

WESTERN PACIFIC
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Emphasis in 1971 was to improve a good product

Western Pacific got back in the black in 1971 after two years of deficit operation. One of the key reasons for the turnaround to a profitable operation was the emphasis placed on transportation—to improve a good product to sell, so we can sell it! Now that the physical plant has been spruced up to run trains more dependably, the push in 1972 will be on marketing, a story to be covered in MILEPOSTS' next issue.

"We spent \$4.2 million in capital improvements last year," said Chief Engineer Art Carlson. "We improved our track, bridges, retaining walls and grade crossings, extended sidings to eliminate delays of longer trains, installed additional hot box detectors, and replaced outmoded roadway maintenance machines with new equipment. Similar improvements will con-

tinue this year, and several large projects are now under study."

New equipment also entered the picture in 1971. "We acquired 20 new diesel electrics, 18 GP-40, 3,000 h.p. units from EMD, and two U30B, 3,000 h.p. units from GE," said Bill Luebke, director of purchases and materials. "We also put into service 200 all-steel, 70-ton 'XM' box cars with plug doors; nine all-steel Air-

FRONT COVER

Four diesel units of three of four Burlington Northern's four merged companies lead BN-139 over leg of bridge at Keddie as it comes off Western Pacific's Keddie-Bieber main line enroute to the San Francisco bay area. BN engines are run through as far as Stockton. The other leg of the bridge is on WP's Oakland-Salt Lake City main line.

Photo by Ted Benson

Left: Four silver and green GP35's and 40's lead westbound mail train on Mount Hough's slopes in meet with eastbound mail train led by two Union Pacific GP30's spliced by SD24 cab and booster units out of Stockton.

Photo by Ted Benson.

slide, 70-ton covered hopper cars; and 18 stainless steel, 100-ton, three-compartment covered hoppers. In 1972 we will acquire 15 low (2,300) h.p. road switchers. When received about mid-year, we will retire some of the remaining F-7's. All new engines will be painted dark green, as will present engines when in need of repainting."

To improve train-control operations, WP returned from a one-division railroad to two divisions. Superintendent Jim Brown, at Sacramento, has jurisdiction west of the east switch at Flanigan, Nev., as well as Sacramento Northern and Tidewater Southern operations. The territory east of Flanigan is under the jurisdiction of John Lusar, superintendent at Elko. Both men report directly to Vice

President & General Manager Donald H. MacLeod. Also, for better communications under one roof, it was planned to move the service center, transportation, maintenance of way and mechanical departments from Sacramento to San Francisco, which was accomplished this January.

Train movements were greatly improved in 1971. "Terminal time and schedules have been reduced, and we're maintaining schedules 75 per cent of the time, or better," said M. C. McManus, superintendent of transportation, San Francisco. "Eastbound and westbound trains with high priority freight traffic are being pre-blocked into solid trains on the WP and Union Pacific, and are run through in each direction behind either or both WP and UP engines between Stockton and North Platte, Neb. Similar movements are being made in both directions north and south over WP and Burlington Northern, who pool power between Stockton and Spokane-Seattle."

Coinciding with these changes, a substantial improvement was made

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A string of loaded Western Pacific 70-ton, all-steel freight cars built for WP last August. Photo by Don Sims.

last year in bad-order car repair and retirement of old equipment. "Our freight car bad-order ratio of 10 per cent was cut in half," said Chief Mechanical Officer Dave Pilkinton.

WP's car control group was reorganized, and the improved inventory control of cars has reduced car days on line and automatically reduced the per diem situation by about \$1 million a year. Heading the new nation-wide car control group are Richard A. Artusy, San Francisco, and Theodore J. Brown, Chicago.

To introduce these two men who arrived on the property last fall, Dick Artusy, director of freight car utilization, climbed the ladder with Southern Pacific from office boy in 1941 to assistant to superintendent of transportation, Houston, in 1956. He left SP in 1967 as senior supervisor TOPS Project, to become assistant director-freight car utilization planning for the New York Central at New York. He retained that title with the Penn Central when he went to Philadelphia in 1968. He became director in 1970 when he had responsibility for control of the largest car fleet on any U.S. railroad, and participated in developing advanced computer management report techniques. He served in the Pacific during WWII with the Seventh Fleet's submarine squadron.



R. A. Artusy



T. J. Brown

As director of service and equipment, Ted Brown is developing better car distribution for WP in off-line areas, and getting cars returned to us with loads, not empty. The first month's operation saw a 22 per cent improvement in that area. Prior to joining WP, Ted's entire career had been with the New York Central and Penn Central. He first worked as agent-operator in 1940, then advanced to train dispatcher, trainmaster, transportation superintendent, and superintendent. He was director of system operating rules from 1967 to 1969, then spent two years as director-equipment coordination. Ted left the PC as director-freight service coordination to come to WP.

Safety Minded Railroaders

1971 Safety Performance

Congratulations to these 1971 Safety Performance Award winners!:

Signal Supervisor I. T. Eslinger, Oroville (Signal - Communications), no reportable, no total, injuries.

Trainmaster R. A. Henderson, Milpitas (Transportation), no reportable, six total, injuries.

Roadmaster M. C. Higley, Elko (Maintenance of Way), no reportable, six total, injuries.

Shop Superintendent A. J. Stout, Sacramento (Mechanical), no reportable, nine total, injuries.

Each winner received a letter of congratulations for his admirable achievement as best in his respective department from James E. Brennan, manager-rules & safety.

"Mr. MacLeod expressed to me his pleasure in our safety performance

last year and, in particular, individual records such as yours," wrote Jim. "This proves our basic contention that if we all work hard enough at Safety, as you obviously have done, it is quite possible to achieve a goal of excellence."

A copy of the letter to each winner was placed on their personal record file, and informed them that their permanent trophy is being inscribed for presentation. Prizes will also be awarded to employees under their respective supervision who worked the entire year without a personal injury.

Injury Reduction Contest

The Oakland-San Francisco vs. Stockton-Sacramento switchmen's contest to make a 50 per cent or better total injury reduction in December

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Mobile Offices



Claim Inspectors Berger Westman, Oakland, and Pat Quinn, Fremont, hold keys presented by Inspector Sam Razo (left) and Ashley Schuetz, manager-loading services.

