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FREEDOM

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The President's Page

RECENTLY I HAD the opportunity to meet and spend some time with many of our customers, both shippers and receivers, located in Minnesota, Washington, Oregon and California.

All of them were quite pleased with the Erie's service job. They like not only the dependable overall time in transit, but also the prompt tracing information they are receiving from us on their shipments. They were especially pleased with our willingness to fit our service to their needs.

This was easy to listen to. It made me feel good, so I am passing their comments along to you as I am sure all of you will be glad to know that your services are appreciated.

Of course, I assured them that we would do an even better job for them in 1957. In our business, there is nothing more important than pleasing the customer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "H. W. Van Weller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H" and "W".



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OUR OBJECTIVE

Primarily the Erie Railroad Magazine is published for Erie employes and their families secondarily for Erie shippers, suppliers, shareholders and others interested in the railroad. The editors try to tell objectively and completely about the progress of the Erie by discussing management's policies, day-by-day practices, problems and plans for the future. Just as important is the human side of the news. Emphasizing contributions to better citizenship and a better Erie, part of each issue is devoted to individual aspirations and achievements of Erie employes on and off the job.

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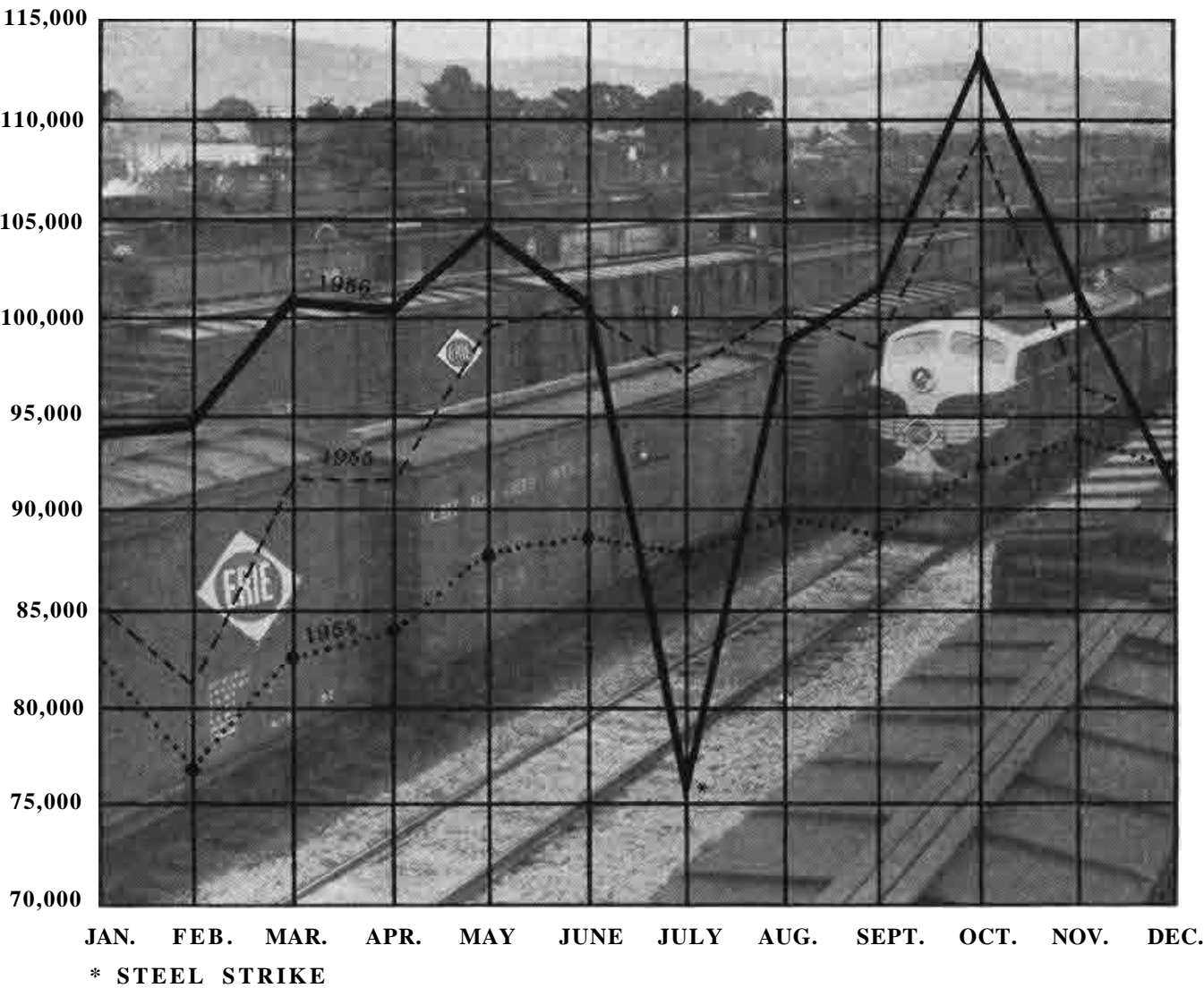
THE COVER:

Hungarian patriots and their children, fleeing from slavery to freedom, climb the stairs at Cleveland Union Terminal toward light and liberty in a free land. These, and hundreds more, used the Erie Railroad on the last lap of their flight from Soviet oppression.

George C. Frank Asst. to President
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 John F. Long Photographer-Reporter

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Business Indicator



Freight Cars Loaded on the Erie and Received from Connecting Railroads

Erie Men Play Vital Role in Rescue of Hungarians

Introduce Refugees to American Life on Trains

TODAY MEN AND WOMEN who make the Erie are playing their part in one of the brightest chapters of the world's history--the rescue of the Hungarian patriots from their ruthless Russian masters.

When the Hungarian revolt flared high, the world watched, its hopes rising with the early successes of the patriots. But then, through trickery and the use of overwhelming force, the Communists snuffed out the flame of liberty and began the butcher's work of suppression.

It was then that powers great and small came to the patriots' aid, powers ranging from little Austria to the United States.

Austria admitted the refugees, despite Russian threats of reprisal. But soon their numbers were too great for her to deal with alone.

It was then that President Eisenhower came to the rescue, and opened the doors of the United States. Now the refugees are arriving, by military transport, and are taken to Camp Kilmer until homes can be found for them in the United States.

Then men who make the Erie come into the picture, and the refugees gather their first impressions of America and Americans from them and from the railroad. For, until they leave Camp Kilmer, few of the Hungarians have had any contact with everyday Americans and everyday American life.

They have met government officials, military men and social workers. Circumstances have forced their regimentation in camps and refugee centers.

Once they leave Camp Kilmer, however, their education in normal American ways begins, and often it starts aboard an Erie train, for by January 21 the Erie had moved 700



LASZLO GASZER and his son Laszlo, jr., 5, (dark coats) prepare to leave Erie's train No. 5 to start life anew in the United States. Names of the two Hungarian children shown with them are withheld to protect members of their family in Debreczen, where Gaszer was a chief clerk before the revolt.

refugees from Hoboken toward new homes and new lives in America.

Their fares are paid by voluntary agencies engaged in the rescue operation.

At the camp Erie passenger representatives give every assistance they can. When the refugees arrive at Hoboken they find they are no longer handled en masse, but as precious individuals.

Care is taken to see that they are comfortable aboard the train; that they understand the use of the dining car, where multilingual menu cards are at their disposal; and that they have no fears that they will ride beyond their stops, or otherwise find themselves alone in a strange country.

Most of the refugees are from 17 to 35 years old, but some are babes in arms, and others are grandparents. So far men have outnumbered women.

Nearly all have moved on train No. 5. Some go to the traditionally large Hungarian colonies in the United States in Cleveland and Chi-

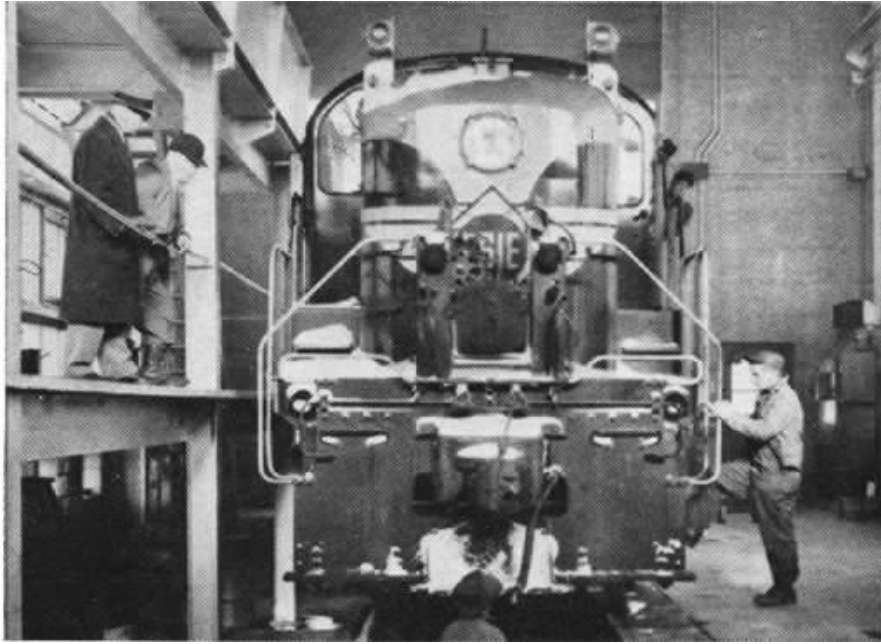
cago, where they have relatives. But many go to other points where religious organizations of all faiths have offered to sponsor families or individuals.

And all along the line Erie men and women stand ready to help, meeting trains seven days a week to make sure those destined for their stations get off there, and those headed for other points stay on the train or make their connections with other lines.

In all this Erie employees work closely with the voluntary agencies. But the brunt of the planning has fallen on seven members of the passenger department at the eastern end of the line: George W. Krom, assistant general passenger agent; George H. Down, Herbert T. James, city passenger agents; Joseph N. Monzel, steamship passenger agent; Henry H. Herman, general agent, passenger department; William F. Lightholder, passenger representative, and Donald Campbell, traveling passenger agent.

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New Hammond Diesel Shop, Offices Pass Storm Test



HARLEY SWISHER, engineer, brings in No. 1015 for service. **John C. Harrington**, machinist, stands by in the pit while **Norman T. Emrick** (left), road foreman of engines, and **Fraser D. Wright**, general foreman, look on from the balcony, and **Stanley E. Brunet**, hostler, gets ready to climb aboard.

High Wind, Snow, Zero Cold Lose Big Battle

LAST MONTH'S COLD wave brought the new Hammond Diesel shop and offices their first severe winter test. Temperatures fell below zero, and a cold northwest wind drove powdery snow up against the huge door to the Diesel stall, but all inside was warm and quiet.

In fact, the only complaint heard during the storm about the offices was that the women's lounge was too warm in the early morning.

That situation was easily remedied. But it might not have been in the old building that housed the offices until August 14 of last year.

According to **Elmira Schroer**, clerk to **Chester E. Knorr**, division car foreman, the old building left much to be desired. Her brother, **Armin Schroer**, is much more specific.

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WHITE AS THE DRIVEN SNOW, Hammond Diesel shop proves the cleanliness of Diesel train operation.

"The building was so old," he says, "that it was held together by long wooden pegs and hand-cut iron spikes. Nobody wept when we moved into the new building."

That northwest wind was a special test for the new building, for, while it lies parallel to railroad east and west, with its high doors facing railroad west, the tracks through Hammond run nearly north and south by the compass.

But a battery of oil-fired hot air furnaces, fed by pipes from the Diesel fuel tanks nearby kept the building warm, despite the comings and goings caused by the storm.

Thirty-two feet wide, the building is 291 feet long. Built of concrete block, steel and glass, its design might be compared to that of a train, with the Diesel shop the locomotive, and the other offices and facilities the cars.

All the offices may be reached without going outside; the shop rooms have wide doors so that bulky things, even those so heavy they must be moved by tractor cranes, may be moved inside without disturbing the office force, or impeding traffic flow in the building.

Noisy operations, such as those carried on in the mill room, are effectively isolated from all other rooms.

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A DERRICK ENGINE ROOM DOOR is rebuilt at Hammond. Directing the job is John J. Urban (center), car foreman and wreckmaster. Carl E. Strykantz (left) air brake man, lays out hinges for Edward J. Furmanski, burner and welder.



