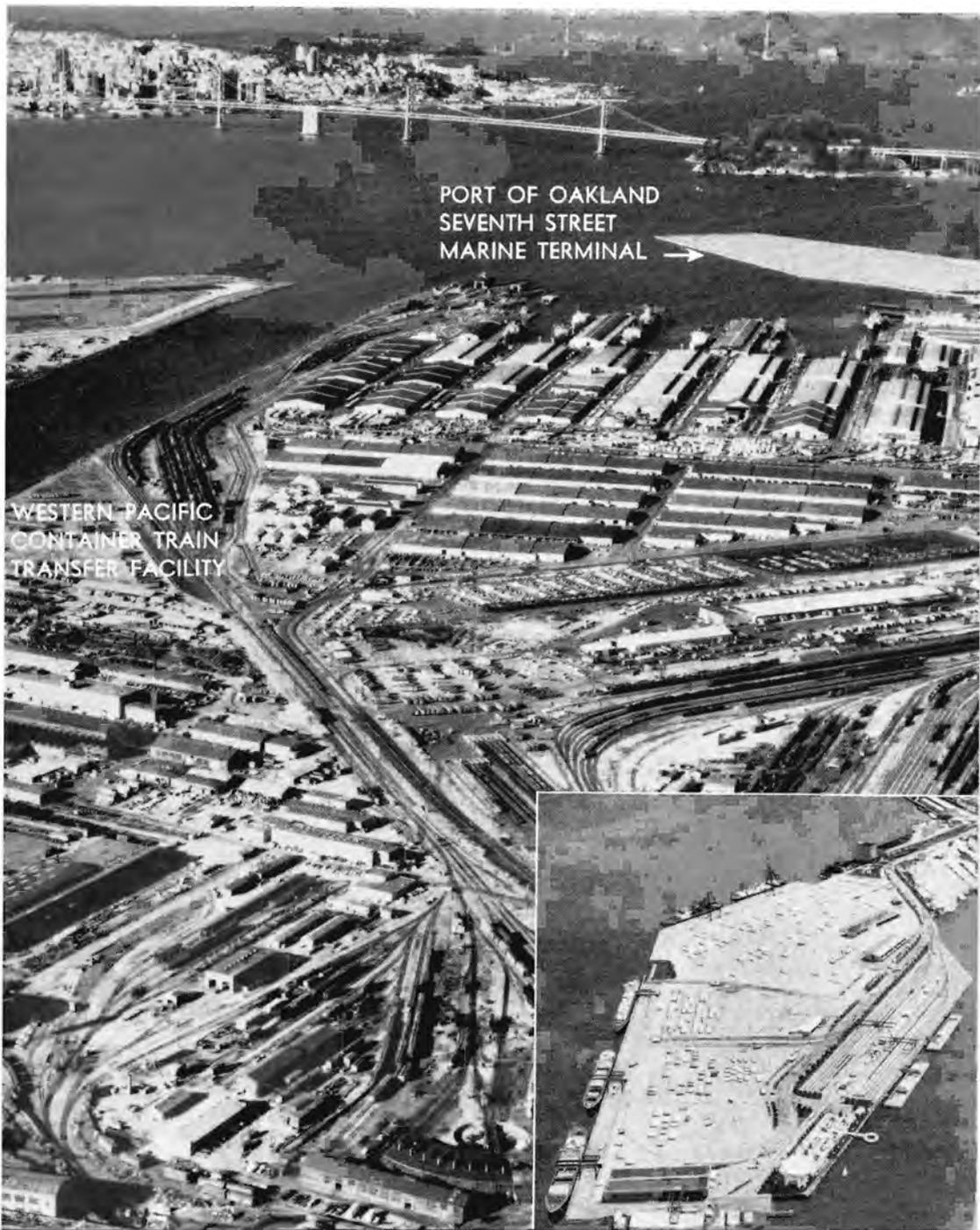


WESTERN PACIFIC

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PORT OF OAKLAND
SEVENTH STREET
MARINE TERMINAL →

WESTERN PACIFIC
CONTAINER TRAIN
TRANSFER FACILITY



President's Memo . . .

THE so-called railroad "Land-Bridge" concept which involves the movement of sea-going container vans between the Far East and Europe by rail across the U. S., is receiving increased attention throughout the transportation industry.

