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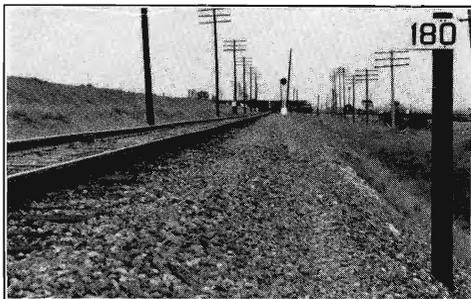
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\*Milepost No. 180: In distance an SP train crosses Western Pacific's main line at Binney Jct., a WP-SP interchange near Marysville.



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## Fate of the Zephyr

Is time running out for the famed California Zephyr which reached its 19th year of service on March 20?

At press time no one could say yes or no, as Western Pacific was midway in hearings before I.C.C. Examiner Edmund T. Fritz to support its reasons for asking for discontinuance of the train over WP's line between Oakland and Salt Lake City. The hearings opened in San Francisco on March 25 and were being continued in Sacramento on April 3, in Reno on April 5, in Winnemucca on April 8, Elko on April 9, April 11 in Ogden, and April 12 in Salt Lake City.

Examiner Fritz, after hearing all evidence in favor of, or in protest to, discontinuance of the train will make

his report to the Interstate Commerce Commission. A decision by the I.C.C. will be due not later than June 20, 1968.

It was the second time the I.C.C. ordered hearings to be held before making its decision. Western Pacific, on August 2, 1966, presented to the I.C.C. notice of intention to remove the train from service on September 15, 1966. I.C.C. hearings opened in San Francisco on October 10, continued in four other cities along the railroad, and concluded in San Francisco on October 24. The I.C.C. unable to render a decision by the prescribed January 14, 1967 date, requested that WP continue operation of the train

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Paul Artian, KOVR news cameraman for Sacramento's Channel 13, aims his camera on WP's General Attorney Walter G. Treanor as he tells KOVR's Reporter Bill Branch why WP has asked for discontinuance of the California Zephyr. Interview took place in Treanor's office March 15 for release the following week.





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for one month beyond that date, pending service of a Report and Order on or before February 14, 1967. The Commission's Report and Order required continued operation of the train for one year and suggested that during that time certain possible developments to be explored which might reduce Western Pacific's California Zephyr losses. The Commission's recommendations were:

First: To investigate the division of passenger revenues between the W P, D&RGW, and CB&Q railroads to determine whether the divisions are just, reasonable and equitable between the participating carriers. This Order was vacated on September 27, 1967, as evi-

To get passengers' reactions on train travel for Walter Cronkite's evening news report on CBS, Correspondent Terry Drinkwater interviews family crossing country on California Zephyr March 18. The CBS report was televised March 25.

dence revealed the other two lines also experienced overwhelming losses.

Second: That the Post Office might provide some mail business for the train. This met with no success as the Post Office has been drastically reducing the use of passenger trains to carry mail.

Third: Time to permit various public authorities to develop programs of assistance to preserve the distinctive service of the train. The only help from any source was the efforts of the Tri-State Committee of Sacramento who promoted several tours. However, these activities produced less

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than \$10,000 net profit; i.e., less than 1% of W P's estimated 1967 loss.

Fourth: That Western Pacific exhaust all possibility of self help. W P vigorously pursued this course in an attempt to increase revenues, and reduce costs, wherever it could be done within the framework of maintaining a high grade passenger service. In its Report and Order of February 14, 1967 the I.C.C. noted: "No carrier to the Commission's knowledge has been more diligent than Western Pacific in fulfilling the obligations of a passenger carrying railroad . . .".

Western Pacific devoted almost 50% of its total 1967 advertising budget to the train, established numerous incentive-rate fares, and initiated and sponsored 56 tours in addition to those sponsored by the Tri-State Committee.

In spite of its efforts, W P's out-of-pocket expenses for its portion of the California Zephyr operation exceeded revenues by \$1.2 million in 1967, about double the losses of the previous year.

"This burden Western Pacific can no longer continue to bear," said President M. M. Christy, "when the critical issue is that the railroad must remain financially sound to serve the public interest with a strong competitive railroad freight service."

On December 11, 1967, President Christy announced a decision by the railroad's Board of Directors to once again seek relief from the mounting losses incurred by operation of the California Zephyr. Formal notice to the I.C.C. on January 16, 1968 requested discontinuance of the opera-

# MILEPOSTS every month

To provide for more timely information MILEPOSTS, beginning with the May 1968 issue, will be published every month.

The magazine will also have a new look. Pictures and type size will be a little larger for better appearance and improved readability. There will be fewer pages than presently used, but page size will be enlarged to 6" x 9".

Contents will remain about the same with a few minor changes. Feature articles will continue to cover varied subject matter. There will be more stories about the railroad's many departments and their employees.

Retirements and deaths will be reported each month, and promotions will be announced as they occur. Service Pin Awards will continue to be reported once every two months. Caboozing columns will be reported in one issue for one-half of the locations, the other half in the following issue, so that each location will continue to be reported once every two months.

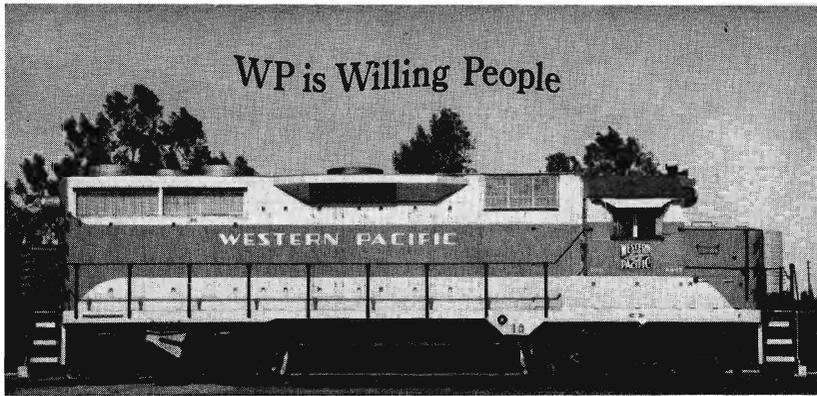
I hope you'll like the new look and the improved frequency of publication. If you have any comments about your new magazine they will be welcome.