ENOCH M. WILT, track supervisor, rounds up more men to sweep out switches, while his clerk, Robert A. McKenna, works on records.



BROTHER AND SISTER work in the general office. Armin Schroer at the board; Elmira at the desk.



STORES ARE INSPECTED by Martin J. Stelzer, division storekeeper. That's Frederick A. Dworniczek, carman, holding the bolt.



FRASER D. WRIGHT is general foreman of the Hammond Diesel shop.

Erie Net for Year 1956 Rises

NET INCOME of the Erie Railroad for 1956 increased to \$8,170,509 or \$3.08 a share of common stock compared to \$7,892,354 or \$2.97 a share in 1955, Harry W. Von Willer, president, has announced.

Gross revenues for the year totaled \$175,899,859, a 9% improvement over the \$161,447,842 reported in the previous year. The revenues are the fourth highest in the Erie's history.

The improvement in earnings was achieved despite a 34-day shutdown in the steel industry last summer, an increase in employe wages effective Nov. 1 with no compensating increase in freight or passenger rates, and a sizeable increase in tax accruals due to increased payroll taxes and reduced federal income tax benefits resulting from accelerated amortization, Mr. Von Willer said.

Expenses for 1956 were \$137,693,502, an increase of \$9,646,780, or 7.5% over the previous year.

Directors authorized the regular interest payment on the general mortgage 4½% income bonds of 2015 on April 1, and semi-annual interest payments on the 5% income debentures on April 1 and Oct. 1. The full \$5 dividend on preferred stock was also declared payable \$1.25 quarterly on Mar. 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1, to holders of record Feb. 8, May 10, Aug. 9 and Nov. 8.

Erie carloadings for the first 17 days of January were 4.8% under last year and 12.6% under last month.

Chicagoan Claims Title as Ancestor

Clifford V. Harrow, freight traffic manager for the Erie Railroad at Chicago, claims to be the only member of the traffic department on the active list who is a great grandfather.

His granddaughter, Mrs. William Schneller of Omaha, is the mother of twin boys.



TIME TO CHOP IT DOWN

Announces Date for New Service

Daniels Motor Freight, Inc., has announced plans to load its first trailers for shipment over the Erie Railroad on Feb. 15.

The Daniels trailers, packed with freight gathered in the Mahoning Valley area, will be the first non-railroad operated trailers to be carried by the road.

The Daniels equipment will be put aboard flat cars at Leavittsburg for shipment to Jersey City and New York.

Santa Fe Passes Milepost 50

The Erie Railroad Magazine, which will be 53 next month, wishes to extend its heartiest congratulations to next oldest magazine of its kind, the Santa Fe Magazine, which turned 50 in December.

We hope that both magazines, as they advance in age, will stay young and hearty in spirit.

And we wish to sympathize with the Santa Fe editor, whose ears must have burned in his Chicago office when a third publication called his the "oldest in the Midwest," if we may do so without starting an argument as to where the Midwest begins and ends. Our Jersey City subscribers regard the western half of our road as deep in the Midwest, if not actually in Indian country.

Railroad Supply Man Gave World Flange on Wheel

TODAY we take one of the small marvels that make modern railroads possible for granted, the fact of the flanged wheel.

Yet there was a period when the flange was not on the wheel, but on the rail, and the inventor of the flanged wheel, whose name is known, nearly gave the world a wheel flanged on the outside, which would have been most inconvenient.

But, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, William Jessop saw the dangers of the outside flange in time, and changed his design, and when the Loughborough and Nanpantan Railway opened in 1789 the horse-drawn wagons had wheels flanged as they are today, and rode on rails shaped like a long-stemmed "T" turned upside down.

Jessop thereby opened the way to fast running trains, to be drawn by machinery--whether steam, Diesel, electric, or turbine or atom powered. For at least 200 years before his time the wheels of railway cars had been plain, and had run on tracks formed like the letter "L" with the flange of the rail deeper than the width of the running surface.

The first mention of such railways, most of which connected mines with ports, occurs in reports of travelers and in books on mining issued in the middle of the 1500's. A precise description of railways common in the north of England in 1676 tells of rails so well laid that a single horse could draw up to four wagons loaded with coal weighing up to 13 tons.

The odd thing about Jessop's invention is that he did not work for a railroad or a mining company, but for a railway supplier.

And the engineers of the Loughborough and Nanpantan brought Jessop at the Butterley Iron Works this problem: Their road had to cross a turnpike at grade, and the turnpike company had objected to the high flanges of the rail crossing their road.

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Columnist Praises Erie Railroad as Unafraid of Snow

CHESTER Bainbury's diary, a regular feature of Wes Lawrence's "Breakfast Commentator" column in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, reflected Bainbury's appreciation of the men who make the Erie recently, when those men were battling snow to keep the railroad running.

Bainbury was on his way to Washington to see President Eisenhower re-inaugurated, and began his journey on the Erie Railroad. He had this to say:

Monday, Jan. 14--Up at 5 of a near-zero morning, shoveled out the driveway, closed up the house and went to fetch our son John, who drove us to catch the 8:14 at the Erie Lee Road station; then sat us beside the fine picture window to admire the snow-covered Ohio countryside, the woodlands and farmhouses appearing like a series of old woodcuts. And were pleased to note that the Erie was not afraid of snow as some railroads are, for we came on time into Warren, the city which was once the metropolis of the Western Reserve, when Cleveland was a tiny fever-ridden hamlet at the mouth of the Cuyahoga.

Erie Men Photo Series Continues

More faces of Erie men appear in this month's issue of the Erie Magazine, faces of men and women who make the Erie Railroad.

As was explained when the series began, all the pictures used were chosen at random from the files of John F. Long, Erie Magazine photographer. More are to come, and John is hunting for still more faces, both in his files and out along the road.

This month the series begins on page 20. Look for more next month.

The average serviceable freight car today performs 50% more service based on ton-miles per car-day--than was performed by the average freight car in 1940.

Confident Living

Learn to Open Your Mind as Lincoln Did

By Norman Vincent Peale

I HAVE BEEN READING about Abraham Lincoln. He was, without question, one of the most amazing personalities who ever lived. Why is it that all these years after his death he continues to fascinate people of all kinds all over the world?

Is it because, although ungainly in form, born in a poverty-stricken log cabin, and self-educated, he rose to the top in our country?

Is it because he had a great heart filled with sympathy, pity and love?

Is it because he left behind him, in the words of his speeches and public papers, thoughts that are as true and important today as they were one hundred years ago?

Yes, it is all these things. But it is also something more.

Here was a man who had a hard job to do, and who did, it superlatively well. How did he do it?

With his own wisdom? To be sure, he had a great deal of native, shrewd intelligence. But it was said by one who knew him intimately that Lincoln was great because he was always open to the Infinite. This mystic and spiritual quality manifested itself in various ways.

The night he was first elected president, he was lying on a couch, resting. There was a mirror in front of him and, suddenly, he noticed that he could see his face twice: one colorful and healthy; the other ashen as death. He got up and examined the mirror and found no distortion in it; he lay down again and continued to see his face twice. The incident troubled him and he sensed a profound meaning in it.

He said to himself: "Perhaps I shall live through my first administration and die in the second."

He saw other strange portents all through his life. Three days before he died, he dreamed there was a funeral at the White House. In his dream he went to the casket and saw his own face.

On the afternoon of the day he was shot, he came back from a late afternoon walk with his guard, Crook. He would always dismiss Crook with, "Goodnight, Crook". This time he said, "Goodbye, Crook".

During the days of the Civil War we are told that Lincoln, night after night, would lie prone on the floor, a Bible before him, telling the Lord that he did not have the wisdom to handle his great responsibilities and asking the Lord to help him. We know now that the Lord granted him the insight he needed through those tumultuous and critical days.

Lincoln was a man saturated in the Infinite; open to it in every pore of his mind. His life is the best example of how to do a hard and difficult and even unpleasant job effectively.

Don't try to do it all by yourself. Saturate your mind with God, open it to the Infinite, let the great forces of the universe guide you, as the Bible says, in "rightly dividing the word of truth."

As Lincoln did, put into your mind that infiniteness, that quietness, that confidence which takes the strain from you and gives you an optimistic and positive picture of the result to be obtained. There is a deep and profound subtlety in human experience. If you get into the spiritual flow of the universe with God, that which is hard becomes, if not easy, at least possible.

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Californians Ask,
and Receive, the
Notice Due Them

MEMBERS of the Erie family living in California have let us know that, while they recognize that Florida is one of the 48 states, there is no place quite like California. They too, would like to know just where everyone is, and have asked that we publish a California directory. Here is a list of the persons to whom the Erie Railroad Magazine is addressed this month:

Fullerton

Leslie T. Coulston
212 Sweet Avenue

William L. Rettberg
521 North Pomona Avenue

Laguna Beach

Frederick Jackson
434 Aster Street

W. H. Gieschen
339 Emerald Bay

Long Beach

Timothy O'Neil
1070 Chestnut Avenue

William B. Bryan
1447-A Chestnut Avenue

Los Angeles

John Yourkovitch
750 South Alvarado Street

W. B. Warren
2869 San Marino Street

Harris Scalir
2733 Boulder Street

E. E. Pierson
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Edward F. Kubiak
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E. J. Cotter
630 Dunsmuir Avenue

Pasadena

R. B. Miller
1565 Monte Vista

Mrs. George W. LaRoche
1143 North Lake Avenue

John S. English
104 East Orange Grove Avenue

San Diego

Matt Phelps
1622 Plum Street

John I. Benson
2878 El Cajon Boulevard

Other Towns

William L. Stevens
6533 Specht Avenue
Bell Gardens

Sherman L. Perry
511 Pine Street
Chico

Mrs. Vinnie B. Sweet
5449 Bellevue Avenue
La Jolla

Michael Skutnick
5651 North Verdura Avenue
Lakewood

Leonard A. Erickson
1143 South Merrell Street
Corona

Louis Capozzi
20900 Alvey Drive
Cupertino

Frank Jules
9059 Otto Street
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A. J. Houghton
2013 Broderick Avenue
Duarte

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12831 Broockhurst Avenue
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Joseph A. Baucher
2851 Walnut Street
Huntington Park

Allan J. Miller
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North Hollywood

Heber D. Bonnette
4630 Beatty Drive
Riverside

E. L. C. Perkins
4622 Longridge Avenue
Sherman Oaks

M. O. Hildebrand
c/o Mrs. Carlton Wood
7357 Hillrose Street
Tujunga

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6822 Odesa Avenue
Van Nuys

J. L. Scannell
780 Lado De Loma Drive
Vista



NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	DATE	YEARS SERVICE
Robert J. Allen	Yardmaster	Ferrona	1-31-57	37
Charles R. Anderhalt	Signal Helper	Meadville	12-14-56	31
James P. Boyd	Expense Accountant	Cleveland	12-31-56	45
William A. Brazel	Train Yard Foreman	Jersey City	1- 31-57	41
Valentine Clayton	Signal Maintainer	Corry	12-11-56	32
Clyde E. Court	Shop Hostler	Brier Hill	12-31-56	50
Harry E. Cowan	Yard Conductor	Mansfield	12-31-56	30
Guisepppe Cuillo	Blacksmith Helper	Susquehanna	12-10-56	28
Austin A. Delaney	Yard Clerk	Port Jervis	11-28-56	48
Paolo DiTommaso	Laborer	Youngstown	12-13-56	39
Alvin S. Eshelman	Signal Maint. Helper	Leavittsburg	11-26-56	44
Floyd E. Goodballet	Electrician	Youngstown	12-31-55	32
Joseph T. Grady	Conductor	Hornell	12-19-56	31
George A. Heimlich	Freight Conductor	Buffalo	11-30-56	48
Robert A. Hupka	Engineer	Port Jervis	12-31-56	47
Francis A. Lynch	Machinist	Jersey City	12- 5-56	46
Victor D. McAlister	Chief Clerk (Engr. M.ofW.)	Jersey City	1-31-57	37
John E. McKernan	Yard Brakeman	Youngstown	12-22-56	41
Marcus V. Montagano	Car Demurrage Clerk	Passaic	12-31-56	32
Claude E. Parker	Rd. Freight Conductor	Hornell	11-30-56	34
Clarence E. Parrish	Trackman	Lancaster	12-19-56	25
Fred C. Rettberg	Yard Conductor	Salamanca	12-18-56	53
Francis W. Saam	Blacksmith Helper	Susquehanna	11-28-56	30
Elza R. Sharrock	Yard Checker	Marion	11-29-56	41
Hugh T. Sloan	Operator-Clerk	Cleveland	1- 4-57	39
Herman J. Smith	Yard Conductor	Akron	12-28-55	36
Walter F. Stoeckel	Car Inspector	Olean	12- 6-56	38
Adam M. Strihafka	Car Repairer	Hornell	12-15-56	31
William M. Tinklepaugh	Rd. Freight Conductor	Hornell	12-31-56	43
Joseph W. Walker	General Foreman	Meadville	1-31-57	40
Harry Glenn Watkins	Agent	Forestville	11-20-56	52
John M. Wyatt	Conductor	Meadville	12- 4-56	43
Leon W. Brundage	Rd. Freight Trainman	Buffalo	12-23-56	44
William Jamison	Patrolman	Buffalo	1-31-57	41
Adam Ambuske	Ldg. Car Inspector	Salamanca	1-28-57	38
Walter K. Maass	Machinist	Secaucus	12-31-56	41

Industrialist Takes Railroad Cause to Service Organization Members

Olean and Bradford Area Groups See 'Right to Compete'

A MANUFACTURER with plants at Olean and Salamanca, N. Y., Chicago, and in Texas, has taken the railroad's story to service clubs in the Olean and Bradford area.