Western Pacific is playing an active role in furthering the "Land-Bridge" concept vs. all-water routes. Full implementation of this concept will take time but WP has already joined in a schedule of railroad charges for handling of containerized freight between the East and West coasts.

This will be new business for Western Pacific! Formerly, this freight moved via the Suez Canal, before its closing, and moves presently via the Panama Canal, an extremely time-consuming and expensive movement.

Of more immediate interest to Western Pacific is the imminent large-scale movement of containers between the Far East and U.S. interior points. Western Pacific officers visited Japan not long ago to establish and develop trade relations with major Japanese shipping and trading companies, who shortly will be expanding their containership operations to the Pacific Coast. Various U.S. steamship lines are also active in the promotion and use of containers to and from Pacific ports, and are adding new container ships to their fleets.

The LeTourneau 45-ton capacity "Side-Porter," shown in action on the opposite page, is a part of our investment in the development of this new business. Costing in excess of \$100,000, it will be used for transfer of containers and trailers to and from rail flat cars.

Western Pacific, with its convenient access to the four major ports of Northern California, intends to play a major role in the future growth of intermodal transportation.

M. M. Cluskey



It takes teamwork by people with talent and experience to keep freight cars moving in and out of

Oakland Yard



PBX Operator Nattie Derhak receives incoming call from customer requesting a WP car for loading, and gives the call to Car and Train Desk Clerk Charles McNeal.



Taking the call, McNeal checks his list for type of car customer wants, and if ready to go, makes his selection and assigns a car.



Aided by other members of switch crew, Love signals Engineer George Moody to begin the switching operation to move other cars and pull desired car out of Oakland yard.



Switchman Mike Makuck throws switch to line track for engine and cut of cars being moved to another track to allow access by engine for coupling to assigned car.



Yardmaster Ken Crouse discusses the car movement with Roy McClure, interchange-yard clerk, who adds car number to switch list.



Switch list is delivered by McClure to Switch Foreman Sid Love, from which list Sid can locate car in yard and have it switched out for movement to customer.



WP 45135, assigned by Charles McNeal, begins its move behind switch engine operated by Moody to be later made up in outbound train.



Industry Clerk Bill McCullough receives call from McNeal over car radio-phone that car is loaded and to sign for and pick up bill of lading from customer and to seal car door.



McCullough picks up bill of lading from customer's employee, Mrs. Helen Bucher.



Above: After receiving bill of lading from McCullough, Head Bill Clerk Lois Chase applies rate and bills car to its destination.



Left: Bob Weiss, car and train desk clerk, reaches in cubbyhole for completed waybill to write up on the outbound train list.



Assistant Chief Yard Clerk John Eichner (above) assists in supervision of office staff to insure smooth operation of the Oakland yard office staff.



Left: Edith Sutter, demurrage clerk, keeps record of cars held by customers beyond number of free days allowed by Pacific Car Demurrage Bureau rules, after which charges must be made and collected by the railroad.



Agent Ray Smalley talks on phone with customer about a billing matter Ray was discussing with Assistant Agent Grant Nilsson. Grant, who regularly works at the passenger station, was at the yard when these pictures were taken, as Dennis Rickman, regular assistant agent at the yard, was on vacation.

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Right: Relief Clerk Daryl Nuzman compiles switch and settlement statements for Switching Clerk Barbara Bergman who was on vacation when pictures were taken.

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Below: Chief Clerk John Leland (and Oakland MILEPOSTS' correspondent), Trainmaster Frank Webb, and Terminal Trainmaster Andy Stene get together to discuss an operational matter brought about by heavy seasonal car movements in Oakland yard.



Tom Forestal, bill interchange yard clerk, (left) looks up a car record in the "jumbo" as Extra Clerk James Hattaway waits to post car numbers in the book.



PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

INDUSTRIAL

E. P. Jagels was appointed director of industrial development and real estate, effective September 1.

Ed first worked for Western Pacific in December, 1929 as a clerk in the office of vice president and general manager. He entered the freight traffic department in May, 1935 as secretary to freight traffic manager, and was a clerk when he left WP in October, 1938 to become chief clerk in the Lackawanna Railroad's freight traffic department.

Ed returned to WP in March, 1942 and during the next four years worked in the freight traffic department as rate clerk, chief clerk at Klamath Falls and Sacramento, chief of service bureau, and freight traffic agent.

Ed entered the industrial department in July, 1946 as assistant chief clerk, became chief clerk, and then assistant to industrial commissioner. In June, 1953 Ed was named general manager for Standard Realty & Development Co., and he was appointed that company's vice president and general manager, and director, in July, 1966.

