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Are We Doing All We Can?

This issue of the Milwaukee Magazine is reaching its readers soon after the opening of the Sixth War Loan campaign. While thought was being given to the manner in which the purchase of War Bonds might be encouraged among Milwaukee Road employes, a copy of a magazine published by one of our neighboring railroads, the Missouri Pacific, came to hand. It contained a letter which, the editor of that publication explained, was accompanied by a note saying:

"I would like to see this letter printed in our magazine, if you think it worth the space. I'd sign my name only I know my boy wouldn't like for me to be what he'd call 'mushy' about him."

This letter was not written to sell War Bonds, but we ask that you read it and then decide for yourself what you are going to do about the Sixth War Loan. The letter follows:

I SAW a picture in a railroad advertisement the other day that made a lump come in my throat. It showed a couple on a station platform to meet their boy coming home from the war. It also made me do some thinking. There are millions of fathers and mothers like those shown in the picture who are anxiously and eagerly looking forward to the day when they can go to the station to welcome their sons—millions who, like my wife and I, live only for that happy day.

But looking at the picture and thinking how happy all fathers and mothers would be to have their boys back, made me wish everyone felt as keenly about the war as I do and as keenly about it as most Americans.

Our boy was just getting a good start in life when he went into the service and his mother and I were looking forward to the fun of watching him get ahead, planning a home of his own, calling on us for help if he needed it. Now, like millions of others, we're being deprived of that pleasure and we don't know for how long.

I won't forget the time we told him goodbye. He looked fit and trim after all his months of training. I was plenty proud—almost but not quite proud enough to forget it would be a long time before I would see him again, that maybe he'd never come back. I guess each one of us was trying to act a part—trying to keep the other from knowing our real thoughts. I was proud of his mother, the way she kept up a brave front till she knew he couldn't see her any more. She broke down then, but I had to go on acting for her sake. You have to live through an experience like that to know what this war really means.

I suppose I shouldn't expect people who haven't had that experience to feel as deeply about the war as I do. After



This picture, appearing in a recent Association of American Railroads advertisement, inspired the accompanying letter.

all, we don't have to hide in bomb shelters or worry about invading armies over here. We don't happen to know anyone who has been interned, starved or tortured. We don't see whole communities being wiped out, and civilians slaughtered. But just the same, the war is plenty close to those of us whose boys are fighting it.

It's true we're winning and things look a lot better than they did a year ago, but what distresses me is the fact that some people talk and act as if the war was over. It isn't over by any means, and as far as I'm concerned it won't be until my boy comes home. I hate to think about those who have to face the fact that their boys won't ever come back. For them the war will never end.

Just the other day I heard a good friend bemoan the fact that there's "another War Bond drive coming up." Some men and women who acted as solicitors for the war chest campaign in my town told me many of those they asked to subscribe acted as if they, the solicitors, were trying to work some kind of a confidence game, merely because they said they thought everyone would want to contribute to a fund to aid service men, the sick and hungry civilians of war torn countries, and our own unfortunates at home.

Then there are others who have the attitude that those of us who are particular about our jobs, who insist more than ever upon safety and thoughtfulness, and who are intent upon doing everything and anything we can to help our railroad do its full part in the war effort, are unduly concerned.

Their attitude is as much as to say, "Why fret yourself, oldtimer? We've got 'em licked, haven't we? Why do more than you have to?"

There are still others who seem to think they have done something clever and commendable when they cheat on gas or food rationing and who imply that those who are sticklers for living up to the spirit as well as the letter of all war-time regulations are "suckers."

Thank God, these kind constitute a very small minority and, in fact, are so few in number as to not be worth writing about. Still, I can't for the life of me see why, in this great land of ours, where we all enjoy so many blessings, everyone cannot cooperate heart and soul in the war effort, why everyone will not willingly and cheerfully make sacrifices of pleasure and comfort in order to buy bonds, to give to worthy causes and to show some appreciation of the liberty and freedom that my boy and the sons of millions of others are fighting to preserve for us.

I'm selfish about this war. I don't care if we capture Berlin and Tokyo both on the same day. That may be V-day for some people but not for me. My V-day won't come till the day my wife and I are at the station waiting for the train that is bringing our boy back.

Before that day comes this country has got to continue to produce, transport and pay for a lot more bombs, planes, tanks, guns, ships and all the other things it takes to keep armies and battle fleets moving forward.

We've got to keep on feeding, clothing, equipping and moving millions of men.

All these things cost money but they're cheaper than lives by far, and the more material things we can throw into the war the fewer lives it will cost us.

Meanwhile I'm going to do the best job of railroading I know how, and I'm going to keep on buying War Bonds, saving gas and tires, conserving materials, planting victory gardens and whatever else it takes to bring victory faster. And as long as my boy is away I think every other American ought to do the same. They would if they could look at this picture the way I do.

Milwaukee Road Annual Report Wins Award

A citation of merit issued recently by *Financial World* names the Milwaukee Road as the publisher of the second best 1943 annual report. It was chosen among the seven best railroad reports for Highest Merit Award by the above named publication in a recent survey; of the seven, ours was then voted the second best in the entire industry. The report issued by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company won first place.

Appointments

Accounting Department

Effective Oct. 16, 1944:

W. P. Heuel, formerly auditor of over-charge claims, is appointed to the position of auditor of station accounts and over-charge claims, with headquarters in Chicago.

A. M. Dryer is appointed auditor of passenger accounts, with headquarters in Chicago.

Operating Department

Effective Nov. 10, 1944:

E. O. Eckert is appointed acting superintendent of the Kansas City Division, with headquarters at Ottumwa, Ia., vice W. C. Givens, deceased.

W. T. Stewart is appointed assistant superintendent, Kansas City Terminal, with headquarters at Coburg, Mo., vice E. O. Eckert, promoted.

A. C. Novak is appointed assistant trainmaster, Kansas City Division, with headquarters at Ottumwa, Ia.

Effective Nov. 20, 1944:

P. J. Weiland is appointed trainmaster, LaCrosse & River Division, with headquarters at Portage, Wis.

G. L. Savidis is appointed trainmaster, Superior Division, with headquarters at Green Bay, Wis., vice P. J. Weiland, transferred.

P. Bridenstine is appointed assistant trainmaster, Dubuque & Illinois Division, with headquarters at Savanna, Ill.

F. G. McGinn is appointed assistant trainmaster, Iowa and Southern Minnesota Division, with headquarters at Austin, Minn., vice G. L. Savidis, transferred.

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Transportation Chief Lauds Work of Railroad Men

Employees of the Milwaukee Road, who are so well represented in the Transportation Corps and the Military Railway Service, will be interested in the following letter which Maj. Gen. Frank S. Ross, army chief of transportation in the European theatre of operations, addressed on Nov. 7 to the Association of American Railroads:

"THE recent response of the American railroads to our request for additional trained officials in this theatre was met in a manner far beyond our fondest expectations. Within a very few days after our first request to General Gross, these officers began to arrive in Paris and a few hours thereafter shouldered their share of the terrific physical and mental burden that our railway operating officials were carrying at the time. This response is quite symbolic to me of the spirit of the American railroads and on behalf of Brig. Gen. Clarence L. Burpee, who heads the Military Railway Service in this theatre, and myself, I wish to express to you and through you to the American railroads our thanks for their efforts.

"The first trainload of supplies moving to the front passed through Paris on Sept.

4 and, since that day, the trend of total daily tonnage has been steadily increased until it has now reached a stream of supplies which will meet the needs of the fighting man at the front. The vast volume of these supplies could be transported in no other way except by rail. We feel confident that, when history is written, the contribution of the American railroads in the form of railroad men in the Transportation Corps' Military Railway Service will be one to which you can always point with pride. The Military Railway Service in this theatre has not been conservative in thought or effort. They have operated under conditions which even the layman recognizes as extremely difficult and dangerous. They have risked life and limb to get supplies through and hospital trains back and, what is more, they have succeeded in accomplishing this mission.

"This achievement has been made possible only because the American railway corporations, individually and collectively, have sacrificed trained manpower from their own organizations to achieve this purpose and I will be grateful to you if you will convey to them our appreciation of their efforts and our realization that they have made such contribution with no expectation of reward other than the satisfaction of doing their bit to support the American soldier who is now driving forward to victory."



That's good—
she'll tell the
world about
this

From "War Jitters," the Milwaukee Road's booklet on public relations

Isabelle Carpenter Kendall

MRS. Isabelle Carpenter Kendall, founder of the Milwaukee Magazine and its editor for 27 years until her retirement in 1940, died on Nov. 10 after a prolonged illness.

Her brilliant and unusual railroad career began when women were the exception rather than the rule in business offices, although Mrs. Kendall's career with our railroad was by no means confined to an office. Her unbounded energy could not have been confined to an office; her great heart manifested itself in her love of people and impelled her to seek them out, learn about them, know them and, when necessary, minister to them. Hers was a life dedicated to helpfulness. This guiding purpose led her to bring into being the system-wide Milwaukee Railroad Women's Club, of which she was president-general at the time of her death, and to help in the organization of the Veteran Employees' Association.

As the daughter of a railroad official, Mrs. Kendall grew up in the tradition of the Milwaukee Road, her father, A. V. H. Carpenter, having been the road's first general passenger agent. Her service to others began early in her life when, as her father's sight began to fail, she remained with him as companion, helper, reader, and guide; and when his sight finally failed completely, she remained with him to the exclusion of all other interests until his death in 1895.

Mrs. Kendall's service as a railroad employe dates back to 1884 when she was employed as stenographer in the office of the division freight agent at Milwaukee. She remained in this position for three years and relinquished it only at the behest of her parents, who wanted her to return to school and finish her formal education. In 1897, she was employed as a stenographer in the office of A. J. Earling, second vice-president and general manager. In September, 1900, Mr. Earling became president of the railroad and in December, 1900, Mrs. Kendall transferred to the office of

A. C. Bird, third vice-president, as stenographer and clerk. In 1903, she was married to George Kendall, a Milwaukee Road conductor, who died in January, 1908. Following the death of her husband, she returned to railroad service on Mar. 1, 1908, as a clerk in the office of Vice-President E. S. Keeley. Shortly thereafter, she was assigned to the task of going out on construction during the time when our railroad's lines were being extended to the coast, and gathering local color and pictures for the advertising department. During three summers she worked on her assignment, going from construction camp to construction camp, up and down the new grades, climbing into the headings of tunnels, and stepping nimbly over newly laid ties on bridges and trestles high above canyon beds.

In April, 1913, the Milwaukee Magazine began publication with Mrs. Kendall as its editor. She had a keen sense of news and delighted the Magazine's readers with the descriptive and human interest pieces she wrote during the years of her editorship. The thousands of our railroad's people with whom Mrs. Kendall was intimately acquainted will mourn the loss of a friend. Other thousands who have been helped over rough places and distressing times by the Milwaukee Road Women's Club will remember her for her kindness and thoughtfulness in bringing the Women's Club to their aid when they needed help.

Mrs. Kendall's home was in Libertyville, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, where it stood on a little knoll in the shadow of a great elm on a quiet street. There she lived amid the books she loved and made of her home a favored place for friends to gather and enjoy the warmth of her hospitality.

Mrs. Kendall would not want to be included in a gallery of the great, as she did not work with greatness as her goal. But in the hearts of her friends she will always remain a great soul, a beloved person, and a truly remarkable woman.

C.M.St.P.&P. Now Operating in France, Doud Writes

Lt. Col. F. R. Doud, who was superintendent of the H&D Division before the army put out a call on Aug. 30 for railroad supervisors (he landed in France just six days later), recently addressed the following to Lisle Young, regional assistant, public relations department, of Aberdeen, S. D.:

"The American boys in the air surely did a good job on the railroads over here, and if they are doing the same in Germany, they must have them pretty well stymied on transportation. I've looked at so much destruction since landing that I never want to see any more.

"We have been using thousands of French laborers to assist in repairing lines, bridges, etc., and we are gradually bringing a little order out of chaos.

"I am still with the same operating battalion, a Pennsylvania Railroad outfit, acting as area supervisor and technical advisor on operation to the commanding officer. They have a good organization and are doing good work. The 744th is also turning in a good performance, as we hear some very favorable reports from them.

"I saw Col. Hotchkiss yesterday (Oct. 16) for the first time. He is looking fine, but did not have an opportunity to do much visiting with him. Inquired about Shea and the other Aberdeen boys and he reports every one is getting along O.K. and working hard.

"I am feeling fine and always get at least two square meals a day. Haven't bumped into many Milwaukee men—only one, Sgt. Dummer from Chicago Terminal, a very capable fellow who is right 'on the G.I. ball' and who is doing a lot to hold up the Milwaukee reputation.

"Every once in a while I see a G.I. engine with 'C.M.St.P.&P.' chalked all over the tank, which would indicate that the 744th has been using it.

"Col. Ryan is over here but I haven't run across him yet. I see Fay King quite often. He is getting along O.K. and looks fine."

Engineer's Son First Foot Soldier on German Soil

Lt. Clarence M. Shugart, son of Engineer Clarence Shugart of Sioux City, had the distinction of leading the first American foot patrol onto German soil. His parents received the first word of their son's exploit (and, incidentally, the first news from him in several weeks) from a radio news broadcast from the front. The dispatch follows:

"Lt. C. M. Shugart of Sioux City, Ia., led the first American foot patrol onto German soil—and he brought back a helmet full of that soil to prove it.

"In case that wasn't proof enough, Shugart also returned with the cap of a German peasant, one of his buttons and a coat hanger.

"Shugart and eight other men under his

command crossed into the Reich on the night of Sept. 11. They probed for several miles without running into any German opposition, but they did run into a little domestic altercation.

"A German civilian had just finished scolding one of his children and his wife was scolding him for scolding the child, but Shugart says all three started to whimper and cry when they saw the Americans. They expected to be killed. After the racket quieted, the family helped the Americans find some mementoes.

"Shugart presented his helmet of German soil to General Barton, commander of the Fourth Division."

Lt. Shugart was born and raised in Sioux City and was a member of the Na-



Lt. C. M. Shugart

tional Guard for several months before it was called into federal service. He received his commission while in the European theater of operations. His wife, Fern, and daughter, Sandra Lee, live in California.

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Principals at the farewell luncheon held in honor of Ray Webb, were, l. to r.: Ray Webb, retiring general adjuster; A. W. Bigham, newly-appointed general adjuster; A. N. Whitlock, counsel for trustees; M. L. Bluhm, general solicitor; L. D. Phelan, assistant general adjuster. C. A. Peterson, who had left Chicago for Seattle to assume his duties as assistant general adjuster at that point, was unable to attend the luncheon.

Luncheon Marks Retirement of Ray Webb

A GROUP of 50 officers of the road gathered at the University Club in Chicago on Nov. 1 for a luncheon in honor of Ray Webb, whose retirement from the position of general adjuster became effective on that date.

Mr. Webb's career has been an interesting one which has called for the exercise of great understanding and tact, and which has earned him the esteem of a vast number of men and women both on the railroad and off. That fact was reflected in the friendly, reminiscent talks made by H. A. Scandrett, J. T. Gillick, A. N. Whitlock, and O. W. Dynes, retired general counsel. Mr. Webb himself spoke briefly, reviewing his years with the Milwaukee, and thanking his associates for the fine wrist watch which Mr. Whitlock, in their behalf, had presented to him. M. L. Bluhm, general solicitor, whose genial bearing is earning him a reputation as a toastmaster, acted in that capacity on this occasion.

A native of Iowa, Ray Webb first became interested in the law while serving as clerk of courts in Clayton County, Ia. He began reading law in a local law office, then entered the law school of the University of South Dakota. Upon graduating, he joined a law firm in Aberdeen, S. D., but severed his connection with it two years later—in 1911—in favor of a position with the road as a claim department adjuster with headquarters at Missoula, Mont. In 1924 he was appointed general adjuster of Lines West, with headquarters

in Seattle. He continued in that position until 1937 when it was abolished and he came to Chicago as general adjuster for the entire railroad. Mr. Webb plans on making his future home in St. Petersburg, Fla., dividing his time during the summer months between McGregor, Ia. (his home town), and Seattle, Wash.

A. W. Bigham, who succeeds Mr. Webb as general adjuster, first came to the railroad in the fall of 1923 when he was employed by the special agent's department in Miles City, Mont. He transferred to the claim department as an adjuster at that point one year later. In the spring of 1925 he was appointed district adjuster at Miles City, remaining in that position until 1929, when he went to Seattle as district adjuster. On June 1, 1937, he became assistant general adjuster at that point, and was appointed to the position of general adjuster, with headquarters in Chicago, on Nov. 1, 1944.

C. A. Peterson, former assistant general adjuster in Chicago, who has gone to Seattle as successor to Mr. Bigham, began working for the railroad while still a high school boy, and continued in the operating department in various capacities until 1918 when he transferred to the claim department as an adjuster in Chicago. He subsequently served in that capacity at a number of points on the railroad, going from Aberdeen to Chicago in 1922 as dis-

The group of officers who attended the luncheon in the University Club, Chicago.

trict adjuster. On June 1, 1937, he was promoted to assistant general adjuster. He retains the same title in Seattle.

L. D. Phelan, newly appointed assistant general adjuster, with headquarters in Chicago, entered the service of the road in 1921 as an adjuster at Milwaukee. In 1924 he was appointed district adjuster at Chicago, covering the Illinois and Indiana territory. He became district adjuster at Aberdeen, S. D., in 1926. He assumed his duties as assistant general adjuster on Nov. 1.

Walter C. Givens

Walter Clark Givens, 53 years of age, superintendent of the Kansas City Division, died in Sioux City, Ia., his former home, on Nov. 3, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Givens was born Dec. 14, 1890, in Plymouth County, Ia. He was first employed in Sioux City by the Western Union Telegraph Company, and in 1912 came to the Milwaukee Road as a telegrapher. He was train dispatcher at Sioux City for many years, and later was appointed chief dispatcher, trainmaster, assistant superintendent, and superintendent at several points on the railroad, his last assignment being that of superintendent of the Kansas City Division, to which position he was appointed on Mar. 1, 1943.

He was married in Sioux City on June 29, 1912, to Miss Erma Lukens. Surviving are the widow, of Ottumwa, Ia., and two sons, Maj. William C. Givens of the marines and Ens. Norman C. Givens of the navy. Mr. Givens was widely known and well liked throughout the railroad, a fact reflected by the large number of messages of condolence received by the family.

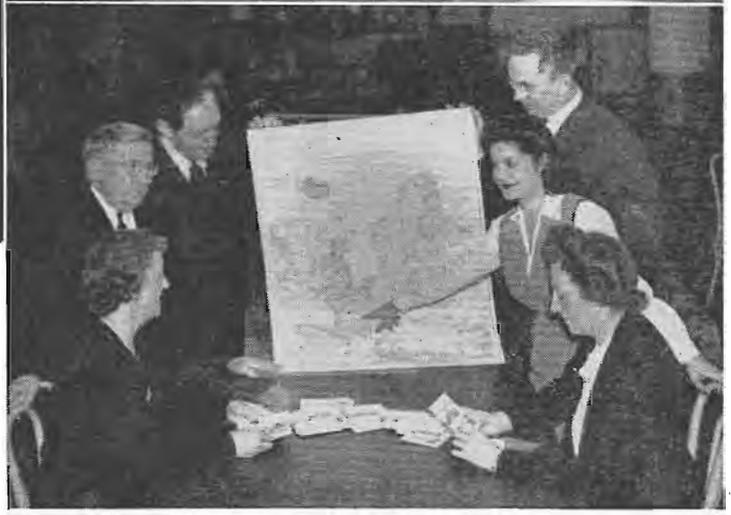
American troops are being equipped because of that radio-phonograph Mr. and Mrs. America didn't buy this year. The steel in an average radio-phonograph would make close to a dozen bayonets.





Above: A sample of the Christmas packages which the Milwaukee Road Victory Committee of Milwaukee, Wis., sent to 885 men and women in the armed forces.

Above right: These members of the Marion, Ia., chapter of the Milwaukee Railroad Women's Club, packed 52 gift boxes. Shown are, l. to r., seated: Mmes. S. Thomas, A. Conklin, E. W. Fisher, L. E. Mathewson, and R. Bristol. Standing: Mmes. O. W. Lundquist, R. Low, L. R. Lange, and W. E. Smith.



Right: Members of the Milwaukee Road Victory Committee of Chicago look over copies of the maps that were sold to raise money for cash gifts; the cards which accompanied the gifts are also shown. L. to R.: Edith Marquis, treasurer; Weed Johnson, president; Joseph Wagner; Andrew Gallagher; Laura Quartana, secretary; Margaret Gallagher.

THE FAMILY REMEMBERS THE BOYS

IF a large group of people can be credited with a gesture of affection, such credit is due that group of 35,000 individuals, great and small, which thinks of itself as the Milwaukee Road family. In sincere but various ways, those thousands have done what they could to make this Christmas a little merrier for the men and women who have left the family and gone to war.

This attempt at "Merry Christmas" has been made by individuals, by Victory Committees, Service Clubs, Booster Clubs, Women's Club chapters, and the railroad itself, acting through its management. It is hoped that through at least one of these channels each furloughed employe will be brought to realize that the people back home on the railroad are thinking of him, praying for him, and working for his speedy return.

Employe Organizations Send Gifts

It has not been possible to obtain information regarding all of the individuals and employe groups which have sent cards, money and packages to men within given areas whose addresses they were able to obtain, but the following are among those



whose activities the Milwaukee Magazine has been able to ascertain.

The Milwaukee Road Booster Club has remembered a total of 706 men and women from the entire Chicago area. Two hundred and six packages were sent overseas, each containing a box of cookies, a box of peanuts, a package of figs, a can of olives, a box of candy, a package of pretzel bits, and a package of bouillon cubes. The 500 men in the States have each been sent a beautiful greeting card, together with a crisp new one-dollar bill.

The proceeds of the club's annual Fall Festival, including a dance and carnival, were used to finance this project rather than the children's Christmas party which is customarily held in the Union Station.

The Marion, Ia., chapter of the Milwaukee Road Women's Club sent 52 Christmas boxes to former employes, and sons, daughters, and husbands of employes. The packages contained tooth paste for the girls and shaving cream for the men; playing cards, a comic magazine, a comb, a bar of soap, a box of cleansing tissue, chewing gum, mints, and a Hiawatha mechanical pencil contributed by the Marion-Cedar Rapids Area Service Club. Each

package also contained a personal Christmas card.

The purchasing department employes, Chicago, dispatched a three-pound fruit cake to each individual who had gone from that department into the service of his country, and along with the cake sent holiday greetings from all hands 'round.

The Janesville, Wis., chapter of the Women's Club sent 107 Christmas gifts to men and girls from Milwaukee Road families in the Janesville area. Of this number, seven were for girls and four for former service men who have been discharged from the armed forces. Fifty-five gifts went overseas and 52 were addressed to points in the United States. "T" shirts were sent to the men, while gift boxes of soap went to the girls, and handkerchiefs to the discharged men. The women have expressed their regret that gifts could not be forwarded to five men from their area who are prisoners of the Japanese, having been captured with the rest of their tank battalion when Bataan fell.

The Milwaukee Road Victory Club of Chicago, for the third consecutive year, has sent Christmas gifts to service men and women from the Fullerton Avenue office building. This year it sent greeting cards

Christmas in Other Lands

with three one dollar bills to 260 individuals. The club receives much of its financial support from contributions made by Fullerton Avenue employes each pay day. The building's chapter of the Women's Club also uses the Victory Club as a medium through which sweaters, scarves and reading matter are sent to the boys. Much of the money that went out this Christmas came from the sale of world maps, which project was handled by the Women's Club. The Victory Club is active throughout the year.

The Milwaukee Road Victory Committee of Milwaukee, Wis., comprising the Hiawatha Service Club, the Women's Club, and the Milwaukee Road American Legion Post No. 18, is so wholeheartedly supported by the employes in Milwaukee that the latest drive for funds produced \$1,959, most of which went into Christmas gifts for 885 men and women in service. Five hundred and forty-five went overseas, and 340 to individuals in the States. The boxes contained a Christmas greeting, cookies, pretzel-coated nuts, peanuts, raisins, candy bars, toffee, and salt water taffee. This group also remembers the boys on their birthdays, and engages in other morale-building activities.

Railroad Company Sends Checks

Widespread as these group endeavors are, it is impossible for them to be coordinated in such a way as to ensure a remembrance for every individual who has gone from our ranks into the armed forces. The railroad company itself, however, has attempted to place its gift, a \$10 check, in the hands of every former employe who is now in the armed forces. Due to the near impossibility of keeping such a large list of names and addresses absolutely correct, it is expected that a few will fail to receive their gift but the checks will be forwarded as soon as the addresses are made known.

Of the 4,213 checks that have been mailed, 1,666 went overseas, 571 went to fleet post office addresses, and 1,976 were for individuals in the United States. Ac-

MANY OF OUR boys will be celebrating Christmas this year in countries far from home and will be observing some of the customs and traditions of this holiday that would seem very strange to us.

In Italy, for example, Christmas Eve is more important than Christmas Day. Dec. 24 is a day of fasting, so the evening meal is a meatless one. Our traditional Christmas tree has not been adopted in Italy, nor is gift-giving important, except to children and elderly people. On Christmas Eve, a Yule log is placed in the fireplace and there the children are gathered and

companied the checks was the following letter signed by H. A. Scandrett:

Christmas, 1944

"Christmas is the season when the family should be together. This is not possible for the big Milwaukee family this year. We can, however, be together in spirit and every one of you knows, I am sure, that you are always in the thoughts and hearts of all of us at home. Yours is the big job, yours the hardships and the sacrifices—and we will not forget. Always we will be proud of you.

"We on the home front are working hard to back you up. Constantly in our minds is the thought that if we can do a little more and do it a little better, we can help to shorten this horrible war. Your railroad, though sorely handicapped by your absence, has met fully every war demand and when you come back to us and learn the full record, you will be prouder than ever of your membership in the Milwaukee family.

"We wanted very much that in the Christmas season you would each have a remembrance from us. We thought first of packages of selected gifts, but 5,000 people serving in all quarters of the globe

don't all like the same things. Just as an illustration, though a homely one, some people like to chew gum while others prefer to chew tobacco. So we decided that the best plan was to send you a check so you could buy for yourself something you want or need.

"Our remembrance goes to you with our every good Christmas wish and our prayer that before next Christmas you will be safely home with the rest of the family."

blindfolded. Each of them recites a verse to the Christ Child and the blindfolds are removed. In front of each child is a small heap of gifts which, they are told, the Christ Child has brought them.

In many parts of France, also, the Christ Child (or "*le bon Jesus*" as he is called) is the benefactor of the small children at Christmas time. Many French children still adhere to the custom of leaving their shoes out to be filled with presents. In Paris, the Christmas celebration is a merry one, and on Christmas Eve the streets and cafes are crowded with holiday throngs. To the Parisians the Christmas supper at midnight is more important than the Christmas day dinner, and they travel from cafe to cafe for the various courses.

St. Nicholas travels through the towns and villages of Flanders and Holland on Dec. 6, visiting the children and inquiring into their good behavior. Since St. Nicholas is derived from an ancient legend concerning a priest, he quizzes them on their catechism and religious learning. If the children have been good and know their catechism, blessings are promised them by the next morning; or, if they have not been good, solemn warnings are given.

In most of the small villages and farms in Europe it is common belief that animals are endowed with the power of speech and prophesy on Christmas Eve, and on that night the animals feast well.

In Catholic Europe it is traditional for families to watch for the first star on Christmas Eve, which is the signal for them to share their blessed wafers with one another, after which they sit down to the Christmas supper, a meatless meal.

Safety First

Safety first
Always pays
Financially and other ways
Everyone should be alert
Take no chances
You might get hurt

Failure to use common sense
Is usually the cause of accidents
Refusing to listen to sound advice
Severed many a limb
Took many a life.

—J. H. McGuire,
Carman, Minneapolis Coach Yard

A wedding ring is like a tourniquet
—it stops your circulation.