Our freight claim department placed two Econoline vehicles in service last March. The new service will enable WP's "customer field services" to provide more flexibility in claim inspection, and as a means for custo-

mers to rapidly communicate requests for inspection service. Both vehicles are equipped as mobile offices, complete with mobile phones. One will be headquartered at Fremont, the other at Oakland.

1971 over December 1970 was held again this January as neither team made its goal in December. January winners were the Oakland-San Francisco team and its members held a drawing for two TV sets. Winners were J. A. Nielsen, Oakland, and J. T. Deal, San Francisco. Their foremen, who won portable radios, were Yardmaster M. C. Jacobs, Oakland, and H. W. Lemons, San Francisco.

Operation QUEUE

Announced in January 1971 to help encourage a significant reduction in personal injuries, Operation QUEUE ended the year with encouraging results.

"Our original goal was 35% fewer month-to-month personal injuries than occurred in 1970. In June we raised the goal to 70%, which would have resulted in a Safety Ratio of 10.0, and we ended the year with a ratio of 13.9%," said D. H. MacLeod, vice president-general manager. "This was a dramatic improvement over the 1970 ratio of 35.0. It's possible that a 70% reduction goal was a bit unrealistic, but the '71 results are definitive enough to establish a Safety Ratio Goal of 8.0 for the year 1972. This month by month reduction goal of about 50% over 1971 is both challenging and realistic."

Operation QUEUE consists of the

display of a pool ball rack in the office of each department head and his supervisors. Each month Jim Brennan, manager rules and safety, sends each one a pool ball with its number corresponding to the number of the supervisor's reportable injuries during the previous month. The ball for the corresponding 1971 month is returned to Jim. Each supervisor also receives a QUEUE goal representing a 50% reduction from the corresponding 1971 month. The pool ball will bear a green plastic strip if the supervisor made his goal, or a red strip if he did not make his goal. He will also receive a cue ball if he went an entire month without a reportable injury, which will bear a green strip if both reportable and non-reportable (total) goals are made that month. Supervisors going three consecutive months without a reportable injury will receive a cue stick, to keep for indefinite display.

For the year 1971 reportable goals were made by R. C. Marquis, R. F. Hobbs, J. H. Brown, and N. E. Anderson. No one made both reportable and non-reportable goals for the year. For having no reportable injuries for three consecutive months, 13 cue sticks were awarded during the year. System-wide, reportable goals were achieved in February, April, May, July and September, and both reportable and total system goals were achieved in April and May.

1971 FINAL QUEUE RESULTS

Department Head and Supervisor	Reportable Goal	Actual Reportable	Total Goal (*)	Actual Total (*)
A. W. Carlson	15	18	62	116
M. K. Anderson	9	10	26	46
R. F. Hobbs	5	5	24	49
J. T. Smith	1	3	12	21
R. C. Marquis	61	56	123	233
J. H. Brown	59	51	112	209
J. C. Lusar	2	5	11	24
D. F. Pilkinton	13	15	65	95
N. E. Anderson	10	3	36	45
R. E. Shideler	3	12	29	50
B. L. McNeill	0	2	6	23

(*) Includes both reportable and non-reportable.

Man of the Month

From nominations made by the department heads, the selection committee announced Man of the Month winners for the months of February and March.

Nominee Engineer V. A. Foster, Stockton, was selected as winner for the month of February. He entered service with Western Pacific on Oc-



Engineer Foster. Photo taken at Stockton by Correspondent Elaine Obenshain.

tober 10, 1930, and since that time has accumulated a total of 1,010 merits on his record. During his 41½ years of service he was issued a discipline on only two occasions—for running through a switch in 1942 and in 1951. Vernon has never had a personal injury, and is equally an outstanding employee, worthy of his selection as Man of the Month.

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The March winner was nominee S. Santos, foreman of extra gang 427 at



Section Foreman Santos. Photo taken at Burmester by Agent Harvey Naylor.

Burmester, Utah. He entered service as a laborer on May 11, 1953 and was promoted to machine operator in May 1960. Silverio became assistant foreman in July 1968, and has been foreman since January 13, 1969. Santos has had no injuries, nor has he had any disciplinary action. He has demonstrated his concern for safety in the direction of his men, has always been cooperative, and sincere in participating in WP's safety efforts.

Annual Safety Suggestion

Ten shares of Western Pacific stock were awarded to Switchman S. A. Love, Oakland, as winner of the Annual Safety Suggestion Award for 1971. He received one share of stock as the March 1971 monthly winner for his suggestion to place a label reading "You Are Looking at the Man Most Responsible for Your Safety" on all mirrors on the railroad.

"Your original idea repeatedly and with subtle forcefulness gets across the message of personal responsibility in safety," wrote James K. Brennan, "and reflects on your fine personal interest in Safety. In addition to your stock certificate, a copy of this letter is being placed on your personal record file."

Monthly Safety Suggestion

Switchman J. L. Banning, Stockton, received a letter of congratulations from Jim Brennan, as winner of the Monthly Safety Suggestion Award for December 1971, for which he receives one share of Western Pacific common stock.

"Your winning slogan—"Switch All Freight Easy"—spells out SAFE, and has a strong loss and damage prevention message as well as safety. You have correctly identified these two matters as being parts of the same

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Marketing

Joseph M. Ostrow joined Western Pacific on April 1 as assistant vice president - market development. His responsibilities will include areas of market research, development, market management, and pricing.



"Jay," born in Brooklyn, N. Y. on June 14, 1931, received a B.A. degree in economics and business administration from Cornell University in 1953. He joined the Denver & Rio Grande Western that year as research assistant, and left that railroad in 1956 to become market research assistant for the New York Central. During the following

11 years he became director-marketing research, general manager-pricing, and assistant vice president-marketing planning and research, a title he held with the Penn Central in 1968. He became assistant vice president-systems development a year later, and was assistant vice president-planning coordination in 1971.

"Jay" was an officer in the Army Transportation Corps in 1954 and 1955, and was president of the Transportation Research Forum of New York in 1964. He is a member of the Transportation Research Forum of America, and the Railway Systems & Management Association.

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William F. Schmidt was appointed sales manager at Oakland effective February 1 with headquarters at 1407 Middle Harbor Road.



