

WESTERN PACIFIC  
*Mileposts*

MARCH-APRIL, 1967



# WESTERN PACIFIC Mileposts

Volume XIX, No. 2

MARCH-APRIL, 1967

\*Milepost No. 174

Public Relations Department  
WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD  
SACRAMENTO NORTHERN RY.  
TIDEWATER SOUTHERN RY.  
526 Mission Street  
San Francisco, Calif. 94105  
Lee "Flash" Sherwood, Editor



Member  
Association  
of Railroad  
Editors



\*Milepost No. 174: Looking east a little more than midway on WP's second sub-division.

MANIFEST		Page
Richard Steinheimer's Photo of Reno Local Heading Down Into Reno in Background During an Early Morning.....	Front Cover	
NOW . . . Shippers Have a Choice!.....	3	
WP is Willing People.....	4	
Personnel Changes .....	6	
Retirements .....	10	
WP Adopts New Slogan—"WP is Willing People".....	16	
These Nation-Wide WP Customers Drew Winners' Names.....	18	
Dear Editor: .....	14	
SN Customer Wins Achievement Award. ....	15	
Sacramento Donors Aid Blood Bank .....	20	
In Memoriam .....	21	
Mileposts in Gold .....	22	
Caboosing .....	24	
Association for Retired Persons.....	35	
Railroad Lines .....	Back Cover	



Western Pacific's new competitive north-south freight service can mean more trains like this one sweeping around Lake Almanor on Western Pacific's Inside Gateway Route.

## NOW . . . shippers have a choice!

"For the first time," President M. M. Christy announced to all freight shippers and receivers on April 1, "Western Pacific has competitive rates and routes between all points on Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, Oregon, and northern Idaho, and points in California."

These rates and routes, effective April 1, cover:

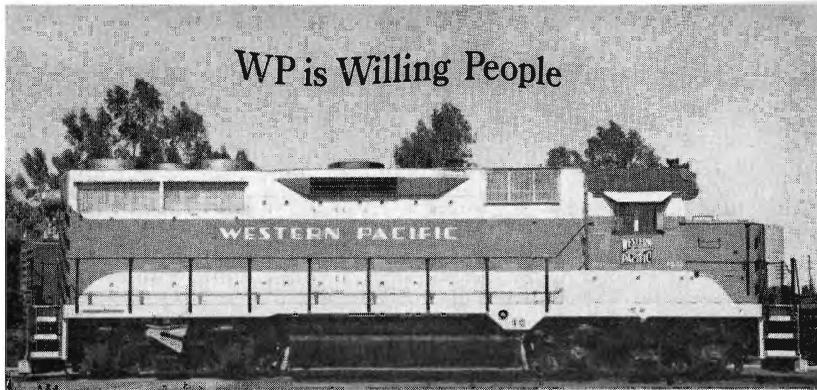
- \* General commodities
- \* Fresh fruits and vegetables
- \* Lumber and lumber products
- \* Grain and grain products
- \* General commodities, TOFC
- \* Class rates

President Christy further commented that the new rates and routes enable Western Pacific to provide the rail competition envisioned by Arthur

Curtiss James when he drove the "last gold spike" at Bieber, Calif., on November 10, 1931. James at that time saw how the construction of only 200 miles of new trackage joining with the Great Northern from Klamath Falls would establish a completely new route of tremendous importance as a North-South trade artery. It proved to be an absolute strategic necessity during World War II.

"In January, 1950, Western Pacific renamed its line the 'Inside Gateway Route' which, with a direct connection at Bieber with the Great Northern, and at Stockton with the Santa Fe, provided competitive freight service between Southern California and the Pacific Northwest.

"Rates to Great Northern points continue to apply as in the past," Christy added, "and now with the addition of competitive rates on local Union Pacific and Northern Pacific points in the Northwest, all freight shippers for the first time have a choice of North and South rail service."



YOUNG "Pete" Blaskowsky, not yet 28, is making an impressive showing as a sales representative working out of WP's Los Angeles sales office. In fact, because of his willing efforts on the job, as well as in other activities about which you will read, he has been selected as Western Pacific's entry in the "Distinguished Salesman Award" program sponsored each year in April by the Sales and Marketing Executives' Association of San Francisco.

First, a little history about this "Willing Person." C. Peter Blaskowsky was born in Billings, Montana, on August 23, 1939. During his high school days at Lodi, Calif., "Pete" was a student council member, played tackle on the football team, ran track, was a member of the California Scholarship Federation, the German Club, and the English Honor Society. While enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and worked occasionally with the staff of the *Daily Californian*, campus newspaper. Active in intramural sports, "Pete" played left field on an inter-fraternity championship softball team, and during the two years at UC he was awarded a scholarship by a Lodi civic club.

Currently, he is attending California State College at Long Beach four nights a week and thus far has maintained a B-plus average. He expects to receive his BS degree in business administration in January, 1968. He also attended traffic courses at Oakland City College and an American Management Institute seminar.

"Pete" and the former Julie Newenhouse, a native San Franciscan, were married on July 3, 1959, have four children, and live at 15402 Columbia Lane in Huntington Beach, Calif.

MILEPOSTS' "Willing Person" this month, first worked as a reservation agent for Western Airlines in San Francisco. He joined Western Pacific on October 6, 1959, as a file clerk in the marketing division, and was head clerk in the foreign freight department at the time he became a sales representative.

IN qualifying for the "Distinguished Salesman Award," young "Pete" scored 2,640 points out of a possible 2,900 points in 29 of the 30 categories which applied to his appraisal. His record shows that he needs very little guidance—he knows what to do and does it, and shows an interest not only in what is going on in his own territory, but in the Los Angeles

agency as well, for the progress of the railroad. His records are up to date and he is willing to assume responsibilities and make decisions with the foresight to anticipate when information is needed. He frequently furnishes reports before they are requested. Through his schooling "Pete" has learned to ask questions regarding the Company's gross, net, dividends paid on stock, etc., giving him additional information about the Company's business and its progress.

"Pete" and Julie are both active in civic activities, Julie working on projects such as the Heart Association fund raising campaigns and similar interests for their Church. "Pete" served as secretary for the Huntington Beach Home Owners Association working on zoning, city beautification and park allocations programs. He also assisted with a campaign for candidate to City Council by holding informal meetings in his home to allow the candidate to speak to neighborhood groups. He is also active in

Church work and Parent Teachers Association functions.

This "Willing Person" is a member of the San Diego, Citrus Belt, and Valley traffic clubs, is a vice president of the Los Angeles Traffic Agents, and member of Toastmaster International and the Santa Fe Golf Association.

"I play golf and bowl, can break 100 at each, but am expert at neither," said "Pete," "but take an active interest in all sports. I do spend some time with a coin collection, having collected (with a few notable exceptions) most of the pennies and nickels since the turn of the century. During vacations I do a good deal of fishing with my father-in-law on San Francisco Bay, primarily for striped bass."

MILEPOSTS believes "Pete" easily qualifies for "WP is Willing People" recognition!

\* \* \*

See pages 16-19 about WP's newly adopted slogan "WP is Willing People," how WP is giving away 30 television sets in April, and our customers who drew the winners names.



"Pete" Blaskowsky, his wife, Julie, and their children, Lori, 6, Michael, 7, and David, 3 years.

## Frank A. Fieser

Frank A. Fieser has been appointed controller of the Company, effective March 1.

Frank's first association with Western Pacific was late in 1963 when, as General Electric Company's project manager, he supervised the implementation of the railroad's present systems and information services for the following 22 months. On August 1, 1965, he joined WP as manager of accounting for Western Pacific.



Frank was born at Shelton, Wash., on January 18, 1927. From June, 1944 until July, 1947 he served as radio officer in both Atlantic and Pacific areas as lieutenant, U.S. Maritime Service. He graduated in the top ten per cent of his class from Seattle University in 1951 with a B.C.S. in accounting. He received further education in professional business management during 1957 with General Electric Co. and emerged at the top of his class in a GE business training course in 1961. He attended Arizona State University during 1962 and 1963 to complete course work for credits for a M.S. in accounting. He holds memberships in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Management, Arizona State Society and California Society of CPA's, and the Pacific Railway Club.

Frank's experience includes, at the controller-ship level, accounting, fi-

# PERSONNEL CHANGES

nancing, budgeting, business measurements, use and programming of large-scale electronic data processing equipment, integrated systems development and implementation, and supervisory responsibility.

Frank, his wife, Audrey, and two children, Carlene, 13, and Frank, 10, live in San Rafael. As hobbies, Frank enjoys baseball, hunting, and raising Golden Retrievers.

## Robert L. Petersen

Robert L. Petersen joined Western Pacific on January 16 with the appointment as director-systems and information services, with computer and systems responsibilities.

Bob, a native of Manning, Iowa, was born on August 10, 1926. He received a B.S. in mathematics at Iowa State University in 1949 and was a member of Pi Mu Epsilon, National Mathematics Honorary Fraternity and Cardinal Key, Iowa State's highest honorary fraternity. He was also captain of Iowa State's basketball team and was selected an All Big-Seven guard for two years. He took graduate courses at the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Southern California, and received his M.B.A. degree at Arizona State University.