Grandpappy Morgan, an Ozark hillbilly, wandered off into the woods and failed to return for supper, so young Tolliver was sent to look for him. After some time, he found him standing in the bushes, several miles from home.

"Getting dark, Grandpappy," the boy ventured.

"Yep."

"Ain't you hungry?"

"Yep."

"Well, air ye comin' home?"

"Nope."

"Why ain't ye?"

"Standin' in a b'ar trap!"



Members of the Milwaukee Road Booster Club of Chicago are shown preparing Christmas cards for 500 men and women in service; each greeting contained a cash gift. The group had previously sent 206 gift packages to military personnel overseas.

The Postwar Sailor

by Russell B. Larsen, U.S.N.R.

SINCE the U. S. Navy prides itself on a policy of preparedness, we wonder, even though a bit prematurely perhaps, just how much forethought it has devoted to postwar personality reconversion. We are speaking now of personality changes which, under exigency of war, are inevitable in the individual but which, if continued, will tend to alienate rather than cement his relationship with postwar society.

It might be a good idea to inventory our Dec. 7, 1941, personalities and see which changes have been made. That our social personality has undergone drastic transition is of such apparenity as not to warrant discussion here. However, it goes deeper than that: Even simple functions have been so altered that their continued practice in a postwar world would invite serious damage. Some of us, for instance, no longer blessed with the gift of choice, now eat what is available whenever it is to be had and whether or not we are hungry. Also, because of the frequency of night watches, we have come to place a ridiculously high value on the joys of sleeping, with the result that we indulge in this pastime whenever, however, and wherever possible.

It is with such considerations in mind that we turn to the potential ex-sailor and his place in postwar society.

Consider the "Whenever Eater"

First let us regard the "whenever, wherever, however eater," who is destined to become the bane of all dinner parties.

We have a mental picture of him waiting not even to greet his hostess, but opening with such remarks as "Where's the table?" or "When do we eat?" We see him seated at table in crouched position, bringing his head to meet his food instead of vice versa, ignoring completely all table talk and devoting himself to the task of draining the household of all victuals. Meanwhile, gentlefolk who have never seen the voracious appetite at work, and being unacquainted with the life to which the poor fellow has been exposed, stand by in jaw-dropped astonishment.

His process of dressing has become, at best, a maneuver of five rapid operations: stockings (sometimes), shoes, jumper (sometimes), trousers, and hat (sometimes). Since he sleeps in his underwear, the average sailor thinks pajamas the name of a Japanese island. Postwar dressing, with its strange additional garments, its more involved manipulation, will become a nightmarish ritual. Then, too, the skin-tight uniforms of girdle-like elasticity will have left their mark. The ex-sailor, when fully clad in loose, rakish civilian clothes, is likely to experience drowning sensations and go about propelling his arms and treading imaginary waves. This will of course prove greatly disconcerting to onlookers who, instead of throwing him a life preserver, will probably make their exit, leaving the poor chap to drown in his mirage.

He will be a complete liability in his home life, for, the war emergency having been removed, he will avail himself of the opportunity of taking all those short naps he promised himself. House-

About the Author

The letter which conveyed this article into the Milwaukee Magazine office was somewhat the worse for the censor's shears but did convey the information that it was authored by Russell B. Larsen, yeoman 1/c, and that he was responsible for it only



Russell B. Larsen

because he got started and couldn't stop.

Yeoman Larsen was with the railroad from March, 1940, when he was employed by the tax department, in Chicago, until he left his job as file clerk in the law department to enlist in the navy on July 4, 1942. For more than two years he was stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, where he taught typing and Naval English and Terminology. He wrote "The Hammock or the Linger-ing Death" for the January, 1943 issue of the Magazine.

The author has been on sea duty for several weeks now, but his location is indefinite—particularly in his own mind, we suspect. When he last took his bearing, he was somewhere west of San Francisco aboard a light cruiser which was speeding madly in all directions. "The Postwar Sailor" was written at the time.

wives the country over will be removing from breakfast plates of ham and eggs the besplattered, dozing heads of their ex-sailor husbands. Conversation in the home will have become a lost art and divorce courts will buzz with unprecedented activity.

We see sleeping taxi-drivers endangering

the life and limb of passengers; slumbering executives wreaking havoc with industry; innocent children developing complexes because their daddies will not stay awake long enough to play with them.

Perhaps the one for whose postwar frustration our heart bleeds most is that navy man whose lot deals with communication. Let it be said here that there is a vast difference between the civilian and the naval interpretation of "communication." In civilian life the word implies the lucid transmission of thought, whereas the same word to a navy man means just the opposite. To "communicate" under naval conditions one must first acquaint himself with a brand of redundant abracadabra which would completely mystify the most perspicacious layman; and then word the message in as obtuse a manner as possible. Now then, assuming this fellow is capable of hurdling the handicap of objectionable sleeping and eating habits, he is faced with the problem of unlearning the technical jargon associated with naval communication.

Will He Be Taken Away Quietly?

Going around muttering: "SMITH CALLING STRANGER, SMITH CALLING STRANGER, SUGAR, MIKE, ITEM, TARE, HYPO, ACKNOWLEDGE OUT," will serve to introduce him to no one but white-uniformed internees and he therefore seems doomed to a life of loneliness. If he marries, he is apt to forego Christian names for his offspring in favor of battleship call signs followed by numbers, such as *Mudpie 2*, *Mudpie 3*, *Mudpie 4*, *Mudpie 5*, etc.

Our mind conjures a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner party in the *Mudpie* home. The father is, of course, commander in charge of tactical maneuvers, and consequently all food requests will be directed through him. *Mudpie 4* relays, via the chain of command, his request for an extra slab of white meat, whereupon he receives a reply from the commander who is, possibly, *Whiskers 1*: "Whiskers 1 calling *Mudpie 4*. I hear you loud and clear. Replying: Negative," and *Mudpie 4* (who would probably be Spike Murphy in a normal household) leaves the table hungry. *Mudpie 5*, who, being three years old and only a baby flat top anyway, is busy taking a bearing on the chicken gravy when he accidentally spills it. *Mudpie 4* promptly records a "Splash." Mrs. *Mudpie*—who is in this thing against her better judgment—occupies a battle station at the front door, warding off unwelcome intruders, and is going quietly crazy.

If Mrs. *Mudpie* retains a quarter of the sense with which the Lord blessed her, she will sue for divorce and send the children to Brooklyn for a refresher course in Americanized English.

Passenger Men Attend Dude Ranchers Convention

HIGH-HEELED boots and bright silk shirts were to be seen in profusion when the Dude Ranchers Association gathered 200 strong for its 19th Annual Convention in Billings, Mont., on Nov. 3 and 4 for the purpose of laying postwar plans and discussing transportation problems.

On hand for the convention, in addition to a number of individual ranchers from Montana, Wyoming, Washington and the Dakotas, were officials of railroads, air and bus lines, representatives of the national parks, the Forest Service, Fish and Wild Life Service, and the Game Commission. The Milwaukee Road was represented by Harry Sengstacken, of Chicago, assistant passenger traffic manager; J. F. Bahl, general passenger agent, Seattle; and G. A. Semmlow, advertising agent, Chicago.

Among the matters up for discussion by the members were plans for postwar activities pertaining especially to transportation, parks, forest, fish and game, publicity and advertising.

Sengstacken Addresses Group

In an address before the group, Mr. Sengstacken discussed the wartime passenger transportation performance of railroads in general and of the Milwaukee Road in particular. He then continued, in part, as follows:

"As to postwar, the fact that the railroads are spending large sums of money in advertising to keep people off trains does not imply that at any time in the conceivable future they intend to retire from the passenger business, *whatever* the competition may be.

"The railways have comprehensive plans

already prepared for retaining every possible passenger after the war. Railway transportation very likely will be priced right; new trains will make their appearance to take advantage of the railways' biggest asset in competition with other forms of transportation—*comfort!*

"The success of the present institutional advertising campaign demonstrates that advertising for passengers will be conducted on a more intelligent and much larger scale than ever before. You will see new and modernized ticket offices and passenger stations provided as rapidly as possible after the war and when materials are available.

"In connection with its postwar studies, the Milwaukee Road for several weeks has conducted a survey on many of its trains. We feel it is our obligation to make plans now, so that they may be carried forward as soon as conditions permit. A folder was presented to passengers on trains and over ticket counters and their comments were solicited to help us plan new passenger cars and improved service.

"Thousands of replies were received and compiled, and a thorough study is being made of the suggestions offered. There will be continued research and planning by the Association of American Railroads and individual lines, and it is expected to result in the adoption of types of equipment and service that will be helpful to the railroads in competing for postwar business.

"The Milwaukee Road has under way studies for the improvement of equipment and service and of plants, roadways, buildings, machines and tools. Consideration

also is being given to the further utilization of diesel locomotives for both yard and road work in the interest of better service.

"All postwar plans, of course, are merely in the formative state, on the drawing boards and in the files; and until the green light is given, all of the 35 thousand loyal and patriotic Milwaukee employees will be in there pitching—serving the services and you."

H. P. Butler

H. P. Butler, who was city freight and passenger agent at Council Bluffs, Ia., prior to retiring on Sept. 30, 1938, passed away at his home in that city on Nov. 13, 1944.

Mr. Butler's service with this railroad began in 1878 when he was employed as relief agent and operator on the old Racine and Southwestern Division. He was employed in various positions during his 60 years of service, assuming the duties of city freight and passenger agent at Council Bluffs on Apr. 1, 1921.

Track Men Set War Bond Record

The Sixth War Loan opened on Nov. 20. By Nov. 24 the 85 maintenance of way men in Roadmaster George Barnoske's east Iowa Division territory had all subscribed to the purchase of *additional* War Bonds. This is the same group which, in the early days of the war, was the first on the division to subscribe 100 per cent for a War Bond deduction of 10 per cent or more from their wages.

In their whole-hearted support of the Sixth War Loan, 31 of these 85 men made cash purchases, and the other 54 authorized payroll deductions to cover the purchase of the additional bonds; altogether they have lent their government \$2,100, or almost \$25 each in addition to the amount regularly deducted from their wages.

They have set a fast pace for the rest of us, but we have until Dec. 31 to match their stride.

There was the English Tommy who, in the early stages of the war, wandered off into the Sumatran jungle. He hadn't gone far when he found a huge tiger facing him on the trail. Before he could fashion any plan, the big cat leapt, but fortunately he had miscalculated the distance and sailed high over the scared soldier's head. The latter turned just as the tiger made another leap and again missed his mark by a substantial margin. This time when the Tommy swung around there was no sign of the animal, so he moved cautiously forward to see what had happened to him—and there he was, down behind a little knoll, practicing shorter leaps.

Mrs. Oldtimer: "It says here in the paper that the young girls today are abandoning all restrictions."

Mr. Oldtimers: "Well, I'd better not catch Mabel without hers on."



The board of directors of the Dude Ranchers Association are here shown with railroad representatives who attended the organization's convention. Charles C. Moore, of DuBois, Wyo., president of the association, is shown in the middle of the standing row (wearing dark suit and glasses). Harry Sengstacken, our assistant passenger traffic manager, is second from the right in the front row. J. F. Bahl, general passenger agent, Seattle, is at the extreme left of the front row. G. A. Semmlow, advertising agent, is fourth from the left in the standing row.



FRONT AND CENTER



Pvt. Richard E. Barnes



Corp. Gertrude D. Barnes

Joseph D. Barnes, brakeman on the LaCrosse & River Division, has a son and daughter in the service. Pvt. Richard E. Barnes, formerly employed in the maintenance of way department, is now in France with a medical detachment. Corp. Gertrude D. Barnes of the WAC is stationed at Fort Des Moines, Ia., and is playing in the band. Another son, S/Sgt. Joseph S. Barnes, a Flying Fortress crew member, was killed in action in Europe.



Sgt. Donald Van Pelt

Sgt. Donald Van Pelt, now with our fighting men in France, is the son of Mike Van Pelt, brakeman on the D&I Division.



Pvt. Guy Kennedy

Pvt. Guy Kennedy, former section laborer at Parker, S. D., has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in France on D-Day. He has recovered and is now back in action somewhere along the Belgian front. He is the son of Sectionman Leonard Walsh of Chancellor, S. D.



T/4 William T. Schultz

T/4 William T. Schultz, former night clerk at the LaCrosse, Wis., roundhouse, is now serving with the 757th Railway Shop Battalion in France.



Pvt. Howard W. Cruise

Pvt. Howard W. Cruise, former section man at Hale, Ia., is with a railroad outfit at Camp Shelby, Miss.



Lt. Katherine Peckosh

Lt. Katherine Peckosh, daughter of Conductor L. Peckosh of Marion, Ia., is an army nurse stationed in England at last report.



Sgt. Truman Felton

Sgt. Truman Felton, son of Truman Felton, carman at Council Bluffs, Ia., is stationed somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.



Capt. Norbert A. DeFrees

Capt. Norbert A. DeFrees is the son of Frank DeFrees of Faribault, Minn., engineer on the I&SM Division. Capt. DeFrees, who is in the Quartermaster's Corps, has served in Africa and Italy, and is now in southern France.



Pvt. Aubrey Berman

Pvt. Aubrey Berman, son of William Berman, employed in the office of auditor of passenger and station accounts, Chicago, is now in training with an infantry outfit at Camp Rucker, Ala.



S/Sgt. Al Bothmer



Clyde B. Bothmer, U.S.N.

S/Sgt. Al Bothmer and Clyde B. Bothmer, storekeeper 3/c, are the sons of B. H. Bothmer, operator at Sheldon, Ia. Al is with an airways communication squadron in Alaska, and Clyde is stationed on an island in the South Pacific.



Gene Paul Koehler, U.S.N.

Gene Paul Koehler, seaman 1/c, now aboard ship somewhere in the Pacific, was formerly employed in the engineering department at Minneapolis.



Pfc. Wade J. Walters

Pfc. Wade J. Walters of the Marine Air Corps, son of Assistant Roundhouse Foreman J. S. Walters, Miles City, Mont., has completed his training in this country and is now en route overseas.



Pvt. Jack Waldorf

Pvt. Jack Waldorf, former apprentice carman at Green Bay, Wis., is somewhere in France. He is 19 years old.



Sgt. Guido A. Farrace

Sgt. Guido A. Farrace, son of Section Foreman Louis Farrace of Avery, Idaho, is now serving in Italy.



Pvt. Pat H. Leischer

Pvt. Pat H. Leischer, former laborer on the Le Center, Minn., section, is now stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.



George Stankewicz, U.S.N.

George Stankewicz, formerly employed in the office of auditor of passenger and station accounts, Chicago, is now stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.



S/Sgt. Hartzell D. Smith

S/Sgt. Hartzell D. Smith, former machinist helper at the boulevard roundhouse, Western Avenue, Chicago, and son of Machinist Jesse Smith, also employed in the roundhouse, is serving at an undisclosed point in the Pacific theater.



Pvt. Robert G. Kranz

Pvt. Robert G. Kranz, infantry machine gunner, is the son of Conductor W. A. Kranz of the Milwaukee Division. He has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Italy on May 27.



Corp. Elmer H. Krug

Corp. Elmer H. Krug, formerly roundhouse laborer at Atkins, Ia., has been overseas only one year but has already seen service in India and North Africa. At present he is stationed on Ascension Island.



Donald F. Montgomery, U.S.N.

Donald F. Montgomery, seaman 1/c, is the son of George Montgomery, section foreman at Moravia, Ia. He was also formerly employed with a section crew at that point.



Pvt. Glen Felton

Pvt. Glen Felton, son of Truman Felton, carman at Council Bluffs, Ia., is stationed at Camp Cooke, Calif.



Pfc. Bernard Beeler



James Beeler, U.S.N.



Margaret Rose Beeler, U.S.N.



Corp. Charles Beeler



S/Sgt. Robert Beeler

Frank R. Beeler, veteran switchman at Beloit, Wis., has five children in the service of their country. Pfc. Bernard Beeler is somewhere in the Pacific area. James Beeler, pharmacist's mate, is serving in New Zealand. Margaret Rose Beeler, seaman 2/c,

is with the WAVES, assigned to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Corp Charles Beeler, is in New Guinea with the Army Air Corps. S/Sgt. Robert Beeler is with an infantry regiment in Italy.



Harry R. Genereau, U.S.N.

Harry R. Genereau, radioman 2/c, former stenographer-clerk in the office of general agent, traffic department, Duluth, Minn., is located at a naval air station in the Hawaiian Islands.



Lester F. Hernik, U.S.N.

Lester F. Hernik, fireman 1/c, is serving aboard an LST boat in an undisclosed theater of war. He was formerly employed as bridge carpenter in the B&B department, on the Iowa Division, and is a brother of Bridge Carpenter Ludwig C. Hernik of Vining, Ia.



Gordon Hinthier, U.S.M.M.

Gordon Hinthier, chief petty officer in the Merchant Marine, is the son of J. J. Hinthier, machinist at Miles City. He has made two trips to the South Pacific and two to Alaska.

"Did Clarice enjoy her date with Joe last night?"

"She was never so humiliated in her life. When he started to eat his soup, five couples got up and danced."

A Chinese cook was walking through the woods. He turned around to see a grizzly bear following him, smelling his tracks.

"Hm," said the Chinaman. "You like my tracks? Velly good, I make some more."

People seldom improve when they have no other model than themselves to copy after.

The despondent officer left the Navy Department building and climbed stiffly into his jeep.

"Where to, sir?" asked his orderly.

"Drive off the nearest cliff," he replied. "I'm going to commit suicide."

A woman flees from temptation, but a man crawls away from it in the cheerful hope that it may overtake him.



Pvt. Carol Reksos

Pvt. Carol Jean Reksos, daughter of Lumberman Sivert Reksos, employed in the Minneapolis store department, is in charge of dispatching marine trucks at Miramar, San Diego, Calif.



Jack S. Racanelli, U.S.N.

Jack S. Racanelli, seaman 2/c, is the 18 year old son of Joseph Racanelli, section foreman of Malden, Wash.; the boy himself formerly did track work in the Malden yards during summer vacations. He is now aboard a war ship at sea.



Pfc. Cecil F. Wilkinson

Pfc. Cecil F. Wilkinson, now in France fighting with an air borne infantry group, is the son of A. Z. Wilkinson, locomotive fireman on the I&D Division.



Pvt. Edward Kusch

Marine Pvt. Edward Kusch, stationed at Oceanside, Calif., is the son of Ed Kusch, of the office of auditor of passenger and station accounts, Chicago.



T/Sgt. Damon H. Krause

T/Sgt. Damon H. Krause, former assistant section foreman, of Oconomowoc, Wis., is somewhere overseas with the army.



Ronald D. Kneeskern, U.S.N.

Ronald D. Kneeskern, S.O.M. 3/c, now serving somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, is the son of Dwight Kneeskern, assistant ticket clerk in Austin, Minn.



Warren Mayer, U.S.N.

C. W. Mayer, agent at Milbank, S. D., has four sons in military service. Warren Mayer, radioman 3/c, is serving aboard a warship at sea; he formerly worked in the yard office in Aberdeen, S. D. Pfc. John Mayer is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. David Mayer,



Pfc. John Mayer



David Mayer, U.S.N.



Gene Mayer, U.S.N.

machinist's mate 3/c aboard a warship, was employed in the roundhouse at Milbank, S. D. before going into the navy. Gene Mayer, radioman 3/c, now stationed at San Diego, Calif., formerly worked as an operator in the Montevideo, Minn., dispatcher's office and in the yard office at Aberdeen.

Inland Empire Club Combines Business and Pleasure

Mrs. C. F. Allen, chairman of the Inland Empire Club, presided over a combination business meeting and entertainment program at the October get-together of that group.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Cole of the Railroad Retirement Board, who spoke regarding death benefits in connection with the retirement act.

Following the business session, Mrs. N. D. Jones, program chairman, presented the following entertainment:

Mrs. Theo. Burger, daughter of Superintendent Hill, sang "God Bless America" and "Won't You Come Home to Me." Mary Jane Meeks, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Jones, sang "Song of You." Richard Green did a tap dance to "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Light refreshments were served.

Service Club Participates in Carnival Week at Madison, Wis.

Without a doubt, the armed forces at Truax Field (Madison, Wis.) will long remember the week of Nov. 5 to 11. U. S. O. Carnival week spelled seven days of riotous fun for thousands of men and women in uniform. The civilians of Madison had their night on Thursday, Nov. 9, and aside from enjoying themselves to the utmost, they saw first-hand what U. S. O. and its activities mean to the boy or girl away from home. Many a parent would have been pleased if they could have seen the beaming faces of their boys as they played the games and danced to fine music with petite Madison cuties.

No matter how hard the job, when well done there goes with it an inner feeling of satisfaction. The members of the Madison Service Club will always know in their hearts the part they played in keeping up the spirits of some lonesome boy.

Through the efforts of Harvey A. Roeber, chairman, and Mrs. Georgia Stafford, daughter of J. H. Vanderhie, the Madison Club held the spotlight on the Milwaukee

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Service Clubs

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Road. There are many outstanding organizations in the city of Madison, but this time the Service Club led the way. Decorated in colorful style, the club booth was

For its stage decoration the club had the help of Leo Faye, one of the finest decorators in the country. Displayed on the back drop was a huge picture of the Hiawatha, illuminated by two searchlights. Strung overhead were lighted railroad lanterns. A lighted Hiawatha rear end sign was on one end of the stage, a Sioux on the other. For further railroad atmosphere, a mounted railroad bell was placed on the platform, much to the delight of the musicians. Flags and bunting composed a beautiful sight.

Aside from this, the club sponsored a Tuesday and Friday night dance. On Tuesday, they were fortunate in securing "The Chicagoans," a Truax Field orchestra. One couldn't ask for more, as some of the boys were formerly with Wayne King and Ted Weems. Another fine aggregation, the regular Truax Field orchestra, played for the Friday engagement.

There were 30 games in all to be played. Each participant received a mark for his scoring, and the one with the highest mark won first prize. The games consisted of just about everything from dropping clothes pins into a bottle to driving nails into a railroad tie. As mentioned, Thursday evening was open to the public. The civilian

who won first prize was none other than Chairman Harvey A. Roeber. It seems Harvey was determined to make it Milwaukee Road all the way.

Two other distinguished gentlemen were seen playing the games, and in order not to cause any dissention between the passenger department and the public re-



One of the most popular spots at the Madison (Wis.) U.S.O. Carnival was the Service Club booth, where round trip train tickets to points within a radius of 200 miles were offered to the lucky service men. Shown at the left is William Murphy, chairman of the committee in charge of the club's carnival activities; at the right is Earl Hohenadel, builder of the remarkably intricate model railroad shown in the background. The soldiers were not identified.

the boys' rendezvous. Each of the seven nights the Service Club gave sundry prizes and gifts, such as pencils, notebooks, ash trays, book matches, and playing cards. The grand prize of each evening was a round trip railroad ticket to any point within a radius of 200 miles. This was donated by the Service Club.



Members of the Service Club Committee which worked with the Madison U.S.O. are shown in front of the stage which the club decorated. The "Hiawatha" and "Sioux" rear end signs are partially visible, as is the large picture of the Hiawatha which served as a back drop. The orchestra is The Chicagoans from Truax Field, near Madison.



This picture, taken at the time of one of the Hiawatha Band's recent Soldiers Home programs in Milwaukee, shows, l. to r.: A. W. Graff, chairman of the Band Unit of the Milwaukee Hiawatha Service Club; Miss Abbie Wendell, majorette; Edward Freedman, veteran of the first World War; R. B. Amundsen, recreational director of the home; and R. W. Droeke, veteran.

where found, the boys have tried to keep as active as possible under existing conditions.

Among the finest things accomplished during 1944 have been their nine appearances at the Veteran's Administration in Milwaukee, Wis. Every concert has brought out several hundred soldiers, whom most people forget, ironically enough, when wars are won. The band has brought a little cheer, not only to our heroes of the first World War, but some of this war as well. The vets now look forward to the

monthly Hiawatha Band concert.

Other appearances during the year included their participation in a parade in Milwaukee on Mar. 26; the Memorial Day parade in Waukesha, Wis., on May 28; the Milwaukee Memorial Day parade on May 30; the Soldiers Home baseball game July 27; the Hiawatha Service Club picnic, Old Heidelberg Park, Milwaukee, Wis., on Aug. 20; Hiawatha Service Club Appreciation Party, held Oct. 28, at the Eagles Club, Milwaukee, Wis. The Marquette University-Great Lakes football game, Nov. 5, Milwaukee, Wis.



E. W. Weber, band director

In spite of losses to the armed services, Director E. W. Weber and Chairman A. W. Graff have held together a complement of good musicians. The band's relation to the road from a publicity standpoint is valuable, and every employe can take pride in knowing the Milwaukee Road is represented by such a fine organization. J. C. Mazanec has been secretary.

lations department, their respective scores will not be disclosed. F. H. Johnson, public relations officer, and C. F. Dahnke, general agent, passenger department, Milwaukee, had a little contest all their own. P. H. Draver, A. G. F. A., stated his reason for not playing was that he disliked very much to outclass two good friends.

It would be a mistake not to mention the names of the committee men. In addition to the work done by Chairman Roever, E. Hohenadel displayed his model railroad in the railroad booth. W. Meuer's artistic hand printed the signs. Bill Murphy was chairman of the committee, and no committee chairman ever worked harder. His committee consisted of P. Donis, F. Dempsev, E. Kingston, R. Corbett, J. Tomlinson, W. Kiebesadel, G. McCamant, and last but not least, Leo Faye.

The Milwaukee Road Hiawatha Band—1944

It is comparable to a pugilist, trained to razor edge, full of hopeful ambition, and then told he may not fight.

The Milwaukee Road Hiawatha Band continues to hold its two hour rehearsal session every week. "There is a war on" has not curtailed their spirit but has hampered them. Taking their opportunities



Above. Part of the audience at one of the Hiawatha Band's Soldiers Home concerts. Below. The band is shown during a concert at the Soldiers Home.



treasurer for the past year, and all three officers are now playing in the new clown band organization. Miss Abbie Wendell, majorette, has completed another year, and of course the band is grateful for her added talent and charm. The same can be said for Miss Jean Alanso, who, beside furnishing loveliness, adds her voice in sparkling song.

Menominee River Club Supports P.R.

The Menominee River Club met at Lena, Wis., Oct. 23. In Green Bay to attend Superintendent Buechler's staff meeting the following morning, four Milwaukee supervisors and 11 Green Bay Service Club boosters, drove to Lena and assisted perceptibly in accentuating the principles of our little P. R. man.

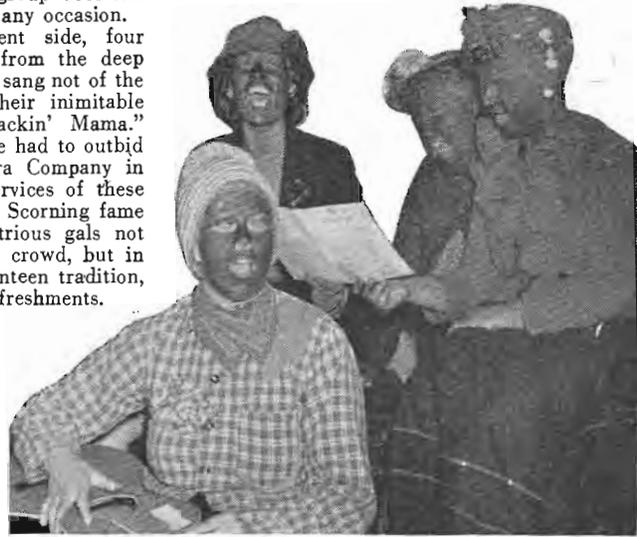
Superintendent F. T. Buechler told of the wide scope and range of public relations, in which each employee can play an essential part. All railroad literature, he said, should be placed in the hands of the public. It helps mold public opinion and understanding. Many school teachers hold classes on material furnished them by the railroads. Mingle with the people of your community, he said; take an active part in civic affairs. A Service Club meeting affords a diversion of mind. It allows us to discuss our problems calmly, and to engage in social activity which is needed

to say, the Ottumwa group does not overlook the details of any occasion.