Moving spirit behind the drive is J. M. A. van der Horst, vice president and general manager of the Van der Horst Corp. of America, manufacturer of porous chromium cylinder liners, who has borrowed the film "The Right to Compete" from the Association of American Railroads.

Mr. van der Horst has made arrangements to show the movie, which tells of the handicaps of regulation under which the railroads operate, and the subsidies competing forms of transportation enjoy, at meetings of service clubs.

He estimates that the film will be shown under his auspices to over 1,000 community leaders. The first showing was given at a meeting of the Industrial Management Club of Olean on January 14.

The Van der Horst Corp. plant at Olean is served by the Erie.

In commenting on the showings Mr. van der Horst said:

"We feel privileged to be able to assist our country's railroads and the AAR in efforts to bring government policy toward transportation up to date.

"We feel that by presenting 'The Right to Compete' . . . we will gain support for pertinent legislation for the railroad industry from the voting public."

In planning the showings van der Horst and Donald A. Logan, Erie's superintendent at Salamanca, have been working together.



CHECKING LAST MINUTE details before showing the film "The Right to Compete" at a meeting of an Olean service club are Donald A. Logan (left) superintendent at Salamanca, and J. M. A. van der Horst, of the Van der Horst Corp. of America.

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Latest Promotions

Name	Location	Promotion	Date Started With Erie
Robert E. Curtis	Port Jervis, N. Y.	Div. Car Foreman	1- 2-25
Francis V. Huff	Meadville, Pa.	Road Foreman of Engs.	12- 9-26
Earl B. Pike	Jersey City, N. J.	Chief Clerk, M. of W.	10- 1-18
Jerome L. McHale	Hornell, N. Y.	Chief Clerk, M. of W.	3-15-42

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FOUR FROM BUFFALO and Milton G. McInnes, executive vice president, visit. Left to right: Mrs. George Adams, Mrs. Edward Lafferty, Buffalo; McInnes; Mrs. Ruth Munger, dean of Erie Magazine correspondents, and Edward Lafferty.



THE MICHAEL A. LESHANSKIS of Dunmore, Pa., watch the dancing.



VETERANS OFFICERS ENJOY some byplay. Left to right: Ray Lewis, Bert Stocker, Frank Belling, Les Arold, Rex Reebe, Walter Turner, Lloyd Rodgers and Hubert Kelly.



PRESIDENT HARRY W. VON WILLER had his flower pinned on by Miss Joan Lindner, Jamestown.



WALTER W. TURNER, new president of the veterans, danced with his granddaughter Joan.



A FLOWER was pinned on Charles K. Scott by Mrs. Harry Schultz while Miss Jean Wunsch looked on. All three are from Salamanca.

350 Meet, Dine, Dance and Visit at Veterans' Installation Party

Chairman of Board P. W. Johnston Gives Address

MORE THAN 350 persons, members of the Erie Railroad Veterans Association and their wives, attended the annual meeting of the group at Hotel Jamestown, Jamestown, N. Y. last month. They saw Walter W. Turner former freight agent at Meadville installed as president for the coming year, nominated candidates for office, and heard a brief address by Paul W. Johnston, chief executive officer of the Erie.

They dined, danced, and talked over old times.

The 350 came from all along the Erie, but by far the greatest number came from Jersey City, which sent 110. Runner-up among chapters whose members had to travel to reach Jamestown was the Buffalo chapter, which was represented by 45 men and women.

In his talk at the banquet, Mr. Johnston urged the association to continue to be an independent, self-governing organization, maintaining friendly relations with management, but not subservient to management.

He warned against encroaching upon fields already occupied by other organizations, like that of collective bargaining, and against any deviation from the association's social activity standards that might bring it shame or embarrassment.

Too, he urged the group to maintain a truly democratic organization, free of domination by any special group or over-ambitious individual.

Edward G. McCue, Sharon chapter, past president of the organization, administered the oath to the new officers at the banquet.



HOSTESSES AT THE PARTY form a circle. Reading clockwise from Joan Lindner (top left, black dress) they are: Mrs. Louis Iannelli, Mrs. William O'Neill, Mrs. Richard Gardner, Miss Rosemary Risch, Mrs. Irving A. Hoy, Mrs. Charles K. Scott and Miss Patricia Fordham.

Lloyd E. Rodgers, Salamanca, first vice president; Hubert A. Kelly, Huntington, second vice president. Leslie H. Arold, Cleveland, was re-installed as financial secretary; Rex P. Reebe, Youngstown was sworn in as recording secretary.

Ray G. Lewis, Youngstown was installed as treasurer, but resigned, and Leonard P. Johnson, Salamanca, was appointed to fill the remainder of his term. Frank P. Belling, Jersey City, was re-installed as director of social activities.

At the business meeting held before the banquet two nominations were offered for second vice president and for treasurer. Both R. E. Symington, Buffalo and Harry C.

Travis, Hornell, were nominated for the vice-presidential office, and George C. Kalle, Jersey City, and Leonard P. Johnson were nominated for treasurer.

John J. Straut, Cleveland chapter, was master of ceremonies, and introduced the officers of the railroad who attended.

They included, besides Mr. Johnston, Harry W. Von Willer, president; Milton G. McInnes, executive vice president; Garret C. White, vice president, operations; George W. Oakley, comptroller and Ernest E. Seise, director of personnel and training.

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MEADVILLE'S SEVENTH SHOW opened with Stanley Lawhead; stock-keeper, wheeling George Smith, m.c. onto the stage.



THE PLAT WHEEL FOUR, Norman Smith; Eugene Treharne, telephone maintainer; Jack Patton, claim agent and Tom Cart, general foreman, lift their voices high in song.



Meadville Holds Seventh Annual Winter Party, Amateur Night

Meadville's seventh annual winter party attracted more than 120 employees and their wives to Eagles Hall.

There they watched a show given by their fellow workers and directed by George Smith, general foreman at the scrap and reclamation plant.

Among the guests were visitors from other divisions of the Erie, who were subjected to an amusing and secret initiation ceremony.

Following the show, all of it with local talent, the group danced until early hours of the morning.

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RALPH McEWEN, stockkeeper, and **George Smith**, general foreman, reclamation plant, drew applause with their ventriloquism act.

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"WHO WANTS A MILLION?" chant **Marlene Braham**, clerk-stenographer and **Geraldine Perry** Chief clerk.

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Goshen: Marked Erie's Entry with Cannon, Bands, Banquet

Plaque on Hotel Beside Tracks Recalls Big Day

SEPTEMBER 23, 1841, was a day Goshen was never to forget. For on that day the broad-gauge tracks of the New York and Erie Railroad, now the Erie, reached the quiet village. On that day too, a hotel was opened beside the tracks, a hotel that was to become a Mecca for horsemen from all over the world.

Lest the memory of the day ever dim, an official plaque at the hotel door now recalls it to all who enter.

On that day so long ago, cannon fired salutes, bands played, and up the line from New York came two special passenger trains with 600 notables aboard, including William H. Seward, then governor of New York, and later secretary of state in Lincoln's cabinet.

Goshen was ready for the great day. In the kitchens of the hotel beside the tracks--then called Wickham's Hotel, now the Occidental--whole oxen were roasting before the fireplaces.

For Goshen realized that the railroad would transform it from a quiet sleepy hamlet into something new,



HOTEL AND RAILROAD have lived side by side at Goshen since the Erie's tracks first reached the town 59 miles from New York in 1841.

and hearts beat faster as the whistles of the Orange and the Rockland were heard blowing far down the line.

In the years to come, thanks to the fact that the railroad offered transportation, the name of Goshen was to be a household word wherever the trotting horse was admired, but

on that September day over a century ago all thoughts in Goshen were on the iron, rather than the flesh and blood, horse.

And the banquet given by Governor Seward in the hotel was never forgotten, partly because the hotel where it was held still stands, as much a monument to the building of the railroad as the tracks themselves.

Fathers told their sons of the big banquet, and of the guest list, which included Robert Morris, mayor of New York, and all the Common Council, members of the state legislature and other notables. And those sons told theirs, and today, over a century later, the hotel still stands as it always has, by the tracks of the Erie.

Many things have changed, but the hotel is there. The railroad's tracks are narrower; a two-story

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PLAQUE TELLING of Goshen's change from hamlet to bustling town is examined by Miss Elizabeth Shafts, town historian, and Matthew R. McDonough, Erie freight and ticket agent at Goshen.

Praise Earned by Erie Men, Women at Work

Sir:

I took [your] train from Wyandotte, Mich., to Youngstown, Ohio, June 15. I was comfortably seated in an air-conditioned Erie coach for a most enjoyable trip; other passengers coming through the car remarked audibly of the wonderful accommodations. One appreciates your fine equipment.

Betty W. Smith
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Sir:

... We had a delightful trip all around. Your kindness and attention to us in seeing that we were properly transferred from the Erie to the Southern Pacific on Oct. 16 truly was appreciated and we thank you. The Erie Pullman outclassed all others on our trip. Can't say as much for the Pullman on the return trip. However, they told us the regular car was in the shop for a routine checkup.

Ted Williams
River Edge, N. J.

Sir:

May I express my sincere appreciation for the efficient tour you mapped out recently for my friends and I when we wanted to attend a convention in California and see all interesting points going and coming back.

I assure you we enjoyed every minute of our trip and especially the convenience of having the Pullmans waiting for us and not causing any worry or rush on our part ...

Anna T. Blum
Lyndhurst, N. J.

Sir:

... We would like to express our appreciation to you of the Erie for the exceptional service rendered in getting these [steel kiln] shells to us. Despite the fact that these shells presented quite a problem because of their size, you handled them in an expedient manner...

J. B. Abbott
Standard Construction Co.
Louisville 17, Ky.

Sir:

On Oct. 12, car NYC 716258 was shipped from Youngstown, Ohio, to our warehouse in St. Louis with the routing Erie-C&E-I-A&S-MoPa. This car was spotted on our siding at 7 a. m., Oct. 17.

I would say that this is a fairly typical example of the type of service which you have been giving us on this movement and want to emphasize to you the appreciation we have for the splendid service you have been giving us.

I doubt seriously whether a movement from Youngstown to St. Louis could be made much more quickly than that indicated above. This is due in great part to the very fine cooperation which has been given us by your staff. Even though we realize that this is in reality a part of your everyday service, we feel that it has been exceptional to such a degree that it is worth calling to your attention. We appreciate it very much because it helps us to give our customers that much better service on the items they require...

P. L. La Barge, Pres.
La Barge Pipe & Steel Co.
St. Louis 11, Mo.

Sir:

All personnel on both trains [Nos. 6 and 5, Goshen to Jersey City and return, Aug. 28] were courteous and pleasant. Most excellent impression on three of my children on their first train ride.