Bob first worked in August, 1949, as production superintendent for Allen-Bradley Co., Milwaukee, Wis., supervising ceramic capacitor production. In January, 1955, he became manager of electronic data processing for Pacific Semiconductors, Inc., Lawndale, Calif., being responsible for equipment selection, staffing, installation and operation of its data processing center. From June, 1961, Bob was senior specialist, market and sales planning, consulting systems analyst, and senior systems analyst for General Electric's computer department at Phoenix, and later district manager, applications engineering, at Millbrae, Calif., prior to joining WP.

Bob and his wife, the former Mary Carol Haase, of Harlan, Iowa, were married on July 16, 1954. They have three children, Lisa Marie, 9, Wendy Sue, 7, and Karen Ann, 2. Bob and Mary are members of the Presbyterian Church choir near their home in San Rafael, and he was a former chairman of the Church's board of trustees. He is a member of the A. & F. M., Harlan, Iowa, Consistory, Milwaukee, and Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee Shrine.

## Charles N. Tackett

Charles N. Tackett was appointed district sales manager at Spokane, Wash., effective April 1.

Charley was born in St. Francis County, Ark., on August 11, 1903, and received his education in that state. He began his railroad career in California as a clerk for the Union Pacific

in November, 1927. Two years later he became a Western Pacific employee in the operating department, receiving valuable experience as yard clerk, cashier, bill clerk and rate clerk. Charley transferred to the traffic department (now marketing division) at Oakland in 1943, and came to San Francisco in 1944 as city freight agent. He went to Spokane on November 1, 1945, as traveling freight agent, and since January 1, 1959, when Western Pacific's traffic department was reorganized into a marketing division, he has been sales representative with headquarters at Spokane.



Charley is a past president of the Spokane Transportation Club and a member of the Spokane City Club, Early Birds Breakfast Club, Athletic Round Table and Elks Club in Spokane. He is also a member of F. & A. M. Lodge #564 of Oakland, Scottish Rite Bodies and El Katif Temple A.A.O. N.M.S. of Spokane.

He married the former Rosamond E. Monroe of California in 1926, and they have two daughters, Mrs. Avalon R. Young, 35, and Mrs. Charlotte A. Galloway, 31.

Living in the great Northwest, it is understandable that Charley is an adept enthusiast at fly fishing and hunting, combined with golf for well-rounded out-of-door activities.

The Tacketts' home is at 24210 East Sprague, Liberty Lake, Wash.

(Continued on Page 8)

## Personnel changes . . .

(Continued from Page 7)

### William E. Blackerby

William E. Blackerby was appointed senior sales representative, a new position, at Spokane, Wash., effective April 1.

Bill was born in Texas on April 27, 1932. He received his high school education in Lutkin, Texas, and in 1949 was employed as a clerk for Southland Life Insurance Co. in Houston. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1953 and served two years at various locations. He was first employed by Western Pacific in February, 1955, and for three years worked in various clerical positions in the marketing division at San Francisco. In 1958 he became sales representative and since 1963 he has been chief-sales and service, both at San Francisco.

Bill is a member of the San Francisco Traffic Club, and since coming to San Francisco he has received further education at San Francisco State College and Golden Gate College, majoring in business and traffic.

Bill and his wife, the former Betty Harrison of Sacramento, were married on April 9, 1955. They have two children, Karen, 8, and Keith, 7, who enjoy boating and water skiing with their parents. The family is looking forward to the outdoor type of life to be found in the area of their future home, where Bill also hopes to get in a round of golf now and then.



### John C. Lusar

General Manager L. D. Michelson announced on April 1 that John C. Lusar was appointed superintendent following the retirement of James F. Lynch on February 28.

John is a native of Navarra, Spain, born June 24, 1919. He received his high school education at Portola High School and later attended for one year each, Sacramento Junior College and San Jose State College, majoring in Spanish and history. He attended a Transportation Management Program at Stanford Business School for one month in mid-July of last year.

He entered Western Pacific service on September 19, 1941, as a locomotive fireman at Portola. He was promoted to locomotive engineer at Stockton on May 5, 1953, and on March 1, 1958, was promoted to position as road foreman of engines with headquarters at Keddie. He was transferred to Stockton on April 1 in the same capacity and in addition was given road foreman jurisdiction on the Tidewater Southern effective July 6, 1960.

On May 1, 1963, John was promoted to trainmaster-road foreman of engines working out of Stockton, and since April 1, 1965, he has been assistant superintendent at Sacramento.

He married the former Barbara Spoonamoore of Sonora, Calif., in November, 1945, and have six sons. James is 22, John, 14, twins Greg and Gary are 13, Christopher is 9, and Mark, 8.

The family home is at 4935 "J"



Parkway, Sacramento, and Johnnie's present outside activities are confined to camping out with the family. He enjoys all sports and is particularly fond of baseball.

John holds memberships in the Member Association of American Railroad Superintendents, the Railway Fuel & Operating Officers Association, and the Sacramento City-County Chamber of Commerce.

### Richard K. Harrison

Richard K. Harrison was appointed trainmaster at Portola, effective February 16, succeeding Wayne Geil, now retired.

Dick was born on May 2, 1924 at Salt Lake City and attended the University of Utah. He first worked for Western Pacific as a fireman at Elko on September 28, 1942 and was promoted to locomotive engineer at Winnemucca on April 11, 1954. On December 15, 1954 he became road foreman



of engines at Salt Lake City and worked in that position at Portola from April 1, 1965 until his present appointment.

Dick married the former Dorothy Fransway of Winnemucca on October 6, 1949. Their children are, Mrs. No-reene Cascio, 20, Chester Robert, 18, Richard Paul, 16, and Keith Craig, 13.

Dick enjoys woodworking, fishing and an occasional round of golf.

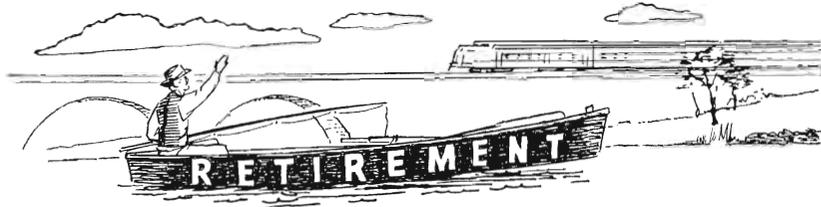
### Harold E. Parks

Harold E. Parks was appointed road foreman of engines effective February 16, with headquarters at Portola.

Harold was born at Ruth, Nevada on July 14, 1923, and attended Portola Junior-Senior High School. He first worked for Western Pacific as a fire lighter at Portola in June, 1941 and prior to November of that year had been promoted to hostler helper and

(Continued on Page 13)





In behalf of all employees of Western Pacific and its affiliated companies, MILEPOSTS extends sincerest best wishes for happiness to the following railroaders who have made application for annuity:

*John F. Christie*, extra gang foreman, Little Valley, 28 years 3 months.

*Leslie G. Flinders*, Tidewater Southern track foreman, Modesto, 20 years 8 months.

*Alvern F. Fowler*, carman, Oroville, 23 years 10 months.

*Howard R. Gaskins*, electrician helper, Oroville, 46 years 9 months.

*George Hall*, fireman, Portola, 23 years 6 months.

*Clarence E. Herschler*, Sacramento Northern yardmaster, Sacramento, 20 years 8 months.

*Karl W. Johnson*, section foreman, Burmester, 41 years 1 month.

*Albert E. Madan*, chief clerk (stores), Sacramento, 25 years, 1 month.

*Loren D. Monroe*, track laborer, Sacramento, 17 years 4 months.

*Noel G. Pendergraft*, conductor, Stockton, 30 years 7 months.

*Erma N. Ray*, stenographer-clerk, Portola (hospital), 13 years 7 months.

*David R. Schmidt*, carman, Sacramento, 21 years 2 months.

*Raymond J. Smith*, conductor, Winnemucca, 38 years 7 months.

*Merrill G. Stevens*, Central Califor-

nia Traction Co., mechanic, Stockton, 45 years 8 months.

*Harry S. Vandrielen*, locomotive engineer, Winnemucca, 24 years 9 months.

*Monte O. Wade*, carman, Oroville, 26 years 6 months.

*Rex L. Warren*, section foreman, Keddie, 32 years 4 months.

### James F. Lynch

With just one month less than 43 years of Western Pacific service, James F. Lynch retired as superintendent on February 28. Jim had an additional four years service as a clerk for the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad, which was the start of his long railroad career in 1920. He was born at Denver, Colo., on January 10, 1904.

Jim first worked for Western Pacific as a brakeman and was promoted to conductor on September 1, 1926. On March 11, 1936, he was appointed acting yardmaster which led to his appointment as yardmaster on September 23 of that same year. His next position, on June 1, 1941, was trainmaster at Wendover, and on February 1, 1945, he went to



Jimmy's grandchildren in Virginia, above, are: Robert, Jr., Annie, Mary Ellen, back row, Patty and Susie in front with Roger, the dog. Below is little David William Lynch who was born in 1966 and lives nearby in Roseville.



