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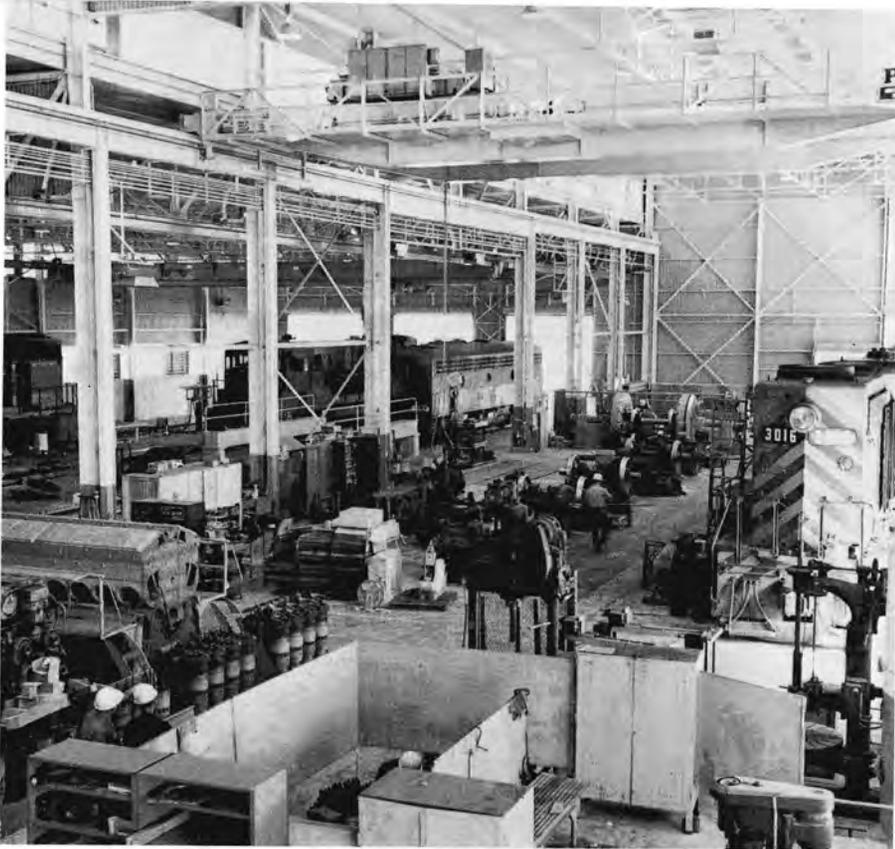
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1969



Our new \$2.2 million Stockton locomotive maintenance facility and some of our people who work there. —Cover and Pages 2-4



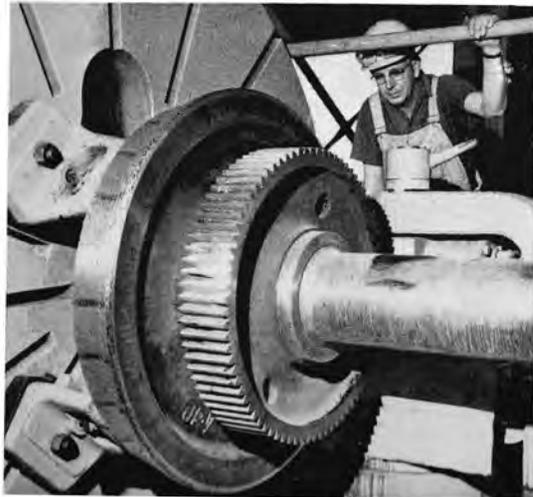
It can be a good



Interior view of portion of heavy repair bay shows 30-ton top running crane at top of picture. A 5-ton underhung crane system runs

full length through center of the 135 x 327-foot steel frame structure. The building is well lighted and ventilated.

Below: Before removing his safety glasses for better view of wheel tread, Machinist J. C. Nelson brought wheel lathe to a stop.



Below: Machinist J. C. Caughey, Jr., measures small part for roller bearing journal box.



For running repairs and servicing, three tracks run through service bay above service pits

and pass by diesel shop office (small building) and store department building at right.



Nash Barros, left, and Richard Gutierrez pour on steam to clean locomotive filters.

