was killed in an automobile accident near Battle Mountain, Nevada, May 4, 1952.

Mr. Martinez entered company service in April of this year. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eloida Martinez, of El Coyote, New Mexico.

*Frank J. Nichols*, conductor, died on May 17, 1952, following a long illness.

Mr. Nichols was born at Carol, Iowa, and when three years old moved with his family to Ogden, Utah, and later to Sparks, Nevada. When 17, his family moved to Plumas County, first making their home at Beckwourth. They then moved to Portola when it was first founded, to become one of its oldest families.

He was employed with Western Pacific for more than 30 years, and was a member of the BRT and the High Sierra Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, as a result of his overseas service in World War I.

He is survived by his widow, Cora Mae Nichols; two daughters, three sisters, and a brother.

*John R. Wilhelm*, former telegrapher, died on April 16, 1952.

Mr. Wilhelm entered company service on November 26, 1913, and retired April 29, 1940.



## Don't Be HALF Safe!

By Walter C. Brunberg

Rare, indeed, is the father who doesn't enjoy tinkering around his basement, or garage, particularly if he is fortunate enough to have a home workshop. Pop takes a great deal of pride in performing little bits of craftsmanship around the home, be it repairing mother's electric iron, Junior's radio, daughter's toys, remodeling the kitchen, or working around the back yard.

Now we certainly don't intend to spoil any of his fun, but in looking over a National Safety Council pamphlet entitled "Safe at Home?" I was alarmed about the number of accidents that can happen to Dad while he is away from his job.

You may be shocked to learn that annually—

32,000 persons are killed accidentally at home;

130,000 are permanently injured;

4,750,000 are maimed, disfigured, or disabled.

Among those 32,000 persons killed at home, 16,000 lose their lives by falls and 5,600 are killed by burns, explosions and fires. Suffocation takes the lives of 2,000, poison 1,500, firearm accidents 1,200, and 1,000 die from asphyxiation. The remaining 4,700 are killed in other ways.

That's quite a serious situation, especially when we all think of home as probably the safest of all places.

It's not that we all don't believe in Safety First, but we are apt to get careless when performing routine tasks, and many times we hesitate to take an extra minute or two to insure our safety before proceeding with our job.

Exercise good housekeeping in your home workshop, having a place for each tool, maintain good lighting, and do not allow your floor to become cluttered with objects which may cause injury.

Before climbing a step ladder, see that the spreader is fully extended and the footing firm. Don't lean too far out or attempt to carry too heavy a load.

Be especially careful in lighting fires, particularly gas operating appliances, and in using electrical appliances. Clear out rubbish, old magazines, and discarded furniture. They not only could ignite spontaneously, but also could feed a fire starting elsewhere.



"It's the office, dear, reminding you not to forget your notes for the Safety Meeting."

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Watch for overloaded circuits and worn-out cords.

When dry-cleaning clothes, never do it in the house. These fluids are flammable or toxic, or both. Be certain a door is open when running the motor of your car in the garage. Remember, 1,000 died from asphyxiation!

About one-fourth of all fatal firearms accidents occur at home. Put firearms away unloaded, dismantled, with all ammunition in a locked chest. Always treat a gun as though it were loaded—until you have proved that it is not. Never aim unless you intend to fire.

I hope you and your family never have a serious accident. But accidents occur when least expected. Through the practice of vigilance, using common sense and setting a good example, you will have a good chance to enjoy Father's Day in 1953.

### YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL A GUY WITH ONE EYE THAT WEARING GOGGLES IS A GOOD PRACTICE!

### PICNICS WELL ATTENDED

More than 3,500 Western Pacific employees, their families and friends turned out for two picnics held last month, one at Elk Grove on May 18 for Western Division employees, and one at Mission San Jose the following Sunday for employees of the Bay Area.

Under the chairmanships of Hy O'Rullian at Sacramento, and George Welsh at San Francisco, young and old alike enjoyed themselves swimming, dancing, running races and riding on the miniature California Zephyr train

### WP's MOTHBALL FLEET

Western Pacific railroaders who, while acknowledging the merits of diesels, still regret the passing of steam, may take some consolation from the "mothball program."

For although next year will in all probability see 100 per cent diesel motive power on the railroad, the uncertainties of the international situation indicate a possible need for more than normal standby power to meet emergencies. Accordingly, a small number of our best steam locomotives will be placed in storage until such time as the nation can relax. These engines, not yet definitely chosen, will be ready to go, after minor servicing, if and when the need arises.

In addition, of course, old 94, which headed the first through-passenger train down the Feather River Canyon is 1910, is being preserved as a historical relic.

So steam engines will be around, though perhaps not under steam. When the "mothball fleet" is chosen, MILEPOSTS will publish the list.

A few lucky ones went home with packages given away as gate prizes,

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# Meet Your General Chairmen

(This is the seventh of a series of articles about representatives of the various railroad labor organizations serving Western Pacific employees. Personalities of other representatives will appear in future issues of Mileposts.)

R. T. Ronan, president and general chairman of The American Railway Supervisors Association, Inc., Western Pacific Lodge No. 261, was born in San Francisco on November 10, 1898. His family moved to Roseville in 1908 and after attending grammar and high school there, Ray began his railroad career as a machinist apprentice for the Southern Pacific Company in June of 1916.



In 1917 he transferred to that company's Bay Shore shops at San Francisco where he completed his apprenticeship on

June 16, 1920. Leaving the Southern Pacific the following month, he did a little traveling, working for various railroad and contract shops as a machinist at various points as far east as the State of New York.

He became a Western Pacific employee on January 25, 1925, as a machinist at Portola, and in November of 1931 was promoted to night mechanical foreman at Keddie. He transferred to Oroville in April, 1937, as night roundhouse foreman and in 1941 was promoted to day roundhouse foreman there, which position he now holds.

Ronan was elected vice-president of The American Railway Supervisors

Association, Western Pacific Lodge No. 261, in 1944 and in 1947 was elected president and general chairman.

Ray was married in 1924 to Grace Stowers, of Hillsboro, Texas, in San Francisco, and their family includes two sons, Thomas and George.

He is a member of the Masonic Grizzly Lodge, No. 601, Portola, and the Sciots Pyramid 19, in Oroville.

Like most Feather River country residents, Ray likes hunting and fishing, and spends quite some time raising flowers and working in his garden.

## WP Picnics . . .

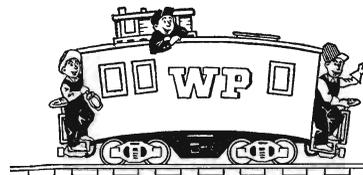
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and nearly everyone became acquainted with someone he had not known before.

A picnic is planned for Eastern Division employees to be held at Elko some time in July.



The kids had fun riding the miniature California Zephyr at both picnics.



# Caboosing

## New York City

As predicted in the March issue, we now have two ICC practitioners on our small staff, or 25 per cent of us, percentagewise. JOHNNY PEGNIM received notice of his passing the rigid examination on April 25, and received the license to practice on May 15.

ALAN HUDSON and his wife presented those six little girls MILEPOSTS publicized about a year ago, with a baby brother on April 25. What a fate in store for Edwin D., with six older sisters to run him ragged. Tough on him! Dad figures to put on the gloves with "Big Ed" as soon as possible, to toughen him up, but is really dubious about the value of such a defense against feminine wiles.

JOHN STILL plans to renew some old acquaintances when he makes a trip to sunny California soon, with wife Marie, on guess what train? Guess John wants to verify all those superlatives we hear about the *California Zephyr* from passengers in the office.

