

WESTERN PACIFIC
Mileposts

MAY-JUNE 1971





They looked, bought and went home happy

There were 250 active and retired employees in line around WP's commissary in Oakland at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 27 when the doors were opened. "When we looked out the line looked more like a mile long!" said Frank Brogdon, assistant manager-material. "And they kept coming all day long, some from as far away as Elko. If we had a 5:00 P.M. closing time, we soon forgot it. Sunday was a little less hectic, but the line was steady."

The people were there for the special sale of passenger car mementos as announced by Bill Luebke, director-purchases and materials, on March 5 at the suggestion of President Alfred E. Perlman. "We no longer have use for these materials," said the president, "and it would be nice if our employees had first choice before they are otherwise disposed of."

The final count showed more than \$8,000 received for items varying from CZ match books and coat hangers to silver champagne coolers and silver water pitchers. The most popular items were teapots, and demitasse and regular cups and saucers which sold out early.

Among those helping Frank with the sale at inventory prices were Frank Allain, John Charles, Harold Hancock, Howard Huffman and Blaine Morrison. As the crowd grew larger, Bill Luebke was pressed into service both days, and Otis Albritton, Tony Villegas, Ducey Kerper and Len Lelevich took off their coats to help out.

The sale was orderly as those in line with order blanks passed the tables inspecting samples of available items which were labeled with prices and quantities.

"The people were extremely patient during some rather long waits for service," said Brogdon, "but we had a lot of fun while making the sale a great success."



"Are you SURE you have none of those left?"



"Do you have these glasses in any other size?"

Below: "Hang on to this—it's real heavy!"



Left: "Did you say \$12.45?"

George Morrison, Bill Luebke, Howard Huffman, and Harold Hancock, among others, did commendable performances filling orders in the back room and delivering them to the customers out front.



Front Cover Picture

Springtime on the Tidewater Southern.

An aging apricot tree still musters the energy to sprout its white blossoms, totally unaware of the presence of Tidewater Southern Railway's Alco

RS-1 #746 at the head end of the Turlock-Modesto local near Turlock, as seen through the lens of Ted Benson's 35mm camera.



Plummer



Day



Kerper



Hammond



Marquis



Stene



Meeker



McCarthy

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Marketing

Kenneth V. Plummer, Jr., became director-customer services on March 16 with headquarters at San Francisco. His more than 22 years experience in the marketing and operating departments provide him with the necessary background and experience to plan, initiate, and monitor improved services for our customers.

Before joining Western Pacific, Ken spent 12 years in various capacities with Pacific Fruit Express Co. He first worked for WP in November 1948 as supervisor and then superintendent of perishable service. In July 1954 Ken became assistant superintendent of transportation which led to the title of superintendent of transportation in May 1963. With the reorganization of the operating department in April 1970, Ken was selected to head up the transportation section as general superintendent-transportation at Sacramento.

His many years of activities in the Shippers' Advisory Board, the Transportation Club, and Pacific Railway Club, and his participation in many and various industry meetings, have made him well known among Western Pacific's customers.

MILEPOSTS regrets that limited space prevents including names of all employees recently receiving title changes, as well as more complete biographies of all as had been planned. Persons not included will be reported in the next issue as will other personnel changes announced just before this issue went to press. Unfortunately, pictures of some were not available.

Management Services

William J. Day was appointed director-management services, effective April 1, with office at San Francisco.

Bill came to Western Pacific after working as marketing manager for Martin Marietta Corp. in Denver for a little over one year. He was director-management information services for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad at Denver from 1965 to 1970, before which time he spent about 16 years at various locations with General Electric's manufacturing and marketing management division.

Bill is a native of Casper, Wyoming, and graduated from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C. He earned a BS degree in mechanical engineering. His memberships include the Presbyterian Church and Masonic Lodge #15, Casper, Wyo. Woodworking is his major hobby.

Bill and his wife, Winifred, have three children, Bill, Jr., 22, and Peggy and Martha, teenagers. They hope to locate in the bay area soon.

Purchases & Material

D. J. Kerper was appointed manager-purchases and material at San Francisco, effective February 1.

"Duey" spent three and one-half years with General Electric Company in their computer department at Phoenix, and in a business training course in their Milwaukee X-ray department. He came to Western Pacific in February 1964 as a systems analyst in the information systems section. He entered the purchases and stores department in April 1965 as assistant to manager, and became assistant manager in March 1968.

Personnel

Calder M. Hammond was appointed personnel officer at San Francisco, effective March 1.