The Editor

## California Zephyr . . .

tion effective February 20, which date was postponed by the I.C.C.

The fate of the California Zephyr will soon be determined.



If you should ask a certain sales representative in the San Francisco district sales office how he gets so much done in a day, Louis J. Fischer, Jr. will probably smile in his personable way and modestly say he likes to keep busy. Keeping busy is something that Lou has been doing since he was in high school 16 years ago.

Lou was born in Oakland on March 9, 1933, the son of 40-year veteran Locomotive Engineer and Mrs. Louis J. Fischer, Sr. When his father was working on the 3rd and 4th subdivisions the family home was in Quincy. There Lou attended Quincy Junior-Senior High School. Popular with the other students and known for his aggressiveness he was their choice for student body president in his senior year in 1952. He entered College of Pacific at Stockton in September 1952 and it wasn't long before he became active in the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia National (music) Fraternity. In September 1953 Lou enrolled at Chico State College, majoring in business administration and marketing. He hired out with Western Pacific in June 1955 to work summer months as a fireman, and later took a one-year

leave of absence from the railroad to return to Chico State. While at college, Lou was vice president of the Chi Tau Fraternity, commissioner of fine arts for the student body Chico State Board of Commissioners, and played saxophone and clarinet for marching, concert, and dance bands. He spent Saturday nights with Chico State's "All Star" dance band, playing for college and public dances throughout Butte County.

His education was interrupted when he entered the U.S. Navy in March 1956, the same month he married the pretty former Margaret Joan Isley of Paradise, Calif. Lou served as a personnelman for nine months aboard the carrier USS *Philippine Sea* and spent the remainder of his enlistment at San Diego assigning enlisted personnel in specific rating groups to ships and air squadrons within the Pacific Fleet. After his discharge in December 1957, Lou returned to WP as a fireman and during the next seven years he worked out of every terminal on the Western Division. He became a train desk clerk at Oroville in Janu-

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Lou took time out to relax for this recent photo with his family. Cindy, left, wife Joan, and Kathy.

ary 1965, working from four to midnight so he could return to Chico State on a part-time basis for additional units.

On May 20, 1966 Lou came to San Francisco as a sales representative, and according to his boss, District Sales Manager Joseph F. Hamer, he is doing an outstanding job. As a result of his fine efforts, willingness to learn, and ability to assume responsibility and to make decisions important to his work, Lou 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. Lou easily qualified in S&MEA's appraisal for entry, and he will be one of 27 distinguished salesmen from various industries eligible to win one of the five Golden Award Trophies.

Since moving to the Bay Area, Lou has maintained his busy schedule. He has been attending evening classes at Ohlone College in Fremont, Calif. for

additional credits to his major, and soon intends to enroll at Golden Gate College in San Francisco to further his education and training. He readily accepted to serve as a sales advisor for a Western Pacific sponsored Junior Achievement Company last year and the youngsters under his guidance have found his counselling most helpful. Lou is also a charter member of the Fremont (Calif.) "Y," and until recently Lou and Joan have been very active in local Presbyterian church activities.

Lou and Joan have two children, Cynthia Anne, 11, and Kathleen Marie, 9. The family enjoys revisiting Plumas and Lassen Counties friends and relatives, and for fishing and hunting. Lou also likes to keep in trim by playing tennis and volleyball.

His family will all agree that "dad" is a pretty "Willing Person" for helping out around the home at 41847 Maywood Street in Fremont, too. Just as was said in the opening paragraph, Lou likes to keep busy!

## MARKETING

Three newly created positions, to provide additional special services for Western Pacific customers, were announced by Charles K. Faye, assistant vice president-freight sales. The new positions and headquarters are sales manager - national accounts, New York; sales manager-automotive, Detroit; and sales manager-government, Washington, D.C.

Donald O. Schroen, formerly district sales manager, New York was assigned the national accounts. Don has been with Western Pacific since February, 1958, first as resident sales representative in Dallas, Texas. He became district sales manager at Cleveland, Ohio in December, 1959, and went to New York as DSM in May, 1967. Don, his wife, Dorothy, and three sons live in Darien, Conn.

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Lawrence E. Moe, formerly district sales manager, Detroit, will supervise automotive accounts. Larry joined Western Pacific on August 1, 1944 as chief clerk at Portland, Ore. Following a period as resident sales representative at Eugene, Ore., Larry was promoted to district sales manager at Detroit in 1956. Larry and his wife, Ruth, live in Madison Heights, Mich. Their daughter, Martha, and her family live in nearby Royal Oak, and son, David, attends Western Michigan University. The Moes have three grandchildren.

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John W. Hoppenjans, now sales manager - government, first worked for Western Pacific in December, 1952 as chief clerk in W P's Cincinnati sales office. He was promoted to sales rep-

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resentative in that city in September, 1954, and then became resident sales representative at Memphis in May, 1957. He was appointed DSM at Washington, D.C. on May 1, 1965. "Hoppy" and his wife, Wanda, and four children live in Rockville, Md.

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Effective at the time of the above assignments, Clarence W. Beadling, Jr. was promoted to district sales manager at New York. Clarence first worked for Western Pacific as chief clerk at Pittsburgh, Pa. in June, 1956. He was promoted to sales representative at New York in 1958, and then to resident sales representative at Philadelphia in 1961. Clarence, his wife, Diana, and two children will move to a home in the New York area.