## Sacramento

Wonder what's happened to Dan Cupid. His arrow must have zoomed right over the superintendent's office, as we haven't a single engagement or marriage to announce for June. Ah! but Mr. Stork hasn't been asleep and future details of his maneuverings will be forthcoming in DUE time.

Welcome! Instrumentman MAURICE J. CRESPO transferred from Eastern Division, replacing BILL HOLT, who has been assigned to general office. Maurice, wife Barbara, and young son, David, are at present residing at 4082 Sixty-fifth Street.

ALICE VRANAS, stenographer-clerk in the engineering department, who is now permanently assigned to stenographer-clerk position at Signal Warehouse; MYRTLE MARTIN, steno-clerk from Sacramento freight office, replacing Alice Vranas; and DOROTHY FRAME, secretary to General Agent C. R. HARMON, replacing ELEANOR MOORE, on leave of absence.

Gardener MANUEL SOUZA has been doing a wonderful job on the grounds around the passenger station and just recently was complimented by the Chief Attendant of the State Capitol Park grounds on his efficient care of the flower beds and lawn!

Will someone please explain to Secretary ALICE MARR about the "Knot-Hole Gang." She still thinks it is a gang that pokes the knots out of holes to watch ball games; and to PBX Operator JEAN SMITH that, regardless of the fad in women's clothing, they still are putting *two* sleeves in dresses.

The cover caption, normally appearing on this page, will be found on page 3 in this issue.

It was necessary that Head B&B Clerk WALT WARRELL remain at home one afternoon because of illness, and Assistant Division Engineer GORDON SWITZER, having some business to attend with Walt, inquired of Steno-Clerk MARY NALLY as to his whereabouts. Mary informed him that Walt had gone home ill and Gordon asked, "Flu?" Assistant Engineer WALT KLABO, sitting nearby, came up with the bright saying, "No, he went home on the bus!"

This time it's a seven-pound bouncing baby boy for Grandpa McNALLY, assistant superintendent, born to his son, ARTHUR E. and wife, Diane. Arthur is clerk at Oroville roundhouse.

Birthday greetings to:

R. T. KEARNEY, president and general manager (SN-TWS), June 1.

F. M. COPELAND, relief telegrapher, June 3.

E. E. SCOTT, ticket seller, June 6.

M. F. ZIEHN, secretary (SN), June 7.

CLARISSA DOHERTY, stenographer-clerk, June 8.

MAVIS MANNERS, stenographer (CCT), June 8.

W. H. YEAW, division accountant, June 9.

C. W. BRANDT, head timekeeper, June 10.

M. V. SOUZA, gardener, June 10.

E. N. CHURICH, roadmaster (SN), June 14.

J. E. CHAPMAN, chief dispatcher (SN), June 19.

PEARL COOK, division accountant (SN), June 21.

JEAN SMITH, PBX operator, June 28.

Thought for the day: "Many consider the greatest labor-saving device of today is tomorrow."

## Portola

E. L. HENSLEY, agent for the past two and a half years, is leaving to take over the agency at Blairsden. Best of luck to you, Ed, and welcome to CHARLES S. QUILLEN, relief agent until the vacancy is filled.

Switchman RAY GOSSOTT has retired and is leaving Portola to make his home at Kansas City, Missouri. Hope you will miss us as we will miss you out in the yards.

Our Welcome Mat is out for Clerk E. C. GERVAIS and family, returned to Portola from Oroville, and Brakeman LEE SMITH and family, returned from Elko.

Happy birthday to Mrs. Erma Ray, wife of KEITH RAY, engineer, who is relieving in the trainmaster's office while Clerk GLADYS RUSE is on vacation. Mrs. Ruse and CHARLES, switchman, left for the East to visit relatives, pick up a new Pontiac at the factory, and visit in Montana and Idaho en route home.

Other new employees are BUFORD B. BERGIN, signal maintainer, and BUD BURRIS, lineman, filling the vacancy BARNEY GUZENSKE left when he went to San Francisco.

R. G. DALTON, day foreman, FOY COLE, relief foreman, LENO MICHELLI, night foreman, EMILIO MICHELLI, WALTER LEPPKE and LEON HANSON, icemen, are among the new faces in the perishable department, due to the closing of the icing plant at Carlin. Also new is LEROY HOWARD, Portola photographer who has taken many pictures for us in the past, and WESLEY T. McVEY, transferred from the agent's office as relief clerk to iceman.

IRA BALDWIN, supervising icing



"They're waiting to use the phone. It's the only one in town."

agent, is quite proud these days, having just returned from Sacramento with a brand-new yellow Dodge pickup for the perishable department.

We're also glad to welcome HAROLD YOUNT as clerk in the agent's office. Harold, as many of you remember, is a former Western Division conductor and made the change because of illness.

ELMER STRAYER, engineer, and M. L. PARSON, carman, are confined at St. Joseph's Hospital, and GEORGE LONG, telegrapher, is now back to work again after a siege of illness.

The women employees at Portola station have a nice new rest room, for which thanks go to PAT SULLIVAN, B&B foreman, and his crew for such a fine job.

Fishing season and baseball arrived about the same time. Portola got off to a good start, winning their first two games.

## Oroville

The Oroville WP Amusement Club held a ham dinner and social evening on May 2 at El Medio Community Hall, with about 150 in attendance. Music and dancing followed the dinner.

O. J. CROWE, eastern division conductor, has moved his family from Elko and are living at Oak and High Streets. Hope they will enjoy California.

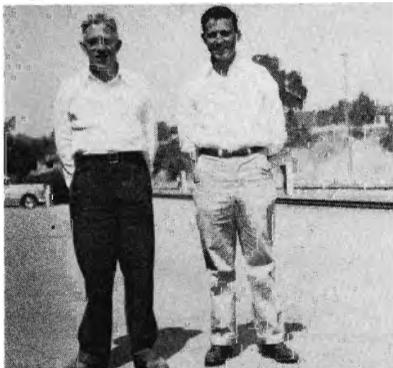
Brakeman FRANK PARSON has just returned from St. Joseph's Hospital, where he submitted to surgery.

A. G. THURMOND, telegrapher, Oro-

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Hubert Borjas, car inspector at Elko, and his father, Cecil Borjas, section foreman, who has been with Western Pacific more than 31 years.



A. I. Reichenbach, Sr., with nearly 16 years' service with WP, and his son, A. I. Reichenbach, Jr., telegraphers at Oroville and Keddie.

Railroading is generally a man's work and about 75 per cent of Western Pacific roadroaders are men. Among them are, not too surprisingly, many fathers, and also a number of father-



Thomas F. Reed, engineer in cab window, twin sons Jack, brakeman, and Joe, clerk, and son Charles, ice deck, have nearly 64 years of combined WP service.

and-son and father-and-daughter combinations, to whom we wish to pay honor in this June number. Their names, occupation and years of service are shown on pages 18, 19 and 20.



James L. Lee, Sr., section stockman, Store Department, issues diesel parts to son James L. Lee, Jr., sheet metal worker, Mechanical Department. Their combined service totals 34 years, seven months.



Harry Perrine, chief clerk, signal department, has more than 26 years' service. Daughter, Mrs. Doris Turner, began as a clerk in the telegraph department last March.



TS yard foreman L. G. Flinders has four children and six grandchildren; has been with TS since 1946. Son Loyd began with TS under his father in 1948, is now section foreman on SN.