Diner, No. 5 -- service good, car clean, attendant courteous and efficient. Graciously allowed children to see the kitchen, which they enjoyed and appreciated... Both trains maintained schedules all the way.

George M. Feldner
Warwick, N. Y.

Sir:

Yesterday morning I was walking along the platform at the Upper Montclair [N. J.] station, hoping to have time to buy a 10-trip ticket. Your agent [A. J. Cordisco] saw me and when I came to the window he put the ticket into my hand together with the change which he had ready for the bills which he saw I was bringing. I was able to get the train leaving at 8:45, as I hoped I would.

This is only one of many courtesies I have seen your agent do. These are much appreciated by your passengers.

William Osgood Morgan
Upper Montclair, N. J.

Losses in the Erie Family

NAME	OCCUPATION	LOCATION	DATE OF DEATH
Bowman, Frederick Joseph	Locomotive Engineer	Buffalo Division	11-10-56
Coleman, Benjamin Guy	Crossing Watchman	Buffalo Division	11-24-56
Costanzo, Salvatore	Machinist Helper	Jersey City Shop	12-12-56
Crosby, Hossie Raymond	Foreman	Hornell, N.Y.	11-22-56
Decina, Joseph John	Extra Gang Foreman	New York Term. Div.	11-16-56
*Ellinger, Perry Walter	Section Foreman	Marion Division	11- 2-56
*Folga, Joseph	Car Inspector	East Buffalo	11-20-56
*Greene, Walter Earl	Clerk (M. of W.)	Susquehanna Division	10-24-56
*Griswold, Burton Jay	Laborer	Susquehanna, Pa.	9-23-56
*Gromlick, Clarence	Section Foreman	Wyoming Division	10-24-56
*Hawker, John Herbert	Road Conductor	Delaware Division	12- 2-56
Hoffman, Ray Grover	Conductor	Marion Division	11-16-56
*Holland, Forrest William	Crossing Supervisor	Mahoning Division	10-29-56
*Jenkins, Charles Eaten	Yard Brakeman	Kent Division	9-20-56
*Jordan, Richard Leonard	Plumber	New York Division	10-30-56
*Kavanagh, Edward Joseph	Barge Captain	Marine Department	11-25-56
Krinoch, William	Laborer	Dunmore Car Shop	10- 1-56
Lawrence, Samuel	Clerk	Cleveland (Revs.)	11-18-56
*Ludden, James Edward	Swltchtender	Salamanca, N.Y.	11-21-56
*Leotta, Joseph	Trackman	New York Division	10-26-56
*McAllister, Hamilton Alfred	Architectural Designer	Cleveland (Structures)	12-20-56
Merkel, Harold Albert	Conductor	Rochester Division	10-29-56
*Miller, Frank Wellington	Painter	Susquehanna Coach Shop	11- 1-56
Moran, Francis Joseph	Conductor	Susquehanna Division	11-24-56
*Muller, Bernard Louis	Boilermaker	Jersey City Shop	11-28-56
Newark, Harry Junior	Relief Clerk	Jamestown, N.Y.	11-24-56
*Pettes, William Floyd	Carpenter	Susquehanna Division	12-11-56
*Rooney, Margaret	Coach Cleaner	Jersey City, N.J.	12-11-56
*Schnitzler, Edward Frederick	Boilermaker	Hornell Backshop	12-12-56
Thomas, Louis Everett	Machinist	Hornell Diesel Shop	12- 7-56
*Travls, Alfred Charles	Machinist Helper	Hornell Roundhouse	10-17-56
*Walsh, John Joseph	Boilermaker	Jersey City Shop	11-26-56
*Ward, Harry Burr	Carpenter	Kent Shop	10-28-56
*Wiertel, John Joseph	Trucker	Chicago	12- 1-56
*Williams, John James	Janitor	Jersey City, N.J.	12- 3-56
*Wolff, Edward	Laborer	Dunmore Shop	12- 4-55
Woytak, Adolph Stanley	Trackman	Buffalo Division	11-26-56
*Zalmanek, Joseph	Machinist Helper	Meadville Shop	10-14-56
*Zeger, Claire Ellis	Electrician	Kent Shop	
*Retired Employee			

Railroad Quiz

1. Is the volume of railway freight traffic today--based on ton-miles --greater or less than it was before World War II?
2. Is the NIT League composed in the main of investors, farmers, shippers, or railroad men?
3. What is the approximate size of the Diesel-electric locomotive fleet of the Class I railroads today--16,000 units, 26,000 units, or 36,000 units?
4. When there is a published commodity rate, as well as a class rate applying to a specific commodity between specific points, which rate must be used?
5. Can an ex parte proceeding before the Interstate Commerce Commission be initiated by the railroads, by the Commission, or by either the railroads or the Commission?
6. When reasonable doubt exists as to the meaning of the tariff provision, must its construction be resolved in favor of the shipper or the railway company?
7. Is an interchange track used to transfer cars from one part of a yard to another, from one railway division to another, or from one railroad to another?
8. Is a feeder line a line devoted mainly to the handling of livestock, or a branch or short line which connects with and interchanges traffic with a trunk line?
9. When a railroad has trackage rights over certain section of road, is it the owner of the line, a joint owner of a line, or the user of a line owned by another company?
10. Does the term "revenue tons" mean tons of all freight transported, tons of railway-owned freight transported, or tons of freight on which freight charges are collected?

Guess What Hints

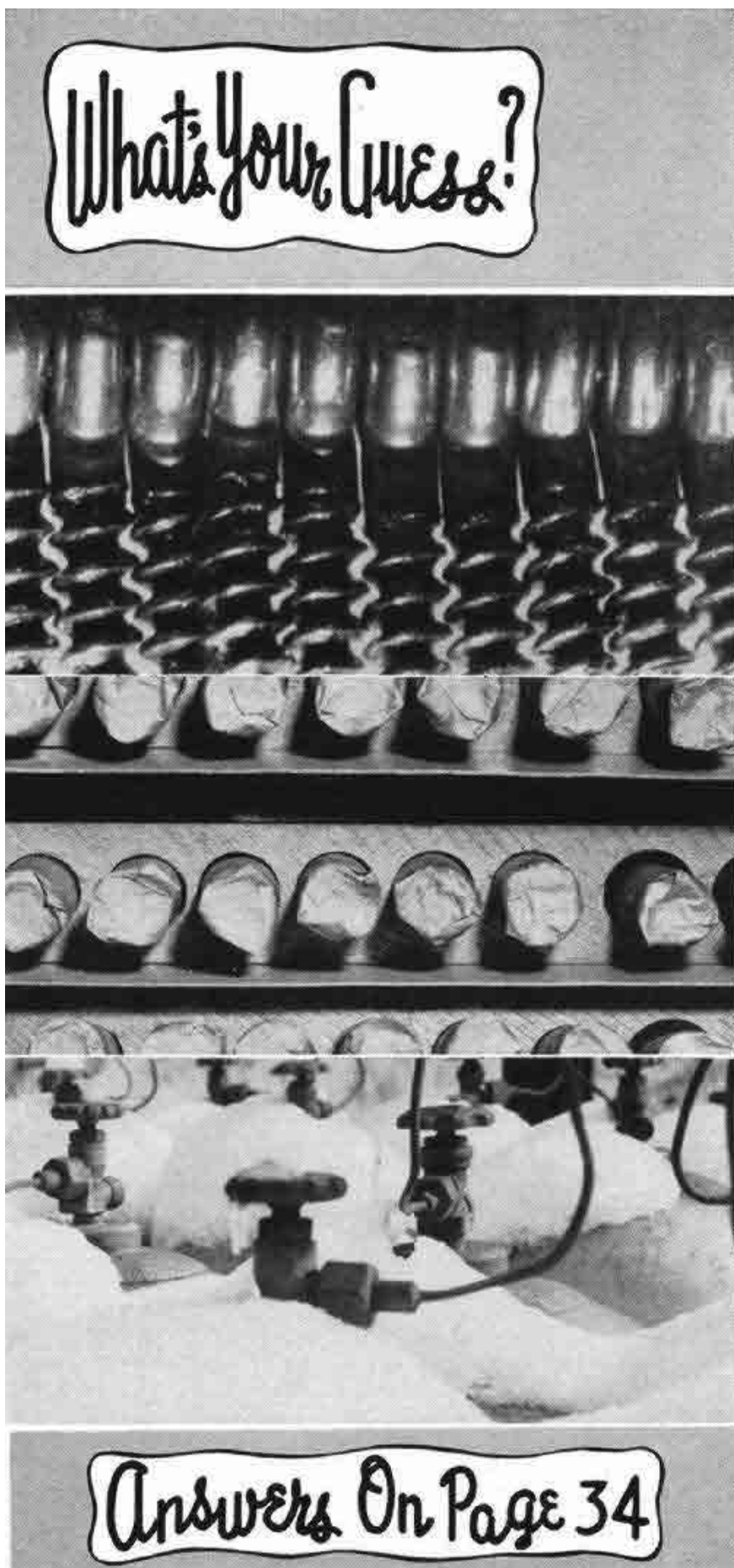
Top, they see queerly; middle, not fuzzy when hot; bottom, snowed in but melting fast .

Golf Dates Chosen

A five-man committee has begun to lay plans for the second annual Erie Railroad Systemwide Golf Tournament, to be held at Hornell Country Club July 27 and 28.

Members of the committee are John Kelly, William Barnett, James Hilton, Sal Falzoi and Donald M. Brunswick.

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GUSTAVE J. MULLER, chief clerk: "The railroads have been doing better, and I think the trend will improve in 1957."



Kamera Kwiz

The Place: 28th Street Freight House, New York.
The Question: How do you think railroad business will be this year?

Everyone saw a good year ahead, but everyone had his own reasons for optimism. Here they are.



BASIL SLENSKA, R & D clerk: "I think railroad business will improve because railroad services have improved."

PHILIP C. CALANDRELLI, cost clerk: "... in general, business will be better, and the railroads will benefit."



ANDREW J. MEEHAN, yard clerk: "I think the railroads will do better this year because of faster freight delivery."



WILLIAM J. BUDD, timekeeper and cost clerk: "... our sales forces will do a better job in this competitive situation in 1957."



JOHN NOONAN, demurrage clerk: "Freight will hold its own." **ROBERTA BAER**, stenographer: "Business will stay about the same."



JAMES A. COPELAND, claim clerk: "By and large, the railroad will do better. Modernization will start to pay off."



JASPER JONES, janitor: "... my intuition tells me railroad business will pick up in 1957."



GEORGE F. CHRIST, cashier: "Business will improve if Congress modernizes our transportation laws."



JOSEPH WALKINS, switchboard operator: "Our efficiency is better, and, as a result, business should improve."



Nicola A. Sanfilippo . . .

. . . road engineer, Cleveland



George Hayer . . .

. . . yard engineer, Mansfield

Veterans

FELLOW VETERANS:

Fellowship and the enjoyment of the companionship of our fellow men and women is one of the great gifts of this life. It is the friends we make and the good times we have together that make our journey through this world light and pleasant.

Too, social affairs and meeting old friends give us wholesome recreation and make it possible for us to return to our jobs feeling fresh and alert.

I can think of no better way to accomplish this than to affiliate yourself with the Erie Railroad Veterans Association. Attend their meetings, join in the discussions and activities and I am sure you will feel that you are a part of a worthwhile organization.

We realize that some of our chapters are more active than others. If you are a member of a chapter that is not doing too well, it is probably your own fault. Do not expect the chapter chairman and secretary to do all the work.

In any organization the rewards are commensurate with the effort put forth. You can make your own chapter the No. 1 chapter in the association. I am counting on you.

Fraternally yours,
W. W. Turner
President



"Here you are Mr. Shaw, No. 5 right on time."

Marion

The veterans and ladies' auxiliary held their annual Christmas party Dec. 13 at the Y.M.C.A. 70 members attended. F.P. lost acted as toastmaster and introduced the new offleers.

After dinner, Christmas carols were sung, led by **Mary Margaret O'Donnell**, accompanied by **Lucile Osmun**. A number of musical selections were rendered by **Robert Miley** accompanied by **Mrs. George Lane**. **Mrs. Guy Rank** gave two readings, one an original poem concerning various employees.