Bill joined WP as a management trainee in December 1966 and spent two years working for a short time each in most of the railroad's departments. He entered the marketing division as manager of trailer-on-flatcar dispatch in June 1968, and in March 1969 was promoted to assistant chief-service and development. He was appointed chief-service and development in February 1971.

Bill was born in Petaluma on April 3, 1944, and graduated from San Jose State College in June 1966 with a B.S. degree in business and industrial management.

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Richard D. Townsend succeeded Schmidt as chief-service and development on February 1.



Dick first worked as junior file clerk at San Francisco in 1968. He went to Fremont that year as rate and billing clerk, and then was chief clerk in WP's Pittsburgh, Pa. sales office. He

was promoted to chief clerk-supervisor special equipment at Chicago in 1970, and a year later became resident sales representative at Minneapolis.

Dick was born in Waterloo, Iowa on July 21, 1944, attended Iowa State Teachers College for one year, and in 1969 studied traffic at Pittsburgh.

Freight Claims

Ashley P. Schuetz was appointed manager - loading services effective March 1, 1972.



He joined WP as baggageman at Sacramento in 1952. He entered the Army in 1954 and was discharged in 1965 with the rank of major. He returned to WP as yard - train desk clerk at Sacra-

mento and became claim clerk at Fremont in 1966. He next was assistant loss and damage prevention officer at San Francisco for two years, became district agent at Stockton in 1971, then supervisor L&D prevention.

Born in Aurora, Ill. on June 24, 1936, Ashley received B.S. and M.S. degrees in educational psychology at the University of Louisville, a M.S. degree in foreign affairs at Georgetown University, and a L.L.B. degree from LaSalle Extension University.

Safety . . .

subject, and we plan to use your slogan in the new timetable, on a payroll safety message, and in other ways.

"It is a pleasure to make this award, and a copy of this letter is being placed on your personal record file. Thank you for participating in this program, and as a monthly winner you will be eligible for the annual award competition. We hope to hear from you again, soon."

Rule of the Week

Week of January 3

Mechanical Department

Electrician O. T. Williamson, Stockton
Electrician Helper W. L. Liley, Stockton

Week of January 10

No winners

Week of January 17

Mechanical Department

Laborer M. Weaver, Portola
Carman M. L. Teter, Oakland
Carman V. E. Sprowl, Oroville
Blacksmith C. P. Rolfe, Sacramento

Week of January 23

Mechanical Department

Boilermaker Helper J. W. Smith,
Sacramento
Carman G. J. Schank, Stockton

Week of January 30

Mechanical Department

Electrician E. W. Steuben, Sacramento
Carman M. W. Jiral, Sacramento
Carman C. E. Sinderman, Sacramento

Transportation Department

Clerk P. E. Anderson, Elko

Week of February 7

Mechanical Department

Machinist D. P. Kuntz, Stockton
Laborer J. Moreno, Sacramento
Laborer D. W. Harris, Sacramento
Roundhouse Clerk F. J. Martinez, Stockton

Transportation Department

Clerk P. C. Evans, Oakland
Fireman R. E. Stansberry, San Francisco
Telegrapher Midge Arruda, Oroville

Week of February 14

Mechanical Department

Clerk J. L. Hicks, San Francisco
Carman R. Kinzel, Jr., Sacramento

Week of February 21

Mechanical Department

Janitor A. M. Teixeira, Sacramento
Machinist A. A. Mezzanares, Stockton
Carman E. N. Dickie, Elko
Electrician O. T. Williamson, Stockton
Clerk Norma Joseph, Sacramento

Week of February 28

Mechanical Department

Carman C. T. Babbitt, Oakland
Carman S. T. Wegner, Oakland
Electrician R. C. Roush, Oakland
Electrician S. D. Bettanini, Sacramento

They Have Retired

John C. Arruda, sheet metal worker, Oroville, 43 years 5 months.

Vernon C. Brain, locomotive engineer, Stockton, 44 years 6 months.

Girdl Burk, locomotive engineer, Sacramento, 32 years 2 months.

Ernest O. Dart, carman, Oroville, 32 years 6 months.

Walter H. Friend, machinist, Sacramento, 29 years 6 months.

Edwin L. Haase, switchman, Oroville, 28 years 10 months.

Joseph J. Hale, laborer, Oakland, 26 years 2 months.

John D. Krause, conductor, Keddie, 26 years 9 months.

LeRoy Ligons, clerk, San Francisco, 26 years 6 months.

George J. Marrs, locomotive engineer, Elko, 35 years.

Francis D. Nugent, conductor, Elko, 35 years 9 months.

Earle E. Pashby, conductor, Elko, 29 years 1 month.

Jose Quintero, hostler helper, Elko, 43 years 1 month.

Freeman J. Stephens, conductor, Elko, 26 years 2 months.

George E. Sylva, Sacramento Northern chief clerk, Yuba City, 46 years 4 months.

Lars B. Tang, brakeman, Salt Lake City, 29 years 11 months.

John W. Weddell, clerk, Portola, 30 years 1 month.

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Best wishes for many years of happiness go to six long-service employees who have retired since the first of this year. Their well-known contributions to the railroad, its customers, and their communities have been outstanding. Considering that five of these six people retired before age 65, their combined 242½ years' service with WP is notable.



Harold and Lucille Mulford receive congratulations from old friend at Harold's party. Photo by M. J. Gosnell.

Harold J. Mulford leads the group with a career of nearly 46½ years, mostly with Sacramento Northern, which began as a mail clerk at Sacramento in September 1925. His promotions during the ensuing years were numerous, highlighted by positions as SN trainmaster, superintendent for both the SN and Tidewater Southern and, since July 1971 as transportation superintendent for Western Pacific.

In addition, Harold gave considerable time and effort to Chamber of Commerce, United Crusade, Red Cross, church, and railroad affiliated association activities.

Harold and his wife, Lucille, have two sons and one daughter.

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W. C. Emerson, loss & damage prevention officer, is a veteran of 43½ years' service which began as yard and industry clerk at Oakland in August 1928. He became car record clerk at San Francisco in June 1929, then



Cliff and his wife "Dory" did a lot of hand shaking with friends at Cliff's party. Photo by Ashley Schurtz.

car service inspector in 1941, with promotion in 1952 to transportation inspector. Later, as transportation officer, Cliff reported to both the transportation and freight claim departments. He was appointed to his last position in the freight claim department in June 1964.