Ed and his wife, Alberta, live in San Anselmo. Their daughter, Sharon, is 28.

S. R. & D. CO.

Robert W. Harlan succeeds E. P. Jagels as vice president and general manager of Standard Realty & Development Company.

Bob first worked for WP as a yard



E. P. Jagels



R. W. Harlan

clerk at Gerlach, Nevada in June 1923, later moved to Oakland where he held various clerical positions. He left WP in April, 1927 to become chief clerk, and later city freight agent, for the CB&Q Railroad at Oakland and San Francisco. In November, 1940 Bob returned to WP as a clerk in sales & service. Two years later he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Transportation Corps and after his discharge as captain in May, 1946 he returned to WP as chief of sales & service. Bob entered the industrial department as chief clerk in February, 1948, became industrial agent in May, 1954, and has been assistant director of real estate since March, 1963.

Bob and his wife, Harriette, live in Oakland. They have a son, Kenneth L. Harlan, 31.

TREASURY

William D. Brew was appointed assistant secretary-assistant treasurer, effective September 1. He had been assistant to vice president - finance since 1964.

Bill first worked for Western Pacific in 1942 as a trainmaster's clerk at Portola, and later at Salt Lake City. He came to San Francisco in 1950 as a traveling accountant. During the period between 1951 and 1964, he worked as assistant to general audi-



W. D. Brew

tor-taxes, auditor of miscellaneous accounts, and auditor of disbursements.

He has served as president of the Institute of Internal Auditors, San Francisco, and on the Institute's national committees. He was chairman of Planning Committee-Internal Audit Seminars for the Association of American Railroads.

Bill and the former Alma Barman of Salt Lake City were married in 1948. Their five children are Caroline, 19, Bill II, 16, Elaine, 11, Debra, 9, and Paul, 5.

MARKETING

Donald J. Landgraf was appointed district sales manager at Chicago, effective August 1.

After discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1946 and furthering his education, Don was employed for the next seven years by a major freight forwarder in St. Louis.

Don was first employed by WP in the railroad's sales office in St. Louis, Mo. in November, 1956. He was transferred to the Cincinnati office in 1957, and in 1959 was appointed traveling sales representative at Cleveland. He was promoted to chief clerk for the Chicago office in May, 1963.

Don and his wife, Delores, live in Hazel Crest, Ill. They have three children, Ellen, Carol and Thomas.



D. J. Landgraf



R. J. Mead

FREIGHT STATION

Robert J. Mead was named assistant agent at the San Jose freight station, effective July 1.

Bob first worked for the railroad as a yard clerk at Portola on July 12, 1950. About one year later he entered the U.S. Navy and served four years before returning to Portola, where he spent the following two years in various clerical positions.

Bob has been in the San Jose-Milpitas area since 1957, during which time he has gained experience in claims, interchange, bill and demurrage, car desk, and most other clerical positions leading to his recent assignment.

Bob and his wife, Mary, will soon celebrate their 18th Wedding Anniversary. They have five children, Chris, 14, Curtis, 13, Candace, 12, Carl, 6, and Cari, 3.

COVER PICTURE

The aerial photo on the front cover shows the proximity of Western Pacific's container train transfer facility to the Port of Oakland's new \$30 million Seventh Street Marine Terminal which was officially dedicated by impressive ceremonies on September 12. The insert at the lower right is an artist's rendering of the terminal by Kaiser Engineers, Oakland.

The cover picture, President's Memo and accompanying pictures on Pages 2 and 3, are closely related to this issue's feature story about Oakland yard employees on Pages 4-7.



UBACLGFT!

THE above letters would lead one to believe that your editor goofed. Actually, the letters have a very meaningful significance . . . *United Bay Area Crusade—Let's Go For Three!* Yes, Western Pacific employees are planning to make their United Crusade goal for the third year in a row.

This year the Bay Area goal is set to meet Total Community Needs:

Despite gains of past campaigns, results have not matched the number of people needing help.

275,879 boys and girls were served by character-building agencies in 1967 . . . but, 291,131 other Bay Area youngsters were not reached by any agency.