### EASTERN DIVISION

FATHER	OCCUPATION	LENGTH OF SERVICE	SON OR DAUGHTER	OCCUPATION
E. B. Aughe	Section Foreman, Sand Pass, Nev.	12 years	J. H. Aughe	Tractor-Operator, Western Division
I. C. Baldwin	Supervising Icing Agent, Portola	26 years	H. E. Baldwin	Clerk, Oroville
H. Baumert	Engineer, Winnemucca	29 yrs. 6 mos.	G. A. Baumert	Fireman, Winnemucca (on military leave)
C. Borjas	Section Foreman, Elko	31 yrs. 1 mo.	H. Borjas	Car Inspector, Elko
D. G. Brew	Agent-Telegrapher, Delle, Utah	16 yrs. 8 mos.	R. F. Brew	Telegrapher, Delle (on military leave)
			Wm. D. Brew	Asst. to Gen. Aud.-Taxes, San Francisco
J. C. Calkins, Sr.	Asst. Chief Dispatcher, Elko	16 years	J. C. Calkins, Jr.	Head File Clerk, Auditor's Office, S. F.
V. E. Emerson	Agent, Herlong, Nev.	27 yrs. 9 mos.	E. V. Emerson	Cashier, Herlong
C. E. Hart, Sr.	Engineer, Elko	24 yrs. 6 mos.	C. E. Hart, Jr.	Sig. Maintainer, Elko (on military leave)
O. F. Hays	Conductor, Salt Lake City	24 yrs. 8 mos.	L. M. Hays	Condr., Winnemucca
J. A. Hamilton	Yardmaster, Winnemucca	20 yrs. 10 mos.	H. F. Hamilton	Traffic Dept., S. F.
J. F. McElroy	Agent, Elko	32 yrs. 9 mos.	F. L. McElroy	Agent-Telegrapher, Wells, Nevada
F. E. Miller, Sr.	Conductor, Portola	38 yrs. 9 mos.	F. E. Miller, Jr.	Conductor, Portola
H. L. Naylor	General Clerk, Warner, Utah	28 years	D. L. Naylor	Cashier, Fruitvale, Cal.
J. W. Pratt	Burro Crane Operator, Eastern Division	1 yr. 4 mos.	Jack Pratt	Laborer, Ext. Gang 35
R. C. Skipper	Section Foreman, Bronte, Nevada	1 year	C. M. Skipper	Asst. Foreman-Relief Sec. Foreman, E. Div.
W. J. Smith	Section Foreman, Tonka, Nevada	22 yrs. 5 mos.	W. D. Smith	Sig. Maintainer, Elko
M. C. Wood	Section Foreman, Calneva	21 yrs. 3 mos.	E. T. Wood	Track Laborer, Doyle

### WESTERN DIVISION

N. Anderson	Section Foreman, Fruitvale	20 yrs. 6 mos.	J. D. Anderson	Signal Maintainer, Winnemucca
M. C. Beck	Conductor, Stockton	2 years	W. Obenshain	Clerk, Stockton
H. A. Berg	Engineer, Portola	26 yrs. 8 mos.	D. Obenshain	Switchman, Stockton
O. R. Burris	Switchman, Oroville	6 yrs. 7 mos.	H. J. Berg	Brakeman, Keddie
F. P. Carpenter	Conductor, Portola	15 yrs. 9 mos.	B. L. Burris	Extra Div. Lineman
J. P. Connelly	Roadmaster, 1st Dist.	31 yrs. 6 mos.	A. L. Carpenter	Clerk, Keddie
J. R. Cope	Engr. (Ret.—P. D.)	41 yrs. 9 mos.	Mrs. P. Abbott	Steno.-Clerk, Oakland
J. D. Currier, Sr.	Engineer, Portola	34 yrs. 7 mos.	W. S. Cope	Engineer, Oakland
J. B. Dillon, Sr.	Agent, Oakland	32 yrs. 2 mos.	J. C. Currier, Jr.	Fireman, Portola
C. W. Ditty	Switchman, S. F.	10 yrs. 4 mos.	J. B. Dillon, Jr.	Head Waterfront Clerk, S. F.
			R. W. Ditty	Switchman, S. F.
			J. Ditty	Auditor's Office, S. F. (on military leave)
E. R. DuBrutz	Switchman, Stockton	32 yrs. 2 mos.	Mrs. P. Armstrong	Auditor's Office, S. F.
G. H. Evans	Trainmaster, Oakland	25 years	E. M. DuBrutz	Engineer, Stockton
			A. C. Evans	Secretary to Asst. to Gen. Mgr., S. F.
F. E. Farley	Brakeman, San Jose	29 years	Althea Evans	Ticket Clerk, Stockton
C. E. Finley	T. D. Clerk, Sacramento	24 yrs. 11 mos.	D. D. Farley	Laborer, San Jose
J. H. Fox	Conductor, Keddie	21 yrs. 10 mos.	R. C. Finley	Relief Clerk, Sacto.
G. Hardy	Engineer, Portola	24 yrs. 9 mos.	Mrs. E. F. Burrows	TM-RM Clerk, Keddie
O. Hatfield	General Clerk, Oakland	24 yrs. 11 mos.	D. Hardy	Clerk, Portola
E. H. Heckers	Engineer, Portola	1 yr. 7 mos.	Mrs. M. Glatt	File Ck., Sg. D., S. F.
R. W. Huffman	Dispatcher, Sacramento	16 years	C. T. Heckers	Fireman, Portola
D. A. Irwin	Telegrapher, Niles	33 yrs. 10 mos.	R. E. Huffman	Clerk, Sacto. Yard
			D. J. Irwin	Ch. Cl. to Supt., Sacto.
			B. C. Irwin	Electrician, Portola