Harold Meister, yardmaster, acted as general chairman. **P. J. Savage** was chairman of entertainment. **Mrs. H. C. Smith** headed the decorating committee. Door prizes were awarded. A poinsettia plant was taken to **Mr. D. Hank** and **Mrs. W. H. Melby**, who were unable to be present because of his illness.

Salamanca

Our annual Christmas party was at the Holy Cross Athletic Club, Salamanca on Dec. 15, with nearly 200 members and guests present. Among them were President **E. H. Stocker**, First Vice President **W. W. Turner**, Second Vice President **L. L. Rodgers**, **F. P. Belling**, director of social activities, and Past Presidents **Edward McCue** and **J. F. Muchler**. A fine representation from the Hornell Chapter was headed by **H. C. Travis**, chairman.

After dinner, Toastmaster **L. R. Smith** introduced **J. L. Murray**, local chapter chairman, who in turn introduced the system officers present and visiting chapter officers. **Mr. Belling** spoke about the activities of the veterans and then presided at the installation of chapter officers for 1957 as follows: Trustees, **H. M. Bunker**, **L. Rossman** and **J. G. Ainey**, Chairman, **J. L. Murray**, vice chairman, **S. G. Williams**, secretary-treasurer, **L. P. Johnson**, corresponding secretary, **W. L. Hillmiller**. Dinner Chairman **J. G. Ainey** thanked his committee for their cooperation and presented gifts to the decorating committee.

Gifts were presented to the oldest and youngset veterans present and to **Mr. and Mrs. Stocker** by Toastmaster **L. R. Smith**.

An offering was taken instead of the usual exchange of gifts, which provided Christmas happiness for several needy families.

After the scheduled program Christmas carols were sung, followed by round and square dancing and later a musical jam session by veteran talent.

This was a fine party and much credit should be given to Dinner Chairman **J. G. Ainey** and committee members, **L. P. Johnson**, **H. M. Bunker**, **Stanley Ambuski**, **Lynn Tullar**, **C. K. Scott**, **Nick Reach** and **C. T. Arend**. The table and hall decorations were by **Mrs. Harry M. Bunker** and her committee, **Mrs. P. W. Gardner**, **Mrs. L. P. Johnson**, **Mrs. J. G. Ainey**, **Mrs. Jean Wunsch**, **Mrs. C. K. Scott** and **Mrs. A. C. Burley**.

Meadville

By **L. C. Kebort**

Our Christmas party and dinner was held Dec. 27 with **Mrs. A. J. Werley** as chairman, assisted by **Mrs. T. F. Gorman**, **Mrs. James Gourley**, **Mrs. A. Hagen**, **Mrs. E. DeJola**, **Mrs. D. Hank** and **Mrs. L. C. Kebort**. **Mrs. Edna DeVillars** was in charge of the Christmas pie. Carols were sung with **Donald Hank** as accompanist.

Officers elected for 1957 are: **Karl Smallenberger**, chairman; **Charles King**, vice chairman; **Robert O'Grady**, secretary-treasurer; **A. J. Werley**, **S. Hazelhurst** and **L. C. Kebort**, trustees. Auxiliary officers elected are: **Mrs. Vena Houghtling**, president; **Mrs. Marion Kebort**, vice president; **Mrs. Edna DeVillars**, second vice president; **Mrs. Florence Werley**, secretary; **Mrs. Pearl King**, treasurer; **Mrs. Goldie Yocum**, chaplain; **Mrs. Harriet Thompson**, flag bearer; **Mrs. Edna Rudd**, marshal, and **Genevieve Lawyer**, conductor.

Silent prayer was held for deceased members, **Frank Finney**, **C. H. Rea** and **Ray Miller**.

W. W. Thomas was reported on the sick list.

Reservations were made for the annual meeting and installation at Jamestown, Jan. 12, when **W. W. Turner**, from Meadville Chapter, was to be installed as system president.

Youngstown

By **Jack Ilas**

We welcome new members **James Morris** and **Raymond King** of Youngstown who became veterans during 1956.

A chapter meeting was held December 5 and officers were elected for 1957. **S. D. (Sid) Bean**, was elected chairman, **James W. Bowser**, social chairman and vice chairman, **J. Ralph Fero**, secretary-treasurer, and trustees elected were **J. E. McKernan**, **J. E. Kaden** and **R. P. Reebel**. A vote of thanks was given retiring chairman **T. H. (Tad) Fay**.

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A party was held Dec. 22 in honor of **J. E. (Eddie) McKernan** of Youngstown yard, who retired Dec. 21. Ninety close friends attended to wish him a long, healthful and enjoyable life.

Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the K. of C. Building, Youngstown. If you wish to attend, come and join the gang and enjoy yourself. Cards and refreshments follow meetings.

Buffalo-Rochester

By Ruth Nise Munger

We held our Christmas party Dec. 8 at the Masonic Hall, Buffalo, with 136 members and guests present despite the snowstorm. Guests included retired veterans and wives and 22 Lackawanna Railroad veterans.

The hall was tastefully decorated for the season, including a beautiful Christmas tree. After dancing and a luncheon, Santa appeared with his pack of gifts for all. Carols and more dancing followed.

Chapter officers will be installed at our Feb. 16 meeting at the same hall. Auxiliary officers were installed Jan. 16 at McDoel's.

All good wishes to **George A. Heimlich** and **Lawrence Soule** who have retired.

Membership cards can be obtained from the secretary, **H. I. Moyer**.

Now is the time for every member to bring in a new or reinstated member.

Jersey City

By G. C. Kalle

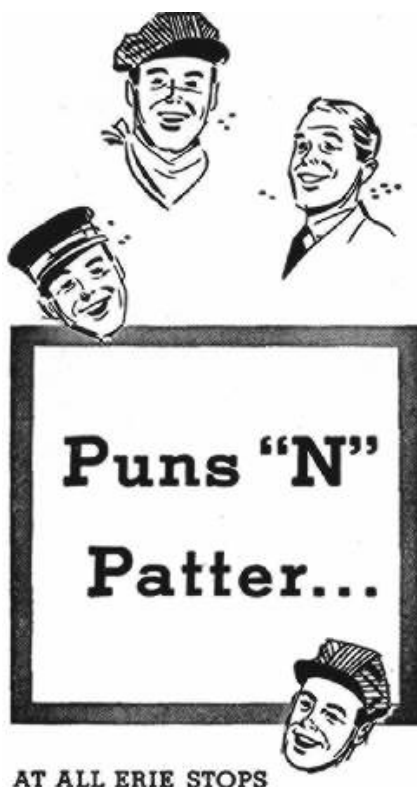
A Christmas party was held after the December meeting of the chapter and ladies auxiliary. A light repast was served, followed by a gift exchange.

A number of old friends were greeted at our meeting and it was a pleasure to see them after so long an absence.

John Flood, retired, was presented with a fifty-year button and life membership card by President **E. H. Stocker**.

Several members who were sick have returned and the sick committee reports the others are improving.

A large number of our members and their wives attended the system installation at Jamestown Jan. 12. The annual installation of local and auxiliary officers will be held March 9 at the Brownstone in Haledon. Tickets are \$3.50 each. All are invited to attend.



Kent Division

AKRON, OHIO

Mrs. H. F. Keelen, wife of the general agent, journeyed on vacation to Seattle and Portland, Oregon, later joining **Mr. Keelan** in San Francisco, thence to Los Angeles.

Bruce Field, stenographer in the general agent's office, spent the holidays in Hazelhurst, Pa., with his parents.

Shirley Snyder, daughter of **Ray Snyder**, rate clerk in the revision bureau, has resigned her secretarial position in the purchasing department at General Tire & Rubber Co. and entered Kent State University on a scholarship given by the president of the college.

Fred Bott, chief clerk to the general yardmaster, and wife spent their vacation motoring in the Midwest, stopping with friends at Wisconsin Dells, Wis., and Fox Lake, Ill.

H. M. Ford, flag clerk, and **Mrs. Ford** spent three weeks in Florida, stopping at Daytona Beach, Miami, St. Petersburg and Haines City. They also visited with **Tom Wolfe**, a former Akron employee.

Harold Stewart, general clerk, and family spent Thanksgiving and the week end in Atlanta, Ga., visiting Harold's maternal grandparents.

W. J. Moore, general foreman, and wife enjoyed their vacation in Florida.

Odette Herz, general clerk, vacationed in California with her niece and family.

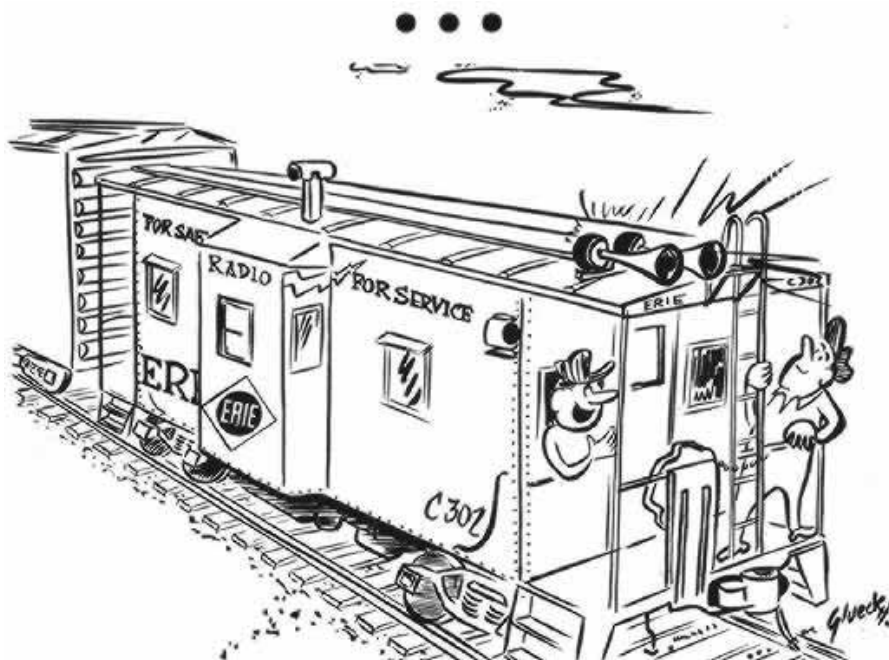
J. E. Kulien, checker, and **Andrew Kavulla Jr.**, caller, are driving new cars.

MARION, OHIO

The women employees held their Christmas party at Hotel Marion the evening of Dec. 12. Dinner was at 6:30 p.m., after which a Christmas exchange and a social hour were enjoyed.

M. C. Murphy, retired chief train dispatcher, and wife are enjoying life in Tucson, Ariz.

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"I thought they'd be nice for backing up."



(Meadville Tribune)

JOSEPH W. WALKER, whose retirement as general foreman of the Meadville Diesel, wheel and car shops became effective Feb. 1, was given a testimonial dinner marking his 40 years with the Erie. Walker is shown displaying a certificate presented him at the affair, to **William G. Carlson**, assistant superintendent of motive power (left) and to **Chester K. James**, superintendent of motive power and **L. G. Robinson** (far right) master mechanic, Mahoning Division.



Car Accountant

By Ella Carpenter

It was really a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for the **Harold Stroms** when **Harold Jr.** arrived home unexpectedly from the Pacific a few days before Christmas.

Les and **Betty Arold** were happy to have their son, **Bob**, now a cadet colonel and wing commander in the Air Force ROTC, home from Ohio University at Athens.

Betty Haughn, home from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, brightened the holidays for **Chet** and **Dorothy Haughn**. **Tommy Scherr** kept things lively for **Pete** and **Margaret Scherr** after arriving home from Rutgers University.

We enjoyed a visit during the holidays from our former coworker, **James Mulcahy**, who is with the Navy at Norfolk, Va.

A Christmas card and note from **Louie Guillemette** conveyed his greetings and best wishes to his friends in the office.

We hope that **Frances Wanzer**, who has been convalescing from an operation, will be back with us by the time this goes to print.

Betty Sanner left amid a shower of baby blankets, booties, etc., to await that little "bundle of joy."

Lu Featherston was the recipient of the exciting news that her sister, **Mrs. Norman Hopper** of Hawthorne, N. J., was the winner of a GOP contest which entitled her to a trip to Washington for the inauguration.

A warm welcome, this cold day, to our newest passing report clerk, **Natalie Brazina**.