9,555 handicapped people, the physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed, retarded children and those with hearing and speech defects, were

"Let's Go for Three" agreed Mary McCullough and Rose Rinaldi, transportation department, during practice prior to the UBAC kickoff this month for Western Pacific's Bay Area employees. With good team support, Mary and Rose are sure WP employees can make their United Crusade goal three years in a row. Football equipment courtesy of Texdahl & Johnson, 571 Mission Street, San Francisco.

helped by Crusade agencies last year . . . but, 2,100 retarded and 11,700 emotionally disturbed children could not be served.

Almost 300,000 people over 65 were helped to maintain their individual dignity by 50 Crusade agencies last year . . . but, thousands were left wanting due to lack of facilities.

89,462 persons were served in United Crusade counseling agencies during 1967 . . . but, waiting lists, sometimes up to six months duration, continue to grow.

Fair Share giving to the United Crusade follows a simple pattern. No one wants to be told what to give, or to be asked for too much.

Most people want a guide line to follow and are grateful for suggestions.

1. For persons with income under \$10,000 per year, **ONE HOUR'S PAY PER MONTH (.6 of 1%)**.

2. For persons with income of \$10,000 and up, **ONE PER CENT OF GROSS INCOME**.

Donald L. Loftus, WP's campaign chairman for 1968, has announced that all Western Pacific "*Fair Share Giver*" employees will be eligible to participate in a drawing for one of these prizes:

A pair of tickets to any event the winner chooses in the Bay Area . . . the theater—opera—basketball—football—hockey—etc.

The campaign started September 9. **LET'S GO FOR THREE!**



OROVILLE

Helen R. Small

Our best wishes for a happy retirement to Conductor **CHARLES M. DUSTIN**, who made his last trip in service on the *California Zephyr* between Winnemucca and Oroville on August 21. He had been in train service since September 28, 1930.

Our sincere sympathy to retired Assistant Superintendent **JOHN J. McNALLY** in the death of his wife, Thelma, at the age of 68, after a long illness. Other survivors are four sons and a daughter: John J., Jr. and Arthur E. of Oroville, Robert of Portola, Leroy of Reno, Mrs. Esther Bloat of Sacramento, nine grandchildren, two brothers and a sister. Funeral services were held at Portola on August 23 with interment in Whispering Pines Cemetery, Beckwourth, Calif.

STOCKTON

Elaine Obenshain

April Emma is the first daughter born to Road Foreman of Engines and Mrs. K. B. SCHULTHIES on June 21 at Manteca Hospital. Welcoming home their 8 lb. 3 oz. sister were brothers Mark, 6, Barry, 5, and Todd, 2 years.

Joining the proud grandparents' contingent is Car Foreman and Mrs. W. L. SWOPE upon the birth of their first grandchild, John David Fraizer, Jr. on July 25 to their daughter, Jeanette, and son-in-law, Carman **JOHN FRAIZER, SR.**

Car Foreman and Mrs. G. J. **BENEDICT** welcomed their fourth grandchild on July 19 when Karen Louise was born to Shirley and Richard Sickert. The other three grandchildren are Beverley, 8, David, 10, and Catherine, 3 years.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of Brakeman **E. J. CORBETT**, who died on July 16 in Veterans Hospital at Boise, Idaho; and retired Engineer **FRED SEALE**, who died at Lodi on June 22.

Congratulations and best wishes to Engineer **R. W. "WYLIE" RANDAL** and Mrs. Elsie Schack, who were married in Covenant Church, Tracy, on June 15. Following a two-week honeymoon in Hawaii the newlyweds are making their home in Tracy.

Switchman **RAY W. SMITH** is becoming recognized in Country Western music circles, having recently appeared on four of the Hudson Brothers Shows on TV Station **KTEN** at Ada, Okla., accompanied by the Oklahoma State Penitentiary Band. They also played a one night stand at Panther Hall in Fort Worth, Texas. As a result of these appearances, two recording companies have contacted Ray to make recordings. Ray composes his own music and lyrics.

The Car Department held Open House at their new rip track facilities in Stockton yard on July 12, with a delicious potluck buffet luncheon provided by the wives of car department



Clerk Velma Prentiss cuts a ribbon held by Car Foreman Frank Moreno at Open House ceremonies dedicating new rip track facilities.

employees, served to guests, employees and their families.

Retired Roundhouse Clerk MARY L. "MAE" ELLIOTT, accompanied by her daughter, Betty, and granddaughter, Deb, made a long-planned trip to visit "Mae's" birthplace, Circle City, Alaska. "Mae" was the first white child born in the Arctic Circle.