Machinist Helper Elliot Bashelie and Machinist Rodger Radcliff give engine new life.



Diesel Shop Foreman L. M. Clapham discusses work with Machinist M. W. Womack on engine.

Below: Machinist J. O. Harris makes sure of good footing and gets good grip on wrench.



Chief Clerk Hy O'Rullian from Sacramento, stops by diesel shop office to confer with Roundhouse Clerks Elizabeth Ferguson and Jim Hightower.



... YOU
have all
your toes,
fingers,
both eyes,
and a
strong
back!



WATCH YOUR STEP



Diesel Terminal Foreman Don Davis catches up on some of his paper work.



Machinist Helper S. G. Blake works on piston cylinder assembly as Machinist A. G. Rohde waits to lift unit by crane remote control.



Three General Electric Company representatives (left) confer in meeting with Chief Mechanical Officer E. T. Cuyler and General Diesel Supervisor W. S. Stevens.



This man isn't about to fall, break bones, or hurt his back, because he's using a good support to climb onto a car. Do you?



This man wants to keep all his fingers so he uses proper tools instead of his hands.

If others avoid injury, so can you



Proper tools and safety shoes prevent back and foot injuries.



Burns can be painful—cover up to avoid them.

Astronaut now railroad spokesman

Capt. Walter M. Schirra, Jr., the only astronaut to fly all three missions—Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo—of the manned flight phases of the space program, has been selected by the nation's railroads to serve as their spokesman in the industry's current TV and radio advertising campaign.

"Having Capt. Schirra associated with our program will help give the industry a space-age identity consistent with the modernity and progressiveness which characterize railroad operations today," said James A. Schulta, vice president-public relations, Association of American Railroads.

AAR's broad-based new fall campaign will include magazine advertising as well as the extensive use of TV and radio. It will relate the importance of dependable, economical rail transportation to the welfare and development of the country and to each individual's personal needs

and wants. Particular emphasis will be placed on the role railroads play in holding down consumer prices.

The basic theme will be "America's railroads. Who needs them? You do."

Capt. Schirra, who retired from the U. S. Navy and the space program last July, was one of the seven original astronauts chosen by NASA in April 1959. He flew a six-orbit mission on the fourth manned Mercury flight. On December 15, 1965, he and astronaut Tom Stafford made space history by maneuvering their two-man Gemini 6 spacecraft within one foot of the Gemini 7 spacecraft, which had been launched 11 days earlier with astronauts Frank Borman and James Lovell aboard. It was the first rendezvous by two manned spacecraft. Schirra flew the 163-orbit Apollo 7 flight of November, 1968 with Walter Cunningham and Donn Eisele—the first American mission with television pictures from space.

Capt. Schirra now lives in Denver.

A white cane is a poor substitute for two eyes—guard them carefully.

A good grip will prevent a slip, and a healthy back won't keep you awake nights.

Report any unsafe conditions or clean 'em up fast to prevent falls.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Two newly created positions were announced by the revenue accounting department, both effective September 1.

James M. Ferrol was appointed assistant to manager-revenue accounting, and Jack L. Andersen, a new employee, was appointed accounting analyst.

Jimmy Ferrol comes by the nickname of Scotty realistically since he was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on March 12, 1926. After attending Govan High School and Ibrox Commercial College in Glasgow he spent six and one-half years as claims clerk for the London, Midland & Scottish Railway Co. His employment with the LM&S was interrupted from March 1944 to January 1945 for service in the Royal Engineers (Movement Control).

Shortly after his arrival in this country he became junior file clerk for WP in February 1948, and became statistical clerk seven months later. He has been chief clerk-interline accounts since January 1953. Scotty has also continued his education, obtaining an associate degree at College of San Mateo with math major, and is currently attending San Jose State College as a senior accounting major working to a B.S. degree.

Scotty and his wife, the former Isabella P. McIntyre of Glasgow, were married on December 23, 1949 and live in San Jose with their three children, Margaret Jean, 18, James Douglas, 13, and Robert Andrew, 8.



Jack and Scotty congratulate each other.