Elko as assistant superintendent. He became acting superintendent on November 16, 1950, and was appointed superintendent of the eastern division on January 16, 1951. When the railroad's eastern and western divisions were incorporated into a single division on March 1, 1965, it was placed

under Jimmy's jurisdiction as superintendent with headquarters at Sacramento.

Jim and his wife, Elsie, hope to stay in Sacramento where they have been enjoying the scenic splendor of California, and because the location is a central point for the family gatherings. Jim, Jr., a division engineer for Southern Pacific, lives in Oakland with his wife, Alicia, who teaches Spanish in an Oakland public school. Bill, also an SP division engineer, and his wife, Jane, live in Foothill Farms, High Highlands, near Roseville and have a son, David William, born in 1966. Lcdr. Robert Lynch is with the Federal Communications Bureau in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., and with his wife, Anne, lives in Fairfax, Va. They have five children, Melva Anne, Mary Ellen, Robert, Jr., Susan and Patricia. Jim and Elsie's daughter, Melva Anne, is teaching the third grade in Verdi, Nev. and lives in Reno.

Jim has no lodge affiliations, but he has been a member of the Elko Chamber of Commerce for many years.

### Wayne W. Geil

Trainmaster Wayne W. Geil retired on January 31 with nearly 40 years' service with Western Pacific which began on May 6, 1927. His first railroad service at the age of 16 was with the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul Pacific in Aberdeen, S. D., which gave him a life-time railroad career of 49 years.

Wayne first worked for WP as a switchman, and in 1935 was switchman and yard master at Portola. He later became assistant trainmaster and trainmaster at Keddie and worked as

(Continued on Page 12)

## Wayne W. Geil . . .

(Continued from Page 11)

trainmaster at Stockton before returning to Portola in 1965 to replace L. E. Thomas, now trainmaster at Elko.

Wayne and his wife, Opal, have two children, Jon of Carmichael, Calif., and Dennis, of Reno. A grandson, Scott, is presently with the U.S. Navy. They also have two granddaughters, Cindy, and Tracy Wayne. A brother, Dewey M. Geil, was a former WP dispatcher and retired as a vice president for the American Train Dispatchers Association.

When Wayne decided to retire, he and Opal looked for a place to call home. "We considered Lodi and Sacramento because we have relatives there, looked over Paradise and checked on some places out in the country, but nothing suited us," said Wayne. "Then we took another look at

Oroville, our hometown in California where we first landed back in 1927 and decided Oroville is where we want to stay." Their home is at 155 Worthy Avenue, from where they plan to do some traveling after getting settled; "but we are not going to rush into it," he added.

While settling down, Wayne will mend and polish the old oil lanterns he collected over the years. His prize antique is not a lamp, however, but a "dater" used at Paxton, Calif., to stamp the tickets of the Indian Valley Railroad that died during the depression of the 30's.

During all of his years on the railroad, Wayne was never held up by bandits—the two-legged variety, that is. Being nimble on foot he did, however, manage to outrun three bears that once chased him out of Keddie yard!

## Charles E. Elliott

Nearly 50 years ago at the age of 18 an engineering student was swinging an axe clearing brush and undergrowth in the Humboldt County redwoods as a chainman for the State of California in preparation for the location and construction of a highway. This was the beginning of an engineering career for Charles E. Elliott who retired as Western Pacific's engineer of maintenance of way and structures on March 31.

Charley was born in San Rafael, Calif., on September 14, 1900. After graduating from San Rafael High School he studied engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, for one year after which he completed special courses at the university's extension school.

He left the State of California job to work for the Pacific Gas & Electric Company as a draftsman - computer for a short while and then began his railroad career with the Southern Pacific Company in 1923. Charley started there as rodman and worked up to positions of instrumentman, estimator, assistant engineer, and during World War II and up to the time of his employment with Western Pacific on February 16, 1948, as general track foreman. His first service with WP was as estimating engineer and on July 1, 1949 he was promoted to position as division engineer at Sacramento. He was appointed division engineer for the Tidewater Southern Railway on December 16, 1949, and returned to Western Pacific as engineer of track which led to his last position as engineer of maintenance of way and structures on November 1, 1965. Of his total 44 years of railroad service, 19 years were spent with Western Pacific, the last year and one-half of which were beyond age 65, granted at request by the Board of Directors because of his valuable knowledge and experience.

Charley married the former Olive McPhie of San Francisco in 1928, and

they presently live at 1735 Julian Court, El Cerrito, Calif. A married son, Richard, 37, is a civil engineer for the Division of Highways in Stockton, and the father of three daughters. Son Robert, 32, also married, is a high school teacher living in Saratoga, Calif., and the expectant father in May of a "center fielder."

Charley's memberships include the American Railway Engineering, Roadmasters and Maintenance of Way, and Bridge and Building associations, Seismological Society, Masonic Lodge of Redwood City, and the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, San Jose.

Charley is an avid sports fan, particularly interested in amateur athletics.

## Harold E. Parks . . .

(Continued from Page 9)

fireman. He became locomotive engineer in 1953 at Stockton.

While with the U.S. Navy, Harold received valuable training in basic engineering at Chicago and G.M. diesel I and G.M. diesel II instruction at Richmond, Virginia. He served later as chief motor machinist's mate with the Navy in the South Pacific and was in charge of all diesel auxiliaries and diesel propulsion systems during the remainder of World War II.

Harold and his wife, the former Patsy Hughes of Oroville, live at 412 East Vine Street, Stockton. A son, Harold E. Parks, Jr., 19, is with the U.S. Navy, presently in Vietnam. A daughter, Mrs. Cynthia C. Young, lives in Lockeford, Calif.

Harold is educational chairman for the WP Federal Credit Union at Stockton. As hobbies, he enjoys flying and metal detecting.



Wayne Geil admires the money-filled camper given by his friends presented by Bill Cope.



Charley, his wife, Olive, and son, Robert  
Photo by Gardner Rogers



# Dear Editor:

## In appreciation

May I use your columns to thank the many fine friends that contributed to the "money tree" presented to me at the time of my retirement. The money was used to purchase an item that will add comfort in my retirement.

By the way, Lee, you arranged to send a 25-year Service Pin to my boss for me which has been returned as Al Kasper presented one to me. That would have made a half century . . . and I'm really not that old!

It is hoped that my friends will visit me at my home as the welcome mat it always out.

Al Madan  
2508 - 11th Avenue  
Sacramento, Calif.

\* \* \*

## Tidewater Southern's past

I have been retired since December 12, 1962 and am living in Turlock from where I worked as conductor for the Tidewater Southern in 1925 and 1926. Thought you might be interested in the following "50-year-old item" which appeared in the *Modesto Bee*, February 1:

"The Western Pacific railroad announced tentative agreement on a plan to inject \$1.2 million in new capital into Byron Boarce's electric railroad

(now TS) which taps the San Joaquin Valley from Stockton to Turlock."

My kindest regards to everyone!

Grant H. Evans  
652 Soderquist Road  
Turlock, Calif. 95380

\* \* \*

## Many thanks!

I want to thank all of my friends on the WP for the gift and good wishes for my retirement. I am very proud to have been associated with all of them and for my employment on Western Pacific.

Wayne W. Geil  
Retired Trainmaster  
Portola, Calif.

\* \* \*

## A. J. Piers

Mr. A. J. Piers, who was a dispatcher for the Western Pacific, passed away on January 19. Will you please send his copy of MILEPOSTS to his widow, Mrs. A. J. Piers, 4859 "T" Street, Sacramento, Calif. 95819.

F. R. Kelleher  
Sacramento, Calif.

\* \* \*

## Ray F. Helmick

This is to inform you that my brother and WP retired switchman,

(Continued on Page 15)

## SN customer wins Achievement Award

On February 8 the Adolph Coors Co. of Golden, Colorado, hosted a dinner at the El Dorado Hotel in Sacramento to honor The Foster Company, distributor for Coors beer at West Sacramento.

The award—"For the Largest Percentage Increase in Sales in Marketing Division, 1966"—was presented to Mrs. Helen Foster, owner and manager.

The Foster Company is located on property purchased in 1961 from the Sacramento Northern Railway which serves the modern and attractive distribution plant.

Present at the dinner to bestow congratulations from the railroad to Mrs. Foster, her entire organization, and



Mrs. Helen Foster holds her award, in company with WP's Bob Runge and Fred Brandes.

Adolph Coors Co. in the performance of an award winning sales effort, were District Sales Manager Robert L. Runge and Senior Sales Representative Fred Brandes.

## Dear Editor . . .

(Continued from Page 14)

Ray F. Helmick, passed away at Veteran's Hospital in Long Beach on August 22, 1966.