Our best wishes for many years of happiness to Switchman PHILIP C. HENDREN who retired on August 6 after 17 years of WP service. He has no definite plans for the future.

About two months ago Assistant Superintendent J. E. Showalter, from the SP&S Railway, was in Stockton yard with a study group. When he saw Engine Foreman A. A. VAN BUREN wearing his perennial derby it reminded him of his days as a switchman when he, too, wore a derby. A short time after Showalter returned home, a package arrived at Stockton for Van Buren. Tucked inside was a shiny, new derby and this note: "Here's a new one—your old derby has seen better days!"



With Van Buren the first day he wore his derby were Terminal Trainmaster J. C. Currier, Switchmen G. R. Bicknell and D. E. Atkinson, and Assistant Trainmaster-Agent H. K. Reese.

SAN JOSE

Lee Marshall

Welcome to ROBERT J. MEAD—new assistant agent at the local freight office. Bob has been around for some time, holding various jobs on the division and, most recently, in the yard at San Jose and at Milpitas. He began his new duties on July 1, and we were all glad to hear the good news.

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

Clara R. Nichols

Retired Superintendent of Shops and Mrs. DAVID R. SARBACH celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 15. "Dave" married the former Emma Lucas of Montpelier, Idaho in Prarie, Idaho on August 15, 1918. The couple had five children, four daughters living today. They are Mrs. Dawn O'Rullian, Mrs. La Rue Lucero, Mrs. Norma Myers, all of Sacramento, and Mrs. Wilma Lawrence of Portola. There are six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Sarbach worked for the Union Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroads before coming to Western Pacific, and had compiled over 40 years of service when he retired. "Dave" and Emma live at 8913 El Verano Avenue in Elverta, Calif.

The Western Pacific Amusement Club held its popular annual "Old Timers' Night" the first Monday in

Attending WPAC's "Old Timers' Night" and the ham dinner were (seated) H. P. Weathersby, Leo Morris, F. Bieser, F. Rorher, C. C. Bennett, Jess Fippin and A. Santos. (Back row) D. R. Sarbach, W. H. Nicholas, J. Strawn, Otto Zinnell, M. Cacic, M. D. Coughlin, Joe Roderick, F. Grimes, G. Napoli, N. Brinson, L. Leonardini, J. DePangher, Ross Kelleher, Walter Spann, and Henry J. Madison.



May. After enjoying a delicious ham dinner, the 22 in attendance were shown movies on various interesting subjects. The accompanying picture was sent to MILEPOSTS by JOSEPH R. LA MALFA, lead draftsman.

SAN FRANCISCO

Lawrence Gerring, Marge Morales
Ruth Stone

Our condolences to JOHN CHAPMAN, revenue accounting clerk, whose twin brother, James E. Chapman, 23, died of a bullet wound while trying to rescue a police officer during a sniping incident in Cleveland. John's brother was an employee for the Erie Lackawanna Railroad.

Back at work again and in good health after an operation, are LARRY GERRING, special clerk at 8th and Brannan office, and BOB GONSALVES, director of passenger sales.

AXEL F. RINTALA retired as assistant treasurer on August 31 with a service of 41 years and 8 months which began and ended in the treasury department. Just out of Polytechnic High School, Axel was hired as a junior clerk on January 3, 1927. He became cashier on January 10, 1938, chief clerk on June 1, 1947 and assistant treasurer on July 1, 1948.

Axel requested there be no retirement party for him, but before he left his many friends wished Axel and his wife, Lois, many years of happiness in their new home at 5035 Cribari Vale in San Jose, which just happens to overlook a golf course. They have one son, Robert Ralph Rintala, 33.



Arthur Crump ends 32 years service

Best wishes for happiness to **ARTHUR CRUMP**, who retired as assistant chief yard clerk on July 31. A party was given at the 25th Street yard office, where he was assigned to his position, and Art received a cane with gold ribbon and wrapped with new dollar bills. Art entered service on April 2, 1936, lives in San Carlos, and will undoubtedly enjoy more time to spend on his very fine stamp collection.

After 42 years and 3 months service, **W. L. "BILL" ROWBERRY**, chief clerk-station accounting center, retires on August 28. Since he had a month's vacation coming, a party was held for "Bill" on July 30 at the Stagecoach Restaurant. Some 60 of his friends witnessed the presentation of 27 freight bills to which were stapled



"With a job like this I wouldn't retire," Bill Rowberry told co-workers (standing) Evelyn Eagle, Frances Mlakar and Carol Bailey; (on his lap) Vicky Villavicencio and Jewel Hosmer; (kneeling at left) Alvina Teo.