Calder worked part time on several jobs while attending University of Utah, including that of yard clerk for the Rio Grande at Roper yard in 1967. He first worked for Western Pacific in October 1968 as an operating department trainee, during which time he attended a General Electric computer programming course in San Francisco. He was made assistant trainmaster at Stockton in April 1969, and a year later was assistant trainmaster at Sacramento until he entered the personnel office.

VP and GM Office

Louis J. Fischer, Jr. was appointed

superintendent of safety, with headquarters at San Francisco.

Lou went to work for the railroad right out of college in June 1955, first as a locomotive fireman at Stockton. He became train desk clerk at Oroville in February 1965 and then entered the marketing department. He was sales representative at San Francisco in June 1966 and went to Stockton with the same title in May 1969. He returned to the operating department as assistant trainmaster at Portola in April 1970, and began his present position in January of this year.

Transportation

Robert C. Marquis was appointed general superintendent of transportation (WP-SN-TS) with headquarters at Sacramento, effective March 15. He most recently was general manager-transportation for the Penn Central at Philadelphia.

After his discharge from the Army Air Force in April 1946, Bob entered New York Central service as a telegrapher at Chicago. During the next 10 years he became train dispatcher, transportation inspector, and while trainmaster he was assigned to a committee to study centralized traffic control on the Erie division and for the electronic classification yard at Elkhart, Ind. He next became superintendent, then district transportation

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Kennedy



Stenovich

superintendent before entering the marketing department as manager of service planning in July 1962. Two years later he was made executive assistant to executive vice president, and in May 1966 he became director of freight car utilization at New York. He took this title with him to Philadelphia when the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads merged in February 1968, which preceded his most recent position with the Penn Central railroad.

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Andrew E. Stene was appointed manager-terminals with headquarters at Sacramento, effective March 1.

Andy's first position with Western Pacific was as brakeman in May 1936. He was promoted to conductor in May 1941 and then served as assistant trainmaster at San Francisco and at Sacramento from March 1960 to March 1963, when he became terminal trainmaster at Oakland. Andy has been district superintendent at Sacramento since March 1970.

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Harold E. Meeker was appointed district superintendent, Valley district, with headquarters at Sacramento, beginning March 1.

Harold began his railroad career in 1956 as a technical trainee for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. He advanced to assistant division engineer, assist-

ant trainmaster and trainmaster, became director of industrial engineering, and then manager of C&O/B&O corporate planning. Harold joined Western Pacific as executive assistant to the president in January 1967, became assistant chief mechanical officer in November 1969, and has been assistant general manager - service control since May 1970.

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Other changes announced by the transportation department, are as follows:

Paul E. Scott was promoted to position of manager-rate and billing center, Sacramento, effective February 1.

Lynn A. Lambert was promoted to position of terminal agent at Stockton, effective February 20.

Kenneth P. Wood was appointed to position as Sacramento Northern trainmaster-agent at Yuba City, effective March 1.

Alan R. Scott was appointed trainmaster at Fremont, effective March 1.

Robert P. McCarthy and James F. Kennedy were jointly appointed to position of trainmaster-road foreman engines at Sacramento with jurisdiction over Western Pacific and Sacramento Northern, effective March 1.

Richard L. Meyer was appointed to position of trainmaster at Oroville, effective March 16.

Special Agent-Claim Agent

Effective March 16, Robert F. Stenovich was appointed assistant chief special agent-claim agent at San Francisco.

Bob first worked for WP as a carman helper at Elko in June 1943 and then became district special agent-claim agent there in November 1946. He left the railroad in April 1959 to become superintendent of state police for the State of Nevada and returned to WP in July 1966 as district special agent-claim agent at Elko.



Bill Funk wins award for safety suggestion

An idea to replace black covered drop cords with cords having a "Safety Yellow" covering won a share of Western Pacific common stock for William J. Funk, buyer in the purchases and material department, San Francisco. "Bill's winning suggestion for the February award has also re-

sulted in establishing the new yellow covered cords as a system standard for the mechanical department," said James K. Brennan, manager-rules & safety.

Bill's interest in promoting safer working conditions for WP employees didn't originate with his award-winning suggestion, as he was indoctrinated in safety when he first worked in the Oroville store 25 years ago. "His obvious interest in safety, and the originality and enthusiasm he has demonstrated, has been continuous," said Jim Brennan, "for Bill has also contributed many suggestions for our Safety Message program which appears on the stub portion of our paychecks."

Winning the monthly award also makes Bill eligible for the annual award competition, worth an additional 10 shares of WP common stock to the winner.

QUEUE UP FOR SAFETY



"You had a good thing going in February and it's too bad you didn't get this Cue ball for March," Donald MacLeod, VP-GM told Art Carlson, chief engineer. "The next time I stop by I'd like to see three Cue balls in a row on your rack which would give you a Cue stick representing three consecutive months without a reportable injury."