Scotty is a past deputy royal chief for Northern California, Order of Scottish Clans, and chief and secretary of Clan Fraser. He is also financial secretary for the (Scotsmen get around!) Norwegian Singing Society, and an elder for the First Presbyterian Church of Milpitas.

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Jack L. Andersen, a native of Thatcher, Utah, was born on April 26, 1938. He attended Bear River High School in Garland, Utah, and for two and one-half years Utah State University in Logan, Utah. He also attended the College of Advanced Traffic, sponsored by the Salt Lake Transportation Club majoring in business management where he received certificates for Traffic Volumes 2 and 3.

Jack worked as assistant auditor for the Utah Railway Company in Salt Lake from October 1963 to August 1969.

He married the former Frances Seibold of Rupert, Idaho on September 17, 1963, and they live in Moun-

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE . . .

tain View with two children, Susan Andersen, 2, and Eric S. Andersen, one month old.

Jack is a former vice president of the USSR&M Salt Lake Credit Union, and as a Sunday school superintendent served a mission to Western Canada from 1958 to 1960 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He enjoys home remodeling projects, golf and swimming.

High-Cube Vans Ordered

An order was placed by Western Pacific to purchase 200 high-cube vans at a cost of about \$1,100,000.

The builder, Comet Corporation of Spokane, Wash., indicated deliveries will start about August 1, 1969, and continue at a rate of four per day.

"These 40-foot vans have been specially designed for rail T.O.F.C. service," said Walter C. Brunberg, vice president-marketing, "and will be equipped with interior lading devices."

IMPACT

MAY HAVE ITS PLACE, BUT



NOT IN FREIGHT CARS

Letters Received

If you have room would you please put a small item in MILEPOSTS thanking everyone for the very nice dinner and wonderful gifts given me on my retirement.

I intended to thank each one personally. However, my daughter and her family left for Uganda, East Africa, where my son-in-law will study fish in Lake Victoria as a biologist for a division of United Nations. This sudden move required my assistance with packing and other arrangements which derailed my plans to thank each one of you.

Robert R. Beebe
66 Dorham Road
San Anselmo, Calif.

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Old switch key wanted

If any of your readers has a Northern Electric Company switch key I would appreciate it if they would get in touch with me.

I'm back teaching, after finishing my fifth summer working for WP in Sacramento.

Ernie Bracchi
2920 Sandhurst Court
Sacramento, Ca. 95821

To correct an error

After the September issue had gone to press your editor discovered an omission and an error in the story "We're distributing empty freight cars by computer." In describing the Transportation Center functions mention was inadvertently omitted that the center operates under the supervision of Superintendent of Transportation K. V. Plummer, Jr. The error, in the caption with Bob Redus' picture on Page 3, gives the impression that Bob heads the center's staff. Actually, Bob and Jim Baker share the responsibility of implementing the car distribution system. MILEPOSTS regrets any embarrassment these three individuals may have been caused.



Service Pin Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1969

45-YEAR PIN

Charles A. Burkett, Jr. Conductor Division

40-YEAR PINS

Kyle H. Calvin Locomotive Engineer Division
 Stanley G. Gudmundson Conductor Division
 Harold E. Hancock Seamstress Dining Car Department
 Adrian A. Herrick Machinist Helper Oroville
 J. C. McCallon Locomotive Engineer Division
 Joseph W. Paddock Section Foreman Division
 Floyd D. Seaton Conductor Division

35-YEAR PINS

Garrett A. Galbraith Conductor Division
 Robert Isaac Conductor Division
 Taylor M. Johnson Conductor Division
 Elmer P. Moore Conductor Division
 Ernest J. Neri Carman Oakland

30-YEAR PINS

Len A. Barry Locomotive Engineer Division
 William A. Bergman District Special Agent—Claim Agent Oakland
 Philip L. Cameron Conductor Division
 Sam R. Heath Conductor Division
 Richard J. Joyce Conductor Division
 Joseph M. Reed Locomotive Engineer Division
 Lloyd T. Van Allen Conductor Division