Russell H. Helmick  
2537 Front Street  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

\* \* \*

## Promotes the CZ

I always feel I am a part of Western Pacific as I was on the Oakland, Antioch & Eastern running electric freight engines from 1913 to 1919. Then as a locomotive engineer at Wenatchee, Wash., for the Great Northern and finally as Pullman conductor on WP from May 1920 until 1952 when I retired from the *California Zephyr*. We

can all help this famous train by getting more passengers to ride it. I have been doing this in the past and two most recent passengers from Danville, Ill., resulted in four more people from there booking space for this Fall. So let us all help this TV star and queen of the rails to win her "Oscar" this year. Thank you for sending me MILEPOSTS which enables me to keep in touch with my many friends and learn about Western Pacific. Best wishes to you.

C. O. Clerk  
Star Route, Box 85  
Grass Valley, Calif. 95945

A first-grader tripped when leaving his classroom and hit his head on the wall. The teacher ran to him and said: "Remember, Johnnie, big boys don't cry."

"Darn right they don't," snapped Johnnie, "they sue!"

## WP adopts new slogan— “WP is Willing People”

**I**N EACH issue since May-June 1966 MILEPOSTS has featured under a heading “WP is Willing People,” a story about a Western Pacific employee considered to be a Willing Person. Respectively, these individuals have contributed in some way beyond what is normally required of them on the job and/or off. The articles have been well received, and will be continued for an indefinite time.

Western Pacific has now adopted as its slogan, “WP is Willing People,” the introduction of which was inaugurated on April 1 with a unique employee relations program. About this program, President M. M. Christy had this to say. “We have a wonderful force of ‘Willing People’ on our railroad, and this program is one way of showing our appreciation for their willingness to do their utmost for our customers.”

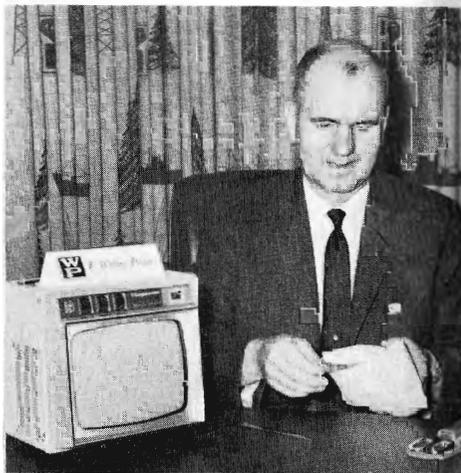
Included with the distribution of paychecks during March was a letter from President Christy explaining the program, accompanied by a small metal pin designed for display on a coat or dress. On one side the pin reads “WP is Willing People,” on the reverse side “I’m Willing,” giving the employee a choice when displaying his or her pin.

In addition to the distribution of pins each office on the railroad and all off-line sales offices received bumper stickers for autos, desk card tents, wall placards, calling cards, and other pro-

motional material. Score sheets were also distributed so that each office could post winners’ names as they were announced each day.

Also during March, 30 traffic executives, representing firms in various sections of the United States, each drew from a card file containing names of all Western Pacific and subsidiary company employees below the executive rank, three names. Each card was placed by the traffic executive in a sealed envelope numbered 1, 2, and 3 without revealing the names of the employees.

(Continued on Page 17)



Winner of the first television, whose name was revealed by President Christy, was Carman F. H. Badeker, Sacramento Shops.

Hoping to be among the winners were these WP railroaders in the New York sales office: Mike Riecznik, John Cassidy, Bill Gurgurich, Karen O’Donnell, Linda Grisell, Jake Workman and Hal Klein.



### WP adopts new slogan . . .

(Continued from Page 16)

**B**EGINNING April 1, and continuing each day throughout the month, the No. 1 envelope sealed by one of the traffic executives was opened to reveal the employee’s name. His superior officer was immediately contacted, and if the employee whose name was revealed was wearing his pin he was the winner of a Magnavox solid-state portable television. In the unfortunate event that the No. 1 employee was not wearing his pin, envelope No. 2 was opened. If he was not wearing his pin, envelope No. 3 was opened.

For advertising purposes, pictures were taken of each traffic executive as he made his drawings. Six of these pictures will appear as ads throughout the pages of five April issues of *Traffic World* magazine. Accompanying captions will be in the form of testimonials by the traffic executives. As one example . . . “I’m very happy to participate in this ‘WP is Willing People’ program, because I have always found

Western Pacific people to be more than willing when I have needed urgent assistance with a rate problem.” Another executive said that he found WP to be willing people long before their slogan . . . they go all out to get me the equipment I need when I need it!

The 30 pictures of the traffic executives are shown on pages 18 and 19.

By the time April is over, 30 Western Pacific “Willing People” will be the owners of new television sets and it is hoped that the future programs they watch will remind them of Western Pacific’s program, “WP is Willing People.”

MILEPOSTS wishes the best of luck to all employees in the drawings. All employees can’t be winners, but our customers can if all employees continue their “I’m Willing” efforts.

\* \* \*

See Pages 18-19 for pictures of our customers who drew names of the lucky winners.

See Pages 4-5 for story about this month’s “Willing Person.”

# These Nation-Wide Western Pacific Customers Drew the Winners' Names



Bill Loney, Cal Can Growers, S.F.; Cal Can's Sandra Mutascio



W. R. Grimes, Rice Growers Assn. Sacramento; WP's DSM Robert L. Runge



Don Mykleby, Cargill (Grain Div.) West Sacramento; Harold Mulford, SN



Ernie Hudson, Calif. Liquid Gas, Sacramento; WP's Mel Graham



Jess Syme, Sears Roebuck, L.A.; WP's DSM Frank Schmalenberger



Lou Harmon, Kaiser Alum. & Chem. Oakland; WP Sec'y. Mary Maciel



Robert Cole, Stokely-Van Camp, Oakland; WP Sec'y. Mary Maciel



Chas. McNamee, Sunsweet Growers, San Jose; WP Sec. Doris Colin



Hal Nordberg, Dole Corp., San Jose; WP Secretary Doris Colin



Dan McCown, Ford Motor Co., Milpitas; WP Sec'y. Doris Colin



Omar Victor, US Smelting, Ref'g. & Mining, S. L. C. Chas. Fischer, DSM



Don Burback, Chicago Bridge and Iron, S.L.C.; W. J. Harkness, WP sales



Bill Bush, Weyerhaeuser, Tacoma; Weyerhaeuser Sec. Peggy Reed



Nate Kunzman, Georgia-Pacific, Bellingham; Bob Rouse, WP's DSM



Wayne Fuller, Fisher Flour, Seattle; Jim Bailey, WP sales



Mel Kasen, Centennial Mills, Portland; WP Sec. Judith Barrett



Ed Tully, Sefton Plastics, Portland; WP Sec'y. Judith Barrett



Cliff Ellenwood, Jr., Vancouver Plywood, Vancouver, Wash.; Judith Barrett



Taylor Merriman, Tri-Valley Growers, SF; T-V's Barbara Coolidge



John Guion, Calif. Wine Assn., Lodi; and Ruby Wright, CWA secretary



C. L. Mayfield, Diamond Walnut Growers, Stockton; WP's Fern Lester



E. Christoffersen, Valchris Turkey, Turlock; VT Sec. Joanne McPherson



C. E. Edin, John Inglis Frozen Food, Modesto; J.I.'s Donna Benefield



J. H. Teagarden, Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago; WP's Florence Dudley



M. T. Holloway, Montgomery Ward, Chicago; Carol Callan, WP



C. F. Forgue, Morton Salt, Chicago; Kathy Marlas, WP



M. J. Walsh, Jr., St. Regis Paper, N.Y.; Judith Shanahan, sec.



C. B. McLaughlin, Diamond National, New York; Hal Klein, WP DSM



WP Sales Mgr. W. M. Workman; L. B. Emerson, Continental Baking, Rye, N.Y.



A. P. Davis, Carnation Co., L.A.; Carol Brown, Carnation sec'y.

## Sacramento donors aid blood bank

The Western Employees Medical Department blood bank received 52 pints of blood on February 9 from willing donors in Sacramento. Five persons willing to contribute could not be accepted for various reasons.

Departments represented by the employees included the boiler shop, mechanical, electrical, blacksmith and sheet metal departments, machine and diesel shops, store department, dispatcher's office, superintendent's office, transportation, marketing, maintenance of way, and car departments, mill, signal department, freight office, and a conductor from Sacramento Northern Railway.

Each donor was eligible to compete in a drawing for a Polaroid Camera (Model 104) which is now the possession of Jack A. Parks, carman.

"We were very pleased about the fine turnout," said Hy O'Rullian, chairman for the drive, "because the



Carman Jack A. Parks received his Polaroid camera from Judy Rauschmeier, medical dept.

need for blood in today's medical practice is critical and the only source of supply is that received from willing donors."



This group of donors are, from left around table: Barbara Martell, Charles Allee, Frances Andersen, Fred Badeker, Cy Bates, Tony Perry, Jack Parks (winner), Larry Layton, Jr. Standing: Judy Rauschmeier, Bob Sills, Miro Jiral and Ernie Maes.

## In Memoriam

In behalf of all employees of Western Pacific and its affiliated companies, MILEPOSTS extends sincerest sympathy to the loved ones of the following employees whose deaths have been reported:

*Joe R. Abalos*, retired section laborer, San Jose, December 1966.