100 new, crisp one dollar bills. This will enable "Bill" to continue his accounting career as he and his wife, Nadine, count the money in their new trailer home at Sutter Creek.

JACK PAPAIZIAN, revising clerk, sr., and his family drove across country on vacation. After visiting relatives in Detroit, they went on to Niagara Falls, Boston, Cape Cod, and New York City. They returned to Detroit, then to St. Louis to see the Gateway Arch and to Dodge City, Kansas to visit the Ghost Town section where TV's "Gunsmoke" is filmed where they enjoyed a staged gunfight.

MIKE MCCULLOUGH, statistical department, left WP to enter the University of San Francisco this Fall to major in political science. His many friends presented Mike with a book, **M-O-N-E-Y**, and a freshman beanie.

LOREN OGBURN, disbursements, spent a two-week vacation in the Hawaiian Islands, and **VINNIE DOYLE**, disbursements, will spend her September vacation there.

MAY DENNING, statistical department, and husband, Barr, left August

20 for Williams Lake in Canada, and will fly to Quesnel Lake for a fishing trip. While there they celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 28.

The *San Rafael Independent-Journal* of August 16 featured an article on the Golden Wedding Anniversary August 17 of retired Superintendent of Transportation and Mrs. **GRANT S. ALLEN** of Sausalito.

JOHN QUINN, accountant, engineering department, and a few other chess experts may be seen in action during lunch hours in the engineering department. John is anxious to start chess tournaments for general office employees, and if interested, call John on local 418.

Chief Clerk **MARY MCFADDEN**, communications department, reported that **ANTON JOVICK**, retired telegrapher, had a magnificent one-man showing of his oil paintings in the Market and Main Streets office of Wells Fargo Bank in August.

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Milepost 185: One mile from Tambo, where main line bisects many rice fields in the area.

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A fire truck parked outside WP's 4th Street ticket office one day recently, and when a fireman rushed into the office, Chief of Passenger Sales **JACK STRECK** asked if the building was on fire. "Nope," replied the fire laddy. "I was just passing by so thought I'd dash in and pick up my tickets for the *California Zephyr*." Pocketing the tickets he hastened out and jumped on his fire truck.

They Have Retired

Arthur Crump, chief yard clerk, San Francisco, 41 years 4 months.

Charles M. Dustin, conductor, Oroville, 37 years 11 months.

Charles E. Eck, clerk, Sacramento, 17 years 7 months.

Charles R. Gonzales, sheetmetal worker, Oakland, 43 years 3 months.

Philip C. Hendren, switchman, Stockton, 17 years.

Mildred Hunter, ticket clerk, Oakland, 23 years 1 month.

Roy C. Johnson, brakeman, Stockton, 20 years 1 month.

Petronilo Montantes, laborer - car cleaner, Stockton, 21 years.

Coelman S. Pettit, switchman, Wendenover, 22 years 7 months.

Thomas Plesko, chief clerk-marketing, Salt Lake City, 32 years 11 months.

Willie D. Prewitt, waiter, Oakland, 25 years 9 months.

Axel F. Rintala, assistant treasurer, San Francisco, 41 years 8 months.

W. L. Rowberry, chief clerk-station accounting center, San Francisco, 42 years 3 months.

Joseph F. Schneider, switchman, Sacramento, 31 years 3 months.

Rudolfo Verduzco, track laborer, Oakland, 22 years 6 months.

James P. Wilson, laborer, Golconda, Nev., 19 years 3 months.

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Jet and diesel fuel, stove oil and gasoline will move through a \$10 million, eight-inch, 215-mile pipeline between Seattle and Pasco, Wash., to be built by Calnev Pipe Line Co., a Union Pacific subsidiary.

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The Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks in August broke ground for their new headquarters building near Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

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In mid-August, Association of American Railroads and International Union of Railways (headquartered in Paris) announced formal program for continuing exchange of information on containerization and cybernetics.

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Seaboard Coast Line's newest ad in campaign for bigger share of New York-Florida travel market reads: "If you want to go to Miami without a stopover in Havana, call us."

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A new advertising program by Association of American Railroads now promoting America's "Progressive Railroads" with spot announcements on some of the most popular radio and television programs.