MILEPOSTS

FATHER	OCCUPATION	LENGTH OF SERVICE	SON OR DAUGHTER	OCCUPATION
P. Jossierand	Dispatcher, Sacramento	10 years	P. L. Jossierand	Signalman, Gang No. 1 (on military leave)
G. D. Keyes	Agent, San Jose	41 yrs. 8 mos.	Mrs. F. Mlakar	RM Clerk, Portola
W. W. Lang	Agent, Oroville	36 yrs. 9 mos.	R. W. Lang	Brakeman (on mil. lv.)
H. R. Lawrence, Sr.	Conductor, Portola	24 years	R. J. Lawrence	Brakeman, Portola
C. C. Lawson	Telegrapher, Sacto.	23 yrs. 9 mos.	H. R. Lawrence, Jr.	Brakeman (on mil. lv.)
F. F. Lemon	Engineer, Stockton	24 yrs. 7 mos.	M. F. Lawson	Telegrapher, Sacto.
			R. C. Lemon	Fireman, Stockton
J. J. McNally	Asst. Supt., Sacto.	35 yrs. 9 mos.	W. R. Lemon	Fireman (mil. service)
			A. E. McNally	Roundhouse Clk., Oro.
B. L. McNeill, Sr.	Roadmaster, 2nd Dist.	22 yrs. 1 mo.	M. L. McNeill	Switchman, Portola
W. E. Meyers, Sr.	Engineer, Oakland	42 yrs. 9 mos.	B. L. McNeill, Jr.	Asst. Engr., Sig. Dept.
F. E. Miller, Sr.	Conductor, Portola	38 yrs. 9 mos.	W. E. Meyers, Jr.	Engineer, Portola
D. Monahan	Clerk, Portola	23 yrs. 5 mos.	F. E. Miller, Jr.	Brakeman, Portola
			R. Monahan	Brakeman, Portola
B. C. Mooney	Fireman, Oakland	9 yrs. 8 mos.	R. Monahan	Switchman, Portola
C. A. Oels	Tlgr., Greenville	28 yrs. 10 mos.	T. L. Mooney	Carman, Oakland
			P. Oels	Clerk, Portola
H. A. Otis	Fireman, Oroville	10 yrs. 5 mos.	G. A. Oels	Engineer, Portola
I. E. Parmenter	Clerk, Stockton	5 yrs. 7 mos.	W. H. Otis	Fireman, Oroville
G. R. Patterson	Engineer, Portola	28 yrs. 11 mos.	P. Parmenter	Clerk, Stockton
N. G. Pendergraft	Conductor, Stockton	15 yrs. 10 mos.	G. I. Patterson	Fireman, Portola
P. F. Prentiss	Trainmaster, Oroville	29 yrs. 1 mo.	D. R. Patterson	Brakeman, Portola
T. F. Reed	Engineer, Portola	33 yrs. 5 mos.	R. S. Pendergraft	Clerk, Stockton
			O. K. Prentiss	Brakeman, Stockton
A. I. Reichenbach, Sr.	Telegrapher, Oroville	15 yrs. 9 mos.	J. M. Reed	Clerk, Portola
E. L. Slaughter	Brakeman, Portola	9 yrs. 8 mos.	J. A. Reed	Brakeman, Portola
A. Vrismo	Engineer, Oroville	38 yrs. 4 mos.	C. F. Reed	Ice Deck, Portola
N. Wakefield	Engineer, Portola	24 yrs. 8 mos.	A. I. Reichenbach, Jr.	Telegrapher, Keddie
J. A. Webb	Conductor, Oroville	23 yrs. 11 mos.	E. E. Slaughter	Conductor, Portola
C. L. Wemmer	Engr. (Ret.—P. D.)	23 yrs. 10 mos.	J. A. Vrismo	Brakeman, Portola
			R. N. Wakefield	Engineer, Portola
			J. M. Webb	Conductor, Stockton
			E. L. Wemmer	Engineer, Stockton

### MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

R. C. Bachus	Carman, Sacramento	6 yrs. 9 mos.	C. L. Bachus	Carman Helper, Sacto.
B. J. Baser	Carman, Sacramento	1 yr. 11 mos.	C. Baser	Carman, Sacramento
			K. Baser	Carman, Sacramento
O. M. Beard	Roundhouse Foreman, Stockton	29 yrs. 6 mos.	K. H. Beard	Loco. Engr., Stockton
H. L. Bowermaster	Boilermaker Helper, Stockton	1 yr. 8 mos.	C. L. Bowermaster	Sheet Metal Helper, Stockton
W. F. Bowers	Car Inspector, Warner, Utah	25 yrs. 7 mos.	A. W. Bowers	Carman, Elko
W. J. Bradley	Car Foreman, Winnemucca	15 yrs. 9 mos.	R. J. Bradley	Car Inspector, Oakland
H. W. Brown	Carman, Stockton	8 yrs. 2 mos.	D. B. Beary	Carman Appr., Sacto.
			R. K. Beary	Carman Appr., Sacto. (in military service)
A. J. Carlson, Sr.	Car Inspector, Portola	10 yrs. 10 mos.	A. J. Carlson, Jr.	Car Inspector, Herlong
J. M. Coggins	Carman, Elko	1 yr. 3 mos.	J. M. Coggins, Jr.	Carman, Elko
E. T. Cuyler	Asst. Chief Mech. Officer, Sacramento	10 yrs. 5 mos.	G. E. Cuyler	Carman, Sacramento
W. F. Davis	Carman, Oakland	3 yrs. 4 mos.	W. D. Davis	Laborer, Oakland
V. L. Dick	Carman, Sacramento	15 yrs. 10 mos.	R. L. Dick	Carman Appr., Sacto. (in military service)
H. H. Evers	Millman, Sacramento	15 yrs. 8 mos.	E. E. Evers	Carman, Sacramento
D. B. Farris	Car Inspector, Portola	2 yrs. 8 mos.	E. A. Farris	Carman, Portola
W. J. Ferguson	Car and Derrick Foreman, Portola	28 yrs. 4 mos.	L. M. Ferguson	Yard Clerk, Portola
H. E. Gerhardt	Boilermaker Helper, Sacramento	28 yrs. 9 mos.	J. L. Gerhardt	Carman, Sacramento
C. L. Heaney	Carman, Sacramento	1 yr. 6 mos.	G. S. Heaney	Asst. Acctnt., Sacto.
W. E. Hightower	Laborer, Stockton	1 year	J. E. Hightower	Roundhouse Clerk, Stockton
H. J. Kelly	Roundhouse Foreman, Elko	22 yrs. 4 mos.	J. H. Kelly	Carman, Elko

MILEPOSTS

FATHER	OCCUPATION	LENGTH OF SERVICE	SON OR DAUGHTER	OCCUPATION
L. Q. Kimball	Patrolman, Sacto.	8 yrs. 7 mos.	R. L. Kimball	Chf. Timekpr., Sacto.
C. B. Kirkpatrick	Roundhouse Foreman, Stockton	10 yrs. 8 mos.	G. B. Kirkpatrick	Brakeman, Stockton
A. Latino	Carman, Sacramento	9 yrs. 9 mos.	J. P. Latino	Carman, Sacramento
			M. J. Latino	Painter, Sacramento
			V. S. Latino	Electrician, Sacto.
			S. J. Latino	Carman, Sacramento
A. H. Mettet	Carman, San Francisco	24 yrs. 2 mos.	H. Mettet	Carman, San Francisco
L. M. Morris	Master Mechanic, Sacramento	6 yrs. 3 mos.	R. C. Morris	Supervisor Reclamation, Sacramento
H. Q. Myers	Carman, Oakland	4 yrs. 6 mos.	L. B. Myers	Sh. Metal Wkr., Oak.
J. C. Pierner	Sta. Engr., Oakland	9 yrs. 1 mo.	M. L. Pierner	Electrician, Oakland
W. Plummer	Machinist, Sacto.	9 yrs. 4 mos.	R. L. Plummer	Carman Helper, Sacto.
G. Ramos	Laborer, Stockton	7 yrs. 6 mos.	R. N. Ramos	Crmn. Hlpr., Stockton
J. F. Weber	Carman, Stockton	28 yrs. 8 mos.	J. J. Weber	Carman Appr., Sacto.
J. W. Weddell	Roundhouse Clerk, Portola	10 yrs. 4 mos.	J. W. Weddell, Jr.	Ice Laborer, Portola (on military leave)

### STORE DEPARTMENT

C. E. Brockett	Store Helper, Sacto.	8 years.	E. M. Brockett	Carman, Sacramento
J. L. Lee, Sr.	Sec. Stockman, Sacto.	27 years.	J. L. Lee, Jr.	Sheet Metal Worker, Sacramento
A. L. Vizina, Sr.	Storekeeper, Elko	10 years.	N. M. Vizina	Store Helper, Sacto.
			A. L. Vizina, Jr.	Carman, Sacramento

### SACRAMENTO NORTHERN—TIDEWATER SOUTHERN

L. G. Flinders	Foreman, TS Sec. 3, Modesto	6 years.	L. H. Flinders	Sec. Frmn. SN, Dozier
O. H. Hook	Telephone Foreman, SN, Sacramento	41 yrs. 9 mos.	D. R. Hook	Opr. & Maintainer, SN Tower Bridge, Sacto.
R. W. Murray	Conductor, SN, Sacto.	5 years.	H. D. Murray	Carpenter B&E No. 2, SN, Sacramento

### AUDITOR'S OFFICE

S. B. Corven	Statistical Clerk, S. F.	26 yrs. 1 mo.	J. E. Corven	Valuation Clerk, S. F.
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### SIGNAL DEPARTMENT

F. U. Collins	Signal Maintainer, Hayward	6 years.	R. D. Collins	Signal Maintainer, Stockton
			B. D. Collins	Asst. Signalman, Sacramento
H. F. Perrine	Chief Clerk, S. F.	26 yrs. 4 mos.	Doris Turner	Clerk, Telegraph, S. F.

### TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

E. W. Field	Div. Lineman, Niles	6 yrs. 11 mos.	T. W. Field	Telegraph Groundman, Belden
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### TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

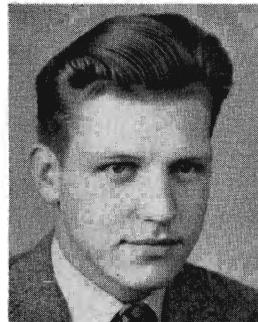
H. R. Coulam	General Agent, Salt Lake City	29 yrs. 6 mos.	R. Coulam	Draftsman, Sacto.
J. J. Hickey	Gen. Pass. Agt., S. F.	17 yrs. 11 mos.	Mrs. C. Postel	City Ticket Off., S. F.

### TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

L. F. Delventhal, Sr.	Asst. Scale Inspector, Oakland	8 years.	L. F. Delventhal, Jr.	Transp. Inspctr., S. F.
E. T. Gallagher	Supt. Transp., S. F.	33 yrs. 4 mos.	Marge Gallagher	Ticket Clerk, S. F.

### TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

R. E. Larson	Treasurer	34 yrs. 8 mos.	Mrs. Barbara Sheffield	Steno., Pur. Dept.
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William D. Brew, assistant to general auditor, Dan G. Brew, father, agent at Delle, Utah, and Robert F. Brew, telegrapher at Delle, have a combined service of 36 years 8 months. Bob is at present on military leave, majoring in engineering at the Utah State Agricultural College at Logan, Utah.

### Caboosing . . .

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ville yard, has returned to work following sickness.

JOHN MŁAKAR, perishable department, Portola, and his family were recent visitors in Oroville. Other visitors were PAUL JENNER, San Francisco, and Hy O'RULLIAN and L. M. MORRIS of Sacramento.

ROY BARKSTROM, manager of the WP dormitory, and wife, recently made a business trip to Idaho.

DONALD N. HAGEN, son of Carman NEIL HAGEN, is now employed as switchman for SP in Sacramento. He recently returned from the Navy.

The wife of Switchman C. E. McCARTY has been seriously ill at the Oroville-Curran Hospital, and at latest report is slightly improved.

A six-pound 12-ounce son was born to Roundhouse Clerk ARTHUR McNALLY and wife on April 24. Robert Alexander has a little brother, Michael, and his grandparents are the J. J. McNALLYs.

Switchman FLOYD M. BARNES stopped by on April 30. He had been

stationed with the Army at Spokane, Washington, and is now at Travis awaiting travel orders.

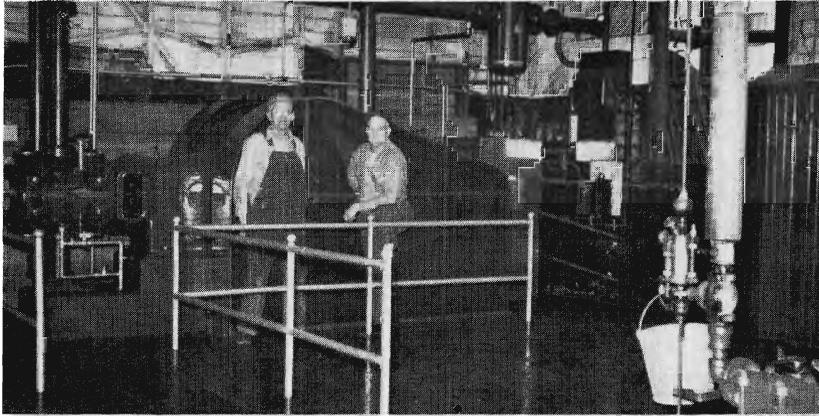
Carman R. S. PATTISON's son, George, and wife recently arrived in San Diego aboard the U. S. Navy transport *Cavalier*. He is an engine-man-fireman in the Navy and has been overseas six months.

Fireman and Mrs. E. V. LERNER's daughter, Janice, was married to Stayman Butler on April 16 in Reno. They are making their home in Woodland.

Brakeman JACK LATHAM has sold his home on Spencer Avenue and moved with his wife to Winnemucca. Jack works on the *California Zephyr* between Oroville and Winnemucca.

Oroville celebrated "Regatta Days," May 23 and 24, with thousands witnessing the parades. The annual Regatta Days ball at the Municipal Auditorium attracted 1,500 dancers and was climaxed by the crowning of Joan Dotson, pretty 17-year-old daughter of Blacksmith JOE DOTSON and wife. Joan received a sterling silver service for eight.

Retired Conductor FRANK J. NICHOLS



Clyde "Pop" Powers, stationary engineer at Oroville roundhouse, has a record of keeping one of the neatest boiler rooms on the system. He is shown here with Al Smith, right, who installed the air compressor shown behind them. Others in the department are O. T. Marler, Harlan Robertson, Ora Drugger, and J. C. Davis.

passed away at Portola Hospital on May 17. He worked out of here for many years and was well known.

Signal Maintainer EMERY L. FIELDS, wife and two little daughters, left on the *California Zephyr* May 16 for a vacation in Omaha and other points in Nebraska.

With Trainmaster P. F. PRETISS on vacation, LEE MICHELSON of Keddie has taken charge during his absence.

W. H. WALD, car foreman, and family had as guests recently, Mrs. Wald's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Rose of Sacramento.

Roundhouse Clerk ELMER M. EBBERT has bid in a position as assistant time-keeper at Sacramento Shops, and Clerk BEN EARHOFF is taking his place in the Oroville roundhouse.

Vacationing this month from the roundhouse and car department are N. CARRILLO, H. J. ENDERS, MRS. CORA MARIOTTA, P. T. THOMAS, W. D. SCOTT, Electrician E. W. DANFORTH, Sheet-metal Workers G. F. KIRK and E. D.

CROSS, Machinist He'per J. H. POLK, and Carmen GEORGE NALL and V. A. BURCH.

WP's softball team from Oroville lost to Sacramento 12 to 6 at the Western Division picnic held May 18 at Elk Grove, but they made a good showing for only a week's practice. About fifty attended the game and picnic from Oroville.

### Keddie

Nancy Lou Finley, daughter of engineer and former resident I. V. FINLEY, announced her engagement to Pvt. Galen McKee of Hayward. Wedding plans are pending his transfer overseas.

Engineer OLE JOHNSON suffered a cracked rib and was on the sick list for several days; Brakeman "BLACKIE" ADAMS spent ten days recovering from complications of the flu; LAUREL FISHER, section foreman, returned home from St. Joseph's Hospital following an operation; and TOM BARRY,

operator, spent several days in St. Joseph's following a heart attack.

BOBBY PENDERGRAFT, call clerk at Stockton, spent a few days here visiting his former school friends.