### SYSTEMS & INFORMATION SERVICES

Herbert A. Knappe was appointed to a newly created position as manager of data control at San Francisco. His duties will include the training and supervision of operators in the methods and procedures related to the management information and control system. Herb, a native of Cologne, Germany, first worked for W P as a telegrapher in January, 1957. He was promoted to wire chief and manager

tems analyst in the systems & information services section. On April 1, 1965 he was appointed to a newly created position of assistant to manager-purchases and stores. "Duey" and his wife, Dixie, and their four children live in Concord, Calif.

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Frank P. Brogdon was appointed assistant manager, material, with headquarters in San Francisco. He will be responsible for the supervision of the store operation through the local storekeepers, and under the extension of the material management responsibility he will be concerned jointly with the operating departments for all company material. Frank first worked for W P's revenue accounting department in December 1955, became machine operator in the duplicating bureau in April 1957 and in mid-1960 entered the data processing center. He became head buyer, purchase and stores department in January, 1961, and since March 1967 was assistant to manager-stores, Sacramento. Frank, his wife Arilee, and two children live in San Pablo.

### COMMUNICATIONS

O. R. Frederiksen was appointed communication supervisor. Reed first worked for Western Pacific as agent-telegrapher at Pleasanton-Fremont in March, 1955. He became wire chief at Sacramento on May 30, 1959 and in July, 1961 went to Elko as assistant system wire chief. He was communications maintainer at Fremont since June, 1962. Reed, his wife, Errollyn, and daughter, Carolyn, live in Fremont.

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and since February, 1963 has been traffic supervisor for the communications department at San Francisco. Herb and his wife, Rita, have one son and one daughter, and live in Fairfax, Calif.

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Frank L. Dunn was appointed to the position of manager-computer operations. In this position, Frank will be responsible for administration and supervision of keypunch and computer operations in the data processing center at San Francisco. He came to Western Pacific from General Electric Company as a systems analyst on July 17, 1967. He was made systems specialist in January this year. Frank's wife, Edith, and sons James, 20, and John, 17, will remain in Phoenix, Ariz. until the end of the school term and then join Frank to live in the Bay Area.

### PURCHASES & MATERIAL

D. J. Kerper was appointed to position as assistant manager, purchases and stores. He will assist A. S. Kasper, manager, in the development and implementation of policy for the department, as well as carrying out the responsibilities and functions of the department. "Duey" joined Western Pacific on February 1, 1964 as a sys-

## Wonderful party

Through MILEPOSTS I would like to thank all of my friends whose presence made my retirement party on January 27 such a grand success.

I was amazed at the number of people attending the party, among them many that I had not seen for years and many who came from great distances.

The Committee who arranged the party deserves a great deal of credit for the unique displays, flower arrangements, generous gifts, and excellent cuisine. I know it took a great deal of time and effort.

Mrs. Madison, Carol, I, and others of my family sincerely thank everyone and wish the best of luck to those who remain to keep the WP running on time.

H. J. "Red" Madison  
7337 East Parkway  
Sacramento, Calif. 95823

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## Sincere "thank you"

My children, Ronald, Miriam and Carol Ann, and I wish to extend a very sincere "Thank You" for all the gifts sent to The American Cancer Research in Carl's name, and for the many, many personal cards all of you have sent to us.

We never realized how many wonderful friends Carl had until now.

Mrs. Muriel Flaig  
1440 - 27th Avenue  
Oakland, Calif. 94601

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## 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Woolverton celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 3 with a reception



# Dear Editor:

at the Stockmen's Motor Hotel. Present were five of the couple's six children: Mrs. Elsie Iverson, Portland, Ore.; Gerald Woolverton, Las Vegas, Nev.; Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Knoela) Vignolo and son; Mr. and Mrs. Max Woolverton and family of Elko; and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred (Hazel) Salicchi of Lamoille, Nev. They have eight grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter who attended the affair with her mother, Mrs. Ronald Dunham from Portland.

My father, Mr. Woolverton, was born at Fort Halleck. He worked for



50th Wedding Anniversary

Western Pacific from 1918 until retirement in December, 1955. My mother is a native of Ruby Valley, Nev.

Mrs. Alfred Salicchi  
Box 104  
Lamoille, Nev.

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## Says "Hello"

An old retired track foreman would like to say "hello" to his friends out on the Western Pacific. I am 82 years of age and, fortunately, still going strong.

I very much enjoy reading MILEPOSTS from beginning to end, and always look forward to the next issue.

Cecilio Borjas  
514 - 48th Street  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11220

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## Deaf children aided

(The following letter was received April 1 by Robert E. Gonsalves, director of passenger sales.)

From the time I contacted your office, the ticket agent in Oakland, the trainmaster, the train crews, and the agent in Stockton, nothing but the most courteous treatment was extended us.

This was not just a train ride (Oakland-Stockton and return) for eight 4th-grade deaf children. It was a part

of their class work. Time prior to the trip was spent on exercises about the trip, and now reviewing it. The most important thing of this is the great amount of speech exercise they got from this.

I am not connected with the school, but am the guardian and grandfather of Diana, one of the 11-year-old children in the class. Again thanking all who helped make our trip a success.

E. W. Batman  
910 Ramona Way  
San Leandro, Calif. 94577

## People on the move . . .

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### AGENCY

Kenneth J. Tinker was appointed agent for Western Pacific, Sacramento Northern, and Central California Traction Co. effective March 1 with headquarters at Sacramento. Ken joined Western Pacific as a telegraph operator in 1953 and bid his first agency at Fremont several months later. He has been a traveling auditor since 1956, working out of San Francisco. Ken, and his wife, Nancy, both of Superior, Wisc. have two teen-age daughters.