25-YEAR PINS

Luciano Arano Carman Elko
 Roslyn Caparrell Per Diem Clerk San Francisco
 Walter L. Chadwick, Jr. Stenographer-Clerk Sacramento
 Willard Cox Locomotive Engineer Division
 Fremont M. Gollither Locomotive Engineer Division
 Rogers T. Harmston Locomotive Engineer Division
 Henry Ispisua Hostler Helper Elko
 Seth P. Joder Locomotive Engineer Division
 Gladys K. Largan Trainmaster's Clerk Portola
 Theda L. Mueller Asst. Superintendent-Trainmaster's Clerk Elko
 Teresa Murphy Comptometer Supervisor San Francisco
 Bernadette O'Connell Passenger Rate Clerk San Francisco
 Jose Orozco Section Laborer Division
 Charles L. Otis Locomotive Engineer Division
 Catheryne R. Rossi Chief Clerk-Personnel San Francisco
 James A. Rossiter Brakeman Division
 Jack M. Sorenson Checker Oakland Mole
 Jessie Spillman Telegrapher Division
 Delmar Williamson Mechanical Foreman San Jose
 Louise Zatarain Per Diem Clerk San Francisco

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20-YEAR PINS

Denzil W. Beck Switchman Division
 Glen C. Beck Section Foreman Division
 Larcy W. Chamberlin Carman Sacramento
 Maury J. Crespo Engineer-MW&S San Francisco
 Samuel Hearon Janitor Division
 Guadalupe S. Mancha Section Laborer Division
 Lyle C. McDonald Carman Stockton
 Robert F. Mumphrey Laborer Oakland
 Alfred L. Robinson Switchman Division
 Everett E. Wright Switchman Division
 Hugh V. Wright Switchman Division

15-YEAR PINS

R. L. Alonzo Marine Fireman San Francisco
 C. R. Bliss Telegrapher Division
 C. Contreras Laborer Division
 J. C. Cunningham Sales Representative Detroit
 R. P. McCarthy Yardmaster Sacramento
 W. J. Oliveri Marine Fireman San Francisco
 Benjamin Sumaran Carman San Jose

10-YEAR PINS

C. P. Blaskowsky Mgr. Domestic Sales-Intermodal San Francisco
 Frank A. Colligan Systems and Procedures Specialist San Francisco
 Robert E. Edwards Waiter Dining Car Department
 Charles G. Hartje, Jr. Director Sales and Service-Intermodal San Francisco
 Andrew Kinicki Train Dispatcher Sacramento
 R. M. McCormick Telegrapher Division
 David E. McMahan Welder Division
 Aaron G. Seals Switchman Division
 L. E. Wells Telegrapher Division

They Have Retired

Royal W. Bingham, section foreman, Winnemucca, 40 years 8 months.

T. E. Clifton, car inspector, Durham, Calif., 28 years 5 months.

Walter A. Curry, machinist welder, Oroville, 18 years 9 months.

David A. Ford, machinist, Oroville, 26 years 10 months.

Delbert J. Hansen, machinist helper, Oroville, 24 years 7 months.

Cora A. Hettinger, laborer, Oroville, 26 years 6 months.

Albert D. Hughes, TCS maintainer, Oroville, 21 years 11 months.

Charles R. Jarman, yardmaster, San Francisco, 30 years.

John Jayo, machinist helper, Oroville, 28 years 1 month.

Joseph J. Jimenez, laborer, Oroville, 27 years.

Nelson G. Jones, conductor, Division, 27 years 9 months.

William Karkmeyer, machinist, Oroville, 11 years 11 months.

Wayman Kelley, machinist, Oroville, 28 years 10 months.

Kenneth F. McNeill, conductor, Portola, 33 years 3 months.

William Miller, assistant chief clerk, Sacramento, 26 years 7 months.

Luis G. Ochoa, laborer, Oakland, 18 years 6 months.

Orson D. Park, track rider, Salt Lake City, 38 years 1 month.

Raymond Seijo, sheet metal worker, Portola, 27 years 4 months.

Refugio M. Iniquez, Sacramento Northern section foreman, Martinez, 38 years.

Harold E. Yount, brakeman, Portola, 33 years 11 months.



Caboosing

WINNEMUCCA

Shirley Holt, Wm. A. Hoxsey

Beginning with this issue Telegrapher SHIRLEY HOLT will be co-correspondent for the Winnemucca column. Many of you will remember Shirley's column for Wendover during the 1950's. We will both welcome any news about our Winnemucca people.