Three retire having two things in common

In addition to each having a WP service of more than 40 years, W. B. Anderson, W. F. Asvitt, and A. C. Strickler can each claim continuous service in one department.

Bill Anderson began service in November 1929 as compressor foreman in the Oakland motor car shop. He next spent three years as assistant general supervisor of roadway work equipment, and for the past year he was assistant manager, maintenance of way equipment and field production.

Burt Asvitt's service has all been in accounting since April 1926. He was waybill tracer clerk at 8th and Brannan streets, general clerk in the Rialto building, payroll clerk in the Mills building, and retired in March as head payroll clerk at 526 Mission street.

Strickler has been known as "Strick" ever since he entered the engineering department as chainman in April 1924. He next became roadman, then inspector on the eastern division. From 1941 to 1945 he was inspector at a sand and gravel pit at Sand Pass, Nev. during summer months. From

January 1946 until his retirement he was engineering inspector, junior engineer, field engineer, and senior engineer inspector.

Best wishes go to these three deserving railroaders.



Concluding the party capably arranged by Cliff Gerstner, office engineer, and Betty Hill, roadmaster's clerk, Strickler and Anderson hold former Zephyr silver service set as their wives slyly remove the rolls of currency previously placed in sugar bowls.

Below left: Corporate Secretary Logan Paine with just 12 more days service than Burt extends congratulations, as Manager - Payroll Accounting John Murphy awaits his turn.

Presenting Burt with a clock radio are Natalie King, Chief clerk-payroll; Pat Montana, payroll clerk; Frank Calnan, code clerk; and Betty Hupman, payroll clerk.



They Have Retired

Alejandro Q. Ancheta, hostler helper, Stockton, 26 years 2 months.

William B. Anderson, assistant manager M of W equipment and field production, Oakland, 41 years 4 months.

Wilbur F. Asvitt, head payroll clerk, San Francisco, 44 years 10 months.

Charles R. Bliss, agent-telegrapher, Fremont, 22 years 2 months.

James W. Davis, Sacramento Northern agent, Yuba City, 46 years 6 months.

James E. Franklin, car welder, Oakland, 21 years 1 month.

Charles W. Freeman, conductor, Portola, 43 years 7 months.

Jimmie Grayson, janitor, San Francisco, 25 years 5 months.

William P. Hawk, machinist, Yuba City, 25 years 7 months.

Joseph F. Maloney, clerk, San Jose, 34 years 6 months.

Russell E. McCurdy, carman, Portola, 29 years 7 months.

Arthur M. Nuzman, signal foreman, Hayward, 41 years 9 months.

John G. Rose, train desk clerk, Stockton, 25 years 8 months.

Clarisse M. Schmitt, secretary, Sacramento, 29 years 3 months.

Edgar R. Scott, locomotive engineer, Elko, 29 years 3 months.

Robert D. Scott, yard clerk, Stockton, 20 years 4 months.

Aubrey C. Strickler, senior engineering inspector, San Francisco, 46 years 10 months.

Harold L. Sutter, Alameda Belt Line clerk, Oakland, 9 years 6 months.

Robert G. Youngblood, brakeman-clerk, San Francisco, 45 years 6 months.

Tribute to Transportation

President Nixon designated the week beginning May 16 as National Transportation Week and May 21 as National Defense Transportation Day and proclaimed that the challenge of the future will require "a truly balanced transportation system."



Among the more than 100 persons attending the Strickler-Anderson dinner were these retired engineering-roadway employees: Charley

Elliott, Tommy Sykes, Gordon Switzer, Frank Woolford (Bill and "Strick"), Gus Kramm, Sid Hennicksen, Charley Forseth.

Meet the Edwards Family

Robert Edwards, former dining car waiter now employed in the freight claim department, and his wife, Ida Mae, have every reason to be proud of their four children.

The two youngest children, Roberta, 18, and James, 17, hold unique honors unusual for a sister and brother. Roberta is president, and James is vice president, of the Emery High School student body in Emeryville, Calif.

Roberta recently took part in a weekly student forum discussion on the need and cost of the Apollo 14 moon shot which might be better used for domestic affairs such as the prevention of pollution, poverty, national disasters such as the recent Los Angeles earthquake and other on-earth problems. Roberta graduates this June and plans to enter college for a career as a probation officer.

James began working at the age of 10 as a *Chronicle* carrier for three years to save for college, and now works as a recreation aide in the Emery Unified School District's bowl-

ing alley after school. He was written up in the September 1967 *Chronicle* "Carrier" for having given a well prepared talk to the Emeryville City Council on the need for a park with playground facilities across the street from his school which convinced the Council that it should be done. James will graduate in June 1972 and plans to study law.