### DIVISION

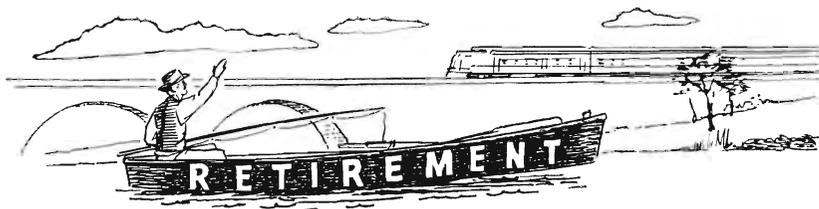
The following appointments in roadmaster districts were announced by Superintendent J. C. Lusar, effective March 1:

J. H. Jones, roadmaster, 3rd district, Keddie.

J. J. Martin (on medical leave) roadmaster 5th district, Portola.

A. H. Overturf, roadmaster (temporary) 5th district, Portola.

L. Thompson, track supervisor (temporary) 3rd district, Oroville.



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

*Iby B. Bear*, section laborer, Grantsville, Utah, 21 years 3 months.

*James E. Bennett*, signal maintainer, Carlin, Nev., 11 years 5 months.

*George S. Coope*, switchman, Oakland, 25 years 1 month.

*Clyde E. Hart*, locomotive engineer, Santa Cruz, Calif., 40 years 3 months.

*Matt Hull*, laborer, Portola, 20 years 9 months.

*Kathryn L. Jackson*, Chief PBX

Operator, San Francisco, 24 years 8 months.

*Francisco R. Maciel*, track laborer, Sacramento, 16 years 8 months.

*Mary H. Masters*, stenographer-clerk, San Francisco, 11 years 2 months.

*George P. Poe*, switchman, Elko, 12 years 4 months.

*Frank E. Reddy*, brakeman, Sacramento, 28 years 4 months.

*Floyd D. Seaton*, conductor, Stockton, 38 years 5 months.

*Eugene K. West*, ticket clerk, Salt Lake City, 12 years 4 months.

*Louie T. Wright*, mechanical inspector, Oroville, 15 years 10 months.

## It all began 50 years ago

Two long-service employees who retired the first of this year have two things in common. They each closed out a career of nearly 50 years with the railroad which began at the age of 15.

For Henry J. Madison, born in San Francisco on January 6, 1903, Western Pacific has been his home away from home since February 25, 1918. He hired out as a machinist apprentice at Sacramento and became an electrician just three months later. In considera-

tion of his long service we'll overlook the less than two years from October 1922 when Henry owned an auto repair shop in Bryte, Calif. He evidently had a liking for railroading as he returned to Western Pacific on July 18, 1924 to begin a continuous career in the store department at Sacramento. Over the years he learned store operations through a succession of promotions, from store laborer, Burro Crane operator, section storeman,

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Henry J. Madison



Raymond N. Withrow

storekeeper, general storekeeper, and you name it. He retired on January 31, 1968 as manager of stores, a position he held since April 1, 1959.

On August 26, 1933, Henry married the former Elenor Mae Mellor of Sacramento. A daughter, Mrs. Marian E. Olson and her husband Larry, have four children — Denise, 6, Alyce, 5, Laura, 3, and Mark, 2. Two sons, James E. and Dale W., are third generation store department employees. Daughter Carol A. is a Burbank High School student.

Henry's hobbies are several—boating, mechanics, music, and musical instrument repairing. He is librarian for the American Legion Post 61 band, member of the Sacramento Valley Organ Society, Western Pacific Amusement Club, and the Pacific Railway Club.

The Madison home is at 7337 East Parkway, Sacramento, Calif. 95823.

N EARLY 50 years ago at the age of 15, Raymond N. Withrow began his long career with Western Pacific as a call boy at Oroville. He accumulated a vast knowledge during the following 33 years at Oroville during which time he held just about every clerical position from train desk clerk to cashier. His next promotion took Ray to Sacramento in 1951 as chief clerk. In September, 1966 he was appointed joint agent at Sacramento for the Western Pacific, Sacramento Northern, and Central California Traction Co. railroads, from which position he retired on February 29, 1968.

During his W P career Ray studied traffic management and Interstate Commerce law. He passed the ICC examination in 1956 and was admitted to practice before that body. He is a former Grand Knight for Knights of Columbus, Oroville, and is a former

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## Traffic Clubs to hold annual joint meeting

Traffic Clubs and related organizations from nine Northern California cities will hold their annual INTER-CLUB MEETING this year in Sacramento on July 19.

Sacramento Valley Transportation Club, this year's host, has reserved banquet facilities at the Sacramento Inn for the Friday evening's social and educational program.

Co-general chairmen for the meeting are SVTC's President Fred D. Bergold, sales manager for the Port of Sacramento, and Phil M. Meyers, traffic and warehouse manager, American Home Foods, Vacaville. Joe Golobick, retired Union Pacific general freight and passenger agent, 636 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, is chairman of events and arrangements committee.

### Raymond N. Withrow . . .

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president, Delta Nu Alpha Transportation Fraternity, Sacramento.

Ray was born in San Jacinto, Calif. on February 23, 1903 and attended Oroville schools. He married the former Ruth O. McCullough of Oroville in 1928 and they have two children, Raymond, Jr. and Mrs. Marguerite R. Davis. There are seven grandchildren.

The Withrows plan to keep residence at 2418 "T" Street, Sacramento following a trip to the eastern states and Canada. Ray expects to engage in traffic work in the Sacramento area, take up golf, and spend more time with the grandchildren.

## Carloading Clinics

The eighth series of carloading clinics, sponsored by the Cannery League of California, California Terminal Railroads and the Association of American Railroads will be held at four locations during April.

The meeting dates and locations are:

April 16 — Edgewater Inn, Oakland.

April 17 — Hyatt House Motel, San Jose.

April 23 — Sacramento Inn, Sacramento.

April 24 — Stockton Inn, Stockton.

April 25 — Sandpiper Restaurant, Modesto.

Following an introduction by William K. Kitchen, assistant secretary, Cannery League of California, the following subjects will be covered:

Mechanical Handling of Canned Goods by W. Cliff Emerson, loss & damage prevention officer for Western Pacific; National Viewpoint of Canned Goods Handling, by John Roumillat, canned goods specialist, AAR; Railroad Equipment — What the Railroads are Doing, by Wayne W. Dickman, transportation inspector, Santa Fe; and Types of Damage and Causes, by Harold L. Comstock, supervisor-damage prevention, SP.