On the entertainment side, four belles were imported from the deep south of Ottumwa, who sang not of the "Swanee," but gave their inimitable version of "Pistol Packin' Mama." The program committee had to outbid the Metropolitan Opera Company in order to secure the services of these dark skinned beauties. Scorning fame and fortune, the illustrious gals not only mingled with the crowd, but in the true Hollywood Canteen tradition, served the food and refreshments.

Many other celebrities were also in costume, but time was limited and only a few were called upon to perform. Miss Norma Sowders sang several beautiful songs, accompanied by Mrs. Glen Allen. Mr. and Mrs. A. Wittermeir, of Ottumwa's radio station KBIC, played and sang to the rhythmic beat of the members' feet. Mr. Wittermeir proved to be another Lawrence Welk with some splendid accordion renditions.

Our best wishes to C. L. Johns, chairman, for a speedy recovery.



These "Pistol Packin' Mamas" who made with the sweet music at the Ottumwa Club's Hallowe'en party are, l. to r.: Mabel Scott, Bernice Riley, Matta Lee Luman, and Marie Gliddon.

Appreciation Parties Held at Several Points

Appreciation parties, sponsored by the Milwaukee Road, have been the highlight of the past month. These parties, as the name implies, have been held in appreciation of the splendid work done by employees. Parties held the latter part of September, October and the first half of November include those at Council Bluffs, Ia., Albert Lea, Minn., Austin, Minn., Wagner, S. D., Mitchell, S. D., and Sioux Falls, S. D.

At Council Bluffs a fine dinner was served, followed by dancing. This party was under the able leadership of Chairman A. H. LaHeist and Secretary Ed Lee with fitting remarks from Supt. Beerman and other divisional officials.

Albert Lea also served a dinner, followed by an address by A. G. Dupuis, assistant public relations officer, from Chicago, who spoke regarding the job the American railroads are doing in the war. Old time dancing was then enjoyed until a later hour. This party was planned by



When the Ottumwa Service Club throws a Hallowe'en party, the folks get into the spirit of the thing and come in costume. Above is a sample.

in these stressing times. Mr. Buechler stated that he receives many letters of commendation on the Milwaukee Magazine from the boys in the armed forces.

Other speakers were P. Weiland, trainmaster; R. Dahms, safety engineer; H. Warner, freight service inspector; H. Held, agent at Marinette, Wis.; and A. Holmes, agent at Crivitz, Wis.

A chicken dinner was enjoyed after the meeting, and refreshments followed the dinner.

Ottumwa Club Gives Hallowe'en Party

The officers of the Ottumwa, Ia., Club decided it would be a good idea to hold a Hallowe'en Party to keep the boys and girls from ringing door bells. But what is Hallowe'en without the get-up that goes with it? Furthermore, it would not be traditionally proper to have refreshments without lighted pumpkins, et al. Needless

Appreciation Party Given La Crosse Club

It was bingo or dancing or both for the La Crosse employees at the Nov. 15 appreciation party. Several hundred bingo enthusiasts crowded the tables at an early hour, hopeful of winning their Thanksgiving poultry. Meanwhile, in the spacious dance hall on the upper floor of the K. P. Hall, Gene Mendez and his fine orchestra were playing old time, swing and waltzes, much to the satisfaction of the dancers.

Russell Peacock, chairman, and Carl Figgie, secretary, performed a commendable job, and, together with their committee, deserve a vote of thanks. The committee consisted of Eric Erickson, chairman of the financial committee; Clarence Miller, chairman of the refreshment committee; Martin Breuer, chairman of the publicity committee.



Joan and Ione Goiser, sister dancing team, entertained at the Sioux Falls Service Club's appreciation party.



Among a great many other things, there was dancing at the Milwaukee Hiawatha Club's combination appreciation party and Fall Festival.

Chairman Wm. Poeschel and Secretary Albert Hayes.

The Austin party was a stag, planned by H. J. "Babe" Swank, committee chairman. Again, following a wonderful dinner, A. G. Dupuis spoke. Thomas Kelly of the conservation department also gave a chalk talk in connection with the conservation program.

Wagner, the Number One service club of the system, entertained with Rudolph Sejnoha's Band during the dinner, after which we were privileged to hear Judge Dwight Campbell speak on the railroads in the two wars and the wonderful possibilities to come in the post-war period. W. L. Besanson acted as program director.



Elin Ramsay, who sang at the Sioux Falls party.

Mitchell took over the Elks Club and their facilities to enjoy an evening of good food and dancing, under the chairmanship of Otto Secory. There was never a lull during the entire evening and the writer wonders just when Ed Hatzembuhler found time to eat.

Those present at the Sioux Falls party were royally entertained by a clever dancing team, aged 7 and 17. In the writer's opinion, these sisters, Joan and Ione Gouier, will go far in the entertainment world. Miss Elin Ramsay, an employe of John Morrell Co., also entertained with a group of songs, and all agreed that Miss Ramsay was as easy on the eyes as on the ears. Good food was also served at this affair.

Due to the shortage of paper, it is impossible to mention all the names of those who helped to make these parties successful, but we wish them to know that their efforts were greatly appreciated.

The sailor was relating his hair-raising experiences aboard a torpedoed ship. The dear little lady was listening wide-eyed.

"And there I sees a torpedo, lady, headin' straight for our ship," he said.

"Oh dear," she gasped. "I do hope it was one of ours!"

Milwaukee Club Holds Fourth Annual Fall Festival

The Milwaukee Road showed its appreciation in grand style to about 2,000 members of the Milwaukee Hiawatha Club on Oct. 28. The officers and program committee deserve special mention for an entertaining evening. As last year, the Eagles Club was selected for the Milwaukee Road's biggest party.

Festivities were opened by the Hiawatha Band.

Program Chairman J. Carr introduced the evening's master of ceremonies, M. J. Biller, general chairman. Mr. Biller thanked the members sincerely for the co-operation and support given the club officers, and then presented K. F. Nystrom, who spoke briefly about a man who needed no introduction, J. T. Gillick, chief operating officer.

Mr. Gillick spoke highly of the Service

Clubs, the Hiawatha Band and the entire public relations program, drawing an interesting and thought-provoking contrast between the attitude of railroad people years ago and their attitude today. A public relations consciousness marks our work today, and it is well that such is the case, since the railroads face stiff competition with government-subsidized forms of transportation. He said, in part: "... it seems to me that if we who are making a life work of railroading want to stay on our jobs and provide jobs for the young fellows coming after us, we must see to it that the railroads are permitted to continue their present important role in the transportation field. . . . Most of us here have invested a lot of years in the Milwaukee Road and certainly all of us have a stake in its future. It is my conviction that we can do a whole lot toward insuring that future by practicing in our daily lives the objectives of the Service Clubs. . . . In closing, I want to thank you for inviting me here tonight. It's good seeing so many people I have been associated with for half a century. You are a fine lot, there are no better in the service of any railroad anywhere."

Other speakers of the evening were P. H. Draver, assistant general freight agent; J. T. Kelly, general storekeeper; J. A. Deppe, superintendent of the car department; A. G. Dupuis, assistant public relations officer; D. C. Curtis, chief purchasing officer; H. C. Munson, general superintendent.

Our capable master of ceremonies then introduced what he called a valuable man indeed, J. A. Macht, general secretary and treasurer. No one fully realizes the work involved in handling a club the size of Milwaukee, and Mr. Macht and Mr. Biller deserve more than mere words of praise.

Introduced and presented with gifts were the chairman of Milwaukee's 15 units. G. O. Shram, Unit 2; H. Starke, Unit 3; S. J. Tabaka, Unit 4; C. J. Michalski, Unit 5; P. Stetzenbach, Unit 6; W. R. Carlson, Unit 7; J. E. Breuer, Unit 8; J. W. Lofy, Unit 9; H. Nierzwicki Unit 10; R. M. Freuler, Unit 11; J. E. Shannon, Unit 12; B. J. Kowalski, Unit 13; E. Fox, Unit 14; A. W. Graft, Unit 15.



J. T. Gillick addresses the throng of 2,000 employes at the Milwaukee Hiawatha Service Club party.

The prize for the distinction of being the largest unit will go to the car department, Passenger Shop Unit No. 4. Hats off to S. J. Tabaka and his boys. A prize will also go to R. M. Freuler of the store department, Unit No. 11, for having the largest increase in membership during 1944.

Three of the finest professional acts to be seen anywhere were enjoyed at the conclusion of the business meeting and "Butch" Weber and his orchestra beat out some fine rhythm for the Hiawatha dance lovers.

Band music, speakers, professional acts, dancing and refreshments. Throw in a little Milwaukee Road friendliness; add a dab of Milwaukee, Wis., *Gemuthlichkeit* and it spells fun for all.

Elder Dubuque Service Club Meets

Two of our company films, "Trail of the Olympian" and "Olympic Wonderlands," convinced the club members all over again that the Milwaukee Road has some superb selling points. Earl Marhart, the operator and director of the Dubuque recreational department, stated that from the viewpoint of beautiful scenery, the films were the best he ever saw.

W. M. Thurber, assistant superintendent, paid a tribute to the shippers of the country, and also the Shippers Advisory Board, for their cooperative effort and contribution to the war effort. The volume of traffic handled by the railroads in this war has proved what team work can do. Mr. Thurber believes that if the same team work is applied by each department on our railroad, much can be accomplished in promoting our public relations program.

Grant Boyd, agent at Dubuque, pointed out how each employe can be a salesman in promoting his business in his own circle of friends. The public in general has gone along with us realizing our handicaps and restrictions. Mr. Boyd said everyone should be interested in giving that extra Milwaukee Road service.

H. A. Unmacht, general car foreman, reminded the members that one meeting may not be as entertaining as another. Perhaps the one missed will prove to be a dandy. The club wants suggestions, as suggestions help the Milwaukee Road, which, after all, is every one of us.

Earl Thompson, chairman, stressed public relations and the important part each employe and department can play in helping to keep the Milwaukee Road as important as it should be.

Miles City Club Entertains Business Men

Claude O'Brien, program chairman of the Miles City Service Club, together with his assistants representing both the Service Club and the Women's Club, did an excellent piece of work in presenting a short skit at the club's party held on Oct. 26. All local business men and their wives were invited and a good many of them came, the crowd being estimated at about 400.

Chairman I. H. Rogers opened with a brief talk in which he told the guests something about the Service Club. He then turned matters over to Richard Jensen, master of ceremonies, whose costume for the performance was a derby and very noisy necktie.

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Choral Club Gives Hallowe'en Party; Practices for Christmas Program

Approaching the Yuletide season, the Milwaukee Road Choral Club, composed of talented employes in the Chicago area, is busily engaged in rehearsing Christmas music.

It has become a tradition for this group of singers to present concerts in the main waiting room of the Chicago Union Station for several days preceding the Christmas

ning. The Christmas programs have been under rehearsal since the first of September and it is anticipated that the situation will be well in hand on the opening date. The Hallowe'en party and rehearsal of Oct. 30 were most successful and much credit for the arrangements goes to Mrs. Lucy Martin, who arranged the dinner, and Miss Rosebud Wennerberg, who had charge of the

Right. Some of the principal figures in the Milwaukee Road Choral Club strike a pose at their Hallowe'en party. Seated, l. to r.: Grace Doyle, treasurer; Loretta B. Kuhn, vice president; Alma Matthies, accompanist; Mary J. Mahey, secretary. Standing: Robert W. Weber, librarian; George M. Dempsey, president; Stanley Martin, director.



Below. A group of choral club members enjoy the Hallowe'en party after rehearsal.



holiday; this year concerts are planned as follows:

- Wednesday, Dec. 20—
 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 21—
 - 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 22—
 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 23—
 - 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

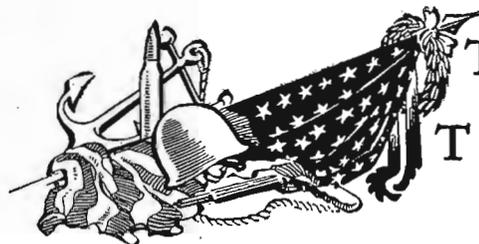
Ordinarily, the regular Monday evening rehearsal is held in a meeting room in the Union Station, but on the occasion of Oct. 30, the members held a Hallowe'en party as well. The accompanying pictures were two of several candid shots taken that eve-

entertainment which, incidentally, disclosed quite a lot of hidden talent.

The Choral Club has lost many members, particularly men, to the armed forces, and any employes in the Chicago area who desire to become associated with the group may report for try-out at Room 312-A in the Chicago Union Station any Monday evening at 5:45 p.m.

A group of soldiers were discussing the many things they would do when they were discharged from the army. "First thing I'm goin' to do when I get out of this army," said one disgruntled soldier, "is bust that sergeant right on the nose."

"Oh, yeah?" retorted a near-by comrade. "That's what you think. You're goin' to wait right in line and take your turn, just like all the rest of us."



THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES

Pvt. Joseph Turansky, formerly employed as a machinist apprentice in the South Minneapolis locomotive shops, was killed in France on Oct. 13 while in action with a field artillery observation battalion. His father served with the French Foreign Legion during the last war.



Pvt. Joseph Turansky

Pvt. Elroy H. Bloedorn, 21, formerly employed as a clerk in the office of district storekeeper at the Milwaukee shops, was killed in action in Italy on Oct. 20. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, four months old, whom he had never seen.



Pvt. Elroy H. Bloedorn

Lt. William J. Vanderlick, 23, a Flying Fortress navigator, died when his plane crashed in England on Oct. 15. He had completed more than 30 missions and had won the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. His father is Conductor A. W. Vanderlick of the H&D Division.

Ens. Paul Larkoski, 21, son of Roadmaster J. A. Larkoski, of Austin, Minn., was killed on Oct. 17 in a collision of two planes while on a night flight from Pensacola Navy Air Training Base. The flight was to have been the last in his course of training as a flyer.



Ens. Paul Larkoski

Service Clubs

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The *dramatis personae* of the skit consisted entirely of employees, each appropriately dressed for his part. For example, Chairman Rogers, who sang "Just a Baby's Prayer at Twilight," was as lovely a young blonde as you would ever want to see. Others in the cast, and their contribution to the success of the evening, were:

"Memories," June Gray.
 "Yankee Doodle Dandy," Claude O'Brien.
 "Anchors Aweigh," Herb Lathrop.
 "Dark Town Strutters' Ball," Mary Gordon.

"Good Bye Broadway, Hello France," Krutt and Kongright.

"I Don't Want to Get Well," Martin Walsh, Mrs. Richard Jensen, Harry Stamp.

After a "God Bless America" finale, a buffet supper was served, with Sam Leo and Bill Norton in charge, assisted by Louie Rask, Tony Biedrsycki, Art Gilbert and Al Boehmer.

S/Sgt. Joseph S. Barnes, son of Brakeman Joseph D. Barnes, of Watertown, Wis., and himself a former clerk in the Portage, Wis., freight house, has been reported killed in action. He went overseas on Nov. 24,



S/Sgt. Joseph S. Barnes

1942, as a flight engineer on a Flying Fortress, and was declared missing in action on Jan. 7, 1943, his plane having crash-landed in the English Channel. He has received the Purple Heart and a citation of honor posthumously.

Lt. W. G. Raese, co-pilot of a Flying Fortress, was killed in action on June 21, according to a telegram the War Department recently addressed to his father, Gustave Raese, an engineer on the Third District of the LaCrosse & River division. He had previously been reported missing in action. He went overseas last March and completed several bombing missions over Europe.

More than 23 railway tank cars of heavy fuel are needed to supply a single destroyer on a round-trip convoy trip between the East Coast and North Africa.

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.—Marie Curie.

Retirements

THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES' APPLICATIONS FOR RETIREMENT WERE RECORDED IN OCTOBER, 1944

Chicago General Offices

CICERO, THERESA C.
 Presser Chicago, Ill.
 FRASER, EUGENE C.
 Traveling Auditor Chicago, Ill.
 HAZELTON, JAMES M.
 Bureau Head Chicago, Ill.
 MUNRO, IDA R.
 Clerk, Frt. Aud. Office Chicago, Ill.

Chicago Terminals

CROUSE, JOHN W.
 Pipefitter Helper Bensenville, Ill.
 GUTHRIE, WALTER E.
 B&B Carpenter Chicago, Ill.
 MARSHALL, GEORGE D. L.
 Switchman Chicago, Ill.
 ROEMER, GEORGE
 Freight Trucker Chicago, Ill.

Coast Division

ALEXANDER, WILLIAM G.
 Machinist Tacoma, Wash.
 EWERS, FRED
 Boilermaker Helper Tacoma, Wash.
 HUNTER, ELMER C.
 Yard Conductor Seattle, Wash.
 LACKEY, ALBERT L.
 Supervisor Bellingham, Wash.

Dubuque and Illinois Division

JOHNSON, ELMER C.
 Conductor Chicago, Ill.

Hastings and Dakota Division

BROWN, DELBERT G.
 Passenger Flagman Aberdeen, S. D.
 CARRUTH, JOHN L.
 Conductor Montevideo, Minn.
 SCHMITZ, CLARENCE
 Loco. Engineer Montevideo, Minn.
 TORREY, CLYDE M.
 Section Laborer Montevideo, Minn.

Idaho Division

BROWN, ELMER A.
 Agent Post Falls, Ida.

Iowa Division

FRAME, GUY D.
 Switchman Council Bluffs, Ia.
 ROACH, WILLIAM H.
 Agent Clive, Ia.
 SIMPA, CHARLES
 Agent Mapleton, Ia.
 THOMSEN, JOHN A.
 Section Foreman Charter Oak, Ia.

Iowa and Dakota Division

BRANN, HARRY E., SR.
 Agent Avon, S. D.
 ENRIGHT, ARTHUR G.
 Conductor Mitchell, S. D.
 HICKSON, THOMAS
 Roundhouse Foreman Rapid City, S. D.
 JOHNSTON, ROBERT D.
 Switchman Mason City, Ia.
 RECK, EDWARD F.
 Conductor Sioux City, Ia.

Iowa and Southern Minnesota Division

GROOME, WALTER B.
 Machinist Inspector Austin, Minn.
 NELSON, NELS H.
 Machinist Austin, Minn.

Kansas City Division

CANTON, JOHN R.
 Painter Coburg, Mo.
 COOPER, LUTHER A.
 Section Foreman Laredo, Mo.
 FRITSCHER, HERMAN C. L.
 Boilermaker Ottumwa, Ia.
 JOHNSON, MARTIN E.
 Baggagehandler Ottumwa, Ia.
 LINDSEY, WILLIAM E.
 Telegrapher Kansas City, Mo.
 TOWNS, AMBUR L.
 Loco. Engineer Ottumwa, Ia.

La Crosse and River Division

BECK, FRANCIS C.
 Agent Cannon Falls, Minn.
 BUSSIAN, JULIUS A.
 Section Foreman Pewaukee, Wis.
 WORKMAN, CARL W.
 Telegrapher Lake City, Minn.

Milwaukee Division

LISCO, FRED W.
 Brakeman Milwaukee, Wis.
 RICK, WILLIAM
 Warehouse Foreman Beloit, Wis.
 WATERS, ROBERT P.
 Tel. & Sig. Foreman Milwaukee, Wis.

Milwaukee Terminals

WENKMAN, MAX M.
 Switchman Milwaukee, Wis.

Rocky Mountain Division

FIELDS, ROBERT M.
 Div. Frt. & Pass. Agt. Butte, Mont.
 GOLDBRAND, WILLIAM R.
 Pass. Conductor Lewistown, Mont.
 MARCY, CARL W.
 Section Laborer Maudlow, Mont.

Terre Haute Division

ORMAN, CLINTON
 Welder, Car Dept. Terre Haute, Ind.
 PETRIE, WILLIAM H.
 Agent Westport, Ind.

Trans-Missouri Division

DE LA HUNT, ROLO I.
 Agent Bowman, N. D.
 WADE, HARRY W.
 Conductor Harlowton, Mont.

Twin City Terminals

GERSDORF, ALBERT E.
 Boilermaker Helper St. Paul, Minn.
 GRAETZ, JACOB
 Sta. Engr. Minneapolis, Minn.
 HARMON, WILLIAM E.
 Loco. Engineer Minneapolis, Minn.
 JOHNSON, SWAN E.
 Towerman Minneapolis, Minn.

The Milwaukee Railroad WOMEN'S CLUB

Sioux City Chapter

Mrs. Ben Rose, Historian

Autumnal activities began with the September Board in Jess Jamison's home, Mrs. Urban La Breck assisting. The general business meeting, 4th Thursday, in Scandinavian Hall, was preceded by a cafeteria pot-luck dinner, which was greatly enjoyed by the 75 participants, proving a solution to the "seven basic foods for everyone" and expediting the distribution. Meeting was called by Mrs. John Hansen, president. Minutes read and approved. Mrs. Leo Lamb reported a total of 457 hours devoted to surgical dressings, USO, Grey Ladies, Marine quilting, paper drive, canteen, packing Christmas boxes, and Red Cross sewing for August and September. Mrs. A. G. Elder, program, offered your choice of recreation, relaxation, hilarity or all business at a bingo session.

Mrs. Roy Worthington and Mrs. J. T. Hansen were board hostesses in October. Mrs. John Hansen, president, appointed Mrs. Arthur Nelson, Mrs. Guy Raff and Mrs. V. K. McCauley to find, if possible, a dining room large enough for our Annual Turkey Dinner. Mrs. B. Brashear was appointed to secure an open night for our club to entertain at the downtown USO. Mrs. A. G. Elder was presented with an appreciation gift as she is leaving soon for Ottumwa, where Mr. Elder has been transferred. While anticipating another field of happy labor, Mrs. Elder expressed her regret in leaving the Sioux City Chapter.

At the October general meeting, the club decided to entertain once a month for the next year at the Air Base USO. Mrs. George Gaskill presented the shawl she had knit for the club. Immediately Mrs. T. J. Snyder, ways and means, was on the job handing out chance tickets for same. The Hallowe'en party, which had been planned by the Board, which also furnished the 11 o'clock snack, sandwiches, cake and coffee, was a gala affair. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Watier, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Hubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Snow, Mr. and Mrs. John McGrane and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Worthington.

It's a funny thing about life—if you refuse to accept anything but the best you nearly always get it.

For a delicious tea-time treat, mix one part butter with two parts brown sugar, spread on graham crackers and broil until the mixture melts and bubbles. It tastes good, is economical and can be fixed in just a few minutes.

December, 1944

Isabelle C. Kendall

OUR hearts were saddened by the passing of our dearly beloved president general, Mrs. Isabelle C. Kendall. During the many years of our club, the greatness of her heart and the wisdom with which she guided the affairs of our many chapters served as an inspiration to all of us. Her ability to direct the many projects which came under her supervision was outstanding.

She was a true and noble woman, a true friend, sweet and lovable, and served us long and untiringly. Good deeds and acts of kindness were uppermost in her thoughts at all times.

In our deep remembrance of our very dear friend and benefactor, and as a last tribute to her, may we who have had the happy privilege of her friendship, counsel, and judgment, carry on the work she loved, and pass on to our younger and newer members and to all the folks of our Milwaukee Road family something of her personality, integrity, labor and devotion to all of us. The things for which she stood are the things for which our club stands; for that reason she will be with us always.

MEMBERS OF THE MILWAUKEE
RAILROAD WOMEN'S CLUB

Savanna Chapter

Mrs. L. H. Rabun, Vice-President

The club met Monday, Oct. 8, in its clubrooms with Mrs. Rabun, first vice-president, presiding. There were about 35 members present. The chapter was happy to receive both membership prizes amounting to \$50.00. Thanks to our membership chairman, Mrs. Lynn. It was decided to wait until annual election of officers for a new historian, as there are only two more meetings of this year. Nominating committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Sorensen, Mrs. Follett and Mrs. Buswell.

After the meeting cards were played with Mrs. Follett winning in contract, Mrs. Latham, auction; Mrs. Kelly, 500; Mrs. Hodoval in 50, and Mrs. Bridenstein for bunco. Mrs. Wuerth won the attendance prize. The committee, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. O'Neal and Mrs. Buswell served lovely refreshments.

Miles City Chapter

Ruth Rehn, Historian

Monday, Nov. 6, found the Miles City Club in session with Mrs. N. A. Helm, president, and Mrs. F. W. Spear, acting secretary. The committee work was very satisfactory for the past month. Three Milwaukee families were given aid; Ways and Means Committee raised \$22 with a lovely card party; the Housing Committee turned in \$50.50 from rentals of the clubhouse; our Red Cross chairman re-

ported six sewing, four working in A. W. V. S., two nurses aides, and 32 in surgical dressings, with a total of 461 hours given to this work. Mrs. S. E. Moss, safety first chairman, gave a very interesting talk on "Be careful and prevent accidents in the home." \$10.00 was donated to the National War Fund. Mrs. Joe Feeley was appointed war bond chairman. The members were asked to buy their extra bonds from the Milwaukee Club booth. A Christmas party was planned for the December meeting.

After the business meeting, the club had a real treat when Mrs. Spear, program chairman, presented Bruce Orcutt, composer and singer, who spoke of his incentive for writing two of his compositions: "The Chapel in the Hills" and "My Loving Mother." Then he sang these numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Esther Benson. Light refreshments were served from a tea table, using the motif of the autumn fruit basket, by the hostesses Mrs. Charlie Shine, Mrs. Thorston Gilbert, and Mrs. C. E. Rehn. A social hour followed.

Officers elected for year 1945 are: President, Mrs.

Thorston Gilbert; first vice-president, Mrs. D. P. Brady; second vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Rehn; rec. secy., Mrs. Charles Shine; corr. secy., Mrs. Arley Wickersham; treasurer, Mrs. S. E. Moss; historian, Mrs. N. A. Helm.

Green Bay Chapter

Mrs. W. F. Kramer, Historian

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday evening, Nov. 2, following a pot-luck supper served to about 60 persons. A delightful program was presented by students in the dancing classes of Grace Johnson Koss and Gladys Joseph Garat. Mrs. F. T. Buechler was in charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Lea Burns, Mrs. George Bloomer, and Mrs. J. M. Brennan. P. J. Weiland, trainmaster, was the speaker of the evening. Plans were made for a Christmas party to be held on Saturday evening, Dec. 9, for all employees and their families. Chairman of this party will be Mrs. Russell Anderson. During the meeting it was announced that officers will be elected at the December meeting. After the program and business meeting there was a social hour. Mrs. S. Einarson was the winner at bridge. Mrs. Ed Sabada won the attendance prize.

It was with deep regret that we recently bid good-bye to two of our loyal members, Mrs. E. J. McMahon, member of the board and active supporter of the club for many years, and Mrs. Wm. Wetheral, a new member, but one who will be missed greatly by all of us. We

wish them the very best of luck in their new homes in Milwaukee. Congratulations to all who made it possible for us to win the membership prize. The drive was a big success and we wish to thank all who worked and contributed.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year to everyone and a special cheery greeting to all the Milwaukee Road employees now in the service of their country.

Black Hills Chapter

Mrs. Harris Dillabough, Historian

The Black Hills Chapter met in its clubrooms Oct. 9 with 15 present, Margaret Kemmerling, presiding. Club motto was repeated. A \$35.00 check received from the General Governing Board as membership prize was reported. Mrs. C. L. Grube, Good Cheer chairman, reported two cards sent and three calls made. Mrs. Stanley Core, Mrs. Fred Diehl and Mrs. Clifford Smith have been appointed nominating committee. Plans were made for another rummage sale to take place the last of October or the first part of November.

We were very glad to have Mrs. Lloyd MacDonald at our meeting as a new Black Hills member. Mr. McDonald has been transferred here from Sanborn, Ia., as roundhouse foreman. Thomas Hickson, who preceded him in this position, is now enjoying retirement. Refreshments were served by candlelight. The tables were decorated in a hallowe'en scheme. Hostesses were Mrs. N. O. Frizzell and Mrs. Harris Dillabough.