Retired Conductor ELMER CAMPBELL visited recently with his sister, Mrs. Sam (Velma) Holman. During our visit with him he told us he was in good health and that he wished us to say "hello" to his many friends.

Correspondent and Mrs. WILLIAM HOSSEY are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter born August 7 in Reno. She has been named Michon Jacquelin Curutchet. Her mother is the former Sandra Hoxsey.

Yard Clerk DAVE WESTERFIELD has resigned to make his home in Oregon. We will all miss Dave and we wish him well in his new venture.

As Dave's replacement, we welcome CARL I. LARSON, a native of Winnemucca. Carl is 21 and just recently returned from Vietnam.

We're glad to see FLOYD VICE back at work as car foreman after a brief hospitalization following a freak accident in his pickup. Floyd had better leave that trick driving to his dune buggy-driving son, Cliff.

We all share the happiness of new arrivals in the homes of two of our families. Hostler Helper JACK LAMPKE and his wife, Penny, announced the birth of Johnny Frank, Jr. born August 7, and Carman and Mrs. RICHARD COOK announced the birth of a son Scott Richard.

We hope recent vacations were thoroughly enjoyed by Agent C. A. GRAUVOGEL, Yard Clerk BILL BROWN, Telegrapher OLLIE EVANS, Lineman JOHN MILTON, Signal Supervisor CLAIR BOSSEN, and Signal Maintainer HAROLD AUL.

DETROIT

A 25-year Service Pin was presented by General Sales Manager KEN RANK on August 1 to LARRY MOE, sales manager-automotive at Detroit.

Larry joined W P as chief clerk at Portland, Oregon, on August 1, 1944. Following his promotion to sales representative, he was transferred to Eugene, Oregon, as resident sales representative in the fall of 1950. Then on May 1, 1956, Larry was advanced to district sales manager in charge of our Detroit office. In February of last year his title was changed to that of sales manager-automotive, a designation which more aptly defines the scope of his responsibilities in connection with

Present for Service Pin presentation are Tom Fandrick, chief clerk (left), Ken Rank congratulating Larry Moe, and Clarke Cunningham, sales representative for Detroit office.



his contacts in the automobile industry.

During the month of May this year, Larry attended Northwestern University at Evanston where he successfully completed the Advanced Transportation Management program offered by the University's Transportation Center.

WENDOVER-SALT LAKE CITY

Carol Suchan, J. B. Price



We regret to report the death of LEO PETER WATERS, agent at Wendover, from natural causes on July 15 at Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City. Born October 10, 1903 in Conway, N.D. to Peter and Mary Rossway Waters, Leo married Naomi Atkinson at Winnemucca on December 31, 1930. He is survived by his widow, son Michael, daughters Mrs. Russell (Mitzie) Lewis and Mrs. Daniel (Patricia) Matthews, nine grandchildren, and sisters Mrs. Peter (Edna) Leonard, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Veronica Hamilton and Mrs. Arthur (Adeline)

Roberts of Detroit, Mich. Funeral services were held in Wendover on July 19 and requiem mass in St. Marguerite's church in Tooele. Burial was in Tooele Cemetery. Leo was employed by W P on March 30, 1929. Except for a short period when Leo transferred to Herlong, he was agent at Wendover the last 32 years. He was a member of the Catholic Church, a former member of the Elko County School Board, and was Justice of the Peace in Nevada for some time. At the time of his death he was Justice of the Peace at Wendover. Leo was also a Board of Trustees member for Wendover, the Elk's Lodge, and served a term as president of the Lion's Club. Leo will be missed by all.

We were all saddened by the sudden death of Road Foreman W. D. "BILL" EYRE at his home in Elko on September 4. Funeral services were held at Burns Funeral Home, Elko, on September 6 with burial at Burns Memorial Garden. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bill's family.

Sympathy is extended to Engineer S. L. WORTHINGTON and Fireman W. J. WORTHINGTON whose mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hale Worthington died September 4 at Grantsville, Utah.

Congratulations to Sales Representatives RICHARD A. GROVES and JOHN HARKNESS, Salt Lake City,

who were elected directors for 1969-70 of the Salt Lake Chapter of The Delta Nu Alpha Transportation Fraternity. Dick is outgoing president.