The program will also include a general discussion period, and a summary and question period.



W. Cliff Emerson



## SACRAMENTO STORE

Al Dabbs

After his nearly 50 years around the store department it's going to be unusual not to see HENRY J. MADISON in our midst. Since his retirement is covered on another page in this issue of MILEPOSTS, we'll just let "Red" know that he will be missed and that we all wish him the very best for good health and happiness for many years to come.

CLAUDE CRAIN, CHARLIE REID and CHUCK BACKMAN will represent the store department in a bowling tournament in Reno on April 6. These three fellows are excellent bowlers and can roll high averages. We know they'll make good showings and we wish them the best of luck.

Our deepest sympathy to BUDDY MCGAIRTY and his family in the loss of their beloved wife and mother who died on January 19.

## WINNEMUCCA

Henry Mentaberry

Of the five officers elected in February for the Humboldt County Archers Association, four are Western Pacific employees. Agent-Operator J. R. HARNES is president; M. BLACK, signal department, vice president; HAROLD AUL, signal department, secretary-treasurer; and L. COY, signal department, is chairman of the board.

All four insist they can shoot an ap-

ple off my head at 30 paces. I have no intention of finding out if they can!

We all were saddened by the sudden death of Yard Clerk FRANK WYTRWAL who died in Winnemucca Hospital on February 15 at the age of 56. A native of Chicago, Frank moved to Nevada in May 1939 at the age of 27 and went to work for W P in October 1941. He held various jobs in Elko before moving to Winnemucca in February 1966, and was day yard clerk when he entered the hospital the day before his death. His body was sent to Chicago for burial where a surviving brother, Matthew, lives.

## OROVILLE

Helen R. Small

The W P Oroville Employees Federal Credit Union held its annual meeting and dinner on January 27 with a very good attendance. The Board of Directors declared a 5% dividend on all fully paid shares and a 5% interest refund. Officers elected for 1968 are: DON E. MORFORD, president; RAY ERICKSON, vice president; LEONA SINGLEY, secretary-treasurer; and Directors L. I. SINGLEY, BEN EDMONSON, CHARLES F. REED, and A. I. REICHENBACH, JR., who also is assistant manager. Manager and assistant treasurer is M. A. McLain. Credit Committee members are K. C. CAUGHEY, J. C. NELSON, NICK CABITTO, N. I. STANTON, FRANCIS LORD and A. LIGHTLE alter-

nate. Supervisory Committee includes JIM TOWNSEND, chairman; JOAN TOWNSEND, secretary; DOROTHY F. HARDY, member.

Jon R. Carpenter, son of Conductor and Mrs. ARDEN L. CARPENTER, received shrapnel wounds in his left arm on February 27 while with the Marine Corps 3rd Div. 1st Amtrac Battalion on the Qua Viet River. Last report is that his condition is good and that he is recuperating in Cam Ranh Bay Air Force Hospital.

Retired Assistant Superintendent JOHN J. McNALLY and his wife celebrated quietly their 50 years of marriage on February 25. They were married in Stockton in 1918. They have five children—John J., Jr. and Arthur of Oroville, Leroy and Robert of Portola, and Mrs. Esther Bloat of Springfield, Ill.

Gordon Denis Reichenbach, son of Agent and Mrs. A. I. REICHENBACH, JR., was married to Karen LaDonna Shields in the Calvary Lutheran Church on February 24. Rev. George Berg performed the double ring ceremony before more than 100 guests. Following their honeymoon at Lake Tahoe, Denis returned to his U.S. Navy base and is now in South Viet Nam.

Congratulations to Switchman GARY L. POTES and his wife on the arrival of a daughter on March 7.

Yardmaster DAVE C. SMITH entered a local hospital on March 1 following a heart attack. He is progressing favorably at last report.

United States Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares, when purchased on a systematic Payroll Savings Plan, are an effective way to save for a secure future. For a safe way to protect against inflation, see your supervisor, or Axel Rintala, assistant treasurer.

## WENDOVER-SALT LAKE CITY

Esther Witt, J. B. Price

We were happy to have retired Engineer GLENN B. "MIKE" GORHAM stop by for a chat. Glenn is looking fine and is enjoying retirement. We are in hopes that he will come by and see us again soon.

Our congratulations to Telegrapher-Clerk and Mrs. A. R. NORRIS who welcomed Craig Richard into their home on February 21. The little 7 lb. fellow is doing fine.

Mrs. Betty Burningham, wife of Conductor WALLACE BURNINGHAM was released from a Salt Lake City Hospital recently and our wishes are that her recovery will be soon.

Sincere sympathy to retired Water Service Maintainer and Mrs. VARIAN "CHUNKY" ANDERSON in the death of "Chunky's" mother, Helen Anderson, on March 9 at the age of 92.

## KEDDIE

Elsie Hagen

Engineer and Mrs. IVOR D. GREGORY announced the engagement of their daughter, Jenny, to Gary Barlow of Quincy. Both graduated from Quincy Junior Senior High School, and Jenny attended Heald's Business College in Sacramento and is presently employed in Sacramento. Gary attended Yuba College and is now attending Sacramento State College. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Gail Marie Leavy, daughter of Roundhouse Foreman and Mrs. BILL LEAVY, became the bride of David



Mr. and Mrs. David Grieb

Bryan Grieb in an evening ceremony on January 31 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Grieb, the groom's parents. Gail is the granddaughter of retired Machinist and Mrs. PETER MURPHY of Stockton. After a honeymoon in San Francisco, the couple are living in Marysville where both attend school.

Pat Strang, daughter of Conductor MELVIN STRANG, graduated in January and is now a registered vocational nurse in the County Hospital in Oroville, a one year course before she takes further examinations.