Freight Claim

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Holiday travelers were **Mary Jo Doherty** (California), **Ruth Klietz** (Florida), **Walter House** and **George Heilshorn** (New York).

Michael Kurt and **Emily Cupwich** from auditor of revenues were married during the holidays.

Our Canadian good will ambassador, **Jim Turnbull**, brought season's greetings from our northern neighbors.



Accounting

AUDITOR OF REVENUES

By Jimmy Murphy

The festive Christmas mood was evidenced by the colorful decorations and the spirit of friendliness which prevailed. We compliment Santa's helpers who festooned the ceilings and windows, transferring the office into a crimson casino. The parties in the various offices were humorous and entertaining. **Pete Biederman** received an enthusiastic reception at his violin concert on the fifth floor. All numbers were delivered in strict accordance with harmonic principles. The magic time when dreams come true for starry-eyed moppets found **Curt Fix's** angelic twin daughters fascinated by the fairyland enchantment while **Jack Sherman's** two sons and five daughters were overwhelmed by the warm welcome they received from Santa.

The **Jim Bowlers'** home in Lakewood showed a real holiday glow.

Assistant Auditor of Revenues **Harry Rath** returned to work looking so tanned and healthy after his Florida vacation that **Len Daley** felt an urge to drag out the ol' sun lamp.

Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Sam Klanac** on the birth of their first child, **Girard Patrick**.

The correction bureau observed one minute of tears on New Year's Eve as **Lena Jones** left to await a visit from the stork. Her friendly smile and charming personality are great assets and she has made many friends.

Dan Cupid usually gets credit for making matches, but this time we give Santa the honor because the six engagements we report next were made during the Christmas season.

Pat Choua has stardust in her eyes. She glories in the lovely diamond ring which she received from **Chuck Von Duhn**.

Betty Grugle became engaged to **Chuck Jacobson** and is displaying an exquisite diamond ring.

Donna Fredrickson, wreathed in smiles, strolled into the office and announced that she was engaged to **Chuck Kundtz**.

Jeanette Runchey started the New Year in a grand manner when she received a beautiful engagement ring from **Ray Porter**.

The focal point of an augmented chorus of female oohs and aaahs was **Sandy Meier** who casually announced that she and **Carl Shy** were engaged.

Alice Heseman and **Jack Miller** also have plans of a romantic nature. Alice walked into the office after the holiday wearing a beautiful sparkler.

Should old acquaintance be forgot? We are glad that **Bill Breidinger**, retired interline clerk, thinks not. He made the office a pleasant call and looks fine.

Donna Brosch pulled a fast one on Christmas Eve with ladder, suitcase, etc. You can imagine the racket when the girls heard the news about her elopement and marriage to **Paul Yarina**.

Oscar Bender's son, **Harvey**, a graduate of Western Reserve and a Northwestern graduate student, has been awarded a U. S. Public Health research fellowship by the National Cancer Institute. The grant is for support of studies he is conducting on the harmful genetic effects of atomic radiation.

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The scoop of the month concerns **Emily Cupwich** who caused the greatest disturbance in the office since news of the last general raise. She came to work on Dec. 24 and calmly announced that she and **Mike Kurt** had been married Dec. 22 in a quiet ceremony.

The shining pots and pans were bravely awaiting **Connie Chojna's** entry into the mysteries of cooking when she returned from her Florida honeymoon. Connie became the bride of **Ken Hagedorn** in St. Charles Church.

Assistant Chief Clerk **Lew Drew's** holiday was somewhat dampened by the fact that he had to undergo an operation in Lakewood Hospital. He is convalescing and expects to be back with us soon.

Jim Feeney, Jr., Tom Edwards and **John Prentice, Jr.**, home on furlough, were among the intimately immense throng which descended on a nearby restaurant after the Christmas office party. A full measure of gaiety was enjoyed with everyone in a happy frame of mind.

AUDITOR OF DISBURSEMENTS

By **Don Keister & Dorothy Buday**

After surveying the ranks of the "old married men" in the office, **Denny Kish** decided to cast his lot with them. He took the first step by placing an engagement ring on the appropriate finger of his pretty fiancée, **Judy Martin**.

Ed Jonlak is in the process of planning his first trip to the skyscraper city. It's our guess that maybe after getting lost a few times, he'll find it a most exciting and enjoyable trip.

The **Edward T. Draneys** and the **Fergie Smalls** visited relatives and friends in Wellsville, N. Y., and Paterson, N. J., respectively.

Jim Hough, our messenger, ushered in the New Year joyfully, he tells us.

J. P. Boyd retired Jan. 1 after 45 years in this office. Words of praise and appreciation for his service were expressed by **G. W. Thompson**, after which **Harry Laurie** presented him with a purse from office associates. **Jim** carries with him all our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

It seems as though most people in this office prefer their warm fireplaces to traveling at this time of year. When we come out of hibernation, we hope to glean more news of interest.

HORNELL ACCOUNTING BUREAU

By **Lynn Lamb**

Wonder where **Carolyn Benson** got the nickname of "Doll."

Missed **Don** and **Dick Crowley** when I mentioned the brothers in the office.

Ella Dennison is back from vacationing in Florida.

Don Kendall had a little accident while doing a little logging on his farm.

Irene Lyke has moved to North Main Street.

Clarence Buck again was in the Christmas tree business and had **Watson Walden, Albert Rawady** and **Harry Jones** working for him.

Seems **Delores Lindeman** has a pair of boots for every occasion.

Jim Hogan doesn't make any more phone calls from the hotel.

Angle Petrilla has a new car.

Randy Craig Swift has come to brighten the lives of **Ann** and **Danny Swift**.

Jim Neff should know about the new diamond earrings that **Nell Singleton** has.

Bill Pawling is justice of the peace in the town of Fremont.

Harold Hogue has been appointed assistant chief of the city auxiliary police.

Some of the folks who eat their lunch in the office are trying to get **Howard Hamilton** to take over the diner.

Paul Smith made a big hit with everyone the day he wore his new **Elvis Presley** shirt.

Jim Hilton found out that jay-walking doesn't pay.

Ed Bottomley had a rather unusual birthday party.

The annual Christmas party was held at the Arkport Inn with **Robert Argentieri** in charge. The party was highlighted by **Leo Harkins** acting as toastmaster and subbing for Santa and the appearance of **Vic Rachi**.

Charlotte Geary has a new kitten from Corning.

Al Morris was home for Christmas.

Ed Gillette found out the hard way that if you have chances on a new automobile you should be persent at the drawing.

Mary Pollinger is burning the midnight oil playing her new recordings.

Lefty Angell rather forced the local **Ben Franklin** store to have a sale on coffee pots.

Tunny Vet and family went to Jersey for the holidays.

Freddie and **Mrs. Schmitt** vacationed in sunny Florida.

Bill Morgan spent Christmas in Youngstown.

Nipper Trowbridge, Don Matthews, Harvey Miller, Ruth Hoyt, Pauline Bove and **Tom Piacenti** visited in New York.

Aber Burdette claims his dog had mumps.

Dick Miller and **Janice Chapman** were married in City Hall by **Mayor Burdett**.

Dottie Rixford and **Goldie Loghry** made their holiday excursion to New York.

Rita Halloran has a bee-u-tiful dent in her car trunk where someone backed into it.

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"Guess Al found a hot box!"



A FAREWELL PARTY was held by Erie Railroad police for Patrolmen Frank J. Mackin of Rutherford, N. J., (seated, left) and William A. Mulligan of Ridgewood, N. J. on their retirement. Shown standing behind them are R. P. Steen, superintendent of police, (left) and Frank B. Wildrick, retired superintendent of property protection, of Paterson.

Ray Clark went to St. James for a tonsilectomy.

Harold Hogue is proud of his new car.

Dick Tyson has bought a house on Fairview Avenue.

Alderman Hussong ran into a manhole, ruining a set of tires.

Mary Pollinger and Olga Nazar attended the opera in New York.

The Russell Westphals are enjoying the Florida climate.

Ann Anderson went to Youngstown for the holidays.

Mozzy Piacenti lost his clothes on a trip to Washington, and then on New Year's he lost his voice.

Pearle Koskie was laid up with tonsilitis at her home in North Hornell.

Freddie Cortese is mighty proud to be a grandpa again.

The biggest news since I've been a correspondent is the engagement of Mary Theresa Recktenwald to Francis William Dahill.

Susquehanna Division

HORNELL BACK SHOP

By R. L. Hammond

Norma Nilson spent a few days sightseeing in New York City.

Jerry Parker has a 1957 Book of Knowledge.

Machinist Eddie Rayburg and wife spent Christmas at Paterson, N. J. and New York City.

Buffalo Division

BUFFALO TERMINAL

By F. F. Rombkowski

Norm Scott spent a weekend in New York showing his nephew the sights and also saw a play.

Birthday congratulations to Adele Kuminski on Dec. 23 and to Melvin Schlemmer, on December 15th.

John Orlowski, and Mario Cappuzzo, did all right on their deer hunting trip. They brought back four deer.

Glad to see George Monat back on the job. Betty Homing is on the sick list.

The pretty office decorations were done by Angelo Caldarelli, Norm Scott and Adele Kuminski. Harold Schambacher, cashier, spent his vacation at home preparing for the holidays. Charles Schaffer, patrolman, is driving a new car.

Jack Lagowski was the winner of the drawing at the Railway Business Women's party. But it took so long to reach him he wonders if it was forwarded with a notation "stop off at Clinton Street for partial unloading."

The clerks' Christmas party held on Dec. 15 at Becket's Restaurant was attended by 47 clerks. There was plenty of dancing and fun for all.

Elva Dolson, telephone operator, spent her vacation preparing for Santa Claus. Marion McGrath, extra telephone operator, moved to Salamanca with her husband who took a promotion there.

A greeting card received from retired police Capt. C. S. Bagwell tells

us he is now living in Sarasota, Fla. His address is 229 S. Osprey Avenue.

Marlene Pinkerton, night telephone operator, is wearing a beautiful diamond. That explains why Jack Campbell is walking on clouds these days.

Lighterage

NEW YORK, N. Y.

By Regina F. Frey

Supt. O. A. Frauson has joined the ranks of the grandfathers via son Bill whose baby was born on New Year's day.

We also have a new father, Harris Sakaraison, messenger.

We are hoping for the speedy recovery of Charles McGowan, assistant boat dispatcher, who has been ill for several weeks.

Congratulations to Rose Boyd Aidrich, former typist, on the birth of a son on Dec. 30.

Marine

By Jesse E. Baker

Anthony Catanzaro, retired floatman; Jim Woods, Peter Hansen and Marshall Crawford, retired barge captains, stopped in the office to say Happy New Year. They all looked good.

Best of luck to Anthony J. Bobat, deckhand, and Karl Erlander, barge captain who retired Jan. 2.

Do you know that the greatest depth of water in New York Harbor is 168 feet at the foot of Ditmars Ave., Astoria, Long Island?

Employment

By V. T. Bustard

Best wishes to Maureen O'Keefe and congratulations to John P. Lancia who were married Jan. 12 in St. Lucy's Church, Jersey City.

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"THAT'S not the bug I meant when I said: 'Give me a bug for my birthday.'"

When **Jack Hazzard** and his family visited our office during Christmas week, his 8-month-old son came along.

Marion Division

TRANSPORTATION

By C. R. Swank

Eugene C. Gertz announced his candidacy for village president at a recent meeting of the Burnham, Ill., Active Community Organization, a citizens' group. The 28-year-old Navy veteran said his campaign would be based on means to improve facilities in Burnham for youngsters' growth and personal development.

Mr. Gertz is a yardman for the Erie at 51st St., Chicago.

We were all pleased to see **Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Mulligan** who were visiting friends at Huntington during the holidays.

G. T. Sheets, retired road foreman of engines from Port Jervis, now is back in Huntington to reside.

Herman Breitkopf of the traffic department at Kansas City, visited in Huntington over the holidays. Herman formerly was a clerk at Huntington.

Retired Agent **F. W. Swaney**, Spencerville, Ohio, broke his arm as a result of falling on an icy walk near his home. We wish him early recovery and full use of his arm.

CHICAGO POLICE

By J. S. Steen

Congratulations to Patrolman **L. E. Owen** and his wife on the birth of a daughter.

A warm welcome is extended to our newest patrolman, **Phillip M. Sullivan**.