Butte Chapter

Mrs. Pete Olson, Historian

Our first meeting of the fall was held Oct. 2. Red Cross Chairman Mrs. A. C. Kohlhase reported 52 hours spent folding bandages, Good Cheer Chairman reported 15 telephone and four personal calls. Following the business session lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Arthur Jersey and Mrs. C. V. Peterson, after which bridge was enjoyed.

November meeting was held Monday, the 6th, following luncheon which was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Milton Mason and Mrs. O. G. Buerkle. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. C. Schwichtenberg; first vice pres., Mrs. Pete Olson; second vice pres., Mrs. C. V. Peterson; treas., Mrs. N. B. Lupton; secretary, Mrs. J. R. Weatherly, and Mrs. C. G. Bleichner, historian. Red Cross chairman reported 58 hours spent on surgical dressings, and good cheer chairman reported six personal and four telephone calls made and a basket of fruit taken to the husband of one of our members who is ill. Plans were made for a card party for members and their guests to be held Dec. 2 for the benefit of wounded soldiers in the various hospitals. Bridge was enjoyed for several hours.

A farewell party was held for our president, Mrs. D. W. Amick, who is leaving soon to make her home in Spokane. The honor guest was presented with a gift.

Iron Mountain Chapter

Mrs. N. G. Schumaker, Historian

On Oct. 17 members observed the tenth anniversary of our chapter with a 6:30 P. M. birthday dinner at the Harding Hotel. Autumn flowers and leaves were used to decorate the table. A large birthday cake decorated with a miniature stream line Milwaukee Road Engine cut out and ten candles were placed in the center of the table.

Following the dinner members went to the Legion rooms for their meeting, which was conducted by the Vice-Presi-

dent Mrs. Herbert Kell in the absence of the President, Mrs. Roland Schwalenberg. The Club voted to give ten dollars to the Community Chest fund, also to have a card party the first week in November. After the meeting games were played, followed by birthday cake and coffee. Mrs. Herbert Kell, chairman, was assisted by Mrs. Robert Baldrice and Mrs. Henry Larsen.

Wisconsin Rapids Chapter

Mrs. Howard C. Gibbs, Historian

Our chapter held its opening meeting of the fall Sept. 19, at the home of Mrs. Leonard Kroll, Port Edwards, with a very nice attendance. Meeting was called to order and reports read. Good Cheer Chairman reported one sympathy, one Golden Wedding Anniversary, two good cheer cards and one plant sent. The president then read a letter from the General Governing Board congratulating the chapter on our nice increase in membership. Plans were discussed and a committee was appointed to handle Christmas Gift boxes for Servicemen. Committee in Charge consists of Mmes. Carl Akey, Leonard Krill, and Howard Gibbs. Penny march netted 95c. Meeting was then adjourned and our hostess served a very delicious lunch.

October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ellsworth Peavey on Oct. 17. Meeting was called to order by our President, after which reports were read by the various officers and chairmen, and other business transacted.

Because of Thanksgiving being during the week our regular meeting is held, it was voted to hold our next meeting on Nov. 23. Meeting was then adjourned and refreshments and a social hour were enjoyed by the members.

Mitchell Chapter

Mrs. O. D. Adams, Historian

We were happy to greet Miss Etta N. Lindskog as a guest of our chapter at our Oct. 9 meeting. Mrs. Jack West of Rapid City, a former member of our chapter, was also a guest. Mrs. Caldwell announced receipt of a \$40 membership prize. Good Cheer Chairman Mrs. Sloan reported 98 phone and 29 personal calls.

Plans were made to send Christmas greetings to all our service men and to have small gifts and home-made candy at the Canteen on Christmas Day for service men passing through. The work of our chapter in making the Canteen a success was specially commended by Miss Lindskog in her talk following the business session. She brought us news of the work of other chapters and of the growth of the club as a whole, now in its twentieth year, and encouraged us to continue our efforts. After a social hour, lunch was served by Mrs. Viet's committee.

Mobridge Chapter

Mrs. W. B. McCoy, Historian

The club rooms have been moved and been under repair and improvement. However, the ladies hope to have their November Meet in the new location and feel the thrill of an all clean place. They are very grateful for all the labor done and for the added conveniences.

Due to the above facts our October meeting was held in the Dakota Public Service rooms. Regular form was used with Pres. Mrs. V. C. Cotton officiating. The main issue was The Voice of the Canteen. This project is still going on at a good pace and has been all summer. Another donation toward this work was received from Isabel, So. Dak. A nominating committee of three for the coming election was appointed. Discussions were held on rentals, dishes, rugs and stove. Theresa Erickson won the door

prize. Mrs. J. Schutz and Mrs. E. E. Elshire served lovely refreshments.

On Hallowe'en night Mrs. Cotton entertained board members at her home and held a business meeting. It was decided there to serve roast turkey and dressing to the service boys at the Canteen on Thanksgiving Day. Plans were laid and volunteers for preparing turkeys were accepted. Before retiring we goblins were served luscious cake with whipped cream and coffee. It has been rumored that after this meeting the elves took out and mischievous works around town were apparent.

Merrill Chapter

Mrs. Richard A. Akey, Historian

A brief summary of our summer activities during the past few months consists of a picnic in Stange's Public Park in July. In August our regular meeting was held at Irma, at the home of the Frank Fredericks, with Mrs. E. P. Little as assisting hostess. September meeting was at the Krom Cottage on Lake Pesobic. Mrs. Roy Zipp entertained the club at her home at the October meeting, and the November meeting was held at the Elmer Bloomquist home. At each of the meetings the usual routine of business was transacted, of which a more detailed account will be given in future items.

Mason City Chapter

Mrs. John Balfanz, Historian

Mason City Chapter met Nov. 7, with a nice attendance. Mrs. Sizer, pres., called the meeting to order with the singing of old time songs. Reports by the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. Corresponding Secretary Mrs. McClintock stated she had sent 13 cards. Sunshine Chairman Mrs. Goltz reported she and her committee had made 20 personal and 18 telephonic calls, and that dinner was served at one bereaved home. The City Canteen received \$73.85 from the rummage sale held in September. It was voted to buy another \$100 bond during the war bond drive. Red Cross Chairman Mrs. O. Anderson turned in 58 hrs. of Red Cross sewing.

The Nominating Committee, Mrs. Smola, Chairman, Mrs. Van Moran and Mrs. Kemp, presented the following slate of officers for 1945: Pres., Mrs. Carl Anderson; 1st vice pres., Mrs. Walter Hendrickson; 2nd vice pres., Mrs. C. E. Kemp; treas., Mrs. C. E. Pack; rec. sec'y, Mrs. J. A. Nelson; asst. rec. sec'y, Mrs. Paul Hurley; cor. sec'y, Mrs. Robt. McClintock; historian, Mrs. John Balfanz.

A Christmas party will be held in the club rooms in December for the kiddies. Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Larson, and Mrs. Hendrickson are to make the plans. Our December meeting will be a Christmas party with exchange of 25 cent gifts and a special program. At the close of the meeting lunch was served. Penny march netted 84 cents.

Minneapolis Chapter

Mrs. J. J. Mintz, Historian

There were 14 members present at the Board meeting and luncheon held Oct. 3 at the Hasty Tasty. Plans were discussed for coming activities. During the meeting Mrs. A. Farnham was presented with a lovely purse, a parting gift from the board members. Our best wishes go with Mrs. Farnham, who is leaving to join her husband, recently transferred to Perry, Iowa, as Assistant Superintendent. They were both grand members and we are going to miss them.

Everyone enjoyed the tasty roast beef dinner served at our regular meeting, Oct. 20. There were 90 members present. We owe the cheery Hallowe'en atmosphere to Mrs. H. Pitts, assisted by Mrs. M. Brown, who decorated the tables with



Some of the members of the Aberdeen chapter who recently held a farewell party for Mrs. F. R. Doud, wife of the former superintendent, who is now railroading in France. Mrs. Doud has moved to Milwaukee to be with her daughter during the absence of Lt. Col. Doud.

orange and brown crepe paper and placed on each table a yellow squash filled with cranberries and grapes, representing the "Horn of Plenty." The squash were a product of the Pitt's Victory garden. Mrs. Melquist thanked all the ladies who helped in any way to make the dinner such a grand success.

Reports were: Mrs. French, Welfare; four sympathy and personal calls made, one family aided. Mrs. Hewing, good cheer, three sympathy and one good cheer card sent and three phone calls made. Mrs. King, Ways and Means, 90 dinner tickets sold, amounting to \$58.50. Mrs. Farnham, Cor. Sec'y, reported three thank you cards received. Thirty Red Cross hours were credited to us by the Grey Ladies. Mrs. Melquist announced receipt of our prize money amounting to \$75, which was awarded to the club for acquiring the grand total of 890 members, 755 contributing and 135 voting. This was the result of the splendid effort made by our membership chairman, Mrs. Grothe. It was voted to use the money to purchase our fourth war bond.

Mrs. Melquist appointed a Nominating committee. Mrs. Webster, chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Barnes. We were pleased to welcome two new members into the club, Mrs. Flanery and Florence Mullen. The meeting adjourned and the members joined with the Men's Service Club for a pleasant social hour of dancing.

Montevideo Chapter

Mrs. John Schmutzler, Historian

A very enjoyable meeting was held Nov. 3. Being election of officers, the following ladies were chosen for the respective positions: Pres., Mrs. M. P. Gollie; first vice pres., Mrs. J. W. Wolf; second vice pres., Mrs. Joe Hoen; rec. sec'y, Mrs. Jas. Murphy; cor. sec'y, Mrs. Geo. May; treas., Mrs. Ben Nordquist; historian, Mrs. Geo. Cramer.

Reports were given, the quilt bringing \$30, which was donated to the Blood Plasma fund. Very much credit goes to Mrs. Geo. May, Red Cross chairman, for her work in making the quilt and the sale such a success. A very enjoyable program under the direction of Mrs. Sig. Loftdahl was much appreciated. It was decided to buy war bonds in the November bond drive. Many hours were put in by members on surgical dressings, and there were also many blood donors to the Blood Bank. Attendance prize was won by Mrs. Gollie. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Geo. May and Mrs. J. J. Schmutzler. December meeting will be a Christmas party with exchange of gifts.

December, 1944

Aberdeen Chapter

Mrs. Lisle Young, Historian

A new staff of club officers was elected at our November meeting to serve during 1945. Those who will be in charge are: Mrs. Roy Smith, president; Mrs. Art Schreiber, first vice-president; Mrs. Frank Heckler, second vice-president; Mrs. E. L. Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Ivor Bothum, rec. sec'y; Mrs. George Benz, cor. sec'y, and Mrs. Lisle Young, historian. The women decided to discontinue their Wednesday afternoon Red Cross gatherings for the remainder of the year and await the plans of the new officers for next year's work. With the prosecution of the war uppermost in mind, the club voted to invest in bonds during the war loan bond drive. The door prize which was presented to the club by Mrs. P. J. Ryan was won by Mrs. W. J. Irving. For their December meeting the ladies plan to inject a bit of Christmas spirit by singing carols and exchanging gifts not to exceed 25 cents.

A social highlight of the club was a recent farewell party in honor of Mrs. F. R. Doud, who has gone to Milwaukee to be with her daughter in the absence of her husband, Lt. Col. F. R. Doud, who is serving overseas. About 40 of the ladies met at the Moccasin Recreation Center for a pot-luck dinner, after which they played bridge. Prizes were won by Mrs. Art Schreiber and Mrs. Louis Christman, and a lovely gift was presented to Mrs. Doud.

Milwaukee Chapter

Mrs. John Ehler, Historian

At our business meeting Oct. 16, members were informed that our chapter received a \$65 membership prize. Several letters were read. Good cheer chairman sent seven cards, two spiritual bouquets, received four cards of thanks. One social call and one welfare call were made and up to Oct. 1 there were 867 contributing, voting 262—Total 1,129. Blood plasma donation, \$4.19.

Red Cross report for September—Army pilot sweaters, 144 hours; Navy socks, 464 hours; Navy tubular scarves, 150 hours; 12 6x6 squares donated, cost of which was approximately \$2, 12 hours. Total hours worked, 770 hours.

Let us all work TOGETHER, for that word is one of the most inspiring words in the English language, for COMING together is the beginning, KEEPING together is Progress—WORKING together is Success.

Terre Haute Chapter

Mrs. Edward Bevington, Historian

The club held its monthly meeting on Oct. 19. The committee in charge of the pot-luck supper included Mrs. C. R. Patton, chairman; Mmes. J. A. Ogden, Clyde Dawson, Wm. Craven and Albert Dungsing. At the business meeting following the supper, with Mrs. Charles Longcor, president, presiding it was announced that the Terre Haute Chapter was the recipient of \$45 in prize money from the General Governing Board for having shown an increase in membership over last year. The club now has a membership of more than 350. Mrs. Longcor appointed a nominating committee which includes Mrs. Joe Taylor, chairman, Mrs. Henry McNary and Mrs. Earl Roberts.

Members of the club who would like to have their nearest of kin represented on the service flag soon to be hung in the club rooms are urged to contact either Mrs. Clyde Dawson, H 0954, or Mrs. Walter Glass, H 6395.

Tomah Chapter

Mrs. Francis Brown, Historian

Tomah Chapter met Nov. 1 at the K. F. Hall. We had a luncheon which was held at 12 o'clock and such good food. There was a very good turn-out. We had as our most welcome guests Miss Etta Lindskog of Chicago, Mrs. William Hovey and Mrs. Peter Hensgen of Sparta, Mrs. William Ramsey and daughter of La Crosse. The nominating committee reported the following new officers: Pres., Mrs. Archie Ruff; 1st vice pres., Mrs. Oliver Kimsey; 2nd vice pres., Mrs. Herman Lanke; sec'y, Mrs. Leonard Matthews; treas., Mrs. Joe Jerdee; historian, Mrs. Francis Brown. These members were elected.

We made plans for a dance to be held Nov. 11 at the Armory, also a Christmas party to be held the first part of December. The secretary reported she received from our president a check for \$55 which she had received from the General Governing Board as a prize for going over the top in membership with a gain of 23 members over last year. We have two ladies working as Grey ladies and a number of ladies working for Red Cross, 255 hours having been put in during October.

Madison, S. D., Chapter

Mrs. A. D. Walker, Historian

To honor Miss Etta Lindskog, secretary general, the local club entertained at dinner on the night of Oct. 10. A three-course meal was served in the Empire Room at the Madison Cafe. The long table was lighted with tall yellow tapers and a low arrangement of marigolds continued the yellow color scheme.

After the banquet, the regular meeting of the club was held at the club rooms. Miss Lindskog complimented the club on its fine rooms and its activity in every field. She told of work being done throughout the whole organization and of individual club projects which were noteworthy. All clubs are now giving time and effort to war activities. Members voted a \$5 donation to the national war fund. They also completed packing gifts for mailing to young men on the club honor roll. A set of dish towels presented by the president at the last meeting has been completed and will be sold to raise funds for the treasury. Serving of cake and coffee closed the meeting.

On Oct. 24 a pot-luck supper for members of the Women's Club and their husbands and children was served. This was the monthly social meeting. There was an abundance of good food. Cards and visiting followed.

Name	Department or Occupation	Location	No. of tips submitted		Name	Department or Occupation	Location	No. of tips submitted	
			Pass.	Frnt.				Pass.	Frnt.
Iowa and Dakota Division					Milwaukee Terminals and Shops				
Anderson, E.E.	Sec. Foreman	Delmont, S.D.	1		Beck, John C.	Inspector	Milwaukee, Wis.	1	
Caldwell, D.I.	Engineer	Mitchell, S.D.	1		Guschl, Audrey	Clerk	Milwaukee, Wis.	2	
Enwistle, J.	Car Inspector	Mitchell, S.D.	1		Keller, E.A.	Chief Clerk	No. Milwaukee, Wis.	5	
Grupp, H.C.	Instrumentman	Mason City, Ia.	1		Peck, C.E.	Clerk	Milwaukee, Wis.	1	
Hansen, J.T.	Asst. Supt.	Sioux City, Ia.	2		Schilhansl, Andrew	Inspector	Milwaukee, Wis.		2
Hladky, Charles	Sec. Laborer	Lesterville, S.D.	1		Schram, George	H.F. Blacksmith	Milwaukee, Wis.	1	
Lancot, Mary C.	Clerk	Mitchell, S.D.	2		Schultz, Leona	Hist. Rec. Clk.	Milwaukee, Wis.	3	
Moran, C. Grace	Stenographer	Mason City, Ia.	2		Tenge, Fred R.	Pass. Car Frmn.	Milwaukee, Wis.	1	
O'Brien, J.F.	Rate Clerk	Sioux City, Ia.		1				14	2
Serakos, Christ	Sec. Laborer	Mason City, Ia.	1						
			11	1					
Iowa and Southern Minnesota Division					Rocky Mountain Division				
Allen, E.L.	B. & B. Foreman	Austin, Minn.		1	Dennis, Mrs. K.	Wife of furloughed emp.	Butte, Mont.	1	
Bauer, F.W.	Engineman	Albert Lea, Minn.	1		Johnson, H.C.	Chief Clerk	Butte, Mont.		1
Beatty, V.L.	Stenographer	Austin, Minn.	2		Rodgers, B.M.	Cashier	Butte, Mont.	1	
Bloomfield, R.A.	Conductor	Austin, Minn.	1		Wykoff, Charles	Track Dept.	Missoula, Mont.	1	
Bruha, Mrs. F.H.	Wife of Agent	Dexter, Minn.	1					3	1
Dosey, E.H.	Cashier	Blooming Prairie, Minn.		35					
Hayes, Albert	Operator	Albert Lea, Minn.	5						
Heidtke, B.J.	Sec. Foreman	Brownsdale, Minn.	1						
Ibsen, Mrs. J.R.	Wife of Agent	Welcome, Minn.	1						
Johnson, Charles	Agent-Operator	Sherburn, Minn.	1	5					
Johnson, George A.	Conductor	Austin, Minn.	1						
Jorgensen, Erle	Clerk	Austin, Minn.		1					
Kauder, George	Pumper	Madison, S.D.	1						
Kauder, Mrs. George	Wife of Pumper	Madison, S.D.	1						
Kauder, Marian	Daught. of Empr.	Madison, S.D.	1						
Kauder, Wesley	Relief Pumper	Madison, S.D.	1						
Keck, H.J.	Rundhse. Foreman	Austin, Minn.	1						
Matice, A.J.	Conductor	Austin, Minn.	1						
McShane, Mrs. M.	Wife of Dec. R.M.	Austin, Minn.	1						
Olson, C.M.	Agent	Bixby, Minn.	1						
Olson, H.L.	Agent	Brownsdale, Minn.	1						
Olson, Mrs. H.L.	Wife of Agent	Brownsdale, Minn.	1	1					
Peterson, V.A.	Clerk	Pipestone, Minn.	1						
Schaefer, F.W.	Blacksmith	Austin, Minn.	1						
Trueb, T.A.	Storekeeper	Madison, S.D.	1						
Valentine, F.W.	Chf. Dispatcher	Austin, Minn.	2						
Voorhees, H.S.	Yardmaster	Austin, Minn.	2						
Whalan, Mrs. J.C.	Wife of Agent	Fulda, Minn.	2						
Westby, Lars	Conductor	Madison, S.D.		2					
Wopat, E.L.	Agent	Chandler, Minn.	1						
Wopat, Mrs. E.L.	Wife of Agent	Chandler, Minn.	1						
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Kansas City Division					Seattle General Offices				
Chambers, Virginia	Clerk	Ottumwa, Ia.	1		Batson, M.E.	Stenographer	Seattle, Wash.	1	
Farrell, J.T.	Clerk	Ottumwa, Ia.	1		Beeuwkes, R.	Elec. Engineer	Seattle, Wash.	1	
Gilliland, C.	Engr. Dept.	Ottumwa, Ia.	1		Gale, Elsie M.	Clk. Purch. Dept.	Seattle, Wash.	1	
Gohmann, K.M.	Steno-Clerk	Ottumwa, Ia.	1		Greengard, S.	Exec. & Law Dept.	Seattle, Wash.	1	
Hampshire, J.F.	Clerk	Ottumwa, Ia.	1		Hanson, Chas. F.	Attorney	Seattle, Wash.	1	
Mills, J.W.	Cashier	Ottumwa, Ia.		1	Jensen, W.R.	Est. Engr.	Seattle, Wash.	1	
Santee, Margaret	Bill Clerk	Ottumwa, Ia.		1	Long, R.B.	R/W Agent	Seattle, Wash.	1	
Stern, S.H.	Instrumentman	Ottumwa, Ia.	1		Mankey, D.T.	Asst. Treasurer	Seattle, Wash.	2	
			6	2	Nupp, J.L.	Clerk	Seattle, Wash.	2	
					Oren, John J.	Labor Agent	Seattle, Wash.	1	
					Strassman, J.N.	Auditor	Seattle, Wash.		4
								12	4
La Crosse and River Division					Superior Division				
Blanchfield, E.C.	Cashier	Merrill, Wis.	1		Baldrica, R.J.	General Clerk	Iron Mountain, Mich.	2	
Frazier, I.L.	Rate Clerk	Merrill, Wis.	1		Dinwoodie, J.T.	Chr. Dispatcher	Green Bay, Wis.	2	
Frye, M.J.	Chief Clerk	Merrill, Wis.	1		LaVeau, F.J.	Agent	Republic, Mich.	1	
Henson, Russell	Carman	Merrill, Wis.	1		McGregor, Earl	Semi-Driver	Green Bay, Wis.	2	
Irwin, H.R.	Sec. Foreman	Rockland, Wis.	1		Miskimins, R.R.	Mgr. Motor Trans.	Green Bay, Wis.		1
Karow, C.A.	Cashier	Winona, Minn.	1		Schwalenberg, R.	Clerk	Iron Mountain, Mich.		1
Karow, Mrs. D.C.	Steno-Exp. Clerk	Winona, Minn.	2					7	2
Owecke, H.A.	Rate Clerk	Winona, Minn.	2						
Petrosik, Frank	Mech. Dept.	Tomah, Wis.		1					
Ruder, George	Whrse. Foreman	Merrill, Wis.		1					
Ruder, William	Yard Clerk	Merrill, Wis.		1					
Schaad, Gregory	Trucker	Merrill, Wis.		1					
Wheeler, Morton	Bill Clerk	Winona, Minn.	2						
			12	4					
Madison Division					Terre Haute Division				
Christensen, C.C.	Brakeman	Madison, Wis.	13		Daniels, B.E.	Asst. Engr.	Terre Haute, Ind.		7
Coleman, James F.	Ret. Clerk	Madison, Wis.	3					0	7
Ellis, A.E.	Checker	Janesville, Wis.	2						
Glenn, W.H.	Ret. Flagman	Madison, Wis.	2						
Marsh, V.A.	Conductor	Mineral Point, Wis.	26						
Tomlinson, J.A.	Sec. Foreman	Madison, Wis.	1						
			47	0					
Milwaukee Division					Trans-Missouri Division				
Brown, Chester	Cashier	Beaver Dam, Wis.		1	Donnenwirth, C.M.	Cashier	Miles City, Mont.	1	
Dawes, L.J.	Engineer	Rockford, Ill.	1		Nugent, Tom	Station Force	Miles City, Mont.		5
Drake, Spencer	Whrse. Foreman	Beaver Dam, Wis.	1		McCourt, E.T.	Sten. Store	Miles City, Mont.	1	
Fiebelkorn, W.C.	Chief Clerk	Beaver Dam, Wis.	1		Moran, A.A.	Ret. Brakeman	Miles City, Mont.	1	
Kuhn, H.G.	Clerk	Beaver Dam, Wis.	1					3	5
Melcher, Mrs. T.E.	Wife of Agent	Knowles, Wis.	1						
Meyer, I.C.	Agent	Beaver Dam, Wis.	8						
Mueller, A.A.	Operator	Beaver Dam, Wis.	5						
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					Twin City Terminals Division				
					Bell, Harry	Machinist	So. Minneapolis, Minn.	2	
					Knapp, O.	Store Leadman	St. Paul, Minn.	1	
					Kurzejka, A.A.	B. & B. Foreman	So. Minneapolis, Minn.	1	
					O'Connor, R.J.	Roadmaster	Minneapolis, Minn.	1	
					Sjoquist, Mrs. F.	Wife of Welder	Minneapolis, Minn.	2	
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If you know of anyone who has not yet sent in traffic tips, you can help a lot by getting him started.

COAST DIVISION

Beverly Area

Bernice Borden, Correspondent
 Beverly, Wash.

There are two sides to every question, including the one, "which will it be, a boy or a girl?" And of course the prospective father, James Hanscom of the Beverly accounting office, was as much in the dark as anyone else. So a little betting took place. Half the employes in the office said it would be a boy, the other half just knew it would be a girl. Each side was so sure they were right that it was decided that the losing team would treat the winners to a steak dinner at Vantage. Imagine the delight of the "it would be a girl" side when Diana Theresa put in her appearance on Oct. 4. The Hanscoms also have two sons.

Mayor Gahr was an outstanding figure at the dinner, ably assisting Toastmaster Ray Kinnear with his speeches concerning the civic problems of Beverly.

Beatrice Gregg left us recently to take employment in the Seattle freight office, her husband now being permanently stationed in Seattle.

Our demurrage clerk, Mrs. Jessie Bice, recently had a surprise visit from Husband Alden, who has been stationed in the South for the past two years. This was a get-acquainted visit with year-and-a-half-old daughter Vera Ellen.

Our former rate clerk, G. E. McManamon and daughter, Margie, are now working in the Everett office, Mac being chief clerk there and Margie a general clerk.

Seattle Local Freight Office and Marine Dept.

F. W. Rasmussen, Correspondent
 Local Freight Office

Last word heard from Ensign John Holtum, son of Chief Claim Clerk and Mrs. Holtum, said he was heading out from the Hawaiian Islands. Johnnie is assigned to sea patrol duty.

The local freight office hears quite regularly from Sgt. Emmett Springer formerly of the cashier's office. Emmett seems to be doing a real job in Italy; at least he is doing his part in pushing the enemy farther north every day.

We were glad to hear recently from Seabee Jewell Campbell, formerly reclaim clerk in the local freight office. At the time of writing he was somewhere in the South Seas. He says he has learned to count the steps over a well-beaten path in the dark to Ye Olde Fox Hole, and he has all the agility of sliding into second base when the occasion arises. He reports plenty of slant eyes present, requiring constant vigilance. Jewell also says he would give \$50 for a good drink of our Cedar River water and a bottle of Rainier would be heaven sent. He says there are more monkeys there than on Monkey Island, Woodland Park.

Word has been received through Miss Laura Babcock, former stenographer in the local freight office and now chief clerk for the Pere Marquette Railroad in Seattle, that Corp. James Smith, our former messenger and yard clerk, was stationed in New Guinea and has been doing a good job in helping MacArthur and his men moving north. She also reports the former P.U.D. clerk, Peter Darwin, now a

corporal, is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

A Superior Service Award card was recently received by Patrick Keenan, import and export supervisor, giving him a clear record from accidents of any kind for a period of 14 years, or from 1930 to 1944 inclusive. This is an excellent record and really something for others to shoot at.

Jim Keenan, Coast Guard, son of Patrick Keenan, import and export supervisor, is now in the South Pacific.

Phillip Wood, son of our agent, Wallace P. Wood of Enumclaw, is now a private first class with an armored division recently landed in England. Another son, William, is with the navy in the South Seas on a destroyer.

Lt. Richard Rasmussen, son of your correspondent, recently wrote from the South Seas. He says he is a Shellback in the Ancient Order of the Deep, which means that he has crossed the equator. He has also been inducted into the "Silent Mysteries of the Far East," which means that he has crossed the 180th meridian.

who has been assistant cashier in Beverly for the last year, has bid in the P.U.D. job in Seattle.