CARL HUGHES, originally of Stockton, came to Keddie from Oroville to become yardmaster following the death of JOE CLINTON in December. Carl and his family will live in Quincy.

FLOYD MILLER, Sr., who retired sev-



eral years ago and has been living in Tennessee died after a long illness and was buried in Lodi on March 8. He lived in Keddie for many years before moving to Tennessee.

Our sympathy, too, to Brakeman D. L. WARD, whose father recently passed away.

AL OVERTURF was appointed temporary roadmaster at Portola while Roadmaster JOHN MARTIN is on sick leave, and JACK JONES returned to Keddie to replace Al.

Signal Maintainer LARRY LAWSON is president of the Quincy Gun Club and holds the honor of being indoor pistol champion.

WILLIAM BECRAFT, a retired employee who has lived in Quincy for the last few years, and previously lived in Paradise, died on February 14. He is survived by a nephew, CAL DOROTHY of Portola, and several nieces and nephews. He was a brother of the late ANNA SEGUR who died on January 3 in Paradise. He was buried in Quincy Cemetery.

## STOCKTON

Elaïne Obenshain

Miss Cheryl Ann Wooden and Clerk MARK WILLINGHAM GANTT III were married February 10 in Church of the Presentation, Stockton. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wooden; Mark is the son of Mrs. Elva Gantt, all of Stockton. The justweds honeymooned in San Francisco and have established a home in Stockton. We wish them every happiness.

Storekeeper Helper and Mrs. B. R. STOKES' first son was born in January, named Bennie Ray, Jr.; Brakeman and Mrs. GARY T. CLARK welcomed their

second son, Michael, in January. His brother is Scott.

Our sympathy to the families of Conductor CHAMP C. BISHOP, who died on March 3, and former Telegrapher ALTA KIMBLE LaFORGE, who died on March 7. Alta was well known on the railroad.

Lance Cpl. GARY L. COLUMBIA, USMC, switchman, and son of Engineer and Mrs. M. L. COLUMBIA, was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries suffered February 3 in combat with Combined Action Group south of An Hoa, Vietnam. Gary received severe shrapnel wounds in both arms, legs and his back and underwent surgery at Da Nang and in Japan before being flown back to Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland. Following a convalescent leave at home he returned to Oak Knoll. Gary was home on leave at Christmas, returned to Vietnam in January after signing up for an additional six months' service. We are happy to report that he is doing very well and needless to say is very glad to be home.

## SACRAMENTO NORTHERN

Milton Ziehn

Funeral services were held on March 19 for THEODORE C. MOREBECK, 87, who retired as a Sacramento Northern dispatcher on May 22, 1947. He was a 50-year resident of Sacramento and had worked for SN for 40 years. Morebeck had resided more than half a century at 814 "G" Street, now the site of the County Courthouse and for the past seven years had lived in Wheatland.

He was the husband of the late Alice

Morebeck and the father of Theodore C. Morebeck, Jr., Herbert E. Morebeck, and William F. Morebeck. He was the brother of Herbert Morebeck and Mrs. Ella Bentz. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

## OAKLAND

John V. Leland

Congratulations to LEE PRESTON, sales representative, who was a production assistant for District 57 "Toastmasters International" presentation of "The Making of a President." The affair took place at Oakland's Edgewater Inn on March 9.

"Duchess" Melinda Pearce, granddaughter of Storekeeper and Mrs. JACK MILLER, placed third in the 12 to 15 month age classification in Oakland's 1968 Baby Pageant sponsored by the Oakland Navy Mothers' Club No. 18. Approximately 500 babies from two months to six years vied for the supreme honor of *Master*, or *Miss Oakland*. Winners were based on health, beauty, and ticket sales and a panel of six judges chose the supreme winners from among those placing first in each age category. Profits from ticket sales will be used to help finance the operation of Blue Jacket Haven, a home away from home and recreation center in Oakland for sailors. Melinda's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pearce of Oakland.



Pretty and talented Alice Bergman, 17, daughter of Special Agent WILLIAM

A. BERGMAN and Switching Clerk BARBARA BERGMAN, graduates from San Lorenzo High School this year. She will also be installed as president of the Varvara Ruth Theta Rho Club No. 3 of Alameda, a girl's order of Odd Fellows Lodge, of which

Alice is a charter member. She is considering entering Chabot Junior College for a course in pre-school child training.



## SAN FRANCISCO

Jean Bruce, Elizabeth Fagan, Lawrence Gerring, Betty Opperman, Carl Rath, Ruth Stone

Best wishes to MARY H. MASTERS, who retired January 24 as stenographer-clerk in the freight claim department after 11 years and 2 months service.

WALTER G. TREANOR, general attorney, became chairman of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce's transportation committee recently. Walter will recommend improvements for out-moded transportation legislation at federal, state and local levels.

WALTER G. BRUNBERG, vice-president-marketing, was elected as a director of the Pacific Railway Club in March, and KENNETH V. PLUMMER, JR., superintendent of transportation, moved up from treasurer to 3rd vice president of the Club. JAMES E. BAKER, manager, sales-special equipment, was a member of PRC's nominating com-

mittee for the new slate of officers elected on March 21.

Congratulations to JEANETTE MARIE BRUCIATI, key punch operator, data processing center, and her husband



Jeanette Bruciati and John Joseph

Ronald John, on the arrival of a son, John Joseph on January 28. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.

He will only be 83 this year, but retired Revising Clerk FRED W. CARBINE keeps up on Western Pacific news in his home town San Jose newspapers. When San Francisco papers were shut down in February, Fred sent clippings about the forthcoming *California Zephyr* ICC hearings regularly to LARRY GERRING at 8th and Brannan.