Louise Edwards, 20, was a pom-pom girl at Emery High School from where she graduated in 1970. She is presently employed by Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco.

Robert, Jr., 22, was also a carrier at the age of 10, first for the *Oakland Tribune* and later the *Chronicle*. He graduated from Emery High School in 1968, and is now working with the Job Corps in Anaconda, Montana. His savings will help him to enter college this Fall.

The parents were married in Salt Lake City on March 25, 1949, and Ida Mae is employed by the Anna Yates Elementary School in Emeryville.



The Edwards family at the left includes James, Ida Mae, Roberta, and Robert, Sr. Louise and Robert, Jr. are shown below.



NEWS and VIEWS

WP in scenes for new movie

C. W. Productions of Los Angeles selected a site along our railroad near Sacramento for shooting scenes on March 29 and 30 for its new movie "A Time To Every Purpose." Directed by John Florea, the talented cast includes Miss Lesley Warren, Martin Sheen, Jack Albertson in the role of a hobo, who is apprehended by Hal Baylor as a railroad special agent. No date was given for release of the picture sometime later this year.

Without being able to get closer to the filming action, District Special Agent-Claim Clarence Cox however managed to take the two pictures at the left while present to keep control of the area. Upper left is picture of Albertson and Baylor getting ready for one of the takes. In the picture below, Miss Warren rests while watching filming of closeup scenes under a battery of reflectors. Passing WP freight trains will be clearly identified in the picture to set the scene of action.



As winner of last year's Fourth Quarter and Annual PEP Awards, announced in MILEPOSTS January issue, Jay Kump, Elko electrician and electrician helper, recently received his common stock shares. Present were Welder Harold Barry, D. F. Pilkinton, chief mechanical officer, Jay and District Superintendent John Luser, center, Duane McClure write-up man, and Machinist Ruelon Jones.





Service Pin Anniversaries

March-April-May 1971

45-YEAR PINS

C. L. Ashley
Vernon C. Brain
Logan Paine

Track Foreman
Locomotive Engineer
Corporate Secretary

Roadway
Transportation
San Francisco

40-YEAR PIN

Harold D. Branting

Stationary Engineer
(General Chairman Fireman & Oilers)

Stockton

35-YEAR PINS

Vernie R. Akeret
Malcom P. Armstrong, Jr.
James W. Daniel
W. F. Goldsberry
Elmer K. Jones
Valden L. Kimball
Robert B. Lambert
Archie A. Lucey
Emma McClure
Kenneth F. McNeill
T. E. Murphy
F. D. Nugent
Raymond H. Powell
C. M. Rockwell
Emil E. Slaughter
Andrew E. Stene
William H. Thrailkill
Samuel L. Worthington

Carman
Machinist
Conductor
Telegrapher
Boilermaker
Conductor
Carman
Locomotive Engineer
Chief Clerk, Law Dept.
Conductor
Locomotive Engineer
Conductor
Conductor
Conductor
Conductor
Conductor
Conductor
Conductor
Conductor
Conductor
Manager-Terminals
Conductor
Locomotive Engineer

Sacramento
Elko
Transportation
Transportation
Stockton
Transportation
Sacramento
Transportation
San Francisco
Transportation
Sacramento
Transportation
Transportation

30-YEAR PINS

Virgil A. Burch
Charles E. Davis
Maurice H. Deeley
James W. Evans
William B. Gray
William B. McCullough
Clifford A. Morgan
Lloyd R. Quigley
Kenneth A. Rank
Carl C. Rathburn
Harry K. Reith
Harlin C. Robertson
Frank E. Schmalenberger
John L. Wallis

Carman
Machinist
Sales Representative
Locomotive Engineer
Night Roundhouse Foreman
Claim-Industry Clerk
Conductor
Conductor
General Sales Manager
Carman
District Agent
Stationary Engineer
District Sales Manager
Road Foreman of Engines

Oroville
Sacramento
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Transportation
Stockton
Oakland
Transportation
Transportation
Chicago
Portola
Oakland
Oroville
Los Angeles
Oakland

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25-YEAR PINS

Anthony A. Bettencourt
Sumner F. Burmeister
Facunda F. Cisneros
Fay N. Collins
William J. Funk
Walter L. Gay
Frederick G. Grenz
Joseph J. Hale
Lloyd R. Hall
Charles B. Lindsay, Jr.
Yen Louie
Anita A. McCabe
Rudy Mlakar
Francisco Moreno
Eva V. Pierce
Clement J. Reilly
William F. Stevens
Fred A. Tegeler
Frank A. Tufo
Kenneth L. Wilcox
Bernard J. Witucki
William B. Wolverton