We welcome the following new employes into the Milwaukee family: Alfred W. Baker, inbound rate clerk—Mr. Baker comes to us with a good knowledge of rates and is doing a splendid job already; Elizabeth Gosha, from Mobridge, S. D., as electromatic expense clerk; Lucille Bloxam, car clerk, and Cora Harris as jaintress.

Your writer noticed the following in a *Santa Fe Magazine* the other day, written by Agent O. E. Erich of Wichita, Kan.: "Remember that the memory of our shippers and passengers will last longer than the war." This is really something to remember. We should all be awake to the fact that the friends we make now for the Milwaukee Railroad will stay with us long after the war is over, and every effort should be made to make and keep our shipping friends and our traveling public. We are going to need them later on. Let every one of us see to it that every customer is satisfied with the service we are giving now.

Tacoma

R. R. Thiele
 Correspondent
 Agent's Office

Mrs. J. Dolle, wife of J. Dolle, former traveling auditor, was taken to Sioux City to be operated on last Monday. Mr. Dolle was with her but had to come back.

Mary Eddings, roundhouse employe, recently took a delayed honeymoon trip. She is so good an employe that house Foreman J. E. Brady kissed her publicly on her return. We would not mention it, but Shop Superintendent Pentecost and Cecil De Guire of the shop force vouch for it.

E. M. Eshelman, chain inspector at the local office, had a photographic study of Chief Daybreak of the Winnebago Tribe on exhibition here recently at the state-wide contest of the College of Puget Sound; no prizes were awarded, but his picture won a good deal of favorable comment.

George Hopkins is new on the messenger's job; Aleda Irwin is a new clerk at the local office, as is Emily Czupkay; Ralph Christie and Carl Glasholt are new importations; the latter with 15 years experience as agent on the Great Northern Railway; Margaret McMenamon is now handling interchange (her father is chief clerk to the agent at Everett); Dina Romani is a new hand as warehouse checker on O. R. Cardle's force; C. P. Walsh at the yard office is on vacation; a new boardman was added to the third trick



Operating the only system of its kind in any port of embarkation, the above representatives of the four major railroads running into Seattle cooperate with the Transportation Division in regulating rail traffic for the army, and have succeeded in speeding it up greatly. They are, l. to r.: M. Jacobson of the Great Northern; R. E. Fink, liaison clerk, of the Milwaukee Road; T. E. Hubbard of the Union Pacific; L. L. Winchester of the Northern Pacific. The idea was originated by Lt. Col. H. D. Collingswood, former Milwaukee Road employe, who is at present acting port transportation officer of the Seattle Port of Embarkation.

Richard is executive officer on an L.S.T.

There is still some question as to who can grow the largest squash. Sid Howes, our supervisor of oil docks, claims his smallest Marple Head squash was 32 pounds. Jim Ludwick, our freight agent, says that wasn't anything to the ones he raised on his farm south of the city. Sid said he spread fertilizer for weeks before planting; we haven't found out yet what it was Jim spread. We are appointing a committee to see this thing through and will report later.

Jeanette Eubank recently took over one of the barge reclaim jobs made vacant by the resignation of Robert Henderson. Mary Lou DeMers is now counter clerk in the cashier's office. Ed Hart is chief outbound revising clerk and Lucille Leitch is statistical clerk. Beatrice Gregg,

at the yard office and the job was bid in by Robert Swanson; Helen Strub bid in the second trick as boardman at the yard; Ralph Wetzstein and R. J. McVay are two new clerks at the yard. With all these changes and new hands on old jobs, it is no wonder that the efficient agent, Mr. Grummel, has added a few gray hairs to his thatch and has lost some weight, but he has managed to keep above water, aided by the undisturbed good nature of his chief clerk, Ray Powers, and the other efficient old timers of the staff.

Maj. Clyde Brewsough, his many old friends hereabouts will be glad to learn, is now actively engaged in railroading in the European theater of war, under conditions vastly different from those on this side of the herring pond.

The Puyallup Chess Club, of which Tom Dolle is a distinguished member, came home the other evening with the scalp of the Tacoma Chess Club, score 10 to 6. Tom Dolle was matched with Engstrom of the Tacoma Club and broke even, both taking a game. We learn with interest that the Puyallup Club has now got the secret of the Vienna gambit which had them stymied for a while.

Brakeman R. L. Shreves is still in the hospital here with a broken leg which he acquired while hunting deer. We dare say that venison is not nearly so attractive to him just now; however, we wish him an early recovery.

Lucille Thornberg has returned to the yard office, for which Yardmaster Howard Montague is thankful.

Johnnie Marchesi has quit the yard force to go into the milk business, being relieved by Lyle Smith.

Aubrey Clayton, radioman 1/c, son of Clarence W. Clayton, operating a cherry picker at the car department here, at San Diego, has been home for a month. We learn only now that he was married two months ago to Miss Doris Sundstrom, Tacoma.

Operator Claribel McDonald is now on the first trick at Kittitas, and J. E. Swindler is on the second trick.

At Chehalis Junction, C. S. Winship, Jr., is relieving E. P. King, who is off because of illness.

James Irwin, A.R.M. 3/c, who used to be operator at Tacoma Junction, was recently graduated at DeLand, Fla., as an air crew man. His mother is very proudly displaying his silver wings.

S. C. Whittemore, agent at Raymond, has been back at Rochester, Minn., undergoing a serious operation, but is now recuperating on the coast. His place at Raymond was taken by Frieda Jacobson, but she has been bumped by E. T. Pravit.

The shops are just now seriously handicapped in the boiler shop by the illness of Rudolph Kilgas.

Retired Engineer Charles Benjamin gave a party the other day at the Woman's Club to some 50 guests in honor of his retirement which took effect on that date. He will leave for California, where he will make his home.

Mary Louise Gephart, from Seattle, is the new stenographer in W. E. Campbell's office.

Seattle General Offices

J. M. Wilhelm, Correspondent
General Claim Department

To G.I. Joe and Jane

This year while we eat turkey with the tree lights all aglow,

The grass so white with heavy frost,
or maybe gleaming snow,
We'll say a silent prayer or two while
Dad is saying grace:

"God Bless our G.I. Joe and Jane, hold
them in Your embrace."

Armed Rails

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all you armed
Rails. We are hoping with you that the
New Year will be much happier than
1944, and will see the Axis thoroughly
crushed.



Capt. Claude B. Richardson of the Railway Operating Battalion writes from France that he was in Paris the other day and had quite a chat with Col. N. A. Ryan. Claude was clerk in the superintendent of transportation's office in Seattle, but stated he has been rough-riding in jeeps so much he won't know how to sit at a desk on his return. He writes of their chilly weather mingled with a daily inch or so of rain, chow not always too good, long hours and damp beds; however, he states that as long as they can still gripe, there's still hope. He also says: "Our trainmen and engineers are doing a wonderful job, and are really only boys, but it's a man-sized job." He also tells of souvenir hunting for a German pistol, and contacted a French gendarme who had one. He asked him how many francs and the gendarme said nothing. He then offered him a cigarette, whereupon the gendarme went in and got him a German rifle. Yes, Claude, the cigarettes are almost as scarce here, too.

Col. N. A. Ryan V-Mails he is now in Paris and that the French language is surely something. He states: "I should be home and back to work by Jan. 1." Here's hoping.

Capt. E. P. (Ed) Sima is still in Italy, plenty busy, but has managed to attend an audience with the Pope. He has enjoyed viewing some of the old Roman ruins such as the Coliseum, Forum, baths, Circus Maximus, portals in the old wall "which is surprisingly intact and indeed unique and the answer to a life's ambition, if interested in ancient history, painting, mosaics, statues, monuments, and what not." He said he fell heir to a new job—voting officer for their H.Q. He is also motor transportation officer and map reproduction and printing boss. All this in addition to his regular assignment, and says: "But that's the Army."

Frank Roark says his oldest boy, Ed, has been promoted to second lieutenant, U.S.M.C., after completing his training. Ed had a pleasant visit with his folks during a recent 15-day furlough and is now at New Rivers, N. C., awaiting orders.

Ed's brother, Pvt. Tom Roark, is still somewhere in Italy. He went through the battle of the beachhead at Cassino, also Rome, and says there is just as much rain and mud this year as last. Tom has seen 15 months of overseas duty with the Field Artillery. He also has visited the Vatican and attended an audience with the Pope.

Greetings

To Miss Jessie Hutchings, stenographer-clerk in the general freight department.

To Donald H. Campbell, reservation clerk in the city ticket office, transferred from Minneapolis.

Congratulations

To golden-voiced Agnes Mooney, one of our day telephone operators who last month was awarded her Veteran's Pin. Agnes has seen 27 years' service with the Milwaukee and sings out the company's name with as much sweetness as if she had just started saying it.

On the Home Front

October has been a busy month, with our boss, A. W. Bigham, being promoted to general adjuster. We are most proud that he has been recognized for that important position and know that employees in and around Chicago will learn to enjoy his friendship as much as we out here. At noon on Oct. 27, the Law Department sponsored a farewell luncheon at the Washington Athletic Club. J. N. Davis proved himself an able toastmaster, and after so many flowery comments by several of those present, was successful in finding one man who really laid it on the boss in true W. Pegler style—none other than Al Pentecost, that cantankerous character crammed with caustic comments. Mr. Bigham was presented with an elegant Scheaffer gold and black pen and pencil set, and made a very appropriate speech of acceptance.

The Bighams were also guests of honor that Friday night at a dinner party given by the members of this department at the New Washington Hotel. A mock trial was held, Judge C. A. Peterson (our new boss) presiding. Roy P. (Yogi) Jorgensen was prosecuting attorney and Mrs. Ella Roark attorney for the defendant (Mr. Bigham) who was charged with everything from illigitimate and black market dealings to willful desertion of the Pacific Northwest. Yep, we convicted him and sentenced the victim to 15 years of hard labor at Chicago. Mr. Bigham was presented with a nice brief case and Mrs. Bigham a Buxton billfold.

It is with the deepest regret that your correspondent is obliged to report the passing of a good friend and employe, Frank H. Oliver, on Nov. 14, after a brief illness. Mr. Oliver was born in Alpena, Mich., 54 years ago and had been in the service of the Milwaukee Road for 31 years. He came to work for the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railroad in 1913 as general clerk in the executive department, was located in Seattle during his career with the road; and at the time of his demise was clerk in the assistant to trustee's office. He is survived by his widow Mae, a son John A. Oliver, in the army, four brothers, and a sister.

In a recent edition of the Seattle Post Intelligencer was an article captioned "Beauty and Briar: Coeds Go Hillbilly." Picture on page 3 showed a U. of W. coed enjoying a cool, fragrant puff on one of the few remaining men's articles, a pipe. Your correspondent made a canvass of the Seattle general offices to determine the reactions of those present, and following are answers to the question: "What do you think of women smoking pipes?"

Jim Cummins: Now they've done it—that's enough for me.

R. B. (Bernie) Long: When that happens, I'll quit smoking.

W. Dean Swanson: What they won't think of next.

Charlie Reynolds: It's O.K. by me if they can stand it.

Frank Quigley: I think they'll save money.

Al Britzius: I don't think a thing of women smoking pipes.

Harry Arnold: I never did like women smoking anyway.

Glenn Williamson: Well, I guess I'll have to stock up on my pipe tobacco. There'll be a run on that next.

Warren Doolin: It's all right with me, Bud, as long as they don't smoke mine.

John J. O'Meara: A pipe is an awful thing to smoke. (He smokes cigars.)

L. J. Kidd: Fine idea—means more cigarettes for the men folks.

Miss Eloise Herron: Well, they're going from bad to worse.

Charlie Goodman: It's none of my business—if they want to smoke pipes, that's what they'll do.

Joe Nupp: I think it's a good idea. Might give 'em a plug of tobacco, too.

Mrs. Bernice Campbell: If it comes to that, I think it's time that they quit.

Dick Lindstrom: I have all I can do with my own smoking without worrying about the women's smoking, too.

Miss Jane Baldwin: Well, they'll be able to make more smoke with a pipe—just like a donkey engine.

Bruce Kibble: I wouldn't like to see it in the street, but as long as their grandmothers smoked them, why can't they?

Doug Haley: Well, they'll probably have to if they want to smoke.

Miss Margaret Hickey: Women are too dainty to smoke a pipe. A pipe is an awful smelling thing.

Ed Kennedy: Well, if it would effect an economy, all right.

Henry Williams: They will do anything to get their faces in the paper.

Sid Harvey: My opinion is not for publication.

John Andrews: I think they ought to smoke cigars.

Charley Hanson: Well, now they will have to learn how to expectorate properly.

Harold Whatmore: That's where the cigarette shortage originated.

Mary E. Jackson: I think that's terrible. These cigars around the office are bad enough.

R. E. (Kit) Carson: It would sure look fine to see all the girls here in the city ticket office smoking pipes.

Mrs. Eloise Hubbard: The thing that would worry me the most would be how to overcome that "pipe breath."

Frank Roark: I guess I won't be able to lay my Kirsten pipe down now.

Jimmy Wilhelm: When it comes to girls smoking, I'm not too averse

To watch a sweet maiden pull a fag from her purse,

Fumble for matches and then in a huff
Smear it with lipstick and exhale a puff.

After seeing the picture—the gal with the pipe—
I think she'd do better even shooting a snipe.

If the urge gets too great with the fag
shortage now,

I might lend 'em my briar, a pipeful—
WOW!

TERRE HAUTE DIVISION

Terre Haute District

William Nadzeika, Correspondent

Dispatcher Ralph Hunt is still on the sick list but we understand he is now allowed to have visitors.

Pfc. Kenneth M. Armstrong, former brakeman, was home recently from Iran and has reported back for duty at Miami, Fla.

Ralph Pound, conductor, has received word that his son, Ralph, with the army in France, has been seriously wounded.

West Clinton

Everyone seems to have recovered from the election, and hunting is the favorite sport at this time. Will George Bair again lead the field this year?

Operator H. L. Burns has a new "Old" car. Anyway it is new to him.

Faithorn District

*Berniece Sparks, Correspondent
Faithorn, Ill.*

Something new has been added! We extend a hearty welcome to our new traveling engineer, C. D. Smith, whose headquarters will be here at Faithorn.

The friends of James Hendrickson were saddened to learn of his passing on Oct. 28 while at Faithorn. His home

terminal was at West Clinton, where he had been employed as a brakeman since Mar. 12, 1943.

Good luck to Fireman Charles Noyes, who is now Pvt. Noyes of the army, stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Pfc. Richard Buell was home recently on a short furlough. He is stationed at McCook Field.

The Community and War Fund Drive has been in full swing for quite some time, and we are happy to report that the employees in this district have made a fine showing.



E. W. Dropp, Sr., who had been agent at Middle Inlet, Wis., for more than 50 years at the time of his retirement, celebrated his 88th birthday early in November.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

"C & M"

*Wiley Moffatt, Correspondent
Superintendent's Office, Milwaukee, Wis.*

Sgt. Bill Caveny, with a railway operating battalion somewhere in Italy, writes that they are now in the rainy winter weather, and due to a lot of wash-outs won't get his miles in this month. He has taken up the matter with Local Chairman Kranz and Meyers to see if he can't have the board out.

Lt. Robert Derrickson, operator, and son of Operator E. R. Derrickson, is in submarine service somewhere in the Pacific.

Visitors from the armed services this past month were: Pvt. Jimmie Christopher, who is with a railway operating battalion; Pvt. Sherman Hishman, also with a railway operating battalion; Pvts. Gene and Chuck Knoebel, who have completed basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and now go to Baltimore for further training.

After four years of service in the army, two of them overseas in Africa, Tunisia and Italy, Corp. O. R. Dahlquist has been honorably discharged and has returned to work in the maintenance of way department at Rondout. Welcome back!

Help! Help! We need safety slogans for the Safety Telegrams issued each week. As this is being written, the Milwaukee Division is in third place in the safety contest, and every employe is urged to do his utmost to complete the year with a clear safety record.

'Have you bought your bond for the Sixth War Loan Drive?

Depot Dabs

After the smoke cleared away, it seemed as if Dan Cupid had been modernized to the extent of using a machine gun in place of his traditional equipment. Marion Haensgen, signal department, has announced her engagement to T/5 Warren Schmidt, formerly of the Milwaukee Division engineering office, and now in camp at Van Buren, Ark.; Marion Beth, messenger, is displaying a diamond from Pvt. Joseph Crothers, who took advantage of a delay en route to

Ft. Bragg, N. C., where he is with a field artillery regiment; and Mabel Chambers, dean of telephone operators, has a beautiful engagement ring from Bennie O'Connor, yardmaster on the Menomonee Belt.

Cupid also gave the coup de grace to Jimmie Quinn, ticket stock clerk, who was married to Christine Bilek at Gesu Church on Nov. 9. Mrs. Quinn, a surgical nurse, has been working at Soldiers Home Hospital.

District Engineer F. M. Sloane has been informed that his son, T/Sgt. William Sloane, who was shot down while on a mission over Germany is a prisoner of war and is safe and well.

J. H. Chambers, retired chief clerk, was a visitor a few days ago. He had just returned from a successful pheasant hunt in Iowa, and looked fit as a fiddle.

Betty Ross, the depot's representative in the WAVES, is at Brunswick, Maine, but the prospects are good for a transfer to Hawaii.

It was a daughter, Pamela, for Lt. and Mrs. L. E. Kleiber. Congratulations.

Pvt. Bob McConahay was home on furlough last month. Bob is with a railway shops battalion at Dayton, Ohio, and is specializing in diesel-electric work. His outfit is principally engaged in repairing locomotives returned from overseas.

Stock in the depot restaurant will go way down on Dec. 1, as that is the day Tillie's retirement will take place. Tillie, who wouldn't know who you were talking about if you called her by her name, Matilda Raugh, has been in the depot for more than 20 years, and during that time has made a host of friends, who all wish her good luck and the best of everything.

If you want to prevent an empty chair in some serviceman's home, why don't you fill an empty chair at the Red Cross Blood Bank? The quota, which was recently increased to 3,000 pints per week, is seldom filled, so the possibility of empty chairs grows greater each time.

"Old Line"

*Hazel Whitty, Correspondent
Ticket Clerk, Horicon, Wis.*

A letter from Pfc. Franklin Lentz in France sends a cheery hello to all his friends in the track department, as well as others. He has received the ETO ribbon, the Bronze Star and also the good conduct medal. Well, Franklin, knowing you and the seriousness with which you always handled your work, we would not expect to hear anything but a good report from you. If anyone desires his address, please contact your correspondent.

Funeral rites were conducted at Winneconne for John Joseph Ryan who died suddenly on Nov. 4 after a lingering illness. He was in the service of this road for many years at Winneconne as trackman, track foreman, and later as engine watchman until the roundhouse was discontinued at that point.

On Oct. 14 at a candle-lit service in the North Burnett Church, occurred the marriage of Phyllis Ann Beske and Marvin Hendricks of Waupun. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Track Foreman Ervin E. Beske, of Waupun. The young couple, accompanied by Foreman Beske and wife, spent a week at Aberdeen, S. D.

Trackman Arlo Federson became the father of a son on Oct. 23. The young man, named Roger L. has two sisters, Loretta and Joyce.

Erwin Beske, Jr., left for the navy Oct. 25. He has worked on track and is the son of Foreman and Mrs. E. Beske of Waupun.

One can hardly pick up a paper without reading some mention of the village of Winneconne. The latest craft reported at that point is the fashioning of the humble klinker into works of art. J. W.

Meigher, agent, and Glen Baitinger, section foreman, are strong in their praise of this village, which it rightfully deserves. Situated on the banks of the Wolf River, it has a population of 900 at the present time, although when saw mills and wood working industries were located there it was up in the thousands. At one time there were six shingle mills there, logs being floated from the head of the Wolf River to Winneconne. The building of the railroad in 1868 was accountable for the largest boom, as this helped in transporting the logs. The first saw mill there was built in the early 50's. None of these mills operates at present, although many at Oshkosh are carried on by progeny of the original owners.

Winneconne is an Indian name meaning "Dirty Water." There was a great deal of steamboat activity on the Wolf River in the early days, the names of the "Leander Choate," "Thistle," and "Paul L" being the most familiar. Nowadays a steamboat is a rare sight on the Wolf, which the exception of government boats which place the buoys in spring and fall. This location—on the banks of the Wolf River—is ideal for fishing and hunting.

It is my wish that the peace that came to the world on the first Christmas night may enter into your hearts and abide there during the coming years.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

*K. M. Gohmann, Division Editor
Superintendent's Office
Ottumwa, Ia.*

Brakeman Benjamin Jobe has a new son, Walter Benton, born on Sept. 24; grandfather is Engineer J. L. Jobe.

Engineer Ambur L. Towns and wife are looking forward to their departure for California, as they have a new granddaughter awaiting their arrival—Jeanette Ruth, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keech in Buellton, Calif., on Oct. 7. Their departure was postponed for several weeks because of Mrs. Towns having a slight stroke.

Due to ill health, Engineer H. L. Ayers and wife left early in November for St. Augustine, Fla. Mr. Ayers hopes to get in service on the Florida East Coast R.R. during their sojourn.

On Nov. 10 Engineer Wilbur Rolison resumed work, following a month's confinement in the Mercy Hospital in Davenport. He had suffered a gastric hemorrhage on Sept. 11.

Retired Engineer Elmer Rudolph was in Excelsior Springs during October, taking the health cure.

Section Laborer Wm. A. Johnson of Osgood, Mo., retired on Nov. 15 because of ill health and he and his wife will go to California for the winter.

One of our long-time employes, Wm. F. Grant, machinist at roundhouse west yard, recently resigned and took a government position, with headquarters in Kansas City.

Engineer Einer A. Anderson of Ottumwa was promoted to the position of system fuel supervisor on Oct. 16, with headquarters in Chicago. Mrs. Anderson and their son, Keith, will continue to live in Ottumwa.

The position of agent at Walford has been assigned to Operator W. C. Wright. Operator R. E. Wilson goes to Chillicothe, and the agency at Hayesville has been given to J. J. Judd.

Death brought grief to numerous Milwaukee families during the past month. After many weeks of illness, with a heart ailment and complications, death claimed our superintendent, W. C. Givens, on Nov. 3 at the Lutheran hospital in Sioux City, where he had been taken about four weeks previously. Their son, Maj. Wm. Givens of the marines, a veteran of the South Pacific battlefields, now stationed in this country, had visited his parents

several weeks previously in Sioux City and was there for the funeral service and burial of his father. However, another son, Lt. (j.g.) Norman Givens of the navy, now serving in the Pacific, was not able to be present; his wife and their young son had arrived in Sioux City several days previous to the death of Mr. Givens.

On Oct. 24 Donnal L. Carbaugh died at his home in Ottumwa, where he had been confined for many months suffering with heart trouble. He and Mrs. Carbaugh had planned on going to California in the near future. Burial was in Washington, Ia., their former home.

Walter L. Smith, boilermaker in the roundhouse at Ottumwa for over 25 years, died on Oct. 29, after an illness of several weeks. He is survived by one daughter and son, both living in Ottumwa.

Engineer T. A. Genochio and wife paid a visit to their son William, of the Field Artillery, who is taking his basic training at Ft. Sill, Okla. William was formerly employed in the Ottumwa mechanical department.

Section Foreman O. Sward, of Linby, informs us that his son, Wm. O. Sward, chief pharmacist's mate, spent a recent leave of three weeks at home after being in the South Pacific area for 26 months. Following his leave, he was transferred to a medical detachment at Parris Island, S. C., where he was made clerical technician. At Beadford, S. C., he was married to Edna Harris of Delta, Ia. A second wedding in the family of Foreman Sward was that of his daughter, Anna Grace, to Howard Cullins of Orchard Park, N. Y., at Ottumwa on Oct. 4. They have returned to Orchard Park, where they will reside.

Miss Lois Kitzmiller and Pfc. Donald E. Williamson at Kalamazoo, Mich., were married recently while Pvt. Williamson was on furlough from his post at Camp Rucker, Ala. His father is Chief Water Tender Jess F. Williamson, in service since December, 1940; his mother is residing in Huntington Park, Calif., for the duration.

Employees entering military service during October were Eugene L. Dravenstott, yardman at Excelsior Springs, and Maurice G. Denney, yard clerk at Kansas City, both in the navy; from the mechanical department, Thos. L. Neil, machinist apprentice; Leonard H. Carroll, machinist, both from Ottumwa and now in the navy; from the car department at Kansas City, Constantine Soulis, to the navy on Oct. 9.

The two Jensen brothers, one a former brakeman, the other a switchman at

Coburg, are in the navy; Dale is fireman 1/c, and Raymond is seaman 1/c. Although stationed on different ships in the Pacific, the boys met recently. Dale was in swimming in the breakers when he discovered his brother Raymond on the beach. There was a happy reunion.

Corp. Leroy Kaller, Army Air Corps, son of Conductor Robert Kaller, is now in China.

Dispatcher W. A. Kelsey received word that his son Charles, MM 3/c, deep sea diver, is in navy base hospital, suffering with arthritis in limbs and back. He was on a destroyer tender.

Pvt. Richard E. Smith, son of Conductor Hugo B. Smith and a former Milwaukee brakeman, is now stationed in France with a railway battalion. His brother, Pfc. Hugh Smith, recently spent a furlough with his parents in Ottumwa. He is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., with the Medical Corps. Fireman Donald Harness, now somewhere in France, wrote home that he met Richard E. Smith over there; also Don and Beryl Kosman, one an engineer and the other a fireman on the same locomotive in the same theater of war with Donald. They are hopeful that they will all get together sometime and have a Kansas City division crew. Richard sent his father a French clearance card and waybill.

Sgt. James W. Wooley, Jr., in service of supply at the Oxnard flight school of the army at Oxnard, Calif., spent a 15-day leave with his parents in Ottumwa during October.

Former Section Laborer Lloyd R. Lewman, Rubio, Ia., now private first class, who was injured in battle somewhere in Italy, is now confined to the Winter General Hospital, Ward A 3, Topeka, Kans.

After 34 years of service, Chief Dispatcher L. H. Wilson retired on Nov. 1, because of ill health. At present he is a patient in the St. Joseph Hospital in Ottumwa. Our new chief dispatcher is A. G. Elder, formerly of Sioux City.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Main Line

*Nora B. Decco, Correspondent
Operator, Three Forks, Mont.*

By the time this is in print unless the editor uses the last of that stub of blue pencil, we will know if anyone invited us to eat Thanksgiving turkey with them, if they have any to eat, or if we bought one at 50 cents per pound, if any, or if the folks sent one from the ranch or the farm. Well, anyway, Thanksgiving is Thanksgiving in this country and we all have plenty to be very thankful for, turkey or no turkey.

Pvt. Eugene Burnes from Sheridan, Wyo., was home on furlough recently to visit the family. He looks real soldier-like in that nice uniform. Lt. Mabel Kolocotronas was home to visit over Thanksgiving. Lt. Connie is in New Guinea. The girls are sisters of Pete Kolocotronas, yard clerk in Deer Lodge.

Who should walk in on us from first 16 recently but Capt. E. M. Hopkins, en route east. You will all re-



Pvt. James J. Schorgl, formerly a K. C. Division brakeman, who has been overseas with a shop battalion for about a year and a half, is shown in London where he was stationed this past summer.

member him as a former trainmaster of this division. He has been stationed in Seattle for some time.

Mayor and Mrs. Sam Lane of Deer Lodge received a card from their son, Lt. David Lane, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany since late in the summer. He reported they were all treated fine.

We regret to report the death of Conductor Homer Hays of this division, who passed away on Oct. 26 in Bozeman. Mr. Hays worked on the Rocky Mountain for many years until about one year ago when he retired on account of ill health. He was at one time boardman at Three Forks. Surviving is a daughter who resides in Cincinnati. We extend our sympathy.

Engineer and Mrs. McAvoy have returned from a short visit with their nephew in Spokane, who is stationed at an air base there.

Train Dispatcher Amick, who has worked west of Deer Lodge for the past year, has been transferred to Spokane. Operator Derzic from the side table in chief dispatcher's office, has been breaking in as train dispatcher in Butte; he has been relieved by Operator Terry Lonum, who worked along the line, including first at Three Forks during the past six months.