Cliff chairmanned many meetings for the Pacific Coast Claims Conference and for the AAR's National Freight Loss and Damage Prevention Section, and has devoted many years to Scouting activities.

In addition to Cliff, his father, P. H. Emerson, his sister Eleanor Madsen, son Douglas, and brother-in-law Herb Austin have been, or are, WP employees. Cliff and his wife, "Dory" also have two grandchildren.

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Kenway R. Stoney retired as administrative assistant-marketing after 41 years 11 months with Western Pacific. He first worked as clerk in our Chicago office in April 1930, and during the next 12 years there was rate clerk, export-import clerk, and passenger-freight traffic agent. Ken came to San Francisco in July 1942 as chief

of rate bureau, then returned to Chicago three years later as eastern foreign agent. He returned to San Francisco in October 1948 as assistant general freight agent, before entering the pricing department as assistant freight pricing manager in 1964. He was appointed freight pricing manager, related to rates in the Joint-Pacific South Coast Freight Bureau and the North Pacific Coast Freight Bureau, in November 1968, and began his last position in February 1970.

Ken and his wife, Neola, live in Millbrae, and both excell in bowling.

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Edmund P. Jagels ended a service of 38 years 10 months with Western Pacific and its subsidiary, Standard Realty & Development Co., and three years and five months with the Lack-



awanna. Ed was first a clerk in the vice president's office in December 1929. He entered the traffic department as secretary in May 1935 and was a clerk when he left WP in October 1938 to become

chief clerk for the Lackawanna Railroad. Ed returned to WP in March 1942 and during the next four years was rate clerk, chief clerk at Klamath Falls and at Sacramento, chief of service bureau, and freight traffic agent. He entered the industrial department

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in July 1946 as chief clerk. In June 1953 Ed became general manager for SR&D, and was appointed that firm's vice president-general manager, and a director, in July 1966. He became WP's director of industrial development & real estate in September 1968, a title he has since held.

Ed and his wife, Alberta, live in San Anselmo.

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Elwin L. McCann retired on January 31 as district special agent-claim agent at Oroville, completing a service of 36 years four months. Mac joined WP as a patrolman at Sacramento on October 8, 1935. He was promoted to trainrider at Oakland in June 1936, and became assistant special agent in July 1942 at Sacramento, where he was promoted to special agent a year later. Mac next went to Keddie in March 1946 as district special agent-claim agent, a title he took with him to Oroville in June 1951.



Mac and his wife Frankie. Photo by John Sterner.

Mac is widely known in the western states and well respected for his knowledge and many years of outstanding service in the field of fire prevention. He has received many commendations and awards from the U.S. Forest Service, the California and Nevada Divisions of Forestry, and other civic organizations for his contributions in their behalf as well as to the railroads.

After losing his job with a Wichita, Kans. hotel to the owner's son in the depression 1930's, Leonard P. Radcliff was more fortunate than some and managed to find work, but when he learned that conditions were better in Sacramento Rad loaded his Model A and with his wife, Roene, and two small sons, headed west in July 1936. A month later he became relief patrolman for WP and spent seven years at Terminous. The family included a daughter when he went to Sacramento in September 1943 as assistant special agent. He was promoted to special agent-claim agent, and was district special agent-claim agent when he retired on January 31 with 35½ years' service.



Rad gave much of his spare time to Scouting, joined the Butte County Peace Officer's Club, and is a member of the Luther Memorial Church.

The family includes four grandsons and four granddaughters living nearby, and family gatherings are frequent. There will now also be more time to spend at Rad's place in Tehama County.

Want a Caboose?

A 40-ft. all steel, fully equipped caboose, built about 1925 but in excellent condition, will be up for bid in the 18th Annual TV auction and fund raising event for Station KQED. The dates are May 26 to June 4, 4 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, and 1 p.m. to midnight Saturday and Sunday. For detailed information, call 864-2000 at 1011 Bryant Street, San Francisco. KQED will also welcome any donations (normally tax deductible) to aid their cause.



Service Pin Anniversaries

March-April 1972

C. L. Higley

W. M. Amlin
Earl D. Brown
Walter C. Brunberg
Paul M. Burch
William D. Burns
Emmett E. Cronin
V. O. Davison
Edward E. Evers
Floyd D. Hillyer
John G. Howard
Robert N. Kilgour
F. H. Oldham
Barty Q. Perkins
Max A. Potter
Lorin Ricks
Kenneth T. Rosengarten

Harry E. Beem
Jack C. Cooper
Hugh B. Dessel
Alvah D. Downer
Harold G. Eckenroad
Thomas N. Gilbraith
William A. Gray
Charles D. Hein
Ike L. Johnson
Robert P. Joy
John H. Kaler
John F. Kaufman
Robert J. Lawrence
Fred I. Lyell
Garrett W. Maybury
Stuart E. McVean, Sr.
Acel L. Quigley
Frank M. Rankin
Paul E. Scott
Vance N. Shipton
Lawrence I. Singley
Fitzgerald Turville

Stanley J. D. Goodnight
Roy B. Kunde
Clarence Mitchell
William N. Mortensen
Carlos Prieto
Paul N. Ramos
Melvin H. Robinson
George J. Shank
John S. Walker

40-YEAR PIN

Section Foreman

35-YEAR PINS

Locomotive Engineer
Chief Yard Clerk
Vice President-Industrial Development
Sheet Metal Worker
Locomotive Engineer
Locomotive Engineer
Chief Clerk-Timekeeping
Carman
Yard Clerk
General Supervisor-Bridges & Buildings
Conductor
Yard Diesel Clerk
Conductor
Assistant Rate Clerk
Supervisor-Reports & Statistics
Assistant Roadmaster

30-YEAR PINS

Locomotive Engineer
Conductor
Fireman and Oiler
Conductor
Conductor
Conductor
Brakeman
Locomotive Engineer
Stationary Engineer
Locomotive Engineer
Locomotive Engineer
Brakeman
Conductor
Brakeman
Switchman
Chief Clerk-Transportation
Locomotive Engineer
Trainmaster
District Agent
Train Desk-Crew Clerk
Switchman
Conductor