Asst. File Clerk
Principal Asst. Engineer
Laborer-Mechanical
TCS Maintainer
Buyer
Business Car Chef
Carman
Laborer-Mechanical
TCS Maintainer
Transit Clerk
Interline Recheck Clerk
Per Diem Clerk
Brakeman
Asst. Master Mechanic
Laborer-Mechanical
Carpenter Helper
Gen'l. Diesel Supervisor
Vice President-Finance
Intermodal Dispatcher
Crane Kar Operator
Extra Gang Foreman
Manager-Car Equipment

Sacramento
San Francisco
Stockton
Hayward
San Francisco
Oakland
Sacramento
Oakland
Chilcoot
San Francisco
San Francisco
San Francisco
Transportation
Stockton
Stockton
Transportation
Stockton
San Francisco
San Francisco
Sacramento
Roadway
Sacramento

20-YEAR PINS

John M. Coggins
Foster P. Fox
Donovan M. Langston
Florence M. Libbey
Henry J. McKewan
Joseph E. Moore
Amira Moranoff
Jose Ojeda
Raymond D. Santiago
Robert D. Scott
Floyd E. Vice
Alvin L. Vizina, Jr.
Charles W. Wilkins

Carman
Switchman
Switchman
Secretary to Vice President-Marketing
Switchman
Sales Representative
Date Preparation Clerk
Section Laborer
Junior Engineer
Asst. Head Port Clerk
Carman
Carman
Unit Welder

Elko
Transportation
Transportation
San Francisco
Transportation
Charlotte, N.C.
San Francisco
Roadway
San Francisco
Transportation
Elko
Portola
Roadway

15-YEAR PINS

D. V. Barragan
L. E. Boyes
A. D. Del Bosque
Robert M. Edwards
J. A. H. Flores
J. E. Gonzalez
O. A. Herrera
C. L. Hilton
George W. Keller
Harmon D. McElhanev
H. J. Miller
W. R. Miller
C. M. Noriega
R. R. Rios
Frank Robinson
F. D. Silva

Welder
Extra Gang Foreman
Track Laborer
Machinist
Section Foreman
Track Laborer
Carpenter
Tampor Operator
Electrician
Machinist
Fireman
Dispatcher
Section Laborer
General Clerk
Carpenter
Extra Gang Laborer

Roadway
Roadway
Roadway
Stockton
Roadway
Roadway
Roadway
Roadway
Stockton
Stockton
Transportation
Transportation
Roadway
Gerlach
Roadway
Roadway

10-YEAR PINS

Burnice L. Coggins
Daniel C. Roberts
R. P. Ruhiman
Clyde L. Wade

Carman
Telegrapher
Chief Clerk-Marketing
Loader Operator

Portola
Keddie
Cincinnati
Roadway

Letters Received

Frank Hulbert

Just a note to say that Frank Hulbert, retired engineer, passed away at Auburn, Calif. on January 21 at the age of 92 years, 11 months and five days. He was born in Mareno, Iowa on February 16, 1878. He was an eastern division engineer and I am sure his many friends would like to know of his passing.

Irving L. Kilgore
273 East 21st South Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

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Living in Monterey

I am sure that you will be surprised to know that we have sold our home in Rossmoor and moved to Monterey on March 31. Betty is retiring from the Foreign Service in November and is desirous of locating on the Monterey peninsula. Would appreciate your changing our address so we will continue to receive MILEPOSTS. The Park Lane is an apartment complex where we will have our apartment with meals and maid service. Florence joins me in kindest regards to you and Hazel.

Clarence L. Droit
The Park Lane
200 Glenwood Circle, Apt. 538
Monterey, CA 93940

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Reminded of Early Days

Thank you for keeping me on MILEPOSTS' mailing list. The cover picture for the March-April 1971 issue brought back memories of the early days. My son, Robert, had taken many pictures of WP trains. One he took at Keddie on May 31, 1941, when he was 18, is similar to the one on your cover. He loaned the negative to WP for printing on a menu which was

later returned. Robert is now owner of the San Rafael Auto Parts. On March 28 I served as a committee member for the National Forum Tea of the Political Science Club at College Women's Club in Berkeley. Louis Stein gave a lecture on a "Centennial of Railroading in the East Bay" illustrated with his slides. He is well known for his lectures on California History.

Mrs. Henry C. Wendt
1238 Carlotta Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94707

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Charles S. Wilson

This is to report the death of my husband, Charles S. Wilson, in Quincy, Calif. on February 4, 1971. Graveside services were held at Zenith Hill Cemetery in Mendocino, Calif. on February 8. Mr. Wilson was born in Adamsville, Tenn. on October 25, 1888. He was a telegrapher and served in World War I. He worked for WP from June 23, 1923 until his retirement on December 31, 1954.