HAMMOND CONSOLIDATED

By Grace Connote

We were remembered at Christmas by retired and former employees from various places in the U. S. and overseas. We received cards from Pfc. **Hilary Foshurgh**, former yard clerk, now stationed in Seoul, Korea; **Douglas Smith**, former relief clerk and son of **Joseph Smith, Jr.**, supervisor, Warsaw, N. Y.; **Leonard Puliano**, division chairman, BRC, Chicago; **J. W. Terre**, retired report clerk, Oakland, Calif.; **F. H. Menagh**, retired superintendent of communications, Washington, D. C.; **L. L. Worland**, retired chief yard clerk, Clearwater, Fla.; **Paul Rice**, former relief yardmaster at Hammond and now trainmaster at Youngstown;

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ENGINEER THOMAS L. DOUGHERTY and Mrs. Dougherty received gold passes from Michael J. Flannery, trainmaster and road foreman of engines at Dunmore, Pa., when Dougherty finished his 50th year of service. Dougherty, married 31 years, has three children, four grandchildren, and is still an active Wyoming Division engineer.



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Myron Keel, traffic solicitor, Chicago; **Robert Armstrong**, former relief clerk, now working and residing in Danville, Ill. It made us happy to hear from each and every one of them.

Wilbur Bobst, chief yard clerk, enjoyed a weekend visit with friends in LaCrosse, Wis.

Hearty congratulations to fur-loughed Relief Clerk **Joanna Sanders** and husband on the arrival of their first child, **Mark Douglas**, Nov. 23. **Mark** weighed nine pounds, six ounces, and measured all of 22 inches when registering in.

Congratulations are in order for Conductor **Guy E. Minniear**, Huntington-Chicago terminal, who proudly informed us he became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter and son-in-law, **Mr. and Mrs. James R. Allen** of Bluffton, Ind., became parents of **Curtis James**, 6 pounds 9 ounces, Dec. 10.

Christmas was delightful for **Stanley Pontious**, manager, communications office. He now is the proud possessor of several things he didn't need and needs several things he didn't get.

Members of Hammond Lodge 494, BRC, with their husbands and wives, gathered at the home of **Robert Thomas** for a Christmas get-together

on Dec. 22. The house was appropriately decorated. Everything was in readiness for Santa Claus who was anxiously being awaited by the three small **Thomas** children, **Randy**, **Ginny** and **Michele**. Grab bag gifts were exchanged and everyone was envious of **Emma Keen's** lively jar of "cold cream" which **Donna Myrers** carefully selected at a novelty shop. There were card games and a pot luck luncheon.

Night Train Yard Foreman **Ray Bentley** and wife spent their vacation visiting friends and relatives in Marion, Youngstown and Steubenville.

Congratulations to **Robert Kronsell**, fireman, and wife on the arrival of their first son (**Robert Joseph**, Dec. 4). Young **Robert** weighed 7 pounds 3½ ounces and was 22 inches long. The **Kronsells** have a daughter, **Glenda**, 2 years old.

On Dec. 6, Fireman **E. E. Stahl** retired after 13 years due to a heart condition. He was generously remembered by Hammond train and enginemen at Christmas time. The necessity for his retirement is regretted by all.

It was pleasant to talk again with **Willard Anderson**, Bippus, Ind., retired roundhouse machinist, while he was on a visit to Hammond.

The welcome mat is out for the latest addition to the force, **Linda Lundgren**, general clerk.

Ed Cullers, retired conductor, Huntington-Chicago terminal, traveled from his home in Huntington to pay us a visit Dec. 30.

Donna Myrers, general clerk, left Hammond yard office for her new position of comptometer operator at 14th Street, Chicago, in a blaze of glory. The blaze arose from the diamond ring which was placed on the third finger of her left hand by **Richard Major**. Congratulations to **Richard** and sincere wishes for **Donna's** happiness.

We rejoiced with **Eric Bystrom**, mail handler, who, during the holidays, received a telephone call from one of his brothers in Sweden. **Eric's** wife had arranged for the call to come through on Christmas Eve as a surprise for him but the wire congestion made this impossible. It had been 28 years since these brothers had conversed with one another and about 10 years since they last exchanged letters. The joy in **Erie's** face and the twinkle in his eyes as he told us of the call convinced us it was perhaps his most valuable Christmas present.

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MAINTENANCE OF WAY

By Maralene Trainer

Noel G. Dillon, ticket clerk at Huntington, has returned to that position following his temporary assignment as time and material clerk in the absence of O. D. Young. The latter now is feeling fine following a lengthy illness.

Best wishes to General Foreman L. R. Henderson who was transferred to New Jersey and to Assistant Work Equipment Foreman C. E. Rowland, transferred to Meadville. We welcome B. A. Kerstetter at Hammond as general foreman and D. R. Sippy at Huntington as assistant work equipment foreman.

Assistant Chief Clerk Arthur Smith and wife spent their vacation in Tennessee with their daughter and family. Chief Clerk E. L. Martin and Supervisor of Communications and Signals W. F. Caden have returned to work following vacations.

A Christmas greeting was received from former Track Supervisor A. N. Burgett who with his wife is enjoying the Florida sunshine. Also a greeting from Mrs. Tine Smith who is spending the winter in California.

A Christmas week visitor to the office was former Carpenter A. C. Szelis.

14TH STREET, CHICAGO

By Chris Hardt

We congratulate Clemens and Alex Wohn, brothers, maintenance of way, who are members of the St. Alphonsus Choir which presented a concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 16, at St. Alphonsus Athenaeum, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Mozart.

We were happy to hear from Pvt. Robert L. Lee, former yard clerk at 51st Street yard office. Bob has completed his basic training in the Army and is in the Signal Corps at Fort Gordon, Ga. He will have 15 weeks of intensive training.

We are proud of Mary Wise, daughter of E. C. Wise, O. S. & D. department, who was awarded a courtesy certificate by her employer, Jewel Food Stores. It demonstrated to all of us that customer courtesy pays off.

Our new switchboard operator is Elaine Bailey.

Nell Walsh, veteran of the billing department, spent a vacation in Florida.

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FAREWELLS WERE SAID to Thomas V. Lynch, resident engineer, when he left the Erie to enter consulting engineering work with Robert J. Schomer at Youngstown. Here Lynch (right) receives a matched traveling set from Blair Blowers, chief engineer (left), while Morris Mathisen and Edward C. Akerly look on.

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June Rossnagel, a clerk with us for 14 years, handed in her resignation and has taken on the happy chore of being a mother to an adopted child. **F. T. Lindquist**, cashier, made the presentation speech and we gave June some worthwhile gifts.

CHICAGO GENERAL OFFICE

By Denise J. Vaikutis

Birthday congratulations are extended to **George Kendall**, **Frank Hickey**, **John De Waal Malefyt** and **Marilyn Minch**.

The annual Christmas party Dec. 18 was a colossal success. Much fun was had by all and the comedienne of the evening turned out to be **Bernie Klein**. She and **Donna Henning** were hostesses.

Eleven lucky members of Victory Lodge No. 547 were winners of turkeys. **Helen Griffin**, **Bernie Klein**, **Grace Battaglino**, **Evelyn Coakley**, **Sophia Ciulla**, **Bob Voltz**, **Tom Keating**, **Honus Breland**, **Alice Sikorsky**, **Warner Holcombe** and yours truly enjoyed the chubby birds.

To wish us season's greetings, **A. N. Breland**, retired freight claim agent, **George Lange**, **Nancy Randall**, **Edward McHugh**, **Herman Breitkopf** and **John Fischer** visited us around the holidays.

Holiday greetings were also received from our boys on military leave, **Bill Voltz** and **Bill Powell**.

Les Klein, college basketball player, proudly was introduced to us by his sister, **Bernie**.

Helen Griffin's daughters, **Joan** and **Eileen**, and granddaughters, **Linda** and **Helen**, wished us a Merry Christmas.

Many co-workers celebrated the holidays with relatives and friends out of town, **Nedra Troll**, Youngstown; **Marilyn Minch**, Cleveland; **Roger Kirtland**, Detroit; **Curt Finnell**, St. Louis, and **Bernie Klein**, Lake Village.

Birthday parties (January) were enjoyed by **Herb Boumann**, **Roger Kirtland**, **Curt Pinnell**, **Jack Soil**, **Evelyn Coakley**, **Fred Bell**, **Seymour Kravitz** and **Art Haase**.

Kenneth Allan is the name chosen for **Jack Soll's** grandson, born Dec. 27.

Tom Keating is back in circulation again.

Bernie Klein weighed 60 pounds in the fifth grade.

Tom Carlton and his missus lived through a great adventure when their trailer caught on fire.

Bob Voltz proudly announced that he and his wife, **Barbara**, are expecting a visit from the long-legged bird.

Barney Watkins is having his boiler repaired and would like some advice in hastening the operation.

Congratulations are extended to newly elected officers of Victory Lodge No. 547, **Honus Breland**, vice-president; **Jack Soil**, assistant, protective committee; **Evelyn Coakley**, sergeant at arms, and **Sophia Ciulla**, chaplain.

Toni Battaglino's smile grows broader day by day as she's getting closer to relinquishing her secretarial position for the most important job of housewife.

Allegany Division

SALAMANCA

By S. Minneci

Chief Clerk **H. P. Vincequera** of the Bradford freight office and member of the Hanley Brick bowling team hit the pins for a score of 623 on Dec. 11. This boy will need watching at the annual Erie system bowling tournament March 23 and 24.

Christmas cards were received from retired Eriemen, **J. B. and C. O. Williams** of Page Park, Fort Myers, Fla.; **A. N. Foster**, Tucson, Ariz.; **James L. Miess**, Miami, Fla.; **J. R. Bill Smith** of Ocean Beach, Calif. and **H. G. Watkins** of Forestville, N. Y.

A former ticket agent at Bradford, **Gene Rojek** now is auditor for the Bank of America at Los Angeles. **Gene** spent the holidays here with his parents, Yard Conductor and **Mrs. A. F. Rojek**.

Retired Superintendent **John W. Graves** was in Salamanca recently. He appeared in good health and says Florida is a great place to live in.

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"It sure beats riding the blinds."

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GEN. FORE. & WRECKMASTER SALAMANCA

Adam Ambuske, leading car inspector, retired at age 68 after 38 years of Erie service. We all wish **Adam** many happy years of retirement, some of which will be spent in Lakeland, Fla., with his daughter.

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MEADVILLE SCRAP & RECLAM.

By George Smith

February birthdays: **Robert Burton**, **Edgar Balizet**, **William Buchanan**, **Robert Colwell**, **Ralph McMunn**, **Richard Mowris**, **Stanley Miller**, **Meryl Rumsey** and **C. E. Anthony**.

Shirley Galbraith Hall presented hubby **Laverne** with a baby boy (8 lb. 13 oz.).

We regret to report a series of accidents to our employes or their families during the holidays. Hose-fitter **Frank Leslie's** car turned over twice, **Burner Alton Hill's** truck was squeezed between two cars at a red light, and **Mrs. Stanley Lawhead's** (stockkeeper's wife) car sank in the soft mud in their new driveway. Fortunately, although there was quite a bit of damage, injuries were slight.

Stenographer **Marlene** and hubby **Duane Braham** were in the Christmas tree selling business. Both said that just isn't their business. They're going to stick with their regular work.

Foreman **Rodney Besanson** has a 1956 car.

Best wishes for quick recovery for **Mary Gall**, wife of Welder **Harold Mowris**.

Shirley Mae Carr and **Walter John Makela** were married in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Erie. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. **Sheldon Schweikert**. **Shirley** is the daughter of Foreman **Thomas R.** and **Marjorie Carr** and was given in marriage by her dad. A reception was held at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Will Yost**, **Wattsburg**, grandparents of the bride. Guests came from **Detroit**; **Fairport Harbor** and **Painesville, Ohio**; **Sherman, N. Y.**; **Wattsburg, Erie**, **Pittsburgh** and **Meadville**. After a trip to **Washington, D. C.**, and **Gettysburg**, they are living in **Erie**, where **Shirley** is on the nursing staff of **Farrow Osteopathic Hospital**. **Mr. Makela** served in the Navy four years. He is an electrical engineer at **Erie**.

Rose Jacqueline Izbinski and **Philip Hendricks** were married in **Honolulu, Hawaii**. The bride is a daughter of Welder **John** and **Mrs. Izbinski**.