At its annual meeting on January 16 the WP S.F. Employees Federal Credit Union announced a dividend of 4.75% on shares on deposit on December 31, 1967. Elected directors were President JOHN C. MILLER, WILLIAM A. REED, vice president, HELEN SELLS, secretary, BLANDY NORDSTROM, treasurer and general manager, S. F. BURMEISTER, MAX POTTER, BOYD SELLS,

FRANK COLLIGAN, VERNE W. GEDDES, R. R. BEEBE, and ROBERT F. BREW. Credit Committee members are ELEANOR MADSEN and MIKE BAPATISCOS, VINCE J. HOWARD, and alternate W. F. HAMILTON. Supervisory Committee members are RUTH STONE, chairman, NORMAN NEATHAMER, and FRANK MCKINNON.

Wire Chief CARL RATH, communications department, returned to the hospital recently with a bad heart condition after returning to work earlier this year following an operation. Latest reports are that he is recovering as well as can be expected.

MAX POTTER, passenger chief of rates, is back on the job after a stay in the hospital for removal of a tumor.

FLORENCE LIBBY, secretary to vice president-marketing, is home following an appendectomy done in March.

STUART E. MAHER, tax consultant, died on March 18 following a shooting by an unknown assailant who struck him down on the streets of San Francisco the evening before as he was walking to his car to return home following a dinner with friends. A witness to the shooting was frightened away before he could obtain sufficient evidence for an identification of the gunman. Maher had been with WP since July, 1963, and presently was active as an advisor to a company sponsored Junior Achievement Group in San Francisco. He was a native of New York and a member of Veterans of Seventh Regiment. He was the son of the late Arthur Jennings Maher and Margaret Chisholm Maher; brother of Mrs. Porter Maher McKernon, Sister Mary Gratia, R.S.M., Mrs. Robert E. Kelley, Chisholm Maher, Eileen A. Maher, Rev. Gordon H. Maher and

Robert D. Maher. Interment in New York City.

Member of an 8th grade combo is Scott Rutherford, son of Assistant Engineer and Mrs. THURSTON G. "JOE" RUTHERFORD. With Mike Lusby, son of Col. and Mrs. Perry Lusby, and Robert Coffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Coffey, this talented group has made 25 appearances in the past year and a half. These include the outpatient



Getting in a little practice for their next appearance are from left, Scott Rutherford, Mike Lusby on the drums, and Bob Coffey.

ward, Oaknoll Hospital, Alameda County Fair, Retarded Children's School in Hayward, March of Dimes in Dublin, P.T.A. Carnival, 7th and 8th grade dances at Pleasanton Elementary School, and the opening of the P-X Market and Livermore Guitar and Music Store in Livermore's shopping center. The group doesn't overlook publicizing Western Pacific as Scott has a "WP is Willing People"

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## 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:

Ralph C. Adams, retired carman, Sacramento, December 1967.

Robert M. Alcanter, retired laborer, Bryte, Calif. December 1967.

John W. Bingham, retired clerk, Sacramento, March 31.

Champ C. Bishop, conductor, Stockton, March 3.

Andrew J. Brewer, retired fireman, Sacramento, January 1968.

Daniel D. Coons, retired special agent, Los Angeles, date unknown.

John Devincenzi, retired Sacramento Northern bargeman, San Francisco, January 1968.

John P. Dowling, retired fireman, Salt Lake City, January 1968.

Charles A. Frink, retired bridge & building foreman, Stockton, March 28.

Olof Herman, retired Sacramento Northern blacksmith, Ogden, January 1968.

Nick Hirbush, retired engine watchman, San Francisco, January 1968.

George M. Lewis, car foreman, Elko, March 8.

Stuart E. Maher, tax consultant, San Francisco, March 18.

D. C. Marshall, retired locomotive engineer, Rancho Cordova, March 17.

Edgar L. McNabb, retired engine watchman, Stockton, January 1968.

F. E. Miller, Sr., retired conductor, Knoxville, Tenn., March 6.

Warren C. Morse, retired telegrapher, Turlock, February 1968.

Clyde L. Nave, retired Central California Traction Co. brakeman, Oakley, California, January 1968.

Carl C. Nyberg, retired carpenter, San Rafael, February 6.

Selmer O. Ostby, retired laborer, Sacramento, December 1967.

Harold R. Schrader, retired B&B carpenter, San Francisco, December 1967.

Luis Serra, retired storekeeper's clerk, Sacramento, January 1968.

Philip Sorensen, retired clerk, Oakland, December 1967.

Almus E. Sweeney, retired machinist helper, Benton, Ark., January 1968.

Marguerite E. Ward, retired supervisor of calculating machine operators, San Francisco, March 18.

H. T. Waight, retired Sacramento Northern employee, Sacramento, February 21.

Homer E. Williams, B&B foreman, Sacramento, March 5.

Marion L. Woods, retired yard clerk, San Francisco, January 1968.

Frank Wyrwial, yard clerk, Winnetuca, February 15.

# MILEPOSTS



# IN GOLD

MILEPOSTS congratulates these railroaders whose Service Pin Awards occur during March and April, 1968.