Our sincere sympathy to Conductor and Mrs. F. J. CRANDALL whose son, Michael, age 13, died on September 8. Young Michael was walking his dog when the dog broke free of his leash. Michael ran after the dog and was struck and killed when he ran into the path of a car. Rosary was recited on September 10 and requiem mass on September 11 at St. Vincent's School, Salt Lake City. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Retired Conductor H. E. BAKER of Phoenix, Ariz. was a recent visitor with his son, Roper Chief Crew Dispatcher H. E. BAKER and family. Mr. Baker, who will be 85 in February, sent a week at Lava Hot Springs, Idaho and the remainder of the time in Salt Lake caring for his son's home who was on vacation with his family.

Wendover Agent and Mrs. A. R. NORRIS welcomed their second son, Timothy Lee, born August 4 at Cottonwood Hospital in Salt Lake City. Young Timothy weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and measured 21 inches.

KEDDIE

Elsie Hagen

Conductor GLEN METZDORF is now recovering at home from a back injury after having spent several days in the hospital, and we hope he will soon be fully recovered.

Eleanor Burrows, wife of the late JAMIE BURROWS, and her mother, Nettie Fox, wife of the late Conductor JIM FOX, have purchased a home in Quincy and will be moving there soon from Cromberg.

Conductor JACK KRAUSE and his wife, Frances, have gone up the coast for vacation and hope to have

good luck with their salmon fishing.

Up until mid-September about 128 students have registered for classes at Feather River College. Until the college is completed next fall, classes are being held in the various buildings at the Plumas County Fair Grounds. Expando-trailers are being used for offices, lounges and library rooms in the mail exhibit building. When completed, the college and campus will occupy 150 acres on one of the most beautiful sites in Quincy.

OAKLAND

John V. Leland

Congratulations to Mrs. Evelyn Ragusa, wife of Zephyr Engineer MARIO RAGUSA, on her recent installation as Worthy High Priestess of Cecilia Shrine, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, located at the Madison Street temple in Oakland.



Mario and Evelyn Ragusa

The accompanying picture was loaned to MILEPOSTS by JOHN GAVEY, project and assistant valuation engineer, signal department.

SUNA Vice Local Chairman LEO R. HAMLIN reports the marriage of



Pete C. Balabanis, retired Sacramento Northern section laborer, Hermonidos, Greece, date unknown.

Ira C. Baldwin, retired supervising icing agent, Carmichael, September 9.

William E. Brown, yard clerk, Winemucca, September 23.

William D. Eyre, road foreman of engines, Elko, September 4.

Edward Hennessy, retired clerk, Sacramento, August 30.

Walter E. Lord, machinist, Oroville, September 22.

Caboosing . . .

Switchman MAX EMPIE and Lily Wirolubowich on August 23. A large contingent of WP friends attended the wedding in the Knight's Landing Methodist Church, where Leo gave the bride away. A champagne and

buffet reception was held in the Robbins Memorial Hall. The newlyweds enjoyed a honeymoon at Victoria, B.



Engineer Mario Ragusa, Jr., the bride and groom, and SUNA Lccal Chairman Frank Carucci pose for a happy wedding picture.

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Milepost 198: Midway between Craig (125-car capacity passing track) and Oroville Yard.

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Work begins next year on a 12-story addition to Union Pacific's headquarters building in Omaha, already billed as the nation's largest devoted solely to railroad offices.

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It's not generally known that American railroads rank among the nation's major purchasers but Class 1 roads in 1968 spent \$1.5 billion for fuel, materials, supplies.

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Chesapeake and Ohio and Bethlehem Steel Corp. have developed prototype hopper car with flexible joint at midsection which has carried more than 122 tons of coal on test runs, but production model will have higher net carrying capacity.

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Department of Transportation announced simplified bill of lading for domestic and international trade which may eliminate up to 12 documents on typical shipments.

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A once-thriving part of America's railroads died in Albuquerque, N.M.'s Alvarado Hotel with the closing of the coffee shop in the last Fred Harvey railroad hotel which once served 1,000 patrons a day; the Alvarado hotel remains open.