Edith Wilson
General Delivery
Mendocino, CA 95460

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Thanks a Million!

I want to thank everyone for the nice party and gift I received for my retirement in February. I will always look back with pleasant memories of the 44 years and nearly 11 months I spent with WP and its good friends and fellow workers. Best wishes to all!

Bert Asvitt
3116 McNutt Avenue
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

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Caboosing

SACRAMENTO SHOPS

Herman F. Schultze

Congratulations to Joe Stout on his return to Sacramento from Elko to be our superintendent of shops. It's good to see Joe's beaming smile again.

Our condolences to Carman Ernie Maes on the loss of his father; to the family of retired Carman Peter Chappin who passed away recently; and to Diesel Foreman Mickey Pantalone

who lost his father, M. Pantalone, retired Sacramento Northern section foreman, who was living in Chico.

"Old Timers" who recently visited the Shops were Bill Stowell, blacksmith; Dickie (Albert) Stadler, machinist; Henry Ritz, sheet metal worker; and George Napoli, boilermaker. It's good to report that they all look great!

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Carman Peter Hernandez following recent surgery.

And a "Welcome Back" from Stockton shop to Machinists Ed Hood and W. Friend.

This issue's report is a bit short as your Correspondent was on two weeks active duty with the U.S. Navy Seabees at deadline time.

KEDDIE

Elsie Hagen

Congratulations to Engineer and Mrs. Jack Shannon on the arrival of a new grandson in San Jose. The announcement was made by their son, John, and his wife, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Clark of Quincy. Jack and his wife are now living in Portola.

New residents in the Feather River Canyon at Little Haven are employees Howard Stowell and Richard Oliver and their wives.

Airman First Class Gary W. Barlow's wife, Pamela, is most proud of her husband, a member of the select Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Gary earned the Air Force Outstanding Award for the third time, as a supply specialist with the 89th Military Airlift Wing. The 89th operates

Letters Received . . .

Wonderful Party

A big thank you to all our friends for a most wonderful retirement dinner. It was good to see so many old friends. The beautiful silver service set with the sugar bowl full of money was very thoughtful and our thanks to all who took part. I especially wish to thank Cliff Gerstner, Jack Campbell, and Betty Hill, for their efforts in arranging the party. The decorations were beautiful.

William B. Anderson
3156 Sun Valley Avenue
Walnut Creek, CA.

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Interested in WP

May I express my appreciation for receiving MILEPOSTS. My husband, who died in May 1968, was a car foreman at Stockton and had 30 years with Western Pacific. I shall always be interested in news of WP's "doings" and the wonderful employees.

Mrs. Wesley W. Clark
1540 Northwood Road-270-K
Seal Beach, CA. 90740

the airlift for the President and other high ranking U.S. officials and other visiting dignitaries. Gary and Pamela are both graduates of Quincy Jr.-Sr. High School.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of retired Assistant Superintendent John McNally who passed away recently. John had lived in the Keddie area for many years and there are many around the system who will miss him.

STOCKTON

Elaine Obenshain, Velma Prentiss

San Joaquin Lodge of the BRAC sponsored a dinner on February 16 at the Sam Pam restaurant honoring retired Clerks Ernie S. Moyes, John M. Rustan, John G. Rose and Lawrence Daniel who retired in 1970. Each was presented with a plaque with a golden spike and their names and years of service suitably engraved, and also a wrist watch. Other retired members attending the dinner included Mrs. Ailene Myers Lee, Mrs. Mae Elliott, L. E. "Doc" Hensley, Alton Healy, and Ernie Davis.

Conductor and Mrs. J. D. Clifford became grandparents for the first time on February 24 with the arrival of Wendy Adair. Proud parents are their daughter, Dawn, and her husband, Bob Chaffin.

Deepest sympathy to the family of retired Conductor Charles A. Burkett, Sr., who passed away on March 2 in San Jose at the age of 90. Born in Indiana in September 1880, he entered WP service in May 1917 and retired in May 1946 at San Jose. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Vivian Nieland of Oxnard and Mrs. Margaret Cutshaw of San Jose; a son, retired Conductor Charles A. Burkett, Jr., who retired on physical disability in April 1956; and nine grandchildren.

Machinist Apprentice W. P. Hawk retired on March 31 with 35 years WP service. He came to Stockton when

the shop was moved from Oroville. We wish them many happy years in retirement in their native state of Missouri.

Machinist F. L. Rothchild will be performing services as a conductor on the narrow gauge steam Camino, Cable & Northern Railroad at Camino, Calif. They begin operation on May 9 and will run every other Sunday as a tourist attraction until apple season.