A Merry Christmas to all and a happy New Year.

CHICAGO GENERAL OFFICES

Freight Auditor's Office

J. A. Strohmeier, Correspondent

Milwaukee Road Leathernecks, this is notice to you of our new Lady Marine, Shirley Rosulek, freight auditor's office employe for two years, most of that time in Mr. Gillis' W. B. filing bureau. She was sworn in on Nov. 8 and left us on Nov. 25, headed for Camp Lejeune. She says a cordial "Thank you" to fellow employes for their present.

That lovely sparkler Evelyn Kiesel is wearing on her left hand was placed there by Corp. Raymond Lahvic who is at present home on furlough after spending 15 months with Uncle Sam's forces in South America and Porto Rico.

Ruth L. (Pinkey) Norman of the navy, was a visitor Oct. 24. She has been stationed at Washington, D. C., since her boot training at Hunter College, N. Y.

Irene Morando of the accounting machine bureau returned to work Nov. 6, after convalescing from a tonsillectomy. She had to be taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital because of a hemorrhage, and for two blood transfusions.

Florence Clayton, accounting machine bureau, died at St. Petersburg, Fla., on Nov. 16, due to a heart ailment. She was employed here eight years, and was 34 years of age.

After an absence of more than two years, Florence Schulz returned to work in the accounting machine bureau on Nov. 15. She will be remembered as Florence Globen before her marriage. A cordial welcome to her.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, Tim Woods, review bureau, a navy man in the first World War was the recipient of many expressions, cordial and otherwise, on his becoming a 25-year Milwaukee Road veteran. A few days later, he received a letter from Larry Plucinski, yeoman 3/c, somewhere in the South Pacific, stating he gets his sun-tan while on the flight deck. Says the navy is great. Saw action in Leyte Gulf, about which he says, "We gave 'em hell." He was badly scared the first time in battle, and says it's much better to be chasing the Japs than to be chased by them with big shells bursting all around.

Top honors to Mr. Kruse's L. & I. B. bureau this month. Two of his employes have received beautiful engagement rings and quite demurely show them to



When the employes of the supervisor of payroll and tax department, Chicago, threw a Hallowe'en party on Oct. 27, these boys and girls raided their attics and attended.

friends. Dorothy Wrobel received her ring from a soldier, Hilary Kokosinski, and they will be married after victory. Martha Stiner admits she received her ring from a sailor, but won't tell us about him, except that he lives in St. Louis, and Dec. 23 is their wedding date. These two girls have a lot of friends who are saying congratulations and good wishes.

Pfc. Paul Kirst, Medical Corps, Camp Robinson, Ark., was a visitor on Nov. 6. E. Amundsen, M. Niles, and Helen Marx, are the new girls in the W. E. filing bureau.

Purchasing Department

Josephine O'Hara, Correspondent

George Gale recently returned from a vacation spent in the White Mountain Range of New Hampshire. The sport of mountain-climbing holds such a fascination for George that he has spent vacations for the last 20 years in the mountains. He considers the feat of climbing an altitude of 4,000 feet in less than three hours an average walk at a leisurely pace.

The Fall Festival sponsored by the Milwaukee Road Booster Club on Nov. 3 brought a bit of luck to Dorothy Hess. It gave her an early assurance of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, for she was the winner of a 14-pound turkey raffled off at the Festival.

A familiar face has been missing from the tracer desk for several weeks, but we are happy to learn that Grover Doody is on his way to feeling better than ever now. A rest has even added to his weight.

Billie Peters will not have a white Christmas this year, as she is leaving shortly to make her home in Los Angeles. She is anticipating a visit with Frieda Henninger, who has also made her home in the Los Angeles vicinity within the year. The Milwaukee Road is extending its friendships to sunny California.

Two new girls have been added to the office force. Marilyn Rycroft, our file clerk, and Marge Martinus, office girl, are both from Chicago.

Helen Kopschke paid us a nice visit recently and her ready, happy smile brought the news that her sailor fiance had returned to this country in Sept. after three years of overseas duty, and so they were married! Helen, now Mrs. Malvin Ewald, is living with her husband in San Francisco.

Although Pvt. Bob Reiter is in France, he watched the World Series games with great interest and came out financially ahead in the results. He has drawn a comparison between the rain and mud of France and the snowstorms back home. Bob's interests are with the good old U.S.A.

A letter from Pvt. Michael Matara tells

us that he is now back in the classification division of the Army Air Forces Pilot School at Moody Field in Georgia.

Kay Karsten won the dollar award for the best news story contributed to our column in the November issue of the Milwaukee Magazine.

Special holiday greetings accompanied a three-pound fruit cake sent to each service man and woman from our department.

As this column goes to press, we send a Christmas wish for a happy holiday season to our Milwaukee Road friends.

Auditor of Overcharge Claims Office

Marie Hotton, Correspondent

Terminating 21 years as auditor of overcharge claims on Oct. 1, W. P. Heuel was appointed to the newly-created position of auditor of station accounts and overcharge claims, with E. J. Linden as assistant auditor. Both Mr. Heuel and Mr. Linden were presented with beautiful flowers and received congratulations from their many friends.

In answer to the query "Is Tom McShane a married man?" the answer is no girls, he isn't yet, but the downfall is imminent. On Nov. 9, Miss Betty Quinn celebrated her birthday and also promised to become Mrs. McShane. Tom cemented the deal with a handsome solitaire and has retired from circulation. But definitely!

Several new names have been added to the roster in the rate bureau, that of Frank P. Carr, formerly of the freight auditor's office, and Edward Hynes, a new claim checker for the unpaid department. Former Checker Warren Younker, now a machinist's mate on an Atlantic mine sweeper, was in town several weeks back and was the guest of the Milwaukee Woman's Club at lunch.

Casualties include Bill Fisher, at present recuperating from a nasty cold in the head, and Frank Shannon, who is reported to have come out second best in an encounter with a cherry pie. Also—and this is good news—A. J. Frandsen is improving rapidly and will soon be back with his old gang.

Bert Weitzenfeld, son of A. Weitzenfeld, and well known at Fullerton Ave., was recently drafted and is training with the Field Artillery at Ft. Sill, Okla. Also, Ray Walton of the Air Force has returned to the U. S. after completing 23 European missions and a long period of internment in Sweden. Ray brought souvenirs for the home folks, including a beautiful modern Swiss watch for Pete, something entirely unique in watch designs.

Speaking of souvenirs, Al Payne has added to his collection some interesting

pieces picked up by Al, Jr., in France and Germany. Among them are several good specimens of German equipment and a genuine Nazi helmet.

In 1934 this would not be news, but in 1944, well, it's just as rare as man biting dog. Guess what! Fred Brink found a new apartment and moved into it on Oct. 1. The Brinks heard about the vacancy through Mrs. Brink's sister, who had it straight from her girl friend's mother. Sounds complicated, but the Brinks sifted it through to source and are delighted with their new establishment.

Disregarding the calendar, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wald spent a late vacation at the Dells of the Wisconsin and enjoyed it immensely. Likewise, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Gallagher, who sent cards from Turkey Run State Park with the endearing caption, "Having a wonderful time. Glad you're not here."

Library Notes

What Irving Stone did for Vincent Van Gogh in "Lust for Life" he has repeated in "Immortal Wife," the story of Jessie Benton Fremont, by a master of fictional biography. Another favorite, "Forever Amber," has found a rival in "Lusty Wind for Carolina," by Inglis Fletcher, a tale of love and romance on the high seas, as popular as the author's "Raleigh's Eden." If you nearly went into hysterics over "Low Man on a Totem Pole" and "Life in a Putty Knife Factory," you will be simply frantic over H. Allen Smith's latest, "Lost in the Horse Latitudes," which, like all the Smith books, is only for those who like their humor pungent, and if you're still in the mood for a good laugh, don't overlook "High Time" by Mary Lasswell. The enchanted readers who followed Mrs. Feeley, Mrs. Rasmussen and Miss Tinkham through "Suds in your Eye" can now pursue their further adventures aiding the war effort, fortified by Mrs. Rasmussen's "rollmups" and the usual can of suds and guaranteeing for their bemused followers a real "High Time." The Women's Club bookshelves are crowded these days with a wealth of new books, among them the whimsical "Green Dolphin Street" by Elizabeth Goudge. New fiction in the lighter vein presents "Bugles in Her Heart" for the admirers of Lida Larimore, and for the girls and boys who love a mystery (and who doesn't?) two brand new thrillers are available, "The Cat's Whiskers" and "If This Be Treason." To transpose an old rhyme:

"He may live without friends,
He may live without cooks,
But where is the man
Who can live without books?"

Car Accountant's Office

Harry M. Trickett, Correspondent

Letter from Pfc. Stanley Scott, dated Oct. 7, received on Oct. 18, relates the fact that he has been traveling fast since D-Day, with no time for writing. He never dreamed of seeing England, but since has departed there, and traveled through various countries, and is now in Germany. He is most grateful for receiving the Milwaukee Magazine and says to keep it coming.

Another letter came from Germany, sent by Pfc. Jerry Nowakowski on Nov. 7, telling also of his travels through France and Belgium. He is still receiving the Milwaukee Magazine and "Topics"; also received \$1.00 from the Victory Club, which he will spend back in the States, and is looking forward to that long boat ride.

Pfc. Warren Gearhart also is reported in Germany. Maybe fate will bring some of our boys together over there.

Elaine Lenox said good-bye to us on Nov. 11 to devote her time to caring for her mother, who is ill.

Margie Lee Roth and Georgia Lea, both of our office, are interested in forming an

all-girl orchestra and would appreciate hearing from girls of musical talent.

Our friend, Edward Colby, Seaman 2/c, has moved very fast since his induction into the Navy on May 26. Was on leave Aug. 1, then sent to New York and in two days shipped out. His first letter, Aug. 29, postmarked Sept. 30, was received Oct. 26, while letter of Sept. 30 arrived on Oct. 10, this delay due to his ship being out to sea.

He gave a very fine account of their travel down the Atlantic to the Caribbean, through the Canal to the Pacific. He is now somewhere in the South Pacific.

Anna Littwin and Catherine Wittman are still convalescing at home after an operation, and both are reported improving.

Betty Daily and Louise Leisten have both been on furlough for several months due to illness and are still confined at home.

Have you sent your Christmas greetings to the boys in service? If not—Do it Today.

Auditor of Expenditure's Office

Bernie Williams, Correspondent

We extend our sincere condolences to A. P. Lutz, of the Audit Section of the bill and voucher bureau, on the loss of his wife.

Service visitors this month included two seagoing sailormen, Julian Merchut



The Chicago Herald-American carried this picture of Miss Adeline Blaesing of our treasurer's office, Chicago, in connection with the opening of the annual chrysanthemum show at Garfield Park and Lincoln Park on Nov. 11. Miss Blaesing is the daughter of William C. Blaesing, chief horticulturist of the Chicago Park District.

and William Ganzer. "McGinnis" has been up to see the boys and girls before, but this was Bill's first trip back.

Congratulations are in order and hereby extended, to wit:

Ralph H. Padgett, appointed chief clerk to Mr. Dryer, auditor passenger accounts.

Henry W. Marquardt, appointed bureau head in the timekeeping bureau, to head the shop section.

J. W. Grace, appointed traveling accountant, taking over for Raleigh Padgett.

Our sincere good wishes, with those of their fellow workers, are offered to the above gentlemen, and let's hope they keep moving up.

Beatrice Doyle, timekeeping bureau, is wearing a diamond ring, presented with the usual intentions, by a certain Mr. Gavin, whom we don't know, but then that's to his credit.

Fred A. Winkler, traveling time inspector, is hospitalized with pneumonia. Wesley Memorial's new tenant seems to be on the mend, which we truly hope will continue.

Anne Gawin, of Mr. Murray's office, just returned from Mexico, land of sunshine and flowers, is also freshly registered at St. Mary's of Nazareth Hospital, which is a heck of a way to conclude a vacation.

Appendicitis Alley, which is our counterpart of Allen's Alley of radio fame, has another member. Helen Behles of Ed Belzer's cut-up crew, joined the "you take 'em—I don't want 'em, Doc" Club.

Then, there was Victoria Mackreth's annual pilgrimage to Mexico, to see Pedro, or Alphonso, or Mortimer (not Snerd), I don't remember which. This time it seems Vicky was honored at Acapulco with a high dive by the famous divers at that point. There was also some disturbance at the border with the gendarmes, but Vicky is back with us so we won't go into that.

Additional congratulations go to Ray G. Hoefs, leaving the 6th floor for traveling engineer accountant duties on the road. Just returned from Aberdeen on his vacation, Ray is off again.

Office of Auditor of Passenger and Station Accounts

Bill Tidd, Correspondent

A. M. Dryer was chosen as auditor of passenger accounts, a position he has well earned through his faithfulness and loyalty to the company during many years of service.

We welcome Raleigh Padgett, formerly of the office of auditor of expenditure, who has been appointed chief clerk to Mr. Dryer.

Don Malatesta was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross during an impressive ceremony given in his honor, due to the fact he completed his mission after being wounded. We are very proud of you, Don.

News has reached us that Chuck Essig is a prisoner of war. We are hoping he is in the same prison camp as Gunnar and Charlie, and above all that he is in good health.

Ed Rhyner, formerly an ensign in the Naval Air Corps, is now a lieutenant (j.g.) and is to be complimented on his promotion.

Congratulations are also in order for that genial gentleman who, after spending 27 months in combat zones in the South Pacific, came back to the States, went to O.C.S. and is now 2nd Lt. Carl Jensen.

Warren Torrenga and Victor Quaritsch stopped in to visit while on furlough. Both are in army camps in the South.

In Life Magazine, Nov. 12 issue, is a picture of MacArthur as he returned to the Philippines and in that picture is Johnny Zielstra. I'll bet it was a thrill he will never forget, and we, of course, pointed with pride and said, "we worked with him."

I guess the man shortage isn't too acute, as Daisy Goidarica and Mabel Jepson are flashing mighty pretty engagement rings.

Walter Gabriel has been doing a job of ridding the world of Nazi rule. He is now in Belgium.

Marion Hayes Oenning has retired. What will this maid problem lead to next?

We have a young man in our office, namely Red Sporereder, who has a Sinatra-Crosby complex—Sinatra voice and Crosby shirts.

Charlotte Dillon and Betty Montgomery went to Florida and came back with a coat of tan and some pleasant memories.

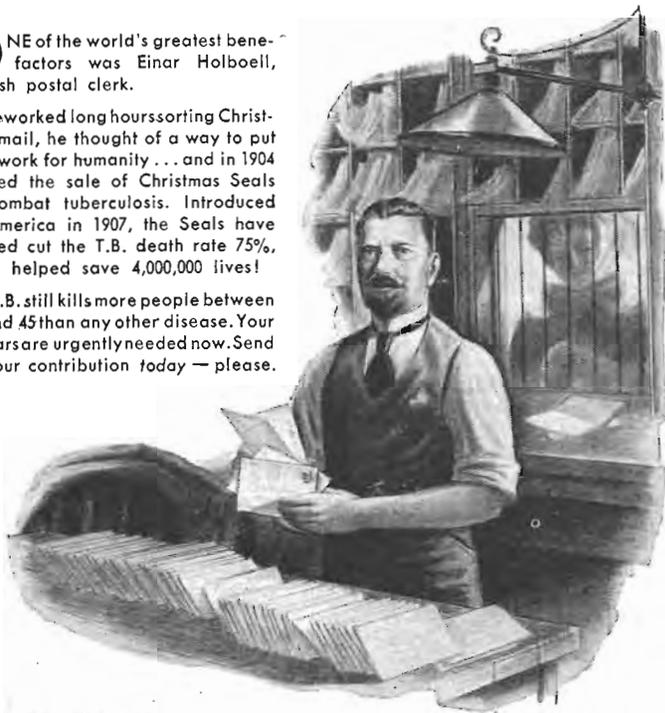
The movie queens have nothing on Martha Swartz, as she also had her picture in the papers in connection with her two sisters who entered the hospital the same day for appendectomies.

How a Dane Saved 4 Million Americans!

ONE of the world's greatest benefactors was Einar Holboell, Danish postal clerk.

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The shortage of delivery service has become serious and the noon hour finds Gus Rhode wheeling his little market basket from store to store.

Marion Reiter went to Marinette, Wis., to welcome home her brother who has been overseas five years, and has been in many major battles in the Pacific.

Agnès Beiter has returned to work in the office and her many friends greeted her warmly.

While Bert and Helen Lieberman were vacationing in Florida, Helen was requested to sing over the air. She is a well-known singer in Chicago, and is better known to the public as Helen Curtis.

Jeanette Martell's friends will be surprised to know she was quietly married to A. Schoenberg on Oct. 28. The newlyweds will reside in the East.

IOWA DIVISION

Council Bluffs Terminal

Lillian Kinder, Correspondent
Car Foreman's Office

Approximately 260 chicken dinners were served on the evening of Sept. 28 at our Milwaukee appreciation party. I was very glad to see the Omaha office represented, which included M. M. Wolverton, general freight agent, Mr. Sterba and family, and W. E. Bock who, by the way, found out that he still knew how to dance. Those from Marion who helped us enjoy the evening included O. A. Beer-

man, superintendent, W. N. Foster, master mechanic, A. J. Farnham, assistant superintendent, and J. T. Phlegar, traveling engineer, both from Perry, were also present.

I have been informed by Mr. Wolverton that his son, Robert, will be rather busy this coming year, as he has just started his first semester of high school and will be unable to entertain the public with his piano recitals as often as we would like to hear them. However, on Sept. 24, Robert assisted at an organ recital sponsored by the Society of Liberal Arts at the Joslyn Memorial.

Stuven Nugent, retired warehouse foreman, died Sept. 20 after a brief illness. Mr. Nugent entered the service as a freight trucker in 1901 and was promoted to warehouse foreman in 1906; retired Dec. 31, 1941.

Four new firemen, Clarence Clark, Logan D. Lawter, Howard W. Moore and Floyd R. Adams, former machinist helper, were hired during early October.

Miss Helen Christensen, daughter of T. P. Schmidt, was married to LeRoy Jessen on Oct. 3. Nearly 80 relatives and friends of the young couple extended their congratulations during the evening at the bride's home. Good luck to you both, Helen.

Pvt. Ted Schmidt has been transferred to Ypsilanti, Mich. A picture recently received reveals what a handsome soldier son the Schmidt family has.

Russell Anderson, carman, is the proud father of a baby girl born on Oct. 1. Congratulations, Momma and Poppa! Miss Pamela Kay Anderson is the name.

There will be no entry in the Absentee

Black Book for Geneva Larsen, coach cleaner. Geneva has been with us a little over a year now and has worked every day of the week since Sept. 3, 1943.

Anyone caring for opossum meat drop in and see T. P. Schmidt, the modern Dan'l Boone of Tostevin Street. Trapping has been pretty good out around the chicken coop recently and up 'til now has consisted of three opossum—and one skunk.

Iowa and Middle West

When we read the November issue and found no news from the Iowa Division, we thought we were the "Forgotten Men," but the editor said there was just too much news for the pages. To include some of the items about the military personnel we are sending some of the items in short form so the folks will know what the boys and girls are doing.

Home to visit relatives and friends were: Sgt. Paul Lee of the marines, son of Car Inspector Ray Lee; Lt. Orlan Emerick and wife from the Liberal, Kan., air base; Ruth Margaret Honomich of the Waves in Seattle; Corp. Duane Little, who is training as a tall gunner on a B-25 at Columbia, S. C.; Pvt. Henry Harrison from the air base at Richmond, Va.; Pfc. Glen Hurd and wife from San Francisco to visit at the Fred Vodenik home; Sgt. Arthur Santee of the Army Transportation Corps at Camp Shelby, Miss.; Paul Slater of the Merchant Marine; Sgt. Jack Wagner and family enroute from Camp Grant to Fort Lewis, Wash.; Lt. Robert Heiser and wife from Roswell, New Mexico; Pvt. Orville Salzgebber from Camp Joseph T. Robinson; Floyd Smithson, fireman 1/c and Leo Smithson, photographer 1/c, of the navy; Eugene Cooper from the air base at Camp Hood, Tex.; George Cushman, pharmacist 2/c of the navy; Alan Major, SC 3/c of the coast guard in New York; Captain H. E. Harrison of the Grand Island air base to visit his sisters, Mrs. L. W. Palmquist and Mrs. Norman Rondestvdt; Lewis Kirgis, petty officer 1/c and Mrs. Kirgis from Alameda, Calif., to visit at the Paul Black home; T/Sgt. Ebert Munko from the Army War College in Washington, D. C.; Pfc. Mary Marshall of the Arlington, Va., Marine Base; Earl Green, petty officer 1/c of the coast guard; Pvt. Robert Hanner of the Air Corps, enroute from Rantoul, Ill., to Malden, Mo.; Sgt. Jack Collins of the Quartermaster's Corps at Camp Reynolds, Pa., with Mrs. Collins, to visit at the E. J. Collins home; Jack Lientz, R.M. 3/c of the navy, and Mrs. Lientz from San Francisco; Barton Fitzgerald, photographer's mate 3/c, en route from Jacksonville to San Diego; S/Sgt. Jack Davis of Liberal, Kan., and S/Sgt. James Shearer of the Marines.

Visiting their sons in the service were Engineer and Mrs. Harley Woods who went to Great Lakes to see Dick; Conductor and Mrs. Fred Briggie went to Fort Knox, Ky., to visit their son-in-law, Sgt. Charles Stoner and family; Engineer O. G. Emerick and wife went to Liberal, Kan., to see their son, Lt. Orlan Emerick; Yard Master A. M. Peterson, who visited his son, Sgt. Frank Peterson, and made the acquaintance of his new grandson; Engineer and Mrs. Earl Holdridge, who visited their son, Sgt. Francis Holdridge, at the Cherry Point, N. C., Marine Air Base; Mrs. Carl Vodenik, who went to Seattle to see her son in the Air Corps.

Deaths in the railroad family during the last few weeks included retired Engineer John Gorman; Engineer E. J. Murphy, who died following an accident resulting in the loss of a foot; James McSorley, retired switchman; Mrs. Karen Swanson, widow of Machinist Oscar Swanson, and mother of Machinists Levi and Elmer Swanson; Mrs. C. C. Starbuck, widow of an Iowa Division engineer; William E. Thomas, a retired roundhouse employe, and an uncle of Caller E. L. Thomas of Perry and George Kruger of the Bensenville shops; Mrs. F. J. Yerke, wife of a former Perry train dispatcher.

Promotions for the Milwaukee enlisted men in the last few weeks include the advancement of James Hass, son of Machinist Harold Hass, from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. He is with the Air Force in England and was recently injured by anti-aircraft fire while in an attack over Germany.

Brakeman Ray Walrath was advanced from second to first lieutenant. He is a navigator on a Flying Fortress and was later awarded the Air Medal. Frank Hoes, Jr., who is with the Air Force in Africa, was promoted to corporal. Harold Peterson, with a railroad battalion in Harrisburg, Pa., was made a corporal. Richard Conway, whose father was John Conway, was advanced to captain; his brother, Maurice, graduated from Loyola Medical School with the rank of lieutenant (jg) in the Naval Reserve. Linn Doud, son of Mrs. W. S. Delaney and grandson of Agent F. W. Bean, was promoted to the rank of chief carpenter's mate. Stanley Smith of the Gardiner Field air base was promoted to sergeant.

S/Sgt. Claude Altig, Jr., has been awarded the first bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. Sgt. Altig is a ball turret gunner with the 15th A. A. F. Liberator bombardment group.

Clair Giles, on furlough from the Perry store department, recently completed basic training in the submarine school at New London, Conn.

Ralph Brody, pharmacist's mate 1/c, was wounded when shrapnel hit his right leg while he was participating with a marine unit in the capture of Guam.

New members of the Milwaukee family are a son born to Train Dispatcher C. C. Smith and wife; a son born to Mr. and

Mrs. Don Kanealy; a daughter born to Fireman Richard Seeman and wife; a daughter born to Francis Little of the perishable freight department, and Mrs. Little; and a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. George Cushman.

Weddings of interest in the Milwaukee family include that of Sgt. Paul Lee of the marines to Elizabeth Everetts of Raleigh, N. C.; Betty Marchant, daughter of Trainmaster C. C. Marchant, to Eddie Bush of the Oak Park Country Club of Chicago; and Vera Cahill to James W. Overton, G. M. 2/c.

Maj. Vaughn Shaw, son of Engineer Ralph Shaw, is in a hospital in Normandy, recovering from injuries sustained when the jeep in which he was riding went over a 35 foot embankment.

Billy Holland, who received a medical discharge from the navy a few months ago, has recovered his health and has joined the merchant marine. Jack Sands, who completed his enlistment in the Merchant Marine, has joined the army.

Cedar Rapids Terminal

Clifford R. Taylor, Correspondent

Friends of Warehouse Foreman William McCall are glad to see him back to work. He was confined to Mercy Hospital for several weeks with a severe case of the flu. During his absence, Joe Metela acted as Warehouse Foreman.

Lt. Gilbert Feiereisen, a fighter pilot in the Army Air Forces, has arrived safely overseas, according to word received by his parents Demurrage Clerk Thomas Feiereisen and wife.

If anyone has noticed a man standing on the corner feverishly reading the want

ads, or felt a swish past him in the hall of any of the office buildings, it was probably our new assistant agent, Max Schoor. He has spent all of his spare time the past few weeks looking for a house or an apartment so that he could move his family to Cedar Rapids, and has finally been able to rent an apartment and will soon be situated as a full time resident of Cedar Rapids.

Sgt. Robert F. Burk has arrived in France, as has his cousin, Corp. Kenneth Freeman. Both of the boys were clerks in the general agent's office prior to their induction into the army, and have spent a large portion of their time overseas in the same camps.

Pvt. William Kelly, after spending a seven-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, returned to his post at Springfield, Mo., and was then transferred to Camp Barkley, Tex., for further training as a surgical technician.

Charles Zobl, S 1/c, spent a 28-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Viv Zohl. He has been on convoy duty in foreign waters. At the conclusion of his leave he reported back to New Orleans for further orders.

Diesel F 1/c Robert Kobusch spent a seven-day leave with his parents in early October, and called at the freight office where he worked as messenger prior to entering the service.

General Agent Houston advises that his son, Frank Houston, Jr., is now stationed in Panama; Gene, his youngest son, is stationed in the Netherlands East Indies.

Your writer would surely appreciate some news from the yard, locomotive, and car departments. What do you say, fellows?



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CHICAGO TERMINALS

Western Avenue

*T. A. Finan, Correspondent
 Care of Yardmaster*

Congratulations to Switchman and Mrs. J. J. McCluskey on the birth of a baby girl, and to Switchman and Mrs. J. Breen on the arrival of a baby boy.

Shiprigger 3/c Ray Pulford, "C&M" fireman, is home on furlough after service in Europe. He is the son of Engineer Sam Pulford.

We welcome the return to work of Engineer Bob White following his army discharge.

Lieut. R. Cigrand, husband of Margaret of the car department, is furloughing here after three years in the South Pacific.

William "Lightning" Richardson, flue cleaner, has taken unto himself a wife. Congratulations!

We hope to see Howard Keyes back at work soon. He has been seriously ill.

Seaman Bob Snyder, son of Engineer Ray Snyder, was a visitor during November, as was Seaman Ray Peterson.

Walter Prehm, of the store department has been given his discharge from the army. We expect to see him running the tractor soon.

We were sorry to hear that Chef W. I. Thomas of the dining car department passed away on Nov. 7.

Members of the sleeping and dining car department are pulling for the recovery of assistant superintendent T. M. Durkin, who has been ill for several weeks.

Due to serious illness, Commissary Clerk Teddy Maslon has been forced to stop work.

Commissary Clerk Alice Melvin has returned to work after suffering an arm injury.

All members of this office were glad to see William Dolphin, retired superintendent, in such fine health when he visited here recently.