25-YEAR PINS

Carman
Signal Estimating Engineer
Fireman and Oiler
Carman
Locomotive Crane Operator
Carman
Section Laborer
Carman
Electrician

Elko

Western Division
Sacramento
San Francisco
Stockton
Western Division
Western Division
San Francisco
Sacramento
Oakland
Oakland
Western Division
Elko
Eastern Division
San Francisco
San Francisco
Elko

Western Division
Western Division
Sacramento
Western Division
Eastern Division
Eastern Division
Western Division
Western Division
Portola
Western Division
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Eastern Division
Western Division
Eastern Division
Eastern Division
Western Division
San Francisco
Eastern Division
Salt Lake City
Sacramento
Portola
Western Division
Eastern Division

Sacramento
Sacramento
Oakland
Oakland
Sacramento
Stockton
Roadway
Stockton
Oakland

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20-YEAR PINS

G. Asay	Switchman
N. J. Davis	TCS Maintainer
W. L. Fierro	Clerk
J. H. Milton	Division Lineman
Adolfo A. Munozledo	Assistant Foreman
Fred C. Reith	Roadmaster
Robert W. Rouse	Sales Manager
Clifford C. Skinner	Chief Clerk-Transportation
Lloyd P. Swanson	Carman
F. M. Tapia	Section Laborer
Richard P. Tom	Welding Foreman

15-YEAR PINS

Paul J. Carroll	Machinist
J. A. Dietz	Telegrapher
D. L. Garcia	Section Laborer
N. Laba	Towerman
D. R. MacLeod	Wire Chief

10-YEAR PINS

D. Acosta	Machine Operator
Harvey G. Dopp	Store Helper
*C. F. Flynn	Machinist
T. F. Grajeda	Carman
D. J. Hedge	Hostler Helper
D. L. Martin	Switchman
Mary E. McCullough	Steno-Clerk, Signal
R. L. Meyer	Yardmaster
F. L. Mohatt	Switchman
R. L. Morelock	Loader Operator
†James C. Norwood	Signal Maintenance Foreman
Thor C. Olsen	Asst. Mgr.-Pricing Services-West of T. C.
Jose B. Paredes	Marketing Service Representative
R. H. Sanchez	Machine Operator
M. Weaver	Laborer-Mechanical

Not previously reported:

*C. F. Flynn, seniority date February 21, 1962

†James C. Norwood, seniority date October 31, 1961

Western Division
Shafter
Milpitas
Winnemucca
Roadway
Keddie
Seattle, Wash.
San Francisco
Oakland
Roadway
Winnemucca

Stockton
Portola
Roadway
Niles Tower
San Francisco

Roadway
Stockton
Stockton
Oakland
Stockton
Western Division
Sacramento
Stockton
Western Division
Roadway
Gerlach
San Francisco
San Francisco
Roadway
Portola

Letters Received

E. W. Gregg

Mildred and I drove down to Long Beach to visit E. W. Gregg, a retired engineer who worked most of his career out of Elko. On arrival at his home I was told that Ed had passed away September 9, 1971 at the age of 99. Some of his old cronies might like to know. I passed my 87th birthday last November and am in pretty good health for the shape I'm in. Ha!

G. A. "Gus" Snowberger
122 North Franklin Avenue
San Gabriel, CA. 91775

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Home Again Soon

This is the first opportunity I've had to thank you for the back issues of MILEPOSTS, as I was in the hospital when they arrived. I lost my left leg from diabetes and almost my life, but am making a fast recovery and should be home in April. My wife should be home about the same time from another hospital as result of a car accident. I certainly enjoyed reading the

magazines and appreciated your sending them to me.

Dallas B. Huggins
3249 Myers Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

* * * In Memory

When my brother, Conductor Oliver J. Crowe made his last run on the Zephyr on June 28, 1959, you quoted him in MILEPOSTS as saying he would make another trip on the train in 10 years, which he did. He then said he would do so again in another 10 years. This desire was not fulfilled as he passed away on February 10, 1971 at Oroville. I had placed the magazine in my diary and got it out to read it. As I miss him, I thought I would write to you in his memory.

Maude Crowe
815 - 18th Street, N.W.
Apartment 307
Washington, D.C. 20006

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Bill Royal, system analyst, management services, received his 30-year Service Pin from his boss, William J. Day, only after Bill Burnside, manager systems development (rear) verified the date on Datatnet machine tape.



Asst. VP-Sales Charles K. Faye was taken by surprise at recent staff meeting when he received 40-year cufflinks from President Perlman. Enjoying the comments made by Chuck is Executive Vice President Mike Flannery.



Co-workers Glenn Snodderly and Larry Lubran witnessed presentation of a 30-year Service Pin given to Internal Auditor George Bowers by his boss, William D. Brew, assistant secretary-assistant treasurer, in January.



At a recent marketing meeting Sales Managers Frank Beident, Reno, and Bob Rouse, Seattle (center) were presented with Service Pins by VP Harry Bruce and Asst. VP Charles Faye honoring Frank's 40 years, Bob's 20 years.

Mrs. Gertrude I. Stager

Please be advised that Mrs. Gertrude I. Stager, widow of retired Engineer John V. Stager, passed away in Orem, Utah on January 4. Mrs. Stager first went to Wendover in 1910 as a child and after her marriage to Mr. Stager they lived and worked from Salt Lake to Winnemucca, and lived in Oroville for four years after his retirement. Because of their numerous friends over the system, Mrs. Stager thoroughly enjoyed receiving MILEPOSTS.

Idona Stager Partridge
52 South Sage Drive
Orem, Utah 84057

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In Appreciation

Our family wishes to express their deep appreciation for the many kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy received following the death of their grandmother and mother, Ellen P. Crespo.

Maury Crespo
17438 Via Corona
San Lorenzo, CA 94580

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Many Thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my many friends who took part in my recent retirement party on February 29. It was a wonderful send-off for a new experience. Please keep me on your mailing list so that I may keep up with activities of WP's "Willing People" and, again, many thanks for your friendship over the years.