The Mechanical Department WP Amusement Club is sponsoring a softball team to participate in the Adult City of Stockton Softball League. Store Helper Harvey Dopp is manager. The team now consists of Electricians Richard Lightie, James Kilcrease, Mike Bond; Machinists Charlie Flynn, Durrant Spinner, Robert Edwards, Clyde Santens, Ernest Brown, Mike Hall, Richard Espinosa; Carmen Jim Guerrero, Tom Vitale and Jeff Davis.

Michael P. Prentiss, on military leave from the store department, left February 10 for Lackland AFB, Texas, where he completed basic training and then reported to machinist school at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Mike is the son of Correspondent Velma Prentiss, and grandson of retired Trainmaster and Mrs. Philip F. Prentiss of San Jose.

New faces at the Stockton store are Charlie Bockman and Danny Macks who transferred from Sacramento.

Congratulations to Brakeman and Mrs. F. P. Palomino whose third daughter, Carle Renee, was born March 7.

Correspondent Elaine Obenshain and husband, Willis, became second-time grandparents January 8 when Amy Elizabeth arrived in Coos Bay, Ore. Proud parents are son, John Obenshain and his wife, Rebecca. Grandson Jason is now three.

Deepest sympathies to the families of retired Roundhouse Laborer Na-

than Johnson who passed away March 19, and Engineer Eric C. Heckers on March 26, who was on WP leave working for the CPUC.

Brakeman John D. Luser, son of District Superintendent and Mrs. John C. Luser, enlisted in the U.S. Marines and is taking basic training at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Switchman Dan S. Moberg returned to work in February after serving a tour of duty in Vietnam and then being stationed at Ft. Stewart, Ga. prior to his discharge.

Switchman and Mrs. G. R. Bicknell announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna, to Craig Wooden on April 10 at a close family party at the Wooden home. Anna and Craig both attend Delta



Jr. College, Anna majoring in Peace Science and Craig is an art major. We wish them every happiness.

Clerk Peter J. Calcaterra retired April 1 with 45 years 8 months service. Plans for immediate future include a trip to the Astoria, Wash. clamming area.

We're happy to report that Roundhouse Laborer Elias Armandariz has recovered from severe burns suffered while starting a fire in his fireplace, and has returned to work.

Yardmaster Lester P. Hamilton retired on physical disability January 19. Les was first employed as a WP clerk on February 1, 1925, went switching in July 1928, became a yardmaster on June 2, 1937, and also worked as a trainmaster during World War II. He has our best wishes.

Stockton WP Employees Federal Credit Union held their 17th annual meeting at a dinner at Johnny Hom's

on February 19. Master Mechanic Frank Moreno was reelected to the board and Storekeeper Helper Harvey Dopp was elected to the credit committee. President K. W. Craig introduced Bill Stover from CUNA Mutual as guest speaker. Esther Pilatti, who started her 9th year as treasurer, declared a dividend of 5% for 1970. This union has grown from \$83 in 1953 to \$459,544.89 for year ending December 31, 1970. There were 722 members, a net gain of 116 in 1970. The expansion was such that it was necessary to purchase a trailer to provide additional office space, and Mrs. O. E. Lyles assists Mrs. Pilatti part time. Members are now protected by a \$20,000 share insurance program guaranteed by the National Credit Union Administration, in addition to share insurance previously in effect.

SACRAMENTO NORTHERN

Ruth Crane

A delightful luncheon was held on Sunday, March 7 at the Elbo Room, Sacramento, by the train service employees honoring our Sacramento Northern retired employees.

Present were: Conductors S. R. Bowman, A. Hitchcock, Joe Lundey, A. N. Madsen, George McIntosh; Brakemen D. F. Robbins, P. L. Ryan, Ted Porter; Carman Walter Harrison; Agent L. R. Ramsey; Trainmaster J. W. Davis; Secretary M. F. Ziehn; and Train Desk Clerk W. A. Blue.

Master of ceremonies was Louis Gonzalez, UTU. Other guests were John McGillicuddy, deputy president, BRT; Superintendent H. J. Mulford; W. S. Cope and W. A. Tussey, VP&GM office, San Francisco . . . AND—the hosts, 35 trainmen and enginemen for the SN who have made these reunions possible for many years! Collecting for donations were Conductors Jack Marceron and M. T. Vance, and Clerk

Roger Poitros. Appreciation goes to the many who assisted, and to Bob Thomas, yardmaster, and Brakeman R. M. Kinniston for their help!