Galewood Freight Station

Herman F. Boeck, Correspondent

Angeline Roszak, bill clerk, is on leave of absence on account of illness and is at Hot Springs, Ark., where she is resting and taking treatment.

Bernadine Pobloske, daughter of B. G. Pobloske, assistant agent, was married on Nov. 11.

Cy Rudnick, former waybill stuffer, who is now with the armed forces in Europe, sent us a German Air Force em-

blem which was taken from a German uniform.

The following boys in service from the Galewood office recently visited us and are all in the best of health: George Werembecki, Robert L. Pace, John McGrath and Howard Johnson.

When Howard Johnson was home on leave he ran into a little hard luck and spent the biggest part of his furlough in bed, having acquired a bad cold and infection in his throat.

Sam Bartosick, former check clerk, now in the Naval Air Force, recently visited us while on leave from the hospital, where he has been for some time recovering from an injury sustained in a plane crash while on a practice flight.

Pat O'Connor, check clerk, applied for his pension during November.

The Galewood bowling team has again started their season and we hope they come out on top.

H & D DIVISION

East H&D

*S. A. Brophy, Locomotive Engineer
 Correspondent*

Mrs. Clara Walters, wife of Engineer C. F. Walters, passed away recently.

J. E. Hills, former assistant superintendent here, died early in October. He had been retired for some time.

Conductor Tim Collins has joined the ranks of the newlyweds and our congratulations are in order.

Work on the C.T.C. system between Glencoe and Bird Island is getting under way and should be installed a few months hence.

The work trains on the Middle H. & D. Division have been discontinued and the Mexican laborers sent back to their native land.

Engineer Amos Reeves retired on Oct. 31. He has been running helper engines out of Milbank for several years and was formerly mayor of the town. Through his interest and influence, Milbank has progressed and boasts of a water system second to none.

Pheasant hunting in western Minnesota has been very disappointing this year due to the loss of young birds last spring.

F. T. Buechler, known to us as Ted, now superintendent of the Superior Division, was a recent visitor at Montevideo and Ortonville, and we were indeed glad to shake hands with one of our home boys who has made good.

Vacations are now in order for the engineers, but due to lack of manpower, vacations for the firemen have been held



When Section Foreman Jacob J. Teske needed an extra gang to work near Java, S. D., he recruited the above crew from the ranks of the retired farmers and younger men in that town of 400 population. Here is another incident in the epic story of how the American railroads are contributing to the winning of the war.

in abeyance until now and it is apparent that several of the latter will be able to take time off.

MILWAUKEE TERMINALS

Muskego Yard

Grace Johnson, Correspondent

This seems truly to be the month for welcomes. Station Master John Crowley's son, William Crowley, recently arrived in Milwaukee from overseas for a few days' visit with his parents. This is Bill's first furlough since he entered the service two years ago.

Paul Steuer, 19-year-old son of G. A. Steuer, was in Milwaukee last week to spend his furlough with his folks. Paul came here from Camp Blanding and left this week for Washington, D. C., where he will receive specialized training with an infantry division.

Switchman Robert Krause's family evidently had the welcome sign out at home in Crystal Falls, Mich., this past month because a pair of healthy twins decided to make the Krause residence their home—Robert May and Robin Michael. Bob couldn't have managed better to get the proud father's touch in the naming. He says the boy is walking and the girl is talking—it would be the girl. They were born Oct. 17.

We welcome Margaret Seiy, a newcomer to Superintendent Bannon's office this month. Upon trying to find out whether her name was spelled MarJORie or MarGERy we learned that it was really Margaret, but she says, "Call me MARGIE." Her title is assistant to the time reviser and, generally speaking, while women are generally speaking, she is different.

Another name goes on the welcome list, Mrs. Bernadine Reilly, new stenographer at Muskego yard office. She will learn, beside railroad terms, that the winds really blow and the snow really "snows" at Muskego in the winter time, but there are many compensations there for the inconvenience of the weather. The Deacon will give horse-racing information for the asking, or take any bets, football, baseball or hockey. "Kewpie Cassanova" (the ex-Uncle Bulgy) will share his 4:30 snack while Butch Esser supplies steaming coffee with everything but the beans in it. Clarence Schwab will give bowling instructions along with a pamphlet on the care and feeding of domestic pets. Walt Dreyer and "Tiny" Derus have the ins on where all the best fishing is done up north, while Cliff Hale will divulge his system for training elephants (a hold over from his last year's circus experiences). With all that to offer, Muskego yard should hold no terrors for a new stenographer.

Welcomes are still the rule, whether they be new arrivals or the return of old, and I'm sure everyone is happy to see Ben Schwartz back on the job. The caller's office back there just didn't look right with Ben gone, although Larry LaRue says they have a cage around that office because it's needed. That's all right Larry, from all reports you did an O.K. job.

The yardmen have been listening to tall tales by the recently returned Elwood Goeckerman. E.G. is just back from Needles, Calif. He worked part of the time as a train dispatcher there but with keen competition. He tells us they have lady train dispatchers there and he says they are hum-dingers (as dispatchers, you mean, Elwood?) If this develops a manpower shortage here, I am not responsible. I suppose when we get lady switchmen here, Elwood will never think of leaving, health or no health.

News came in Oct. 30 of the retirement of that fine old gentleman, William Farrell. Bill has been a faithful and loyal employe of the Milwaukee Road since June 13, 1901. He was first trick opera-



tor at Bay View Tower and the major part of his 43 years service was spent in that very spot. The best wishes of all your fellow employes follow you and we hope that taking it easy will agree with you.

Grapevine wire tappings reveal that John Mennen intends to follow Bill Farrell's footsteps. John entered service on Oct. 20, 1902, as a switchman and in 1906 transferred to switchtender, a seeming reverse route, but evidently to John's liking because he has been a good switchtender for these 38 years since.

Remember folks that P.R. (Public Relations) also stands for Pleasant Relations, both among patrons and fellow workers.

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Richard J. Steuer, Correspondent

With December's cold winds just around the corner, and with the prospect of holiday shopping facing most of us, long faces would ordinarily be expected. A few heavy sweaters should be able to protect us from the chilled air currents, and a little common sense will take care of those "shopping blues." Why sure, just as easy as this: invest in WAR BONDS for your loved ones. Now that the gift packages are well on their way, don't forget to drop your servicemen a line now and then. Make this a merry Christmas for them, too.

A track section foreman usually has his hands full these days, and it isn't often that he finds time to step inside and pay the office a visit. But Hugh Krohn, who takes care of those important rails that comprise the "beer line," dropped in for a minute and informed this correspondent that Felix Ellione, one of his men, had been killed in action in Italy. Another of his men, Stanley Andruski, was wounded in the line of duty, and received the Purple Heart. Two other well known section men, George and Bob Wirth, are seeing plenty of action in the Italian theatre.

With many of the service men overseas, it is a long time between visits by some of the boys. Cpl. Mahlon Gilbert, stationed at Wright Field, near Dayton, Ohio, was in early in November, looking happy probably because the good-looking corporal has again seen his wife of a few months.

Some letters also find their way to the spot on Third and Juneau. Larry Janus informs us that he will spend his Christmas in the Hawaiian Islands. Bill Koepke is pretty sure he will spend the holidays in India, and Ernie Reinhardt will spend his "down under" in far away Australia. Sgt. Dick Wank, now in France, hopes to spend the holidays in Berlin.

Our sick list shows one recovery and one new patient. The recovered one is Mrs. Leahey, who is now up and around, and beginning to feel like herself again. This happy come-back is also the reason why agent Leahey's steps are lively again. The new patient is Rate Clerk Bill McGrath, who seems to be recovering slowly but surely.

Fowler St. Station

Dorothy Bertha, Correspondent

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of George Wagner, warehouse foreman, who passed away after a recent illness.

I finally had a chance to run upstairs and inspect the decorating of the billing department. It is coming along, and the new women's lounge is especially attractive.

Betty Olson, biller, is in the hospital, recovering from an operation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

A friendship bracelet with the girls' names engraved on it, was the going-away present given to Ellen Folzman at a party given by the girls in the billing department. She is returning to Waupun.

The flag raising at Menomonee Belt was quite an occasion. The flagpole was donated by Globe Steel Tube Co., Maryanne Sullivan made a pretty sight up on the roof of the shanty trying to put the extension of the pole in. The last I saw of the boys they were inscribing their names on the cement base.

Edith Tesch is spending all her time out at the stables retraining her horse for polo. When he is trained, Edith will take up the game. Margaret Hagburg is another prominent horsewoman in the office.

Ruth Curtis left recently to join her husband in Florida. He has just returned from two years in the South Pacific.

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A letter from Lt. Col. C. E. Crippen, former trainmaster, informs us that he is traveling through Belgium, Holland, and France in a jeep with a G.I. driver and a French lieutenant interpreter. He says that he has done his share of sleeping under the stars, in tents, coaches, shacks, and unheated, unlit hotels. For the most part, he has been eating out of cans or settling for condensed rations. Nevertheless, he claims he is thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Welcome to the promising new trainmaster, Ken Schwartz, former terminal trainmaster in the Tri Cities area, D&I Division.

The Hiawatha party at the Bay View Legion Post boasted an attendance of 240. The party was such a huge success that two of the girls from the warehouse called up Monday and asked to report to work an hour later than usual.

Yours truly is going to take a vacation, and Mickey Doss will take over in my absence.

Coach Yard

Richard Flechsig, Jr., Correspondent

Francis Fitzgerald, who was a cleaner on the night shift, now in the army, recently wrote us a few lines, saying he was in New Zealand and now is in the jungles of New Guinea.

John Stetzenbach, who was a cleaner on days, has left us to become an electrician helper at the shops.

Ely Milowsnik, who was a cleaner on the second shift, took a carman helper's job on the second shift.

Harry Pierce's son, who is in the armed service, was home on a short furlough in October.

Max Winkman, a switchman around here, and now on pension, paid the boys a visit recently. He took his pension in October and moved up to Wisconsin Dells.

Anpa Hakmayer has been informed that her son is in the Darnall General Hospital at Danville, Ky. She plans on seeing him soon.

Jeanette Braun has been very happy lately, because her boy friend, Pfc. Melvin Holliday, who was overseas for four years, is back in the good old U. S. He was wounded and is now at the station hospital, Camp Edwards, Mass.

With the Sixth War Loan drive now on, I am sure that the men and women of the coach yard will do their part.

I & D DIVISION

Marquette - Sanborn

*Margaret C. Lownsberry
Division Editor
Mason City, Iowa*

Charles W. DeVoll, brakeman, reported Nov. 6 for induction in the navy.

Fireman T. E. Rafferty has received word that his son, Sgt. Gerald D. Rafferty, was seriously wounded in Italy on Oct. 22. Sgt. Rafferty has been serving overseas since February, 1942.

Stanley Johnson, son of A. E. Johnson, conductor, is home on a 30-day furlough after serving eight months in the European area.

Charles R. Reichardt, pump repairer, is convalescing at his home after a seige of rheumatism.

C. E. Whitney, Mason City yard conductor, has been confined to his home due to having cut his hand while preparing kraut. However, at this writing he is back on the job.

Section Foreman Vance Macha is recovering at a New Hampton hospital after a major operation performed there.

We often hear fish stories at Mason City through Yardmaster Dickhoff, Chief Yard Clerk Donovan, and others, but as the pheasant season is now on, we have had a pheasant story. Monte Kemp, lieutenant of police at Mason City, reported that he, with a party, had shot five

pheasants with three shells. Having heard of Monte's marksmanship, we made some inquiries. We were advised as follows, by those who know: One of the said birds had been captured by a weasel, and Monte, after a furious struggle, got the bird away from the weasel, which sneaked away in the grass thoroughly disgusted, no doubt figuring that Monte had taken unfair advantage of him. This made No. 1. Two more birds happened to get up too close to woven wire fence and in doing so caught their wings in the fence and were retrieved by Monte. That made three birds. About that time a bird ran out in front of Monte; he fired twice while the pheasant was on the ground, missed the first shot and the second shot hit in the same place. The hunting dog that was along with the party grew disgusted and captured the bird himself, proudly bringing it to the feet of Mr. Kemp. This made four birds with two shots. Then Monte practically stepped on a pheasant; it evidently did not get away from the muzzle of Monte's gun, so he was able to kill it. This accounts for five birds with three shots.

Sioux City and Western Branch Lines

*Fred Costello, Correspondent
Asst. Superintendent's Office
Sioux City, Ia.*

A son was born Nov. 8 to Engineer and Mrs. Harry Bourdelais, of Sioux City, Ia.

Mrs. T. D. Hakes, wife of Traveling Accountant Hakes, recently underwent a serious operation in Sioux City. She is recovering nicely.

Jack Hansen, son of Assistant Superintendent J. T. Hansen, and now at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, spent a furlough with his parents during October.

Mrs. Carl Hansen of Elk Point, S. D., wife of B & B Carpenter Carl Hansen, recently suffered a very severe compound fracture of the leg and is convalescing at home.

The cigarette shortage at Sioux City has become so acute that the local Lortharios now "Say it with Camels" instead of with flowers.

Retired Engineer Gustav O. Lovgren, who has been in poor health for some months, will spend the winter in California.

Operator Kenneth Gray of Elk Point has taken a sick leave and will endeavor to cure some obstinate stomach ulcers.

Sanborn-Rapid City

*C. D. Wangsness, Correspondent
Mitchell, S. D.*

A letter from D. A. Kemmerling, former I&D fireman, finds him located somewhere in New Guinea. Dan states that he receives the Milwaukee Magazine regularly and would like to hear from some of his former fellow employees.

Don P. Weiland of the navy recently spent a short furlough with his parents at Bridgewater, S. D. Don is located at Farragut, Idaho, where he is completing his boot training.

Corp. Edwin Moreland, son of Janitor James Moreland of the local office, recently completed a two week furlough and departed for Texas where he is now located. Ed made it unpleasant for the pheasant crop while at home. We understand he is quite a marksman.

Robert Johnston and William Johnston of the navy spent several days furlough with her parents, Conductor and Mrs. Walt Johnston. Robert is located at Great Lakes and Bill in Arlington, Wash.

F. O. Don Wangsness of Tampa, Fla., recently spent several days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wangsness.

Former I&D operator Robert Coleman, recently spent a short furlough with his

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A corner of the newly-decorated freight office in La Crosse, Wis.

parents in Letcher, S. D. Bob is a train dispatcher with the 737th Railway Battalion at Camp Robinson in Little Rock, Ark. He says he will be made a sergeant upon his return to camp.

Section foreman A. Boulthouse, of Parker, states that word from his son-in-law, Corp. Ernest Tuenge, finds him located somewhere in the Pacific. Erny worked as section laborer at Parker before entering the army.

Section foreman Leonard Walsh of Chancellor states his son, Pvt. Guy Kennedy, is in Belgium. Guy was formerly section laborer at Parker. He has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in France on D day. After his recovery he again entered combat duty.

Sgt. Russell Smith, son of Flagman Chas. Smith, recently spent a furlough with his parents. He is located at Camp Campbell, Ky.

Our star bowler, Shorty Cunningham, of the freight office force, has been in a slump since the season opened and anyone who can offer a suggestion for a speedy comeback should contact Shorty at the earliest possible date.

We take this means of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sioux Falls Line

F. B. Griller, Correspondent
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Curtis L. Raines, son of Operator George Raines, Sioux Falls, has been transferred from his base in Oklahoma to the Naval Air Station at Miami Beach, Fla.

Hans Miller, section foreman, Fairview, has retired after long and faithful service and has moved to Canton. Louis Hladkey of Yankton has taken charge of Fairview section.

Conductor Fred W. Killion, after 42 years service with the Milwaukee Road, has retired and will locate at Jackson, Minn. Fred was conductor on the Sioux Falls-Bristol line.

Agent Harry Brann of Avon has retired and is replaced by Eddie Doering of Fairview. William Billers is the new agent at Fairview.

Sgt. Harold L. Mostrom, formerly assistant interchange clerk at the Sioux Falls freight office, and son of L. A. Mostrom, freight service inspector, is stationed somewhere in India. As a radio operator on an air transport, he has made more than 110 missions over the "Hump."

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LACROSSE & RIVER DIVISION

Second District

W. S. King, Correspondent
Red Wing, Minn.

There have been big doings in the Edwards family lately and we must tell about them. We don't have any news that's fit to print about the original Bill Edwards, outside of the fact that he is the engine watchman at Red Wing, and the father of two very active sons who make the news. His eldest is Capt. George Edwards, now on active duty in France or Germany and who, besides being a great soldier, is the proud father of a 9 lb. 12 oz. boy born on Sept. 19, which he has yet to see. His other son, Pvt. Merlin Edwards, otherwise known as "Moke," broke into the news when he was the main topic of a dispatch from Veareggio, Italy, in which it stated he crossed a canal several miles north of that place near the western outposts of the Gothic line. His patrol found a German machine gun nest in a crater made by an allied air bomb. The battle lasted an hour and when the shooting was over, there were four dead Jerries and one dead machine gun in the crater. Moke is now confined to hospital there and we hope it's not serious. Yessir, Bill is a mighty proud Papa these days.

C. F. Grimm, a newcomer to these parts, is the new agent at Cannon Falls, F. C. Beck having retired.

Mike Burns, section foreman at Wabasha, has been confined to his bed for some time, and worst of all, in a plaster cast. Bad luck can be awfully bad sometimes, but we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Wm. E. Hanson laid the last brick of the renovated platform at Wabash. I understand he felt quite honored. I haven't heard how the brick felt.

Geo. and Frank Poeschl, operators at Wabash, have had their vacations and were relieved by Mrs. Johnson. The enjoyment that George might have otherwise had was offset by the news that his son, Bernard, is missing in action.

T. G. Gosse, chief carpenter, recently went to the Grand Marais country to hunt four-legged deer.

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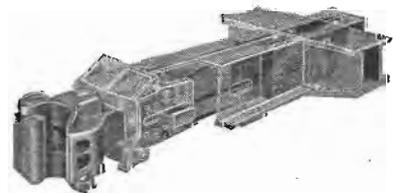
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The freight office at Wabash has moved into new quarters in the old men's waiting room in the passenger depot, and the depot has been remodeled to some extent. Agent Phil Johnson is pleased with the whole thing.

Blackie McDonald and Dutch Layman are planning to go out near Milbank and hunt a pheasant or two. If they aren't any better at hunting than Red Bartels and Cliff Henry are at fishing, they won't come back with even a tail feather.

First District

K. D. Smith, Correspondent
Operator, Portage, Wis.

Several of our LaCrosse division personnel have returned to Portage on furlough from overseas. Lt. James Robinson of the Air Corps, who made numerous missions and was shot down over enemy territory and escaped to our lines after many miles of foot work and harrowing adventures, was among the visitors. He was a brakeman on our division before getting his wings.

Capt. Robert Heberlein, son of Conductor Paul Heberlein, with the Air Corps, was home on a short furlough after flying many missions.

Lieut. Howard Bryan has reached home after more than two years in India with the transport bomber command. Howard was formerly our redcap at Portage.

If you think the war is over, you should ask some of our veterans who have been in the thick of it how the going is over there.

The west end bank widener crew between here and the dells recently was working near a farm with some very luscious tomatoes in evidence, and Brakeman William Brauer, with thoughts of the cold winter ahead, bargained for a bushel which he placed in the caboose for safe keeping; and he took them directly home, telling his wife he would place them down cellar so she could work on them. He is some six feet of brawn and muscle but the tomatoes nearly proved too much for him and he remarked after placing them downstairs that they were the heaviest tomatoes he had ever lifted. Then he sought the easy chair and the evening paper. His peace of mind was shortly shattered by a blast from the cellar, "WILLYUM COME DOWN HERE—RIGHT QUICK!" Being an obedient husband, he bounded down the stairs to be met by his irate little wife who said, "What kind of a joke are you trying to play on me, of all people? Give a look. You got gyped, and furthermore, what will we do with all that iron and stone?" The bottom of his prized bushel of tomatoes contained scrap iron and stones placed there by persons unknown. Harry Taylor, the conductor, just grinned when we asked him about it.

Conductor John Pate has been asked to furnish the gang with some fish and some proof that he can catch them. One

week early in November he demonstrated his ability, landing 10 pike averaging about six pounds each. That's one for Jimmie Thomas to shoot at!

Our new depot begins to look like something. We expect to have a housewarming about Dec. 25. You bring the refreshments!

Supt. W. J. Whalen is wearing a big smile since the news that a son, Brien Hogan, was born on Oct. 31 to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hogan of New Kensington, Pa. Mrs. Hogan is his daughter.

The following item which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune of Nov. 7 will no doubt be of interest to a lot of the S.M. boys who knew this young fellow:

Japs Try Tank Ruse But Fail

"Leyte, Philippines:

"Light tanks and infantry attacked the Japanese west of Dagami, in central Leyte valley, Monday and Col. Macey L. Dill, commander of a regiment of the 96th Division, believes they 'broke the back' of the last enemy mass attack in this area.

"The Japs made efforts to stop the American tanks.

"Lt. David Rafferty, Spring Valley, Minn., said a Jap clambered atop the rear of a tank driven by S/Sgt. Arthur Raber of Minnesota. The Jap instructed Reber, over the tank's own telephone, to move up 50 yards. Its fire then was protecting a disabled flame thrower.

"The voice sounded odd," Rafferty related, "and Reber asked for a code word."

"Why, you're a damn Jap," Reber yelled, when the Jap gave an incorrect answer, Rafferty said.

"The Jap was killed by machine gun fire when he started to run from the tank."

Brother Howard, storekeeper, former P.F.I., Austin, now with the navy on Guadalcanal, will enjoy reading the above.

Wisconsin Valley

Lillian A. Atkinson, Correspondent
Care of Assistant Superintendent
Wausau, Wis.

1st Lt. Roger Schultz, son of Engineer John Schultz, has been spending a 30 day leave with his parents. He spent the better part of the last 32 months in New Guinea. Lt. Schultz says "Movies are about the only recreation out there, as we were usually too close to the front lines to lure any traveling big-time movie stars to us in the flesh, and even the movies were interrupted occasionally when we'd hear the signals of the Jap planes overhead." Lt. Schultz is scheduled to report at the Hot Springs, Ark., redistribution center for further rest and assignment. He has been overseas since Feb. 18, 1942 and was with the first combat troops to go into the South Pacific area after Pearl Harbor. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the field upon reaching Port Moresby, after sailing around the world to get there. This, he explained, was because the ship he sailed on was the reconverted Queen Mary, which was too large to go through the Panama Canal. The trip gave him a view of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which he hopes to see again some day, and of Capetown, South Africa. Lt. Schultz is enjoying his leave—long overdue, he thinks—since he had none since shipping overseas, and only one seven-day pass, which he spent in Sydney, Australia, in his two and a half years in the Pacific.

Y 2/c Rondell Kropla, of the navy, son of Engineer and Mrs. Karl Kropla, was home recently on a 30-day leave after serving in the South Pacific. His parents entertained friends and relatives at a dinner in his honor on Nov. 4.

Raymond Hintz, baggageman, has left for Milwaukee, where he has a position as information clerk in the Union station.

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East End

*Dora H. Anderson, Correspondent
Care of Agent, Mobridge, S. D.*

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Henry V. Wyman and relatives on the passing of Conductor Henry V. Wyman on Oct. 21 at Miles City, following a lingering illness. Masonic services were held at Mobridge Oct. 23 and the remains were taken to Humboldt, Ia., for burial beside his father and mother.

Sympathy is also extended to the Harry Shields and Pearl Pengray families on the death of their father, John Shields of Bowman, N. D., on Nov. 3. Mr. Shields worked for the railroad for many years, having served as agent at one time, as well as fireman, and the last few years had charge of the pumping station at Bowman.

Retired Conductor Bert Doud, wife and son, Forrest, have moved to Hermosa Beach, Calif., in the hope that the change of climate will help Mr. Doud's health. Mrs. Doud came back here last month and disposed of their home and most of their household goods. We regret to lose this fine family.

Mrs. Martin Walsh, wife of Roundhouse Foreman Martin Walsh of Miles City, spent a few days here visiting old friends as guest of Conductor and Mrs. Louis Scheffelbein.

Agent Jake Feithner of Thunder Hawk, S. D., who met with an auto accident some time ago and suffered two broken legs, and has been a patient at the Mobridge Hospital, has now recovered sufficiently to be taken home. Agent Wm. Boyle of Eagle Butte is also a patient at the hospital now. Water Service Foreman Martin Hettle is also off duty due to illness. His position is being filled by Don Martin of Miles City.

Our Interstate lunchroom has also been made over and is really beautiful now. Manager J. Edw. Johnson and wife are about the busiest people in town, giving 24 hour service to their many patrons.

Mobridge has the honor of having one of our Milwaukee women, Mrs. Paul Ny-

len, wife of Conductor Paul Nylan, elected Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for the State of South Dakota, at a recent session of the Grand Chapter held at Mitchell, S. D.

Howard Preston, Seaman 2/c, son of Engineer and Mrs. Claude Preston, is now stationed at Fort Pierce, Fla., where his sister, Ruth, and husband, Robert H. Bedner, are also located. Robert Bedner is a son of retired Agent Frank Bedner, formerly of Dupree, S. D.

S/Sgt. Franklyn Larson, son of Conductor Louis Larson, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in several heavy bombardment attacks within Germany. He is waist gunner on a Flying Fortress.

Before another issue of the Magazine appears, Christmas will have come and gone, so we take this opportunity of wishing all our boys in the service, as well as all of our readers, a joyous Holiday Season and our prayer is that e'er another year rolls around this cruel war will be over and we will again have "Peace On Earth, Good Will to Men."

West End

*Pearl Huff, Correspondent
Miles City, Mont.*

Robert Feeley, Seaman 2/c, made a surprise visit on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe. Feeley of Miles City in early October. He is with the armed guard of the navy, stationed at San Diego.

1st Lt. John McCauley, who spent his furlough recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McCauley of Miles City, has gone to Missoula to finish the three months necessary in obtaining his degree. He has been stationed at Camp Haan, Riverside, Calif., with an anti-aircraft outfit for the last part of his three years training.

Car Foreman Mark Johnson is slowly recovering from injuries received when he was struck by a car near his home on Sept. 28, at which time his leg was broken.

Harvests Apples in Snow Storm—Engineer W. F. Mueller of Miles City spent a great deal of time through the summer

sitting under the apple tree at home, which he prizes very highly. This year the apple crop was very large, and Bill allowed it to mature fully. The mild days of October helped a great deal in maturing his apple crop, but Nov. 1, he decided Old Man Winter was beginning to get too rough, so he harvested his apples in a snow storm. To prove it, Bill sent one down to the local Star office and it was about big enough for one good apple pie.

Miss Virginia Larsen of Chicago and William H. Wilkerson of the Navy were married in Chicago at the Jefferson Park Congregational Church on Oct. 14, and the bridal couple came to Miles City to spend their honeymoon with the parents

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of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wilkerson. William was a fireman on the Trans-Missouri Division before enlisting in the Navy, where he has served the past 30 months and has been in the amphibious forces in the Mediterranean during the Tunisian, Sicilian, Italian, and Southern France campaigns. He reported back to Norfolk, Va., for reassignment at the expiration of his furlough.

Awarded Air Medal—From an 8th Air Force bomber station somewhere in England comes word that T/Sgt. Robert A. ("Snake Eyes") Dunlap, radio operator on a Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in numerous heavy bombardment attacks deep within the heart of Germany. He is a member of the division cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany. Flying in the toughest theatre of aerial operations of the war, Sgt. Dunlap attacked targets in such German cities as Bremen, Hamburg, Hanover, and Frankfurt. Bob is the son of Alex Dunlap of Miles City, conductor on the Trans-Missouri Division for many years.

J. P. Shannon, Genevieve M. Lynden, and L. J. Parisol of Butte, June St. Clair and Hazel Kay of Superior, Violet Kirchner of Rapelje, Joyce Thimmisch of Camp Crook, V. Youngbauer, Joyce Marion and Violet Senter of Miles City and Madge H. Arenz of Jersey City, N. J., have matriculated in the Milwaukee Training School at Miles City. There are now a total of 26 pupils attending the school which is conducted by R. T. (Tug) Wilson. A total of 75 operators have completed the course so far, and one class of six or seven will complete their courses the middle of November. The balance will graduate the first of the year.