*Otto M. Beard*, retired roundhouse foreman, February 1.

*Charles M. Bell*, retired chair car porter, January 25.

*Porter H. Bennett*, Sacramento Northern B&B helper, February 27.

*Herbert Borgfeldt*, demurrage clerk, San Francisco, March 9.

*Percival K. Cook*, carman, Oakland, January 20.

*Clarence W. Crawford*, retired machinist, February 25.

*Earl DuFour*, retired bridge and building helper, Sacramento, November, 1966.

*Calvin V. Foss*, retired section laborer, Stockton, February 5.

*Joseph A. Guffra*, retired locomotive engineer, Portola, March 19.

*Urban C. Hart*, retired traffic representative, Detroit, February 5.

*Charles Hayes*, retired track laborer, Sacramento, date unknown.

*Cuba C. Harvey*, retired machinist, Portola, January 24.

*Douglas M. Joy*, brakeman, Portola, March 2.

*Roy Lomas*, locomotive engineer, Winnemucca, March 16.

*Emanuel B. Martin*, retired carpenter, February 5.

*James McAusland*, Sacramento Northern track laborer, February 1.

*Joseph McComish*, retired carpenter helper, November 11, 1966, in Ireland.

*John Midgley*, retired locomotive engineer, January 4.

*Albert E. Miller*, retired extra gang foreman, Berry Creek, December 1966.

*Anna M. Mitchell*, retired car cleaner, January 24.

*John W. Patton*, retired yardmaster, January 28.

*William S. Quarrey*, carman, Oroville, March 6.

*Joseph F. Roberts*, former clerk, Oakland, February 22.

*George B. Srill*, retired clerk, Stockton, March 5.

*Carl W. Stroud*, retired car inspector, March 18.

*Eugene T. Torgersen*, retired welder, January 20.

*Ralph C. Vaughan*, former yard clerk, Oakland, January 25.

*Harold I. Weckerle*, retired warehouse foreman, January 29.

*Arthur C. Williams*, retired brakeman, Van Buren, Ark., January 1967.

# MILEPOSTS



# IN GOLD

MILEPOSTS congratulates the following railroaders who are eligible for Service Pin Awards during the months of March and April, 1967:

<b>40-YEAR PINS</b>		
H. A. Jorgensen.....	Claim and Industry Clerk .....	Oakland
Salvatore L. Martello.....	Carman .....	Sacramento

<b>35-YEAR PINS</b>		
C. L. Higley.....	Section Foreman .....	Division
B. A. Jones.....	Section Foreman .....	Division
J. L. Miller.....	Section Foreman .....	Division

<b>30-YEAR PINS</b>		
W. M. Amlin.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
Earl D. Brown.....	Inspector of Transportation .....	San Francisco
Walter C. Brunberg.....	Vice President-Marketing .....	San Francisco
Paul M. Burch.....	Sheet Metal Worker .....	Oroville
William D. Burns.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
Emmett E. Cronin.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
V. O. Davison.....	First Assistant Timekeeper .....	Sacramento
Edward E. Evers.....	Carman .....	Sacramento
David F. Floyd.....	Switchman .....	Division
Winton V. Hanson.....	Sales Representative .....	Oakland
M. C. Higley.....	Section Foreman .....	Division
Edward J. Hillier.....	Chief Dispatcher .....	Sacramento
Floyd D. Hillier.....	Yard Clerk .....	Oakland
John G. Howard.....	Project Supervisor .....	Keddie
Glen W. Johnston.....	Brakeman .....	Division
Robert N. Kilgour.....	Conductor .....	Division
J. D. McClure.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
Frank H. Oldham.....	Cashier .....	Elko
Barty O. Perkins.....	Conductor .....	Division
Max A. Potter.....	Chief, Baggage and Rate Bureau.....	San Francisco
Lorin Ricks.....	Chief Clerk, Statistical Bureau.....	San Francisco
Kenneth T. Rosengarten.....	Section Foreman .....	Division
Joseph F. Schneider.....	Switchman .....	Division
Charles H. Taryer.....	Waiter .....	Oakland

<b>25-YEAR PINS</b>		
Nels J. Anderson.....	Brakeman .....	Division
Richard W. Applegate.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
Harry E. Beem.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
Jack C. Cooper.....	Brakeman .....	Division
Hugh B. Dessel.....	Laborer .....	Sacramento
Alvah D. Downer.....	Brakeman .....	Division
Harold G. Eckenrood.....	Conductor .....	Division
Thomas N. Gilbraith.....	Conductor .....	Division
William A. Gray.....	Brakeman .....	Division
Dale O. Goshart.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
Charles D. Hein.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
Ike L. Johnson.....	Stationary Engineer .....	Portola
Robert P. Joy.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
John H. Kaler.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
John F. Kaufman.....	Brakeman .....	Division
Everett E. Kibler.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
Robert J. Lawrence.....	Brakeman .....	Division
Fred I. Lyell.....	Brakeman .....	Division
Garrett W. Maybury.....	Switchman .....	Division
Stuart E. McVean.....	Train Desk Clerk .....	Oroville
Burton J. Miller.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
Acel L. Quigley.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
Frank M. Rankin.....	Conductor .....	Division

(Continued on next page)

Paul E. Scott.....	Agent .....	San Jose
Vance N. Shipton.....	Night Foreman .....	Division
Raymond Siejo.....	Sheet Metal Worker .....	Oroville
Lawrence I. Singley.....	Switchman .....	Division
Fitzgerald Turville.....	Conductor .....	Division

<b>20-YEAR PINS</b>		
Bernice Burton.....	Coach Cleaner .....	Oakland
Stanley J. D. Goodnight.....	Carman .....	Sacramento
Balser D. Heiner.....	Machinist .....	Oakland
Freeman E. Jones.....	Upholsterer .....	Oakland
Arthur R. Jorgenson.....	Machinist .....	Sacramento
Roy B. Kunde.....	Signal Estimating Engineer.....	Sacramento
Clarence Mitchell.....	Laborer .....	Oakland
William N. Mortensen.....	Carman .....	Oakland
Carlos Prieto.....	Store Helper .....	Sacramento
Paul N. Ramos.....	Carman .....	Stockton
Melvin H. Robinson.....	Section Laborer .....	Division
George J. Shank.....	Carman .....	Stockton
Herbert W. Spencer.....	Sales Representative .....	San Francisco
Rodolfo Verdusco.....	Section Laborer .....	Oakland
John S. Walker.....	Electrician .....	Oakland

<b>15-YEAR PINS</b>		
G. Asay.....	Switchman .....	Division
N. J. Davis.....	TCS Maintainer .....	Shafter
W. L. Fierro.....	Industry and Yard Clerk.....	San Jose
Jose M. Garcia.....	Extra Gang Laborer.....	Division
Robert E. Justice.....	Switchman .....	Division
Jack McClanahan.....	Track Patrolman .....	Division
J. H. Milton.....	Division Lineman .....	Winnemucca
Adolfo Munozledo.....	Extra Gang Laborer.....	Division
Fred C. Reith.....	Assistant Roadmaster .....	Keddie
Robert W. Rouse.....	District Sales Manager.....	Seattle
Clifford C. Skinner.....	Rate and Bill Clerk.....	Stockton
Lloyd P. Swanson.....	Carman .....	Oakland
F. M. Tapia.....	Laborer .....	Division
Richard P. Tom.....	Unit Welder .....	Division
Louie T. Wright.....	Machinist .....	Oroville
William H. Young.....	Carman .....	Oakland

<b>10-YEAR PINS</b>		
E. P. Anaya.....	Laborer .....	Division
Paul J. Carroll.....	Machinist .....	Stockton
J. A. Dietz.....	Telegrapher .....	Portola
D. L. Garcia.....	Laborer .....	Division
N. Leba.....	Telegrapher .....	Niles Tower
D. R. MacLeod.....	Telegrapher .....	San Francisco
J. Osmetri.....	Laborer .....	Division
Helen Phelan.....	Kitchen Helper .....	Portola Hospital

(MILEPOSTS' apologies to Engineer Ambrose McGraw, whose title in the January-February issue was shown as switchman)



## Half Century of Service

Maurice Deeley, sales representative, third from left, and District Sales Manager Les Stoltzman, right, of WP's Pittsburgh, Pa., sales office, recently received their 25-year service pins. The presentations were made by Frank Steel, assistant vice-president-pricing, and Walter C. Brunberg, vice-president-marketing, San Francisco; and Kenneth Rank, general sales manager, Chicago.



## OROVILLE

Helen R. Small

WP Oroville Employees Federal Credit Union held their annual meeting in the Women's Community Building on January 28. Following a pot luck dinner the following officers for 1967 were elected: O. C. SHEPARD, president; A. I. REICHENBACH, JR., vice president; LEONA SINGLEY, secretary-treasurer; and Directors DON E. MORFORD, RAY ERICKSON, LAWRENCE SINGLEY, H. B. KELL, and M. A. MCCLAIN, manager and assistant treasurer. The very successful last year enabled a 5½% dividend to be declared.