Many friends and associates attended a retirement dinner at the Bonanza Inn in Yuba City March 19, honoring James W. Davis who retired March 1 as trainmaster-agent at Yuba City. President & General Manager L. D. Michelson presented Jim with a monetary gift. Jim entered service as a baggageman at the old passenger station, 2nd and E streets, Marysville, on August 26, 1924. After transferring to warehouseman he was promoted to warehouse foreman before becoming chief clerk at the Yuba City office. He then became assistant agent at the Sacramento freight station, then located at 2nd and Capitol Avenue but since removed to make way for the new Capitol Mall. In 1951 Jim transferred to Oroville as agent. He later served as agent at Chico, and was then promoted to join agent SN-WP at Marysville-Yuba City in 1959, his last position before retirement. After a dedicated service of 46 years, 7 months and 2 days, our best wishes go to Jim for a happy and well-earned retirement!



"Be my guest!" said VP-Marketing Walter Brunberg, pinning a 15-year service pin to Marketing Analyst Paul Wilmoth's lapel.

SAN FRANCISCO

Marge Brown, Ruth Crane

Deserving of praise for their sincere efforts in the Junior Achievement Program as advisors are Ed Martin, duplicating bureau, his wife, Lynn, office services, Pattye Hand, purchase & stores, and Helen Conway, intermodal department.

Pattye Hand returned to work April 12 after a two-week vacation spent in Japan with her husband, Terry, on leave from the 51st Signal Battalion. Terry expects to be home in July.

Ernest E. Evans, chief clerk, industrial department, returned to work April 12 after suffering chest pains early in February and hospitalization for about two months. He had previously returned to work early this year following a heart attack recovery.

An address change was received from Oscar Larson, retired chief clerk, transportation, who now is living at 7630 Stradford Drive, Boise, Idaho 83706.

It's good to see Joe Williamson and Jack Shoblom back at work in marketing's rate department, after suffering severe back ailments. Still absent is E. B. Dick, also rate department, hospitalized for a neck bone ailment.



Intermodal Dispatcher Frank Tufo received 25-year pin and congratulations from Rita Connolly, Asst. VP Don Loftus and Bob Morris.



In Memoriam

Edward F. Bell, retired Tidewater Southern guard, Modesto, October 1970.

C. L. Bennett, retired car inspector, Oroville, December 1970.

C. A. Burkett, retired conductor, San Jose, March 2.

Oliver J. Crowe, retired conductor, Oroville, February 20.

Arthur B. Hillier, retired roadway painter, Guthrie, Okla., November 1970.

William A. Hinze, retired carman, Elko, January 1971.

Frank A. Hulbert, retired locomotive engineer, Auburn, Calif., January 21.

Leonard E. Lee, retired ABL switchman, Alameda, December 1970.

Charles D. Miles, retired roadway laborer, Stockton, December 1970.

Carl L. Moe, retired section foreman, Fall River Mills, Calif., January 1971.

Albert R. Moseley, retired hostler helper, Oroville, February 15.

Stephen F. Otis, former general attorney, Alameda, March 9.

J. E. Smales, retired conductor, Elko, March 9.

Robert R. Ritchie, retired district sales manager, Cincinnati, Ohio, February 1971.

Phillip C. Robbecke, retired switchman, Stockton, December 1970.

Walter W. Snyder, retired locomotive engineer, Vacaville, Calif., date unknown.

F. M. Stabler, retired Alameda Belt Line yardmaster, Alameda, January 1971.

W. L. Stanley, machinist, Stockton, February 3.

Calley R. Starnes, retired sheet metal worker, Sacramento, January 1971.

Howard R. Stoner, retired brakeman, Elko, December 1970.

Robert H. Swecker, retired switchman, March 6.

George S. Toothaker, retired telegrapher, Dinuba, Calif., January 1971.

Catarino Vargas, roadway laborer, Oakland, date unknown.

Charles H. Wright, retired switchman, Oroville, January 1971.

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Modern Railroad's Publisher Frank Richter hosting Railroad Seminar Tour to coincide with May 17-22 first International Railway Congress in three years in London, and inspection of rail facilities in Holland, France and Scandinavian countries.

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\$400 million, 435-mile elevated air-cushioned railroad between Brussels and Geneva was recommended by Council of Europe.

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Six Uni-Flex 20-ft. containers loaded with copper ingots in Chile shipped coast-to-coast across Andes in South America over Chilean National and Argentina's General Belgrano railroads to Buenos Aires.

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Washington feels that railroads and truck interests, joined by barges, seem groping towards unified position on new national transportation policy covering rate and other practices of domestic surface carriers.

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The State of Florida is trying to start high-speed rail passenger service from Tampa Airport to serve the site of the new Walt Disney World near Orlando.