W. C. Emerson
125 Linden Lane
San Rafael, CA. 94901

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Appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to express my grateful appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people who participated and attended the retirement party for me

and Leonard Radcliff. Also, a special thanks to everyone who contributed to the wonderful gifts I received. They will be very much enjoyed.

E. L. McCann
1233 Brereton Way
Oroville, CA. 95965

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D. W. Harris

With great sorrow we inform you of the death of our father, D. W. Harris, on January 19 at Seneca Hospital, Chester, Calif. after a short illness. Mr. Harris was born December 8, 1896 in Oklahoma. He railroaded with the D&RGW, U.P., and for over 25 years with WP as section foreman at Almanor. He is survived by his wife, Laura, four daughters and two sons.

Marvin D. Harris
P.O. Box 1012
Westwood, CA. 96137

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Thanks!

Through MILEPOSTS I would like to express my appreciation for the wonderful retirement party given for Mr. McCann and me. My thanks, too, to the many friends who attended the party and to all of those who contributed to the fine gifts. I have enjoyed my work in the Special Agent's Department, and the cooperation of WP employees in all departments.

Leonard P. Radcliff
6461 Hogan Drive
Sacramento, CA. 95822

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Kindest Regards

My sincere thanks to my many friends at Western Pacific for their good wishes and contributions on my retirement. Your expressions are warmly appreciated, and I send to all my kindest regards.

Ed Jagels
79 Berkeley Avenue
San Anselmo, CA 94960



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OROVILLE

Arthur I. Reichenbach, Jr.

That was a great retirement party at Prospectors Village in February honoring the retirement of two district special agents-claim agents, L. P. RADCLIFF (Sacramento) and E. L. MCCANN (Oroville). General Claim Agent ELMER CARLETON, master of ceremonies, released some unknown facts about each honoree, and Vice President and General Manager DONALD MACLEOD expressed the Company's best wishes to our departing heroes. R. E. "Pete" Peterson, Plumas County Forestry, told of Mac's long years of outstanding service in forest fire prevention and made him an Honorary Fire Warden so that even retired Mac would not be out of business. More than 150 in attendance heard the reading of a telegram of congratulations to Mac from the Governor of Nevada, and expressed best wishes to both Rad and Mac after they were presented with gifts. Out of town guests included members of both the McCann and Radcliff families and from the Company Division Superintendent JIM BROWN, Manager Freight Claims DAN IRWIN, Office Engineer LEN LELEVICH, SN President LEE MICHELSON, Transportation Superintendent HAROLD MULFORD, among many others. It seemed like the passing of an era with the retirement of these two gentlemen.

LLOYD R. BREWER, telegrapher at the yard, entered the hospital for surgery and he has our best wishes for an early recovery.

MIDGE ARRUDA, telegrapher, is a few dollars richer after giving the correct answer in the Safety Rule of the Week Contest for week of February 7.

We have a talented poet in our midst, created by Demurrage Clerk AL TEDD during his spare time.

STOCKTON

Elaine Obenshain, Velma Prentiss

Brakeman WAYNE B. WOODRUFF and Frances Caroline Judd were married on February 14 in the Chapel of Promise, Reno. Our best wishes for a long and happy marriage!

Fireman and Mrs. M. D. WHITE are proud parents of their first child, Kimberley Brooke, born February 8; and Brakeman and Mrs. D. A. TATOMER welcomed Daniel Allen, Jr. on January 27 whose sister, Trinetta, is four, and proud grandparents are Conductor and Mrs. D. A. TATOMER, Elko.

Chief Clerk and Mrs. B. N. GAGE became happy grandparents on January 12 when son, PAUL GAGE and his wife, Cathy, announced the arrival of Noel David in Kansas City, Mo. Paul Edward, Jr., age 3 and William Christain, 1½ years, are also in the family nursery. Paul recently transferred from Kansas City to San Francisco as service representative.

Switchman and Mrs. J. R. MEINIG became happy grandparents of Ryan Ronald on February 16, the son of daughter, Barbara and her husband, Ron Richards. Ryan's sister, Jana D. is now six.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of the following loved ones who

Former City Councilman C. R. Evanhoe examines 1909 fireplace uncovered by volunteers clearing WP's Stockton depot for refurbishing as a Police Youth Activities center. The fireplace had been boarded up but WP blueprints disclosed its whereabouts. Evanhoe is coordinator for the project. Photo loaned to Mileposts by Managing Editor N. S. DeMotte, Stockton Record.



passed away: retired Clerk ROBERT D. SCOTT, February 7; retired Switchman ROBERT E. JUSTICE, January 18; retired Switchman ELMER C. LYNN, January 29; Mrs. Caroline (Sue) Richey, widow of Switchman ROYCE L. RICHEY, January 30; and Crane Operator CLYDE WALKER, February 2.

Engineer VERNON C. BRAIN retired on February 29. He entered service as an engineer on September 1, 1927. While they have no immediate plans he and Mrs. Brain eventually hope to do some traveling.

Switchman J. L. BANNING won a share of WP stock for a Safety Slogan in December, and complained that it was not mentioned in the last MILEPOSTS! (Editor's note: Mr. Banning's accomplishment, along with those of other safety winners was received too late for the last issue. Please see Page 7 in this issue.)

A happy welcome back to H. KEITH REESE as terminal agent, after more than a year's absence because of illness!

OAKLAND Mary Hodghead

We learned from Steno-Clerk IRMA PIVER that JOSEPH J. HALE retired from the repair track on January 20

with over 26 years service. He was born in New Iberia, La. on November 2, 1904 and came to work in the roundhouse here in 1945. Joe wishes to thank each and every one for the friendship that has been shown him over the years and said that it has been a pleasure to work the Oakland "gang."

We're sorry to report that recently retired Clerk BOB HARRIGAN was hospitalized with a heart illness in February. His wife, ELEANOR, former clerk, said that Bob was recovering nicely, and that they would welcome a visit from old friends. We hope Bob is soon feeling more chipper than ever.

Daniel J. O'Laughlin, son of General Supervisor of Track and Mrs. D.



Dan O'Laughlin discusses his projects with A. A. Bailey and Haile Selassie in Africa.

J. LAUGHLIN (dad dropped the "O"), was home for a visit after five months in East African countries. Young Dan is employed by the African American Labor Center to develop cooperatives and credit unions among labor unions. He holds M.S. and B.S. degrees in business administration, and his accomplishments overseas were entered in the Congressional Record during proceedings and debates of the 92nd Congress, 2nd session, in February. He will spend a few more years in Africa.