Congratulations to DEAN R. EDWARDS, track patrolman, and Lois Spencer, who were married January 26 and are living on Pine Street.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of the following:

EMANUEL B. MARTIN, 67, retired carpenter, who passed away on February 5. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Martin and two sons, Russell of Oroville, and Otis of San Francisco.

Retired Yardmaster ARTHUR ROY PETERSON passed away on January 28. Roy was born and raised in St. Joseph, Mo., where he started his railroad career, later moved to Kansas City, and then to Oroville in 1944. He retired from WP in 1956. He leaves his widow, Ann Peterson, a sister, and several brothers.

# Caboosing

Retired Bus Driver ALBERT A. SHEPHERD passed away on January 29. "Shep" was born in Fairbury, Neb., on August 1, 1896, and moved to Butte County in 1941. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Corrine Shepherd; two daughters, Alberta Shepherd at home and Mrs. Mary Cox of Pleasanton; and one son, Theodore, of Oroville.

Carman WILLIAM QUARREY, 63, passed away on March 6. He was a native of Pennsylvania and moved to California in 1942. He had worked for WP for the past 21 years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace B. Quarrey, and one daughter, Mrs. Charlotte H. Hopkins of Oroville.

An essay on peace by a Las Plumas High School sophomore is but one step away from the national finals of the 1967 edition of an annual contest sponsored by Lions International.

Margaret Field, daughter of Signal Maintainer and Mrs. EMERY FIELD, sponsored by the Oroville Breakfast Lions Club, won the local competition and was presented a certificate to prove it along with a \$50 cash award in February. Should Margaret's essay pass the district competition it would reach the national finals in Chicago later this spring.



MILEPOSTS

The attractive, talented 16-year-old plans to major in math and minor in music. During her spare time she earns money as a baby sitter and practices clarinet and guitar which she herself purchased. She also plays piano, saxophone and the organ and sings with the Sing-Out Group. Although a member of the Methodist Church she is pianist for the Unity Church. She rounds out her busy schedule doing part-time secretarial work for Mason Sound Recordings, and manages to be active in Spanish, Science, CSF clubs and Job's Daughters and for the past six years has been active in 4-H Club work. She is the reigning county champion in home economics and received a general excellence award on graduating from Central School and still manages to keep up with present school assignments. Her mother, Virginia, is in charge of licensing and inspecting foster homes for the county.

## SAN JOSE-MILPITAS

Lee Marshall

BILL HATFIELD, San Jose freight office, returned home from the hospital following a heart attack. We miss you, Bill, and hope that an early recovery permits you to be back with us soon!

Mrs. Maria L. Singh, 73, mother of HERBERT SINGH employed at WP's Milpitas office, was struck and killed by a car in San Jose on March 13. The driver who struck her as she ran across the street was not held. Mrs. Singh's husband, TAAGAR SINGH, a former WP section foreman, died 32 years ago. In addition to Herbert, she is survived by two other sons, Henry of Palo Alto and John of Virginia; a sister, Mrs. Eliza D. Vasquez of New

Mexico; and a grandchild. Mrs. Singh was born in New Mexico and moved to Nevada in 1926, living in Elko and Carlin until 1934. She moved to San Jose ten years ago from Portola. Our most sincere sympathy goes to her family.

## SACRAMENTO STORE

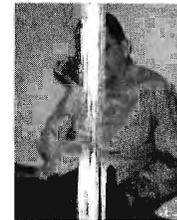
A. E. Dabbs

A host of friends gathered here on February 28 to extend the best of good wishes to Chief Clerk A. E. MADAN, who retired that day with 45 years' service in the store department. A "Money Tree," with plenty of green foliage, was presented to Al and everyone present enjoyed the enormous cake with "Happy Retirement, Al" in large letters and coffee.

Al began service as a comptometer operator in 1942 and later held positions as assistant price clerk, assistant accountant, section stockman, accountant and chief clerk, which latter position he held for 17 years. Al was also active in many Western Pacific affairs, including chairman for the annual WP retirement dinners, United Crusade, and various other events. Failing in health in the last few years forced him to decline many requests for his services.

Your correspondent failed to persuade Al to let him have a slip from the "Money Tree" to plant in his backyard, but joined the others in wishing that Al's "tree" will prosper and that he will have many good future years!

IRENE BURTON, former correspondent and now retired, spent a pleasant



afternoon here in February visiting friends in the store office. She looks to be in excellent health and said that she is enjoying her retirement and is keeping active with Church events and other affairs. She sends best wishes to all and plans to visit us again which we hope, Irene, will be soon.

## WENDOVER-SALT LAKE CITY

Esther Witt, J. B. Price

Our residents were shocked at the sudden death of former Line Rider CARL B. ROSS in Reno. Carl hired out as a pumper in the water service department in 1939, became maintainer in 1942, and was line rider until the time the Town of Wendover purchased the water line from WP. He worked for Kaiser Aluminum Co. until his retirement at which time he moved with his wife, Dorothy, to Reno. Sincerest sympathy is extended to the family.

Mrs. Alma Elizabeth Clontz, wife of retired Section Foreman CHARLES G. CLONTZ, passed away on March 6 after a long illness. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Charles and his family.

RAYMOND L. KIZER, former employee, passed away from cancer in the Milford Valley Memorial Hospital on February 5. Ray was mayor of Milford for 12 years and did much for the advancement of that city. Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Dorothy, daughter Mrs. Toni Lynn Rollins, brother M. L. KIZER former WP roadmaster, and two sisters, Mrs. Claudia Shields and Mrs. Ida White.

A recent welcome visitor was retired Conductor ROY BUTLER, whom retirement has treated well. Roy spent the winter in Elko to avoid the winters in Illinois where he moved after his

retirement and to where he will soon return.

Former brakeman ALVIN W. POWELL passed away from a heart ailment on February 25 after ill health for several years. His family and friends will miss him and we extend to his family our sympathy.

Mrs. Myrtle Bear Pete was found dead from exposure on February 4 along Skull Valley road in Tooele County, just 300 yards from her home. Our deepest sympathy to her father, Section Laborer IBY B. BEAR and her sister, Violet Allen.

Retired Engineer and Mrs. LOU WOODS have been called on a Mission for the Latter-Day Saints Church. They went to the Mission Home on January 30 and after indoctrination went on to the Dallas, Texas Mission on February 6 for their field of service. Their address is 13959 Paxton Drive, Dallas 30, Texas.

February 11 was an exciting day for the girls who were candidates for Sweetheart Queen, sponsored each year by the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary. Winner in this year's contest was Wendy Shepherd, daughter of Switchman and Mrs. GERALD D. SHEPHERD. Our hearty congratulations to Wendy, who especially wants to thank all the railroaders who contributed so generously toward making her candidacy a huge success.



## KEDDIE

Elsie Hagen

Train Desk Clerk PHILIP OELS spent several days in Plumas District Hospital recovering from ear surgery but we're happy that he is again back on the job.

Engineer and Mrs. WILLIAM HECKELA celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary at Walnut Creek. About 50 friends and relatives were present at the home of Jack Sanders, and their two daughters, Joanne Heckela and Judy Heckela Barth were hostesses for the event.

Conductor BILL STUBBLEFIELD's little grandson is in Plumas District Hospital recovering from a leg broken above the knee. He is the son of Bill's daughter, Marilyn West, is recovering fine but very uncomfortable.

We're pleased to report that DELBERT AZVEDA is getting along well after having been hospitalized from an injury to his back and neck.

Conductor and Mrs. JAMES BURROWS are now living in Cromberg with Mrs. Nettie Fox, wife of the late JIM FOX, although James still works out of Portola.

MRS. MILDRED CHAPMAN, postmistress at Keddie for over 20 years, passed away in a rest home in Gridley following a short illness. She was buried in the Quincy family plot with her husband and son. Survivors are two grandchildren.

Ed Dunn, son of Conductor and Mrs. ED DUNN, SR., returned to the States on March 2 after spending a year with the U.S. Army in Okinawa. Honorably discharged after two years in the service, Ed now plans to return to school.

Retired Conductor and Mrs. ED GROW have a new granddaughter, Jes-

sie Lee, the daughter of Mrs. June McClung who live in Lemon Valley, Nev. The little one weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

## SACRAMENTO

M. J. GOSNELL, relief clerk in the local freight office, reports that Hazel Evers, daughter of Mechanic and Mrs. ED EVERS, was married on January 22



to Thomas Lee Ramsey, Jr., in the Central Methodist Church in Sacramento. Following a reception in the Newman Center, the newlyweds departed for a coastal honeymoon. They are residing in Sacramento. Ed Evers has been with WP since 1936, working at Oroville, Keddie and Sacramento.

## STOCKTON

Elaine Obenshain

The Helen E. Metzger Lodge 645, Ladies Auxiliary to Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, will hold a dinner-dance Saturday, May 13, in the Waterloo Gun and Bacci Club, Waterloo

Road and Ashley Lane, Stockton. Chairman for the occasion is Mrs. N. G. PENDERGRAFT. Anyone wishing to make reservations may do so by contacting Mrs. Pendergraft, or any Auxiliary member.