Conductor ANDY STENE and Engineer LOUIS FISCHER have purchased new homes in Stockton, Andy having already moved. Louis will move as soon as their son graduates from school. We are going to miss these two families very much.

Our Postmistress, Mrs. Mildred Chapman, widow of the late Engineer WILMER CHAPMAN, returned home from a month's vacation in Louisiana.

Looks like a contest between the brakemen and conductors, with new cars being driven by Brakemen SIMPSON, THOMAS, FLIPPEN, and CRUZON, and Conductors STUBBLEFIELD and PARTAIN. The enginemen don't seem to be doing so well!

Beatrice Ausmus, daughter of Brakeman HUGH AUSMUS, was married to Melvin Strong, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Strong, on May 4. The groom recently returned from Korea and the couple will make their home in Quincy.

Conductor ELMER PARTAIN and wife spent a couple of weeks in Stockton while he was convalescing from pneumonia, visiting with their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Fred Partain, and granddaughter Ricky.

Hazel Barry, daughter of Roadmaster BARRY, spent a month's vacation here. She is attending a nurses' school in San Francisco.

Baseball season opened here with a win by the American Valley Giants, which team includes Fireman CHAPMAN, Operator LINDSEY, and Roundhouse Foreman CAUGEY.

Five Keddie youngsters will soon graduate from Quincy High School, Alan Hanley, son of PETE HANLEY, agent; Nyal Ausmus, son of HUGH AUSMUS, brakeman; Wilbur Stubblefield, son of Conductor STUBBLEFIELD; Louis Fischer, son of Engineer FISCHER, and Gilbert Krause, son of Fireman KRAUSE.

PAUL FERRELL, day call clerk, was confined to his home for several days due to illness, as was CY BATES, night call boy.

Conductor WALTER DAMASKE, from Stockton, and his wife spent several days here on lodge business.

Mrs. Lee Michelson and daughter visited husband LEE MICHELSON, trainmaster, and plan to move here as soon as school is out.

Yardmaster JOE CLINTON and Conductor PARKS drove to San Francisco to take in the bright lights for a few days.

Conductor E. E. REDDICK has left us for a while and gone to work on the *Zephyrette*, but manages to come home for a day or two between trips.

Conductor GLEN METZDORF spent a week between Portola and Salt Lake City on Lodge business.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of FRANK NICHOLS of Portola, who passed away May 17. He is the brother of Mrs. Bob McIlveen.

Mr. and Mrs. ARDEN CARPENTER were called to San Francisco because of illness in their family, and Engineer TIM HANLON also spent a few days there.

### Sacramento Store Department

A wee daughter, Glorene St. Ann, arrived at the Sutter Maternity Hospital on April 27, much to the delight of the parents, RENO and MRS. PICCHI, and

a baby daughter safely arrived at the Sacramento Hospital, much to the pleasure of BUDDY MCGAIRTY, his wife, and two sons.

We are sorry to report that CLIFTON LEWIS is away from work because of an automobile accident and hope that it will not be too long before he is back with us again.

The month of May was lucky for BRUCE STILWELL—he won a ham and six dollars at the Trade's Club, where he and a few of our fellows meet the second Wednesday of each month.

ERIC BORG is either sporting a new car or had his old dark one painted a snappy light color.

HORACE LATONA, president of the WP Athletic Club, came in first in our Bass Derby held the first of May. Along with a party of friends, Horace caught four fish on Bodega Bay, three being striped bass and the fourth an unnamed variety which we were told was an overgrown catfish!

Speaking of fishing, CHARLES REID and ALTON DABBS have a spot somewhere down the river where the fish always bite except when Charles and Alton are trying their luck. We're still waiting for that chunk of fish we were promised some time back.

CHARLES MARCHAND held a lucky ticket and won an electric clock as one of the gate prizes at the picnic at Elk Grove, May 18.

### Chicago

First to lead off with 1952 vacation is GLADYS HESSON, passenger department. She and husband, Tom, left on May 23 for Phoenix, and then to Pasadena to visit Gladys's mother. Hope they find Southern California as sunny as BOB MUNCE claimed it to be—or

maybe they should have gone to Stockton?

CHARLIE MATHENY, who rambles all over Wisconsin's wonderland searching for car numbers to add to the Salt Lake passing reports, left with his wife and daughter for a visit to the old stamping grounds—deep in the heart of San Antonio. If anyone sees Charlie riding around in a paddy wagon and hears him greeting old friends with a "Hi, Podner," think nothing of it; his dad is sheriff in those parts. Must run in the blood!

We're going to miss BY LARSON, who we understand took over new duties at the general office on June 1 and will no longer attend the quarterly freight traffic managers' meetings. No one here seems to have the necessary stamina to romp and play with the kids at our annual picnic as By did last year, and the small fry will be very disappointed. Best of luck in your new duties, By!

Page Diogenes! The man that he was looking for is in (of all places) Chicago. Some unfortunate passenger lost



"Pressure Cooker!"

the return portion of his railroad and Pullman tickets, reading Chicago to San Francisco, and the finder turned them over to this office. All we need to do now is find the owner. And some people think we have only gangsters here. Tsk! Tsk!

The last glimpse we had of JAKE EPHRAIM, our cordial passenger representative, he was wearing a pained expression. When asked for an item for this copy, he was unable to deliver. However, if he comes through next month, we will take him off the list he is now on. Heavy passenger bookings, however, keep both Jake and GLADYS HESSON on the jump, and there are some days when we all wish the *California Zephyr* had about eight more cars so we could keep everyone happy.

It's good to see GEORGE WENIG back on the job after being confined several weeks at Garfield Park Hospital.

### San Francisco

Seems longer than six weeks since PHIL WYCHE, executive assistant, left for an operation, but we're happy to see his smiling face around the office again and hope he's rapidly on the mend.

Congratulations to BETTY WILTRAINS on her marriage May 10 to Raymond Jaeger, cousin of HOWARD JAEGER, freight traffic, and to DOROTHY BACCAGALUPI, also freight traffic, on her marriage to Vincent Voto, June 1.

HORACE LOHMEYER, auditor revenues department, was married May 25 to Claudette Deming at the Little Chapel of Lakeside in San Francisco. Present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MARTIN, and BOB HANSON, usher, and his wife.

DICK RAMIREZ, auditor revenues department, was married on May 11 to

Esilda Orellana at Saints Peter and Paul's Church in San Francisco. WP employees and friends attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. BILL DUTCHER, Mr. and Mrs. TOM DOWD, GEORGE WELCH and sons, Ronnie and Bobby, Jean Caubu, MARLYN CRAIG and Stan Allen, NORMA THORSEN and Ed O'Neill, BOB KOSTNER and BOB KLING.

Clifford Warner, Jr., son of Auditor of Disbursements WARNER, SR., won two awards in a recent Sequoia High School Youth Talent Show at Redwood City. His journalism was judged best in the 15- and 16-year-old group, as was his art work. Cliff is also sports editor of the school paper, "Sequoia Times."

Patrolman FRED WORM is all smiles these days, the stork having presented a baby girl, Frieda Mae, on April 29, weighing eight pounds two ounces.

H. P. DONNELLY, district special agent and claim agent, is doing all right these days. First, a new wife, which wedding took place at Reno, May 12, and second, a new Mercury. Tell us how you do it, Hank?

There will be a new addition to the HARPER family about October, this year, according to reports from our Interchange and Yard Clerk at Eighth and Brannan.