SALT LAKE CITY-WENDOVER

Carol Suchan

Congratulations and best wishes to Brakeman K. F. RANKIN and Becky Gee, who were married in Salt Lake City on February 26. Ken is the son of Division Trainmaster and Mrs. F. M. RANKIN.

Brakeman and Mrs. G. R. CANNON announced the birth of a son on January 3, who joins an older brother.

Brakeman and Mrs. MARC B. BRUNNER, welcomed the arrival of a daughter on October 20.

A first daughter arrived at the home of Brakeman and Mrs. D. C. GRASTEIT.

Transportation Superintendent and Mrs. M. W. HAMMOND announced the arrival of their fourth granddaughter. Patricia Ann arrived on February 9, the third daughter of Transportation Supervisor and Mrs. CALDER M. HAMMOND of Sacramento.

Our sincere congratulations to all these families.

Best wishes to Conductor and Mrs. L. B. TANG on Lars' retirement on January 1. Lars hired out with WP on January 26, 1942 and was promoted to conductor on September 4, 1945.

Engineer and Mrs. S. L. WORTHINGTON look wonderfully rested after their return from a vacation in Ha-

waii which they found to be most enjoyable.

Retired Agent WILLIAM H. GRAHAM died on December 14 in Salt Lake City. Burial was at Grantsville City Cemetery. He joined WP in September 1936 as a telegrapher at Wendover and had been agent at Warner, Utah for nearly 25 years when he retired in September 1967.

Our sympathy also is extended to Engineer and Mrs. F. A. SHROPE on the death of Mrs. Shrope's mother on November 10, and to Engineer G. S. THOMAS, whose father passed away on February 11.

KEDDIE-QUINCY AREA

Jimmy and Betty Boynton

Student Nurse Melvina Strang, daughter of Conductor and Mrs. MEL STRANG, received

her cap at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno on January 21. She was selected to receive a scholarship presented by the Doctor's Wives of Washoe County. Melvina will complete her training as an LPN in September.



Conductor and Mrs. BILL DAY announced the arrival of a daughter, Martee Helen at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno on January 5. She is second in seniority to sister Mary Helen in the Day home.

Quincy BPOE Lodge #1884 hit the jackpot on February 9 when invitations into the lodge included Engineers JACK SANFORD, GENE DEICAL, DON LUNDBERG, and Conductor DON SHIRLEY.

Forsaking snow shovels and frigid days, Engineer BILL HECKALA and HOWARD SNYDER and their wives left

This work of art is a snow sculpture of the engine Jupiter, created by Engineer Danny Turner in his front yard at Quincy. Danny's handiwork delighted the Quincy locals, and it received coverage in this Sacramento Bee photo.



February 19 for a vacation at Disney World, Miami, and a cruise to the Bahamas, returning on February 27.

Conductor JACK KRAUSE signed his last time slip on January 30, completing 30 years of "riding the rails." He began his career on the SP in 1925, went to the Santa Fe as a switchman in 1943 and hired out with WP in 1945, working out of the Keddie area until retiring. Jack has a shop in his Indian Falls home where he will refinish furniture collected over the years, and is getting his fishing gear ready. Jack and his wife, Frances, also plan some traveling to visit relatives.

Mrs. Donald Gasser, the former Davney Simpson and daughter of Conductor and Mrs. VIRGIL SIMPSON, is working as a dental hygienist for Dr. Billy Hopkins in Quincy. She studied at the U.C. Medical Center.

SACRAMENTO SHOPS

Herman F. Schultze

Welcome back from the Stockton shops to Machinists A. C. SOLARZANO and B. V. SALES. It's also nice to see NORMA JOSEPH again who is working in the superintendent of shops office while LOUIE DEL MORO is on leave of absence.

Re-elected to the board of directors for the WP Sacramento Employees Federal Credit Union at its annual

meeting in January were T. N. FASSETT, HOWARD BRECHT, and AL CHAPLIN. EUGENE LAGOMARSINO, store department, was elected to the credit committee. Congratulations to all and we know they'll do a great job!

Our condolences to the family of retired Carman WALTER WEIBEL, who passed away recently.

Good luck, good health, and a happy retirement to Machinist WALTER H. FRIEND on February 7 with 29½ years of service.

Congratulations to retired Electrician and Mrs. TONY SANTOS on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Tony and his wife have 19 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Their children entertained at a reception and dinner at Posey's Restaurant in honor of the occasion.

Good to see LARRY M. COLBY back in the car department after return from four years in the Air Force. He spent 1½ years in Colorado attending the Demolition and Explosives schools. Larry then was transferred to Alaska where he met a young lady and they plan to soon be married.

While on two weeks active duty in Gulfport, Miss. with the Navy Seabees, your Correspondent enjoyed the Mardi Gras parades in New Orleans. Taller than many spectators, he was able to catch and bring home a few souvenirs thrown to the crowd.

SAN FRANCISCO

Tina Figlia, Ruth Stone

Two retired long-service employees were taken by death just a few days apart in January. EMMETT M. DILLON, who retired on June 30, 1961 as assistant auditor of payrolls died on January 22 at the age of 71. He had 33 years of service. On January 28 ANDREW P. MURPHY died at the age of 68. He retired as assistant trainmaster-terminal agent at San Francisco on July 31, 1966 with 44½ years service.

Best wishes to EMMA N. MCCLURE, who retired on January 31 as chief clerk, law department. "There's not



Emma (right) receives retirement congratulations from new Chief Clerk Diane Fafoutis.

too much to say about my career other than my entire 35 years were in the law department which began in the Mills Building." Aside from Emma's devotion to her work, travel has been a great part of her life, having been to eight foreign countries, Alaska and Hawaii. "Most important," said Emma, "were the exciting U.S. cities I visited with my daughter, Lynn, through the courtesy of WP train travel." She plans to revisit Europe next May. Lynn, Mrs. Walter R. Fontaine, is a lecturer on "The Ancient

World" at New York University. She is a member of the British School of Archaeology at Iraq, and the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara.