Brakeman and Mrs. R. L. BARKER recently became happy parents of their first child, Melaine Iris.

Joining the doting grandparents' club are Clerk and Mrs. H. L. Ross, whose daughter, Judy, and son-in-law, Dennis Jones, presented them with a granddaughter, Michele Marie.

Congratulations and many good wishes for a happy retirement to Conductor NOEL G. PENDERGRAFT, who retired February 25 with 30 years and seven months service.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of retired Roundhouse Foreman OTTO M. BEARD (father of Engineer K. H. BEARD), who passed away on February 1; retired Clerk GEORGE SRILL who passed away on March 5; and to Clerk B. N. GAGE, whose father passed away in Springdale, Ark.

Phillip Gomez, Jr., son of Hostler Helper and Mrs. PHIL GOMEZ, has been promoted to specialist four (sergeant) with Headquarters Company of the 34th Signal Battalion in Germany, where he is serving as administrative clerk. Since his arrival in Germany last June, Phillip, 21, has been promoted three times, considered to be unusually rapid advancement. He was employed in the display advertising department of the *Stockton Record* and attended evening



classes at Delta College prior to enlisting in January, 1966.

Suzanne Rose Kezar, daughter of retired Central California Traction Co. Engineer and Mrs. BERT E. KEZAR, and Robert Alan Sullivan were married on



December 18 at Morris Chapel, University of the Pacific. Suzanne, a graduate of the University, is a first grade teacher at Shasta School in Manteca. Bob is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and is a real estate salesman with Hackett and Gregerson. After a honeymoon in the Carmel area they have been living in Stockton.

Our hearty congratulations to HAROLD E. PARKS on his appointment as road foreman of engines at Portola. He had been an engineer here since 1953.

Lance Cpl. Stephen Reese, son of Assistant Trainmaster-Agent and Mrs. H. K. REESE, is presently serving in Vietnam with the 7th Motor Transport Bn., First Marine Division. Stephen's outfit was recently written up in the Marine's magazine, *Leatherneck*, commending it for its very diversified

accomplishments which could not otherwise have been attained without the outfit's assistance. At the time the article was published the 7th Motors had logged over 800,000 miles hauling troops, supplies, food and medicine as well as tactical runs.

## OAKLAND

John V. Leland

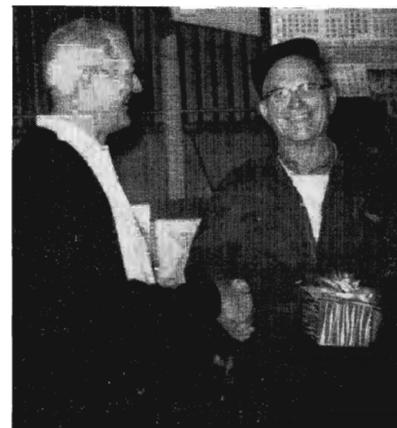
Terminal Trainmaster ANDY STENE reports that the yard office boys, aided by the feminine touch of Head Bill Clerk LOIS CHASE, served fine coffee and a beautiful cake on February 24. The occasion was to wish Conductor



Conductor Pendergraft, second from left, and crew on his last run were Brakemen W. M. Thompson, J. W. Mendenhall, Fireman W. E. Phillips and Engineer W. R. DuBois.

NOEL G. PENDERGRAFT well prior to his last trip from Oakland to Stockton on the SWG before retiring. The cake, ordered by Demurrage Clerk EDITH SUTTER, had a design of an actual toy caboose on frosting tracks, against a background of candy boulders and frosting trees. Frosting spring flowers in pink and yellow read "Happy Retirement—Noel." Noel, or "Pen," hired out as a brakeman on July 24, 1936 and retired on February 25.

Stenographer-Clerk IRMA PIVER, district car foreman's office, reports the retirement of CLARENCE MUSKOPF, electrician, on December 30 after a service which began on September 17, 1945. Clarence was presented with a



IBEW Local Chairman Mel Pierner presented fishing reel to Clarence Muskopf, electrician.

fishing reel and expenses for a fishing trip or two by the guys and gals with whom he worked.

We learned from JEAN MCHARDY that GUS SCHAEPE, former janitor at Oakland some years ago, passed away recently. He had been ill for some time and was in a rest home for four or five months. As we recall, Gus, a real nice quiet guy, he was interested in doing a routine job in a better-than-average manner.

## ELKO

Henry Wallock

A letter received from retired Road Foreman of Engines and Mrs. CLIFFORD FIELDS informed that they had spent Christmas in Honolulu with their

one son, and had an enjoyable time while there. From other sources, we understand that Cliff is giving the steelheads a bad time since they arrived back home in Gold Beach, Ore.! We in Elko are happy to learn that they are very much enjoying their retirement.

Locomotive Engineer and Mrs. J. C. RICE sailed from San Francisco on March 16 for Hawaii aboard the SS *Lurline*. They will spend a month on vacation touring the Islands and enjoying themselves in general.

Electrician JAY KUMP's wife was the lucky winner of an automobile stereo given by a local radio station. She was declared the winner when she came within one point of predicting the final score of a basketball game between rival Ely and Elko teams. Our congratulations!

Day Diesel Foreman and Mrs. FRANK COLEMAN are the proud parents of their three sons who all have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest rank. Bill attends the University of Utah and Clint is at Colorado

State College. Young Dale just received his Eagle Scout badge during Scout Week, and he also held the office of City Police Judge during "The Scouts in Office Week."

## PORTOLA

About 60 people were present at a retirement dinner held on January 27 for Trainmaster WAYNE GEIL, at which he was presented with a substantial monetary gift in a camper by Master of Ceremonies W. S. "BILL" COPE, personnel-labor relations office, San Francisco. Little did "Bill" know of his assignment when he stepped off a train at Portola and was "highballed" to the party which was already under way. Wayne was fortunate in having with him at the party his entire family with the exception of his grandson, Scott, presently serving in the U.S. Navy. Wayne was congratulated for his 40 years of service with Western Pacific, and he and his wife, Opal, were wished many years of happiness and good health during the coming years.



Mrs. Frank Coleman with her three Eagle Scout sons, Clint, Dale receiving his badge, and Bill.



Busy Mrs. Dorothy Donnenwirth enjoys a few minutes relaxation at the piano with her grandchildren Steven and Nancy Donnenwirth, Michael Hardin, standing, Lorrie Donnenwirth and DiAnn Harden, seated. *Sacramento Bee photo.*

During her life as wife of a country supervisor and railroad man, mother of two children and grandmother of five, MRS. DOROTHY DONNENWIRTH had filled her life with caring for a large home in Portola, with her love for gardening, sewing and baking, and by actively participating in local organizations such as the Community Hospital Auxiliary. She had been a close companion to her husband, CLAIR, a WP locomotive engineer, and for 18 years county supervisor. "The day after my husband's death in 1965 I was asked if I would consider taking over his position on the board and my answer was no. When I later heard that Clair, himself, had told friends several months before his death of his desire for my assuming his supervisory position, I seriously considered the proposal. The most difficult thing for me then to learn was that something had to give." The result was that she was chosen by Gov. Edmund G. Brown to assume her husband's post and in Sep-

tember, 1965, she took her place among four men on the governing board of Plumas County. Today, her home is once again noisy with phone calls and her meals are catch-as-catch-can. She had to give up some of her gardening, sewing and baking, but she still finds time to spend happy hours with her five grandchildren who enjoy a cookie bake when they come over to her home. As one of six women supervisors in California she attends many of the supervisory conventions through the state and western United States.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the following railroaders:

Retired Machinist CUBA C. HARVEY, who passed away on January 24.

Retired Machinist CLARENCE CRAWFORD who passed away on February 25.

Brakeman DOUGLAS M. JOY who was killed in an automobile accident near Portola on March 1.

## WINNEMUCCA

Hank Mentaberry

The Winnemucca Basque Hotel, a long-time gathering place for WP social events, was the scene on March 11 for a retirement party honoring several of our employees.

Hosts for the event were the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. PAT HAWKINS was chairman for the evening.

Feted were H. S. VANDRIELEN, L. J. PEARCE, and A. E. WILLIAMS. Honored guests included R. J. SMITH, R. C. RANKIN, JOE SMALES, D. M. PICKLESEIMER, H. EDMUNDS, W. T. BAKER, DOSS MCNINCH, FRANK LONG, and J. A. HAMILTON. Invited guests included

Seated: Conductor Ray Smith, Engineer H. S. Van Drielen, Engineer L. J. Pearce and Brakeman R. C. Rankin. Standing: Engineers Frank Long and O. J. Hill, Fireman Fred Ellsworth, Brakeman Doss McNinch, and Yardmaster J. A. Hamilton.