Cpl. Warren E. Wilson recently spent a furlough from Camp Polk, La., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wilson of Miles City. He is a member of the medics connected with the Anti-Aircraft Artillery.

Pvt. Arnold L. Running, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Running, Miles City, spent his furlough in Miles City with his parents. He recently graduated with a class of skilled tank mechanics from the Armored School Tank Department at Fort Knox, Ky. He has now gone to Fort Benning, Ga., for further training.

Raymond Moore, assistant adjuster in the claim department at Miles City, has been transferred to Missoula as assistant to M. W. Roark, district adjuster at that point. He has moved his family to Missoula. Ray's smiling countenance will

be greatly missed around the general office at Miles City.

Division Master Mechanic, Barry Glen of Miles City, has been confined in the local hospital at Miles City now for a few days, following an auto accident which he had on Nov. 9, at which time he suffered a broken collar bone, and minor cuts and bruises. Reports indicate that he will soon be back on the job again.

As another Holiday Season draws near, our thoughts turn toward our boys in the armed forces all over the land and sea, who are fighting to make this land of ours a safe place in which to live. Our wish for them is that God will keep them safe and well wherever they may be, and before another Holiday Season rolls around bring them back to us safely. Season's Greetings to every Milwaukee Family.

MILWAUKEE SHOPS

Store Department

Earl L. Solverson, Correspondent

Pfc. Edward Crotty, former car department employe, and brother of John and Charles of the store dept., was wounded the second time on Oct. 18. Only other data received was that he was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster.

John Wendorf just received a new tax exemption on Nov. 9. A baby girl, Marie Louise Wendorf, is a brunette like her mother. No cigars, but the girls in the DSK and GSK offices enjoyed the candy. Next time, we males will requisition a boy and enjoy the cigars.

Paul Metzfeld, supervisor of unified material delivery, opened his new office in the garage on Nov. 2nd. We missed the customary refreshments but everyone enjoyed the "mums" furnished by Frenchy.

Stockman Rudolph Freuler has a special hole in the floor alongside his desk for visiting mice. Every noon hour one or more appear and peer up at Rudy with appealing eyes for a handout, but Rudy tells them to go and get their own grub.

T/Sgt. Peter G. Peterson visited the shops on Nov. 2, home on furlough from duty in the European theatre. He is a radio operator and gunner. He and his crew have completed more than 50 missions over Yugoslavia, Austria, Bulgaria, Roumania, Hungary, France and Germany. He has numerous service decorations but leaves them at home. Everyone was glad to see Pete, and trust he can soon return to railroad duty with the same vim and spirit he has displayed in military service.

Stationery Storekeeper John Waldman made a trip to Florida to attend the wedding of his son, Lt. Joseph, of the Navy, on Nov. 11.

Minnie Maier is recovering from a major operation and we look forward to her early return to the shops. The boys seem to miss her wise cracks and cheerful influence.

Pvt. Francis B. Fritsch at Camp Joseph T. Robinson received the Victory Club birthday package and writes that the contents were most useful and greatly appreciated.

From France, Corp. Ellsworth Faltz sent a helmet to Howard Lyons, signal store stockman, for his son, Jimmy, 12. Writes that the railroad yards at Le Mans were a mass of destruction after our air force bombed it twice—once for 55 minutes and again for 74 minutes. Hit a German ammunition dump. He never saw so much twisted rail and the engine house was demolished. Writes that the French have some very large engines, better than those in England.

Pvt. Frank J. Brewa, under date of Oct. 15, writes from France that there are only old people where he is located. Has to content himself with visiting the

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cows, mules and horses. There are plenty of ruins and doubts that any person could remain alive during the bombardment inflicted on such districts. Claims he won't return until he has covered France, Germany, Poland of course, China, etc.

Bill Lukaszewski celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary on Oct. 20. He has been an employe of the Milwaukee Road for 33 years. His son is a captain in the Army and has been in for three years.

Sgt. John Ewald wrote to Miss Leon Esser, secretary to the G.S.K., that they left Italy and landed in France. Expected to locate Chester Raasch and Dale Manning in the near future. Received the package sent by the girls of the DSK and GSK office, containing shaving lotion, sausages and many other delightful articles. Attended church services which was conducted by the Pope, who inquired of the Americans if they liked Italy and if they were anxious to go home. Visited the famous Sistine Chapel. Writes that Kenneth Barbian remained in Italy. It seemed odd to him to have to wear so many clothes, after North Africa and southern Italy. He says there are more bars than apartments in their present community, the beer has no kick, but the wine is good, although quite expensive. Railroads are in good condition as compared to those in Italy and North Africa. Witnessed a German truck convoy, mile after mile, burning after being shelled by artillery and airplanes. Enjoyed some movies of old American films with French translations. Miss Leon Esser has acquired a French dictionary so that she can translate some of the French greetings she receives and add a few of her own.

Harold E. Leack, EM 2/c, enjoyed the crossing of the equator and received the customary initiation of having half his hair cut off, being doused with a fire hose, whacked with a paddle, dunked in a tank with clothes and all, and the electric chair. Writes that he experiences a funny feeling when he has to climb the mast to fix the lights. He is a brother of Gilbert Leack, chief clerk to the district storekeeper.

Stockman Freuler attended the state skat tournament on Oct. 15 and claims he lost 100 bucks. Played a diamond solo against 11 and only received 60 points. One more point would have netted him \$100 or more. His co-workers helped him moan for several days thereafter.

Lt. Kenneth J. Bogert writes from the Hotel Nacional De Cuba in Havana that he was able to listen to a couple of the world series ball games. Likes the Spanish atmosphere of Cuba and the gaiety at night and states that the girls are beautiful.

Sgt. Norman D. Bakken, with the Coast Artillery, writes that he enjoys reading the Milwaukee Magazine and the activities of the other boys in service. He is anxious to get home to see his sons whom he has not seen. They were born three days before he sailed for the Hawaiian islands.

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Davies Yard

J. J. Steele, Correspondent

Another Christmas is here again and we, along with millions of other folk, hope that this is the last Christmas with our nation at war. Those of us at home have seen many of our sons, husbands, relatives and friends leave to do their part in bringing this war to an end, and it is with a heavy heart, but a proud salute, that we see them go. For every sorrow there is a little happiness and that joy has been welcoming home some of the boys who have received their discharge from the armed forces. So for our 1944 Christmas, we of the Davies yard, wish all the men and women in the service a Merry Christmas and we sincerely hope that in the New Year we will see them returning to their homes and families. Our thoughts are particularly with the men with whom we have worked, many of them intimate friends, others casual acquaintances, but to all of the Davies yard gang in uniform we wish a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The wrecking crew are sadly in need of a cook, and this correspondent, who has eaten a steak dinner prepared by Don Ritzke, nominates him for the position.

Al Reich recently entered Soldiers' Home, Wood, Wis., for a major operation. We are happy to report that he is well on the road to recovery, and we hope that he will be back soon, as we miss his witticisms.

Johnny Klewein, Jr., has been attempting to raise a mustache, but at this writing has failed. The only suggestion we can make, Johnny, is that you shave the darn fuzz off!

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tentative dinner engagement as Fred (Buckshot) Ramer and Ignatz (Halfshot) Zielinski departed for South Dakota to shoot pheasant, but upon their return the dinner was postponed until 1945. You see, it is rather difficult to wine and dine 100 men on one pheasant.

Now that summer is over, Erv Weber has decided to tell us how he manages to keep his lawn looking so beautiful. He sowed his lawn with a mixture of sword grass and the ordinary kind, and when the wind blows, the grass just naturally cuts itself.

The other day during the noon hour the topic of the day was mosquitoes. John Dunar walked away with all honors when he related that the mosquitoes in Pennsylvania, where he was born and bred, are so large that they have wing lights for night flying.

The newly elected officers of the Service Club are: Ed Finnegan, chairman; Hohn (Friday) Waszak, vice chairman; Andrew Wann, secretary and treasurer.

I & S M DIVISION

East End

*H. J. Swank, Division Editor
Superintendent's Office
Austin, Minn.*

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved relatives of three of our "old timers" who passed away since our last issue:

John J. Nihil, retired engineer, died Nov. 4.

Wm. "Billy" Williams, retired boiler-maker, died Nov. 3.

Oscar Ober, retired engineer, died Nov. 1.

A farewell party was held the evening of Nov. 6 for Roadmaster Frank Larson, who retired from service Oct. 31 and is going to settle down and take life easy on his farm near Red Wing. The boys presented him with a rod and reel so that he might catch a few of the big ones that usually get away.

A hearty welcome to our city to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kovaleski, who moved to Austin from Madison, S. D. Mr. Kovaleski will take over Mr. Larson's territory as roadmaster, and A. P. Vogel receives the appointment as roadmaster at Madison.

One of my scouts reports that Mr. and Mrs. Virgil C. Taylor, P.F.I. at Hollandale, are the proud parents of a boy born at the Albert Lea Hospital on Oct. 15. Congratulations, folks.

WAVE Patty Lieb has been transferred from Wold Chamberlain Field, Minneapolis, to Ottumwa, Ia.

In a letter from Pvt. R. E. "Bob" Cor-kill, dated Oct. 25, from Belgium, he states that he had enjoyed reading Sgt. Ralph McCoy's printed letter from In-

dia, but says Mac is making much better time than he is, as it took them six days to go 32 miles. He says he has been in Holland and Germany, but would much rather be back on the I&SM. Also stated that he had seen Lt. Col. W. J. Hotchkiss. Bob is with another railway operating battalion and sends his regards to the boys on the I&SM.

FLASH! Two Hometown (Aberdeen) boys meet in Gay Paree. Who? Lt. Cols. W. J. Hotchkiss and F. R. Doud.

Dispatcher's Clerk Erle Jorgensen has gone to Rosemount to work as chief clerk, while Bernice Sherman is relieving on Erle's job.

Sympathy is extended to Section Laborer H. A. Johnson, Austin, whose wife passed away at University Hospital, Minneapolis, on Nov. 8.

West End

*E. L. Wopat, Correspondent
Chandler, Minn.*

Conductor Joe Rooney has taken trains 315 and 316 between Sioux Falls and Bristol, S. D. Joe's hussle and bussle will be missed on passenger train 203 and 222.

Conductor Fred Killion has given up his run on 315 and 316 and taken his pension. He will live in Jackson, Minn. We are sorry to see him leave after 46 years of continuous service.

V. E. West, agent at Flandreau, S. D., and wife have left for Texas for an indefinite time. He is being relieved by H. L. Lewis, Sr., of Junius, S. D.

F. J. Kavelski, roadmaster, with headquarters at Madison, has been appointed roadmaster at Austin, Minn., effective Nov. 1. Frank was with us over seven years, and we all hate to see him go. Art Vogel has been appointed our new roadmaster, with headquarters at Madison. We all send you a hearty welcome, Art.

Chas. Jackson has been appointed section foreman at Bradley, S. D.

L. E. Ludwigsen who has been in the armed forces for over two years, has been released from his duties and has returned to his home at Jackson, Minn. After spending a month at home just recuperating and resting, he resumed as clerk at Jackson, Minn., on Nov. 13.

TWIN CITY TERMINAL

*F. P. Rogers, Division Editor
Superintendent's Office
Minneapolis, Minn.*

Maj. Robert E. Felber, son of J. A. Felber, veteran agent at St. Louis Park, recently returned home on leave after 15 months service in the European and Mediterranean theaters as a pilot of a

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Liberator bomber and later as wing commander. Maj. Felber enlisted immediately after Pearl Harbor, and after completing his training went overseas, taking part in the aerial attacks on Floesti oil refineries, Keil, Munster, Bremen and Williamshaven. He has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Clusters, four silver stars for major engagements, and a Presidential Citation. Maj. Felber left home on Oct. 21 for Miami, Fla., for further assignment.

Pvt. Theodore Felber, another son of Agent Felber, has just been reported wounded in infantry fighting at Aachen, Germany, by the War Department. Pvt. Felber went overseas in March of this year and took part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

We have received greetings from Capt. James T. Hayes, who is now somewhere in Italy where he is assigned aide to Brig. Gen. Carl R. Gray, Jr. Capt. Hayes advises that through the medium of the Milwaukee Magazine he manages to keep in pretty close touch with happenings in the Twin City Terminals, as well as other parts of the Milwaukee Road. He has been overseas for almost two years and has met quite a number of Milwaukee men in the service, particularly in various railway operating battalions.

John E. Hills, retired assistant superintendent who resided in Minneapolis, passed away on Oct. 3 after a short illness. Masonic services were conducted. He is survived by his widow and one sister, Mrs. Madge H. Baldwin of Chicago. Mr. Hills was very well known in the Twin Cities, where he served as assistant superintendent, later going to the Chicago Terminals and H&D Division as superintendent. His last service was performed on the Kansas City Division, from which he retired about a year ago.

John Hills was a very likeable fellow and a good railroader.

John J. Nihil, 85, retired locomotive engineer on the I&SM First District, passed away at Minneapolis Nov. 4. He retired in 1937 after completing 61 years service on the I&SM Division. Among the survivors are Mrs. J. W. Johnson, wife of yardmaster, Mrs. A. W. Peterson, wife of night stationmaster, and Mrs. Bert Dikeman, widow of deceased yardmaster, all three of whom are daughters of Mr. Nihil.

On Oct. 7 Mrs. J. P. McNulty, wife of retired yard conductor at Minneapolis, died after a long illness.

St. Paul Freight House

Allen R. Rothmund, Correspondent

Ed Hansen recently received a telegram from his son, Rev. Hansen, of Moorhead, Minn., notifying him that he now is a grandfather for the second time.

Several months ago I mentioned that it was not unusual for us to receive conscience money from time to time. Last week we received \$75 in a plain envelope, along with a note which read as follows: "Credit to yours truly."

Hazel McMillan is back in the office helping out for a short while.

Ralph Wotschke reports a bumper crop from his war garden and he has something to show for it. His basement shelves are piled high with preserve jars filled with home grown fruit and vegetables.

Coming down to work the morning after election, I noticed it was very, very foggy, but not Dewey.

Minneapolis Local Freight and Traffic Dept.

Kay Jiran, Correspondent

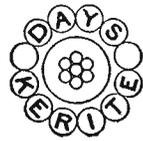
Our little bride, Helen Lindquist Melchert, is back at her desk, and hubby, Jack, has returned to his post at Fort Sill, Okla. Jack was fortunate enough to get an unexpected furlough soon after their marriage on Oct. 22, and he returned to Minneapolis with Helen.

We were deeply saddened by the death of Charles A. McLain on Nov. 8. Charlie was chief waybill clerk at the local freight office and he will be greatly missed by all of us. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. McLain and son, Charles, who is now in the navy.

The Minnesota homecoming game netted Florence Halvorson and Patty Flaherty \$30 each.

From the Mail

Word from Douglas Sutton, with a railroad outfit in France, informs us he's seen plenty of rain and destruction. Ducky just celebrated his birthday, and, reading between the lines, we've de-



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cided that the Jerries fixed it so the celebration wasn't any "pink tea."

Capt. Charles Washburn writes Al Wareham that he's somewhere on the east coast. He sends greetings to all of his friends and hopes to return to the Milwaukee family when this big job is done.

It's a wee small world, thinks Mary Demgen Gerry of the traffic department, and here's her reason for thinking so. Last week Mary received a letter from her brother, Lt. Ralph Demgen of an engineering outfit somewhere in Belgium, an excerpt from which follows:

"Of course you know that the G.I.'s are running the railroads over here as well as almost everything else—well, yesterday I happened to be nearby when one of the trains passed through, and you can well imagine the thrill that went through me when, on one of the box cars, I saw inscribed in large letters in chalk 'TO MINNEAPOLIS VIA BERLIN—THE MILWAUKEE ROAD.' Be sure to tell the folks in your office, as well as Uncle Pat, I'm sure they'll get a kick out of it." Lt. Demgen is a nephew of Agent J. P. Fahey of the Minneapolis local freight department.

South Minneapolis Shops and Coach Yard

*Oriole M. Smythe, Correspondent
Car Department*

Whereabouts of former employes, in the armed forces: Ernest L. Benson, specialist 1/c in the Coast Guard, stationed at Brooklyn, N. Y., writes that he is still in the same camp, with very good duties as master at arms, and some liberty, so he can visit his home, his wife is with him in New York City. Roy L. Larson, corporal in an engineering battalion, formerly stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., and Camp McCoy, Wis., was moved overseas in September. From Sgt. Robert Ingvoldsen comes the remark: "India, the land of mystery, but give me good old Minnesota." In that spot, the days are very hot and evenings quite cool. Corp. C. P. Olsen is stationed at Tucson, Ariz., for a few months of transition flying.

Harold R. Anderson, aviation mechanic 1/c, with air craft carrier on the west coast, was married to Miss Lorraine Schaaf on July 1 at Minneapolis.

St. Paul Traffic Department

Brooksie Luth, Correspondent

Seems we missed a deadline last month, so our news will be older than usual, but some of it may still be news to someone, somewhere.

By the time this issue is out, I hope everyone will have recovered from Election Day results. All the arguments hereabouts were interesting and fun, but oh! what some people said!

Bigosh, I no more than get three passenger department members reported on when two more arrive. The newcomers are H. M. Larson, who is acting assistant general passenger agent while Mr. Oslie is on leave, and Miss Rosemary Fuchs, stenographer. Rosemary came to us from the Great Northern passenger department, and it is certainly our gain.

This bit of news is long overdue, but I hear tell that's better than never. Not long ago, Mrs. Treherne, the mother of your former St. Paul reporter, Alice Treherne Herrick, came in to get some copies of the Milwaukee Magazine for Alice. Mrs. Treherne said at the time that Alice was very happy in her work in Italy. She is working in her husband's office, and they have been able to find a comfortable little house with running hot and cold water. When Alice left here, she expected to be only in the same general direction as her husband, but evidently some understanding soul arranged for them to be together.

Congratulations are due our former rate clerk, Jack Maher, on his promotion and

departure for some far-off place, commonly referred to as "overseas." Jack is now to be addressed as First Lieutenant Maher, thank you. It's a good thing Jack's orders finally came through, because the "Battle of Florida" was not his idea of fighting the war.

Another move is due soon. Sgt. Leon Stelling, former stenographer in the passenger department, expects to be transferred from Alaska to Camp Claiborne, La., which won't hurt his feelings a bit. He is expecting to be home about the middle of December for a brief furlough.

R. A. Burns, general agent, and Mrs. Burns recently enjoyed a few days' visit in Quantico, Va., with their son, Maj. Robert Burns, and his family. The new baby is the owner of some very proud grandparents, and certainly lives up to all the specifications as a perfect grandchild, according to the reports.

In honor of the 169th anniversary of the Marine Corps, Twin Cities' parents of marines who have received citations were presented with medals at a banquet held in Minneapolis in Nov. Maj. Robert Burns received an Air Medal for skillful leadership as squadron commander when his group downed 26 Zeros one day in the Solomon Islands area, and Mr. and Mrs. Burns were guests at the Marine Corps banquet. Mrs. Burns was also interviewed over KSTP on Nov. 6.

S/Sgt. William Grevett, son of our chief clerk, Harry Grevett, was recently home on furlough. Like father, like son, Bill is chief clerk in the A. A. F. School at Orlando, Fla.

Another traveler recently was Mrs. Sederholm, new stenographer in the passenger department. Grace visited her husband at Camp Crowder, Mo., for three days, and came back all aglow. Her husband has now been transferred to San Antonio, Tex.

Stu Olson, city passenger agent, has been writing weekly letters to former members of this office, who are now in service, giving the low-down on who does what and why. He writes to T/3 D. T. Tybering, Sgt. Leon Stelling, T/5 Ferdinand Grunewald, T/4 Hubert I. Lindblom, Sgt. Roy Westphalinger, and 1st Lt. J. L. Maher. Stu was in France during World War I, so he is able to warn the boys over there of the pitfalls and to tell them about his own experiences. He writes such clever and interesting letters that I think perhaps I'll turn the writing of this column over to him. At least, I might be able to get him to be a "guest columnist" some time I hope.

Just before I sent this column in, Lt. Frank Engebretson, former stenographer in the passenger department, came in to say hello to all his friends. Lt. Engebretson has just been graduated from O. C. S. at New Orleans.

South Minneapolis Locomotive and Store Depts.

*Thelma Huff, Correspondent
Office of Shop Superintendent
South Minneapolis*

If you get a yen for squab on toast, see Lt. Beguhl and he'll be glad to pick you off a few around T.C.T. He recently decreased the pigeon population at Southtown by 80 birds with three shells. The shortage of shells doesn't mean a thing to him. Jack Thomas, labor foreman at Minneapolis roundhouse, claimed a year ago that he could get two out of three and we thought that was pretty good until he explained he meant three boxes of shells and two ducks.

Another pothook and curve artist has joined the store department staff at Southtown, namely Phyllis Guttormson. Friend hubby in the Air Transport Command, delighted his June bride by not forgetting to remember to send her a missive while in Brazil, enroute to everywhere.

The hunting dog which Motor Car Instructor C. A. Busterud presented to his wife on her birthday some months

ago has taken on the responsibility of a family of four. Buster named them after the girls in the office.

Retired Machinists Louis Huth and John W. Martin have followed the geese to St. Petersburg, Fla., for the winter.

Presidential timber for 1980 or thereabouts arrived at the home of Traveling Fireman Phil Anderson on Oct. 25. Wesley Howard is the name.

With 33 years' service and active to the last, veteran Machinist Helper John Gareis passed away Nov. 16.

We were happily surprised by a visit from Allen Templeton of the store department on Nov. 4. He has been doing a turn out at the Veterans' Hospital and although he didn't have his usual pep, he was smiling.

"I'm sitting on top of the world," says Jack Armstrong, who called around on Oct. 30. Jack, you know, is one of our boilermaker apprentices and is at present in the navy. He said he had just spent 16 days in the hospital at Lido Beach, Long Island, N. Y. The 34 days' leave was acceptable.

The enthusiasm with which he entered into training as a motion-picture projectionist has developed to such an extent that his success has brought Pvt. Don E. Kurtz the pleasure of instructing his fellow enlistees, as well as commissioned officers. Don is still on some beautiful island in Pacific waters.

Word has been received by Assistant General Storekeeper J. V. Anderson from his son, John, while crossing: "Something new has been added—I've got ball bearing hips to counteract the rolling of this ship." Then later from somewhere in England: "The English railroads would be very interesting to you. I'd say about 95 per cent of the freight cars are of the four wheel variety and have no trucks. No air brakes on most of the freights, the engine furnishes the braking power, the switchmen carry a pole to assist in hand braking the cars. Most of the semaphores are cable and hand operated, no automatic block systems. Some of the engines are nothing more than the goats they use in bringing dead engines into the shop back in the States."

"I've been under shellfire (Japs) on sniper hunts, air raids and just about everything in the book," writes Reynold L. Nordstrom, M3/c. from the island of Tinian. "I was lucky to get just a case of dengue fever. My nerves took an awful shellacking sometimes. I picked up a Jap bicycle and fixed it and it runs like a million. The island I am on is lousy with bikes. I got hold of a couple fresh eggs yesterday, swiped them from a hen when she wasn't looking. What a treat those eggs will be since all our food is dehydrated."

And now some quotes from Herb Allen to Shop Superintendent Blyberg: "While the French railroads can't compare to ours, they are certainly way ahead of those in England. On the continent they do have some pretty good-sized power and the large cities have had some pretty big terminal operation. I haven't seen any switching done with white horses—after all, that is where we get our prime beef—and we couldn't use white horses for this kind of work because they are more tender than the black ones. This town has cold beer for sale, which was a pleasant relief after drinking that warm stuff in England. There is also quite a bit of cognac and champagne available here but it is quite expensive. I am developing a champagne appetite. Won't that be awful on my beer salary?"

Gary Theis tells Bill LeEVERS that he is running a bulldozer over there in the Admiralty Isles and that he hopes to get home some time after Christmas. He also wrote: "So help is still hard to get back there! Maybe if you gave those girls a pair of nylon stockings every pay day, they wouldn't quit the job."

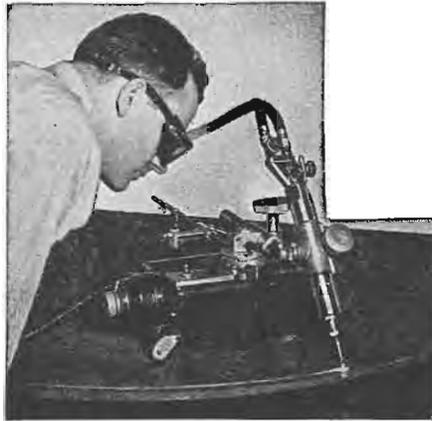
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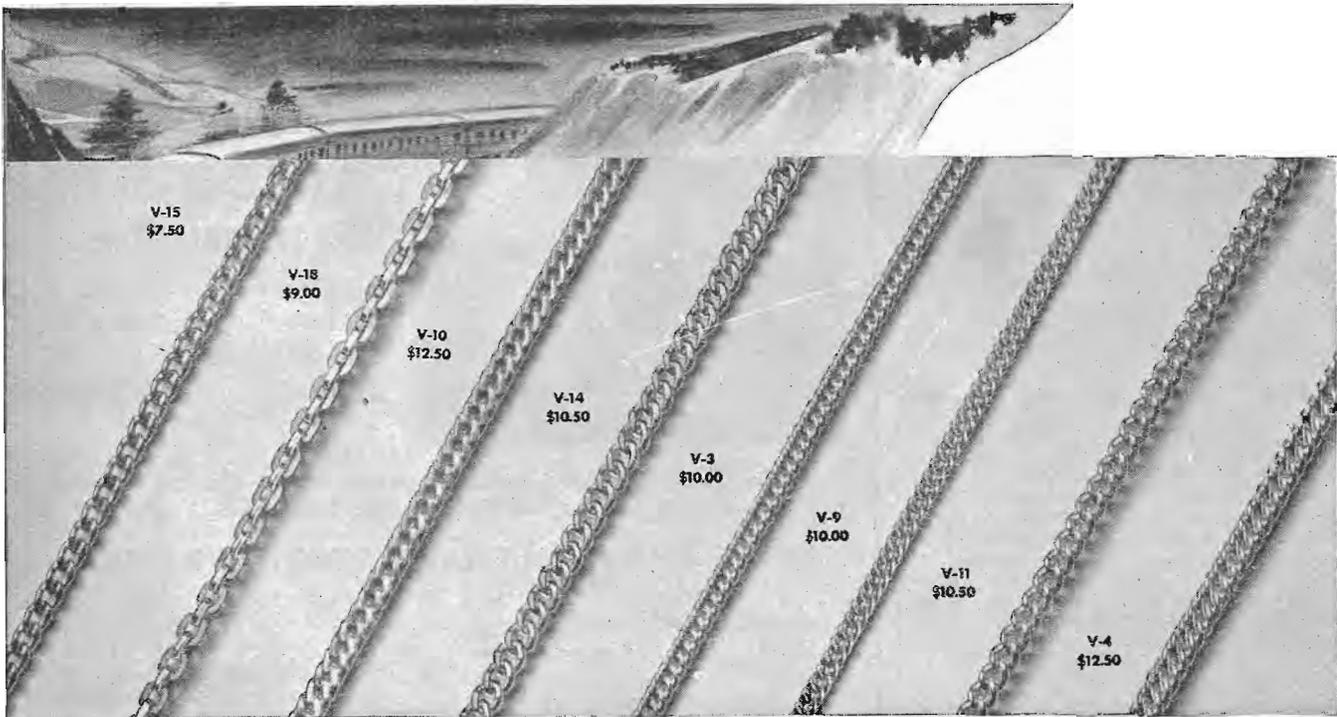
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