Congratulations to DIANE FAFOUTIS, who succeeds Emma as chief clerk of the law department, effective February 1.

Thirty years ago February HERBERT F. AUSTIN began a career spent entirely in WP's freight claim depart-



Herb Austin and his wife Edna

ment. After several promotions he became head investigator and retired as chief clerk. Herb still lives in his native San Rafael, and has spent several years in Scouting activities. His future plans are to become active in San Rafael's civic affairs, and to renew his interest in art, music, and history at the College of Marin and at UC - Berkeley. Herb's wife, Edna, is a sister of WP's ELEANOR MADSEN and CLIFF EMERSON, and Cliff's wife, Dory, is Herb's sister.



Congratulations to CAROLYN CROWLEY, above, who succeeds Herb as chief clerk, freight claim department.

A 35-year career ended on March 31 for LORIN R. RICKS, supervisor-reports and statistics. His entire service



had been in the accounting department. Born in Sugar City, Idaho it was only natural that he attended Ricks College, founded by his grandfather, in nearby Rexburg. He received a B.A. degree in music from Brigham Young University in 1927 before attending Chicago Musical College. Lorin taught school for one year in Cedar City, and was treasurer for Columbia Savings & Loan Assn. in Salt Lake City for five years. He was auditor of profes-

sional projects for the WPA in San Francisco for two years before joining WP in March 1937. He played piano professionally part time for a number of years, but now plays only for pleasure.

Sincere condolences to the family of MARTIN J. MURRAY, assistant rate quotation clerk, who died on March 24, just 23 days after his 49th birthday. Marty had been ill for some time, and returned home from the hospital last Christmas eve's day. He was an avid golfer and had his doctor's permission to practice lightly and his death occurred at a driving range from heart failure. Funeral services were conducted in Millbrae by George Washington Lodge #525, F. & A.M., San Francisco. He is survived by his wife, Dolores, daughter, Lynn, two sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

Books for railroaders

Assembled from various Model Railroader contributors by Kalmbach Publishing Co., EASY - TO - BUILD MODEL RAILROAD FREIGHT CARS is a 100-page soft-cover book.

Each of the 24 projects—flatcars, boxcars, hoppers, tank cars, and cabooses—contains detailed instructions and accurate HO scale diagrams to make the most complicated car easy to construct. Instructions include the use of wood dowels, metal tubing, and shaped grass for tank cars; alternate methods of building identical cars; directions for making brake-wheel brackets, stake pockets, stirrups and grab irons. The use of solvents, tools and equipment is covered, and the 6-page section on styrene gives special tips on cutting, gluing and painting.

The book retails for \$3 and is available from the publisher or from hobby and book dealers.

OUR GM SCRAPBOOK, a new 150-page book from Kalmbach Publishing Co., chronicles the development and growth of the diesels of EMD.

From gas-electric doodlebugs and articulated streamliners, to E and F units, to Geep road switchers, EMD history is recorded with 11 articles revised and updated from the pages of TRAINS magazine. There are 277 photos, including a 33-page photo section of GM diesels in action, locomotive construction including the La-Grange plant layout, and prototype drawings—including three foldouts—of 12 different diesel models in HO.

The authors include David P. Morgan, Wallace W. Abbey, Harold A. Edmonson and Jerry A. Pinkepank. The book retails for \$7.50 hard cover and \$5.00 paperback. It is available from hobby and book dealers, or from the publisher.



In Memoriam

Eliseo P. Anaya, portable equipment operator, Elko, February 24.

Adele Battle, retired car cleaner, Oakland, January.

Clyde E. Browning, retired engine watchman, Redding, January.

Joshua L. Cook, retired section foreman, Salt Lake City, December 1971.

Paul F. Costa, retired SN deckhand, Pittsburg, December 1971.

Philip J. Davis, retired switchman, Tracy, date unknown.

Emmett M. Dillon, retired assistant auditor payroll accounts, Redwood City, January 22.

Elmer C. Filkins, retired CCT brakeman, Montebello, date unknown.

Lester P. Hamilton, retired yardmaster, Stockton, December 1971.

David W. Harris, retired section

foreman, Westwood, January.

Lawrence R. Harrison, retired stenographer, Citrus Heights, January.

Gertrude S. Hutchinson, retired clerk, Oakland, February 12.

Robert E. Justice, retired switchman, Stockton, January 18.

Gust J. Karras, retired machinist helper, Kranidion, Greece, date unknown.

Elmer C. Lynn, retired switchman, Stockton, January 29.

Duke R. McDonald, retired machinist, Oroville, January.

Martin J. Murray, assistant rate quotation clerk, San Francisco, March 24.

Andrew P. Murphy, retired assistant trainmaster-terminal agent, San Francisco, January 28.

Louis W. Myers, retired switchman, McCook, Neb., January.

John I. Porter, retired carman, Sherman, Tex., January.

Ernest V. Robinson, retired waiter, Oakland, January.

Charles A. Robertson, retired section laborer, Tulsa, Okla., December 1971.

Patrick A. Fahy, retired conductor, Oroville, December 1971.

William D. Smith, former fireman, Reno, January 8.

Harold A. Thorne, retired SN engineer, Sacramento, date unknown.

Hugo Waninger, retired passenger agent, St. Louis, Mo., December 1971.

K. H. Waterstreet, retired yard clerk, Oakland, date unknown.

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Japanese National Railways extended its super-express line 100 miles to link Osaka and Okayama; are developing 300 mph linear induction car to cut travel time between Tokyo-Osaka by two thirds.

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DOT says construction to begin this spring on 10.2-mile extension of Alaska Railroad between Fairbanks and airport to be paid for out of revenues from rail-air traffic generated by North Slope oil boom.

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Norfolk & Western now has 39 run-through trains which move through interchange terminals without classification and motive power changes.

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Burlington Northern starts construction this year on \$30 million 76-track freight classification yard on 100-acre tract at Hauser, Ida. near Spokane.

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As most important railroad event of 1971, Modern Railroads magazine chose JOBS Commission, a joint Illinois Central-all rail operating crafts effort to provide better service and to increase railroad employment.

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The world's longest straight stretch of railroad track runs almost 300 miles across the Australian desert.

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Union Pacific plans new route through Spokane area to vacate land for Washington's Expo '74.