O. J. HILL, FRED ELLSWORTH, THELBERT LEWIS, PEARL CLAUSEN, THORA NICHOLS, MARY HORNBERGER, and MRS. J. A. HAMILTON.

Some 50 friends gathered to pay honor to those retiring. The Winnemucca Hotel donated a gorgeous cake which was a "baker's work of art." It depicted a map of the Western Pacific line, denoting various stations along the way. An engine, cars and a caboose were sitting on the main line.

Gifts were presented to all of the retiring employees from their friends.

The gang at Winnemucca wishes happiness for Superintendent JAMES F. LYNCH, who worked for many years on the eastern division, and retired on March 31!

We all hope for a quick recovery for Motor Car Maintainer Ed SUTTON who recently suffered a heart attack and is confined in Humboldt General Hospital.

## SAN FRANCISCO

George Bowers, Jean Bruce, Elizabeth Fagan Lawrence Gerring, Betty Opperman, Carl Rath

Correspondent BETTY OPPERMAN's name was changed from that of Betty Grisel on March 18 during a wedding ceremony in Reno. Betty, and husband Jay, of Castro Valley, spent a short

honeymoon in the Reno area and visited with Betty's parents in Grass Valley before returning home. Betty is secretary to Chief Clerk OSCAR LARSON, transportation. Her sister, LINDA, formerly in the general office marketing division, and presently in WP's New York Office, came out for the wedding and a short vacation.

Our sympathy to the family of HERBERT BORGFELDT, demurrage clerk at the SF freight office, who passed away on March 9. Highly efficient in his duties, Herb will be missed very much at the office and by all our customers who held him in high esteem. He had nearly 30 years of service with Western Pacific and had been very active in local political functions. His wife, Marion, received a scroll from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors who adjourned their meeting that week in his memory. Herb's dentist donated a bronze plaque in his memory which will be placed in the new University of Pacific's college of physicians and surgeons presently under construction.

It was quite a shock to J. B. PAREDES, assistant rate clerk-marketing, when his wife, Yvonne, presented him with twin children on February 20. Gabrielle Suzanne arrived at 4:18 A.M. and Stephanie Marie arrived nine minutes



The Paredes twins Yvonne, Gabrielle Suzanne, or is it Gabrielle and Yvonne?

later, each tipping the scales at 6 lbs. 2½ oz. The healthy girls arrived at Peninsula Hospital, and cigars arrived at general office the next morning.

W. E. VANSKIKE, chief clerk-treasurer's office, returned to work in mid-March following hospitalization for a hernia operation and it is hoped that he will now enjoy good health.

On January 28, JUDITH ANN QUILL, daughter of Data Processing Center



MARCH-APRIL, 1967

Manager and Mrs. TONY QUILL, and William T. Utikal were married at St. John Evangelist Church in San Francisco. Judy's sister, Jeanne, was maid of honor, and John Rogers, Jr., was best man. Bill is presently in the U.S. Army stationed in North Carolina and Judy is continuing her duties as stenographer-voucher writer in the overcharge claims bureau.

We're happy to have N. A. SCHOEPLEIN, auditor of revenues, back on the job again following surgery performed earlier this year.

Right-of-Way Engineer and Mrs. HAROLD CONTOIS have adopted a young son, Mark Steven, who arrived on February 22. Just like the Father of His Country, little Mark is already "chopping down cherry trees" says his proud father but hopes are that he will one day be building bridges. Harold and Lois have a daughter, Linda, now six, who insists that she is quite capable of feeding her little brother.

TANG KONG, of engineering's bridge department, and Helen Cheng were married at Lakeside Presbyterian Church in San Francisco on March 18. Helen is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. Cheng and is a student at San Francisco State College, majoring in mathematics. Her father is Chinese Vice Consul at San Francisco. Tang is studying for his Ph.D degree at the University of California, Berkeley.

MRS. A. C. PUMPHREY, retired wire chief, is in St. Joseph's Hospital recuperating from major surgery, and we hope she recovers soon.

Retired T&T Operator W. B. PALANSKY visited the telegraph office recently and it was good to see that he looks the same as he did 20 years ago.

The sister of ELISABETH BORGWARDT,

who retired from the telegraph office last June, is convalescing in a hospital following a stroke the latter part of February.

Congratulations to W. P. LUDWIG, director of industrial development, on his being inducted as an associate member of the Society of Industrial Realtors during a recent San Francisco meeting.

Bonnie Gavey, daughter of Project Engineer-Signals and Mrs. JOHN W. GAVEY, has been nominated for national recognition in the "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Bonnie was active

in student activities since attending Garfield Junior High School, Berkeley. At Berkeley High School she was a Proctor (student assistant) in the school nurses office, on the student paper *Jacket*, and a Senior Friend

for two semesters rather than the usual single semester. She served as president of the Pilgrim Fellowship at her church and active in the Girl Scouts and went through the chairs in Job's Daughters including past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 52, Berkeley. During part of this time after school and during summer vacations she was a playground director for the Berkeley Parks and Recreation Department. At Humboldt State College where she now attends, she served on a number of student government committees, was vice president of her dormitory association and for the past year has been assistant resident in Sunset Hall



on campus, all the while maintaining a 3.25 grade point average!

HENRY P. DONNELLY, district special agent-claim agent, reports that the WP Bowling League received quite a fanfare in *Bowling Times*, issued by Downtown Bowl; the author, Jim E. Dunn, claiming that he believes WP's league is the oldest continuous league in operation at Downtown Bowl. Considerable credit was given to the many employees who contributed to its success, some of whom are still in the league.

"Hank" Donnelly, by the way, competed in the SP Bowling Tournament held in Reno on March 18-19, along with other WP employees EARL BROWN, GEORGE WARNER and FRANK THOMPSON. No big winners among them, but all had a good time.

LOREN OGDEN returned to his desk in the freight claim department on March 23 after a five months' leave of absence. While away Loren made a bus tour of the United States and Canada, followed by a tour of the Hawaiian Islands.

A retirement dinner was held at the Montgomery House in San Francisco



Eleanor Wieder, Doris' daughter, George Welch and Stu Maher help Doris open her gift for a picture by Ruth Stone, accounting department.

on November 30 for DORIS DOHERTY, code clerk A. At the time she retired, Doris had completed 23 years of service with WP.

At its annual meeting on January 10 the WP S.F. Employees Federal Credit Union announced a 4.75% dividend. Directors also adopted technical changes in the Life Savings and in the Loan Protection insurance resulting in lower premium payments. Directors for 1967 are: WILLIAM REED, vp., HELEN SELLS, sec., EVE VANSKIKE, treas.-gen. mgr., S. F. BURMEISTER, MAX POTTER, BOYD SELLS, W. S. VANSKIKE, FRANK COLLIGAN, VERNE GEDDES, ROBERT BEEBE, and JOHN MILLER, pres. Credit Committee members are ELEANOR MADSEN, JOHN SANDSTROM, MIKE BAPTISCOS. RUTH STONE, FRANK MCKINNON and MARGARET DELURY compose the supervisory committee.

Two of the top officers in the auditor of revenues department will celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary within two weeks of each other. VERNE GEDDES, assistant auditor, and his wife, Beatrice, were married on April 16, 1932, and NICK SCHOEPLEIN, auditor, and his wife, Helen, were married on May 1, 1932. Congratulations!

Engineering department employees, their wives and friends, had a most successful social get-together on Feb-

## Association for retired persons

Western Pacific and subsidiary company employees who have retired or are nearing retirement may be interested in services provided by the American Association of Retired Persons.

According to David Jeffreys, assistant to the president, a broad program of publications, services and activities designed to enrich retirement living is offered to persons 55 and over by the AARP. The nonprofit, voluntary Association presently has nearly one million members throughout the United States.

A sample copy of *Modern Maturity* magazine and other information on the Association may be obtained, without cost or obligation, by writing to AARP, 406 East Grand Avenue, Ojai, California 93023.

February 21. It was held at the Sausalito Yacht Club where all enjoyed a fine dinner and dancing. "There was no special reason for the affair," said Ernie Perry, assistant engineer-valuation who originated the idea, "other than for a good time together." Some of the group are pictured below.



## WESTERN PACIFIC MILEPOSTS

526 Mission Street  
San Francisco, Calif. 94105

Return Requested

### RAILROAD LINES



The Cabinet-level Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) headed by Secretary Alan Boyd will go into full, formal operation in April.

\* \* \*

The first electronic train information board (59 feet long, 11 feet high) in the U.S. has been installed at Grand Central Terminal for joint use by New York Central and New Haven.

\* \* \*

Canadian National will help ease Montreal room shortage during world's fair by shipping 1728 easily-assembled motel units from British Columbia.

\* \* \*

Since inauguration in 1939 Illinois Central's employee suggestion system has produced more than 525,000 ideas of which nearly 100,000 have been put into practice.

\* \* \*

Frisco Railway has initiated its first unit coal train, running between Chelsea, Okla., and Kansas City, Mo.

\* \* \*

Pooling of Pennsylvania, Cotton Belt, and Missouri Pacific diesels saving as much as 24 hours on traffic through St. Louis.

\* \* \*

Rio Grande limiting hotshot freights to 40 cars, reducing Denver-Salt Lake run as much as six hours with speeds up to 70 mph.