<b>45-YEAR PIN</b>		
Robert E. Travel.....	Machinist .....	Stockton
<b>40-YEAR PINS</b>		
L. B. Larson .....	Freight Pricing Manager .....	San Francisco
Cuba C. Harvey .....	Machinist .....	Portola
Robert L. McQuarrie.....	Conductor .....	Division
Glenn W. Morton.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
James Procarione .....	Machinist Helper .....	Oakland
<b>35-YEAR PINS</b>		
David G. Hutchinson.....	Assistant B&B Supervisor.....	Elko
Nimrod E. White.....	Inside Hostler Helper.....	Elko
B. G. Wikander .....	General Bookkeeper.....	San Francisco
Frank Buckholtz.....	Track Patrolman .....	Keddie
Bruce L. McNeill, Jr. ....	Engineer Signals & Communications.....	Sacramento
Richard J. Mounkes.....	Assistant Division Engineer.....	Sacramento
William L. Stephenson.....	Systems Wire Chief.....	San Francisco
<b>25-YEAR PINS</b>		
William D. Benedict.....	Brakeman .....	Division
Olga R. Cagna.....	Marketing Statistical Clerk .....	San Francisco
Bernardo Cornejo.....	Clerk .....	Division
John E. Fisher.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
Clifford F. Gamble.....	Locomotive Engineer .....	Division
John H. Kelly.....	Carman .....	Elko
Dean M. Masten.....	Yardmaster .....	Elko
Darl A. Miller.....	Brakeman .....	Division
Thomas F. Nally.....	Night Ice Foreman .....	Division
Voy L. Newman.....	Switchman .....	Division
John W. Norford.....	Chief .....	Dining Car Department
Blanche A. Smiraldo.....	Telegrapher .....	Division
Dorothy Storey.....	Passenger Ticket Clerk .....	Oakland
Maxwell Stoughton.....	Passenger Sales Representative .....	San Francisco
Evva B. Thompson.....	Telegrapher .....	Division
Aurilla R. Troy.....	Car Distributor.....	San Francisco
<b>20-YEAR PINS</b>		
William H. Barrows.....	Store Helper .....	Oakland
Donald J. Browne.....	Rate & Division Clerk, Sr. ....	San Francisco
Jesse D. Cabrera.....	Electrician .....	Sacramento
Joe A. Gallegos.....	Hostler Helper .....	Portola
Charles R. Jarman.....	Switchman .....	Division
David Laird.....	District Car Foreman .....	Oakland
Charles E. Langston.....	Iceman .....	Division
William A. Linehan, Jr. ....	Sales Representative .....	Modesto
John C. Miller.....	Assistant Chief Engineer.....	San Francisco
James G. Russell.....	Relief Store Clerk .....	Oakland
Ernest J. Swanson.....	Revising Clerk, Sr. ....	San Francisco
Fred L. Sweeney, Jr. ....	Sales Representative .....	Chicago
<b>15-YEAR PINS</b>		
D. J. Bowers.....	Switchman .....	Division
C. N. Briggs.....	Switchman .....	Division
G. W. Churchill.....	Train Desk Clerk .....	Stockton
N. J. Crusos.....	Conductor .....	Division
Eusebio Garcia.....	Laborer .....	Division
Ralph P. Johnson.....	Clerk .....	Gerlach
W. L. LeBouf, Jr. ....	Rate & Bill Clerk.....	Stockton
D. A. Lovdal.....	Conductor .....	Division
Max Martinez.....	Laborer .....	Division
S. L. Pierce.....	Head Claim Clerk.....	Oakland

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V. L. Rodriguez..... Laborer .....

F. Van Den Ende..... Marine Deckhand .....

## 10-YEAR PINS

H. Cecon..... Supervising Key-Punch Operator..... San Francisco  
 C. B. Elliott..... Passenger Rate & Division Clerk..... San Francisco  
 Jose J. Lara..... Laborer .....

John Martinez..... Machinist .....

Henry E. Sallee..... Cashier-Ticket Clerk .....

Clifton A. Shea..... Electrician .....

Stanley A. Thomas..... Brakeman .....

(MILEPOSTS' apologies to Leo N. Kaminsky, sales representative, Buffalo, N.Y., and to William E. Blackerby, district sales manager, Spokane, Wash. In the January-February issue Leo was reported having received a 35-year Service Pin instead of a 15-year pin. Bill was reported having received a 10-year Service Pin which was three years after his service date of February 18, 1955.)

## Caboosing . . .

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banner on his guitar case. The boys compose, write and arrange many of their songs, and won \$25 and a trophy as winner in the Battle of the Bands, sponsored by the Pleasanton City Recreation Department recently.

KENNETH D. LEWIS, president's office, brought in a clipping from the April 2 edition of the *San Mateo Times*. The picture of four men included HARRY E. CARVER, who retired in July 1966 as right-of-way engineer, as a witness to the signing of a proclamation for Public Schools Week by Belmont Mayor Zucca. Harry, a Past Master of Peninsula Lodge 745 F. & A. M. will attend a dinner in the Bel-

mont Masonic Temple acknowledging The Week, April 22-26.

NANCY AIELO, marketing statistician, and BETTY OPPERMAN, transportation secretary and MILEPOSTS correspondent, both left in March on maternity leaves. Their positions are being filled by LOU MORROW and MARY McCULLOUGH, respectively.

## Disabled widows now eligible for benefits

Under the recently enacted railroad retirement amendments, disabled widows aged 50-59 can now receive monthly benefits. They must be totally and permanently disabled and unable to work in any regular employment. To be eligible, a widow must have become disabled before her husband's death or within seven years afterwards; or if she had been receiving monthly survivor benefits anytime after his death, she must have become disabled within seven years after those benefits stopped.

The Railroad Retirement Board urges railroad employees to help locate such disabled widows of railroaders who may now be eligible for benefits. A disabled widow who thinks she may be eligible should get in touch with the Board's nearest office as soon as possible.



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## RAILROAD LINES



Louisville & Nashville will buy 287-mile segment of Chicago & Eastern Illinois, if ICC approves, to give L&N its first access between Evansville, Ind. and Chicago.

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Auto-on-Train concept, languishing from lack of Federal funds, attracted Ford Motor Co. to put millions of dollars into project; runs to be between Washington and Jacksonville.

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Better than 100,000 new and rebuilt freight cars costing \$1½ billion placed on tracks during 1967 to boost U.S. freight car fleet carrying capacity to all-time high of 114.5 million tons.

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Santa Fe will complete in mid-1968 a pipeline between Amarillo, Tex. and Clovis, N.M. to handle jet fuel and other petroleum products.

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Proposed 405-mile extension of Alaska Railroad from Fairbanks to Kobuk River north of Arctic Circle, being pushed by Governor Walter J. Hickel.

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President Johnson's proclamation set week of May 12 as National Transportation Week, and May 17 as National Defense Transportation Day.

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Washington's Union Station will be remodeled and converted into a national visitor's center, with new railroad station and parking garage above track behind station.