Friends of C. E. CONDON, retired traveling auditor, were happy to see him on May 26 when he stopped by for a visit. Retirement must suit Ed fine, as he was looking like a million.

We're glad to see CLIFF WARNER, auditor of disbursements, back on the job again after confinement at Saint Joseph's Hospital.

JOE VALERGA, former secretary-clerk in the president's office, has returned



Anne Crowder, secretary medical department, divides her birthday cake presented by Irene Hanson, Hazel Wochos, Blanche Dewey, Dr. Cushman, Bill Boebert, Alma Schroeder, Kathleen Murphy and Lois Knoll. Present, but not in the picture, was Lillian Bulgarelli.

to his old hunting grounds in the engineering department as secretary to Chief Engineer WOOLFORD. Replacing Joe is BOB GOLDEN, formerly signal department employee. Another newcomer in that office is CLAUDE A. BARBIERI, stenographer-clerk, formerly of the auditor's office, who is celebrating his new position by announcing his marriage June 7 to Mary DeRosa.

#### Elko

HANS TEICHMAN, assistant chief clerk, sustained a broken bone in his foot and a badly twisted knee, when the ladder upon which he was standing slipped while washing down his kitchen walls on vacation, and he will be confined to his home for some time. (Editor's note: We're sorry we didn't run this month's safety article, appearing on page 10, a little sooner, Hans, as it may have



Maureen J. Murphy, daughter of Frank S. Murphy, freight traffic representative, and Kathleen M. Murphy, medical department, graduates this month from Immaculate Conception Academy, where she was associate editor of the Megaphone, and a member of the basketball and volleyball teams. She will enroll at S. F. State College.

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helped to prevent your misfortune. However, we do hope it will serve to warn others to be careful even in these seemingly non-hazardous duties at home.)

LELAND FORD, who has been studying civil engineering at the University of Nevada the past four years, returned to work displacing in the timekeeping department. Lee lacks just a few hours to enable him to graduate and he will be unable to finish his course until next January since his requirement is taught only in the winter quarter.

Congratulations to the SMALES family! To Bill and Josie upon the birth of their first child, William Joseph, and to Grandpa Joe and Grandma Nell. While recovering from the shock of becoming a grandfather, Joe will have ample time to recuperate from his broken leg.

CAROL JONES is back at his desk after a short vacation trip through the beautiful Flathead Valley in Montana.

Rose Marie Domingo, ANN's daughter, won \$20 as the most outstanding Elko High student in bookkeeping, shorthand and typing. Immediately after graduation, Rose will be employed by Alexander Puccinelli, former district attorney of Elko County.

Fireman AL WHEAT has the distinction of being the first Eastern Division employee to enter the WP fishing contest. His entry was a 23-inch Rainbow Trout weighing 4 lbs., 10 oz., caught in an Elko County stream.

LEE and MRS. LANPHEAR have returned from Denver where they were called on account of the illness of their daughter, Alta, who was hospitalized due to the aftereffects of an automobile accident in October, 1949, when

she was a student at University of Nevada.

JOHNNY MORGAN and Dave Olmos, traveling accounts for the WP and SP respectively, are making a check of the joint accounts. The first thing Dave saw upon his arrival in Elko was our beautiful snow-covered Ruby Mountains. We hope they will both avail themselves of the opportunity to see the ruby-red colors of sunset on this picturesque range of mountains, and better still, do some fishing in its lakes and streams.

Sincere congratulations to CHARLEY and EDNA FORSETH, who are enjoying the thrill of becoming grandparents for the first time. Their daughter, Donna, of Sacramento, having presented them with a grandson. Gramp is in the doghouse for going through Sacramento shortly after the birth of his grandchild without stopping off, but his excuse was a legitimate one. Thinking back to the time when Donna was born, he remembered how utterly useless grandfathers are at a time like that—and may we be pardoned for adding, likewise fathers!

#### Mechanical Department

CLAUDE B. ARMSTRONG, accountant, was honored at a retirement luncheon given by his fellow employees at the El Rancho Hotel. Claude joined Western Pacific August 18, 1919, and his service includes employment in the store, transportation and mechanical departments.

LOUIE DEL MORO will never forget his last day at work before leaving for his trip to Italy. All the girls lined up on the stairs for a farewell kiss, and,

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## "Charles O. Sweetwood" Colorado Bound

Western Pacific's Red Cross military blood procurement car, the "Charles O. Sweetwood," left Gerlach, Nevada, May 28, en route to Denver to collect blood in Colorado communities which have had no facilities for participation in the military blood program.

Through arrangements between the Pacific and Midwestern areas of the American National Red Cross, the Denver & Rio Grande Western and Western Pacific, the car will be routed over D&RGW lines. The first stop was made in Montrose, June 2, followed by stops in Delta and Grand Junction, and on through points on the Royal Gorge route to Pueblo.

Since the "Charles O. Sweetwood," the first car of its kind, was commissioned in January, 1951, it has made regular visits to communities in California, Nevada, and Utah, and has collected approximately 17,000 pints of blood, every pint of which went to military use.

The car is staffed by four Red Cross nurses and a Western Pacific porter. Nurses making the trip to Colorado include Doris Lee, of Yakima, Washington; Lorelli Penton and Virginia Adtkins, from Lodi, California; and Lorene Smith, of Stockton. Louis Griffith, of Oakland, has been porter since the commissioning of the car except during a brief spell of illness.

After completing the following schedule in Colorado, the "Charles O. Sweetwood" will return to Western Pacific communities for further collection:

DATE	STOP
June 2, 3, 4.....	Montrose, Colorado
4, 5, 6.....	Delta
9, 10.....	Grand Junction
11.....	Rifle
12, 13.....	Glenwood Springs
16.....	Eagle
17.....	Minturn
18, 19.....	Leadville
20.....	Buena Vista
23, 24.....	Salida
25.....	Canon City
26.....	Florence
27, 30.....	Pueblo
July 1, 2, 3 (and possibly another week).....	Pueblo

Visits by the "Charles O. Sweetwood" to communities such as the picturesque lumbering town of Little Valley, California, afford residents an opportunity to participate in a worthy cause not otherwise available to them.



## SPORTS



The red-hot, talent-loaded Sacramento softball team added two more victims to its already long list when it

crushed the classy Oroville and Stockton teams in a double-header at the Western Division picnic in Elk Grove recently. Scores were Sacramento 12, Oroville 6, and Sacramento 26, Stockton 2.

Stadler, O'Rullian and Jiral led the hitting parade in the first game with three hits each, while Green was best for Oroville with two bingles.

In the second game, Manager Monte Latino, brother Sam, Harvey and Stadler took the limelight with three hits each. Hightower and Benedict sparkled for the losing Stockton team.

Sacramento pitcher Vince Latino, who was on the mound for both games, hurled a three-hitter against Stockton. He has been touted as one of Sacramento County's outstanding hurlers.

The winners are looking forward to games with San Francisco and Oakland to prove they are WP's best.

The scores:

SACRAMENTO				OROVILLE			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Stadler, cf.....	4	1	3	Baldwin, p.....	4	1	1
O'Rullian, lf.....	3	2	3	Green, 3b.....	4	1	2
M. Latino, ss.....	3	1	1	Brandt, ss.....	4	1	1
S. Latino, 3b.....	4	2	2	Heineman, 1b.....	3	1	1
Jiral, 1b.....	3	2	3	Shepard, lf.....	3	0	1
Schenk, 2b.....	4	1	0	Pattison, cf.....	3	1	1
Nye, rf.....	3	1	0	Griffin, 2b.....	3	1	1
Simpson, c.....	4	1	0	Randolph, rf.....	3	0	1
V. Latino, p.....	4	1	2	Stanley, cf.....	3	0	1
Silva, lf.....	0	0	0				
Harvey, cf.....	1	0	0				
Mitts, rf.....	1	0	0				
Totals.....	34	12	14		30	6	10

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SACRAMENTO				STOCKTON			
Stadler, 2b.....	5	5	3	B. Moreno, 3b.....	3	0	0
O'Rullian, lf.....	4	2	1	Hightower, ss.....	3	1	1
M. Latino, ss.....	6	3	3	Benedict, 2b.....	3	0	1
S. Latino, 3b.....	5	4	3	R. Gibson, c.....	2	0	0
Schenk, 1b.....	5	3	2	Carman, 1b.....	3	0	0
Harvey, rf.....	5	3	3	R. Moreno, lf.....	3	0	0
Silva, cf.....	4	1	2	Alimonti, cf.....	2	0	0
Simpson, c.....	6	2	2	B. Ward, rf.....	3	1	0
V. Latino, p.....	4	2	0	Auschnick, p.....	2	0	1
Mitts, cf.....	1	1	0				
Totals.....	45	26	19		24	2	3

NEVAH, SUH!

A Kentucky Colonel always closed his eyes when he took a drink. When questioned concerning his habit, he explained: "The sight of good likkah always makes mah mouth watah, and, I do not like to dilute my drink, suh."  
—Great Northern Goat.

Western Pacific lost an 11 to 4 ball game to Cal-Pak's nine in the third round of the San Francisco Twelfth Annual Industrial Men's Softball League on May 21. Scoring ten runs in the first inning on three hits and eight walks, the victors made the most of a heavy wind which found Bob Kostner and Ed Walsh unable to control their pitches for the rails. The packers collected another run in the fifth aided by two errors.

Four bunched hits in the second inning gave the railroaders two runs and they tallied two more in the third off two walks, a single and an error, but were unable to gather more than a few scattered hits during the remainder of the game.

As a result, they have a won one and lost two record. With two games left to play they still have a chance for second place in the league, having earned an as yet uncounted 1 to 0 default over Royal Liverpool who dropped from the league.

Team batting averages .232 for the

three games, with individual percentages as follows:

	AB	H	R	RBI	PCT.
Ditty, c.....	9	4	3	1	.444
McGrath, ss.....	7	3	0	3	.429
Beban, outfield.....	8	3	0	0	.375
Lohmeyer, 1b.....	10	3	3	1	.300
Santiago, 3b.....	7	2	2	2	.286
Kostner, outfield.....	8	2	0	2	.250
Walsh, p.....	8	2	2	1	.250
Dowd, outfield.....	1	0	0	0	.000
Brock, outfield.....	2	0	0	0	.000
Martin, 2b.....	7	0	2	0	.000
Hanson, c, outfield.....	7	0	0	0	.000
Baylor, utility.....	8	0	0	1	.000
Totals.....	82	19	12	11	.232

The Portola baseball team chalked up three victories in the 1952 season which opened May 18 at Herlong, with an 8 to 7 win there, a 10 to 5 win over the American Valley nine at Portola on May 25, and a 3 to 2 win over Westwood on the home field June 1.

Portola got off to a fast start in the opener when the first Herlong pitcher issued three straight walks to Seal, Conant and Powell, and Nick Laughlin came through with a homer. They scored three more in the third when Seal got a home run with two men on, and picked up another in the eighth.

Paul Christianson, making his first start with Portola, gave up 12 scattered hits and struck out 12 men.

Details of the second and third game were not available at press time.

The victories put Portola in first place in the Feather River League, and with continued good batting and fielding they should wind up a successful season.

The WP amusement club has provided the team with new caps, replaced a few needed uniforms and provided a start in equipment.

Oakland scored a 5 to 3 victory over the San Francisco softball team at the picnic held at Mission San Jose on May 25, in a wild and furious seven innings of play.

The "Seals" crossed the plate three times in the first inning for their only scores and were leading 3 to 2 when the "Oaks" came to bat in the last half of the seventh. With one away, the Oakland rails scored three runs off four hits and the game was over.

That the umpires got away with their lives was a miracle, and at times it was difficult to tell which team was at bat or in the field, with players from each team trying to "assist" the umps on any close decision.



Winners of the WP tennis tournament, reported in the May issue, were Dave Copenhagen, men's singles, shown with his son; Clive Holm and Wilma Jones, mixed doubles; and Gardner Rogers and President Whitman, men's doubles. Dorothy Petersen, winner of the women's singles, was not present for her picture.



Hy O'Rullian, new president of the Sacramento Fort Sutter Toastmasters Club.

### Caboosing . . .

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to the shock and amazement of all, Louie didn't try to escape via the back door as was expected. He calmly walked out of his office and asked, "All right, which one's first?"

We welcome JENNIE SIMMONS, new stenographer-clerk in our office. Jennie replaces LORRAINE MEDCRAFT who is expecting a visit from the stork and has resigned. A very nice luncheon was given at the Del Prado for the expectant mother at which time she was presented with a gift.

HY O'RULLIAN, chief clerk, was elected president of the Sacramento Fort Sutter Toastmasters Club. Previous to this appointment, Hy served as secretary for the group. His new staff of officers, consisting of WALLY MURDOCK, vice - president; ANDREW CRIST, treasurer; CHARLES JERAULD, secretary; DON FRAZIER, deputy governor; and F. R. KELLEHER, educational chairman, have outlined an interesting summer schedule.



E. E. Gleason presents Claude Armstrong, retired accountant, with a wrist watch. Mary Nichols was chairman of the affair.

As a train pulled up at a wayside station in England a guard noticed smoke coming out of a compartment labeled "No Smoking." Opening the door, he eyed the six guilty-looking passengers inside.

"Gentlemen," he said, "there are two company rules on this line which are repeatedly broken. The first is that smoking is forbidden in carriages not set aside for that purpose, and the second is that the company's servants may not accept bribes. You have already broken one of these rules."

—Texas & Pacific Topics.



WP switchmen Frank W. Hammer, William Chess, Dominic Goodmann, and Frank J. Adams. Their seniority dates are June 18, 1942; August 28, 1937; August 9, 1939, and March 29, 1923. Mr. Goodmann is the SUNA safety representative at Oakland, and all four have good safety records.

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## *Railroad Lines*

Pennsylvania Northern Arrow makes its first trip northbound June 13, operating through service between St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati and Mackinaw City.

Western Maryland celebrated its Centennial on May 27.

Norfolk & Western orders fifteen coal-burning switchers and 1,525 freight cars.

Colorado & Wyoming builds a new 10-mile extension to reach a new coal mining property of Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp.

Bangor & Aroostook converts business car for collection of blood for the Armed Forces.

A railroad ticket buys a trip nineteen times as safe as in the family car and three times as safe as by air.

Gulf, Mobile & Ohio has ordered equipment for installation of a coded remote control interlocking at Godfrey, Illinois.

Wabash's 1952 program for property improvements will involve expenditure of nearly \$17 million.

Railway Car and Equipment Manufacturing Company will display newly developed caboose at Chicago this month, featuring extra wide vision cupola.

Chesapeake & Ohio's experimental "Train X" reportedly reached speeds up to 105 m.p.h. in test run with new 30-foot coach standing about eighteen inches above the rails, and is designed for travel at speeds up to 150 m.p.h.