February, 1957

The groom is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. William Brandon**, **Honolulu**. A Navy chaplain officiated at the double ring ceremony. **Josephine Pfodt** of **Kearsage, Pa.**, was maid of honor. Thirty guests were received at the home of the bridegroom. The couple resides in **Wahiawa, Oahu**. **Mrs. Hendricks** is in the Navy as a communications technician and her husband is in the Marine Corps.

Mahoning Division

M. OF W., YOUNGSTOWN

By Catherine Holzbach

R. J. Pierce, division engineer, and wife spent a winter vacation in Florida.

G. J. Kahl, assistant chief clerk, and wife spent the holidays with their daughters and their families in Philadelphia.

We wish speedy recovery to **P. L. Crowe**, assistant division engineer, who is a patient in **South Side Hospital, Youngstown**, and to **E. E. Clair**, leading clerk, in **St. Elizabeth's Hospital**.

YOUNGSTOWN FREIGHT

By Dorothy Gettig

Congratulations are extended to **Nina Levinsky** and **Tom Swogger, Sr.** who celebrate birthdays this month, and a belated Happy Birthday to **Jack Ilas**.

Service anniversary congratulations are extended to **Anita Coughlin** and **Mr. Bowser**.

Congratulations are extended to **Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Swogger, Jr.** on the arrival of their new addition--a fine son.

Rose Mary Patrick has returned from vacation.

On Dec. 20 the office force enjoyed a Christmas dinner and gift exchange in the meeting room at the freight house.

Sophie Golubic has returned to work after a recent illness.

CLEVELAND POLICE

By David Downie

Captain **John O. Sheets** and wife visited friends and relatives at **Meadville**.

Patrolman **Andrew Herrick** and family vacationed near **Kane, Pa.** **Andrew** brought home an eight point buck deer which he shot during the first hour of the hunting season.

Patrolman **Robert E. Hamilton** and son, **Robert L.**, 12, have both recovered after minor surgery.

Patrolman **John M. Buda** spends most of his spare time camping with his boys. They all have sleeping bags.

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SALAMANCA COUPLE. Betty Lou Ambuske and Paul L. Polasik, machinist in the Diesel shop, and son of the late Louis Polasik, car inspector, were married in Salamanca.

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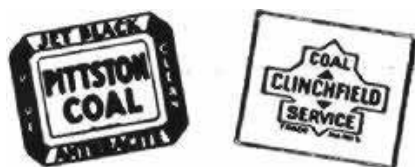
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
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By Mary A. D. Meyer

A testimonial dinner Dec. 15 at the Tree Tavern Restaurant in Paterson honored **Joseph H. McGirr**, assistant division clerk, who was retiring Dec. 31 after 46 years of service. Over 135 were present. From our office were **Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rhoads**, **Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Meulener**, **Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bunnell**, **Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith**, **Mr. and Mrs. C. Volski**, **Mr. and Mrs. G. Ameer**, **Mr. and Mrs. H. Coleman** **Mr. and Mrs. N. J. DeVito**, **Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley**, **Thomas Decker**, **Daniel Crowley**, **Whalen**, **Harry Close**, **George Dupuy**, **Antoinette Geerinck**, **Alice Simma**, **Emma Csirip**, **Peggy Straut** and **H. A. Bookstaver**, former superintendent. **Mr. Bunnell** gave **Joe** a retirement certificate. A gift purse was also presented. **Mr. DeVito** was master of ceremonies. **Andy Dillon** played piano. **Supt. J. R. Ebert** could not attend as he was called away. The writer was on her vacation.

Office changes include **Phil Schmidt** as general clerk, **Anna Volski**, former ticket clerk at Mountain Ave., Montclair, as car record clerk, and **Tom Decker** as assistant division clerk.

Vacations: **Joe Angelo**, one week, local trips; **Tom Rooney**, **Harry Close**, trimming the Christmas tree and Christmas shopping, and the writer, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Holiday greetings were received from our retired friends, **Dan Sutherland**, **Bill Sutherland**, **Abe Cohen**, **Bill Fltzgibbons**, **Harry Coleman**, **Charles Weisert**, **Eleanor Salley**, **Anne Meehan**, **Charles Paulison**, **W. A. Dougherty**, **A. Padien**. **Catherine Gurney Majack** sent holiday greetings from Torrance, Calif.

H. A. Rhoads is ill at home.

Thanks to **Hertha Karpinski** for trimming our office Christmas tree.

Nice to see **Fred Dana** back after an illness.

Pvt. Raymond Nalewaiski, son of **Joseph Nalewaiski**, entered military service at Fort Hood, Texas, Dec. 2. He was home for the holidays, then returned for six weeks, after which he will go to school at Aberdeen, Md., for eight weeks.

WEEHAWKEN LOCAL

By Violet Schmitt

Best wishes for speedy recovery are extended to **Mrs. G. W. McMahon**, wife of the assistant general foreman, who was hospitalized.

Sagittarius is well represented at Weehawken with six December birthdays, **H. J. Gaherin**, chief clerk, **J. Murphy**, general clerk, **J. W. McGowan**, tally clerk, **F. L. Pizzuta**, west-bound clerk, **C. Marion**, general clerk, and myself.

Louis Horvath, checker, had news that his son **Bertlan** is in Sicily aboard the U.S.S. Munson.

G. C. Kalle, assistant agent, spent the remainder of his vacation on daily trips with his wife, daughter-in-law and son. **H. J. Gaherin**, chief clerk, **R. Marotta**, telephone operator, **M. Hayes**, employment clerk, and **W. Walsh**, dock clerk, spent their leisure shopping and resting for the holiday season.

There hasn't been any news of our bowling team, so I gather there were few or no games won. However, they are in there trying.

PASSAIC, N. J.

Our office Christmas party included a reception for Demurrage Clerk **Marcus V. Montagano** who was retiring Dec. 31. Presentation was by **Supt. J. R. Ebert**.

Baggage man **Al Stoebo** has resumed work after a brief illness.

Cashier **Marion Kaiser** spent the last week of her vacation at Atlantic City.

Recent retired visitors at this station included **Fred Waldon** and **Pat Donnelly**.

Invented Flange

Such flanges then were three inches high, and at road crossings it was common to double the flange, inside and outside, and then build up the road between the flanges of the rail, which made such crossings highly unpopular with turnpike users.

Too, such crossings presented a maintenance problem, for the rails were made of brittle cast iron, and the blows from turnpike traffic crossing them frequently broke the flanges.

Jessop first proposed flangeless rails grooved on the outside to accommodate guiding wheels to be fixed to the bearing wheels, but by the time the rails were ready for traffic, he had had his great idea, and cast the wheels for wagons in one piece, with the flanges on the inside, so that the rails themselves would keep the wheels on the rails.

Thus Jessop not only solved the problem--for his time---of the grade crossing, but gave us the inside flanged wheel.



THESE 44 MEMBERS OF YOUNGSTOWN BETHEL, Job's Daughters, took an Erie Railroad tour to New York City. Their trip was arranged to give them three days of sightseeing. They are shown in the United Nations Building

Goshen

porch was added across the front of the hotel sometime before 1845; the New York and Erie is now the Erie.

But for railroad men and horsemen--for Goshen soon became a center for racing--the hotel has been a landmark. In its stable lived Edsall's Hambletonian, son of the great Hambletonian, the stallion who gave his name to the racing classic; and generations of horsemen have met in the hotel to discuss bloodlines and speeds.

All this tradition has now been recognized formally by the town and village of Goshen, with a plaque beside the front door of the hotel, the door that still faces the Erie tracks, offering hospitality to the traveler.

At the plaque's dedication last month another banquet was held in the hotel dining room.

At the 1841 banquet a pink champagne from vineyards at cellars at nearby Washingtonville was served; at the 1957 affair wine from the same vineyards and cellars, bearing the label of the Brotherhood Wine Corp. was on the tables.

And even the labels were like those on the bottles on Goshen's great day in 1841.

One of the 1957 guests was Dr. F. T. Seward, a descendant of Gov. Seward. Others included the Goshen historian, Miss Elizabeth Sharts; Matthew R. McDonough, Erie freight and ticket agent; Max Susswein, president of the Goshen Chamber of Commerce; Henry Hopkins, president of the Rotary Club, which meets in the hotel; and Charles J. Hooker, principal of Goshen Central School.

All were the guests of Frank Krubner, present operator of the hotel, who leases the property from Mrs. Joseph McGuire, its present owner.



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STANLEY E. BRUNER washes up after a day of hostling Diesels.

MILL MAN Michael Markiewicz is one Hammond man who cuts up on the job.



Hammond Diesel

Just south of the Diesel stall are the general offices, with private offices for the division car foreman, the general foreman of the Diesel Shop, Fraser D. Wright, and Marvin J. Stelzer, division storekeeper.

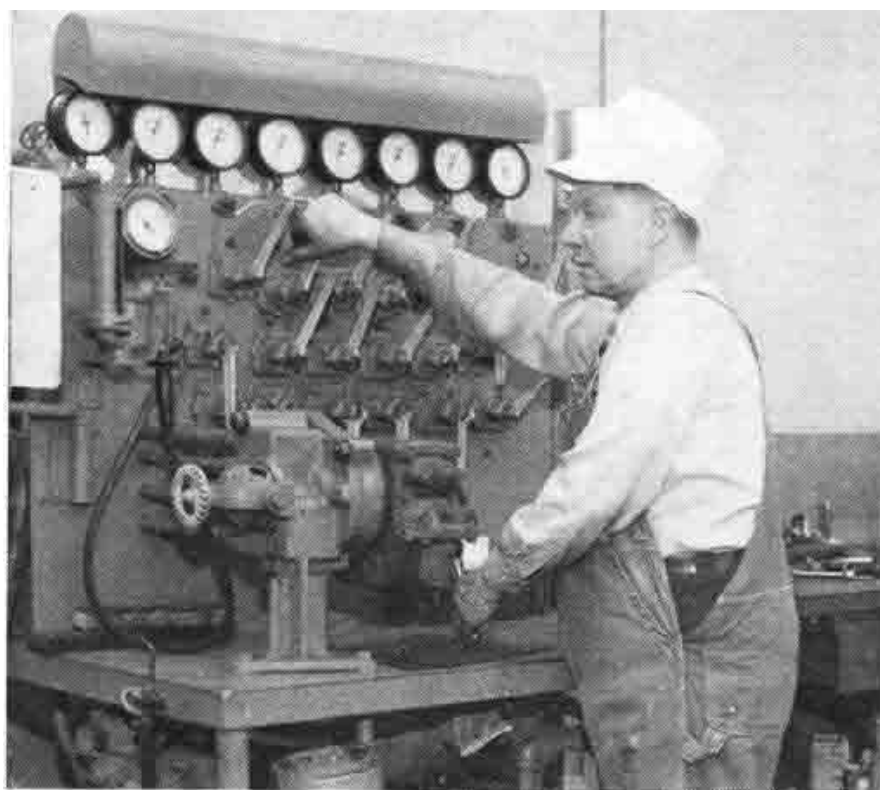
Off the general offices are modern rest rooms, including a women's lounge, and offices for Enoch M. Wilt, track supervisor, John J. Urban, car foreman and wreckmaster and Norman T. Emrick, roadforeman of engines, whose office can be converted into an assembly room.

Opening directly to outdoors are a police office and a locker and lunch room for men. From the locker room a door leads into a modern washroom running the full width of the building, a washroom that includes a number of stall showers with plenty of hot water as well as sanitary facilities.

South of the locker room are an air brake shop, a mill shop, an oil room, a storeroom, and a lumber room.

Painted a fresh gleaming white outside, as if to prove that the Erie's Diesels make no smoke, the building is decorated inside in eye-
resting soft pastel colors and off-white. The office areas are floored with plastic tile.

And everyone says it is a wonderful place to work.



ALVIN WERBICKI, test rack operator, puts an AB brake valve through its paces.

Railroad Quiz Answers

1. Greater.
2. Shippers.
3. 26,000 units.
4. The commodity rate.
5. By either the railroads or the Commission.
6. The shipper.
7. From one railroad to another.
8. A branch or short line which interchanges with a trunk line.
9. The user of a line owned by another company.
10. Tons on which freight charges are collected.

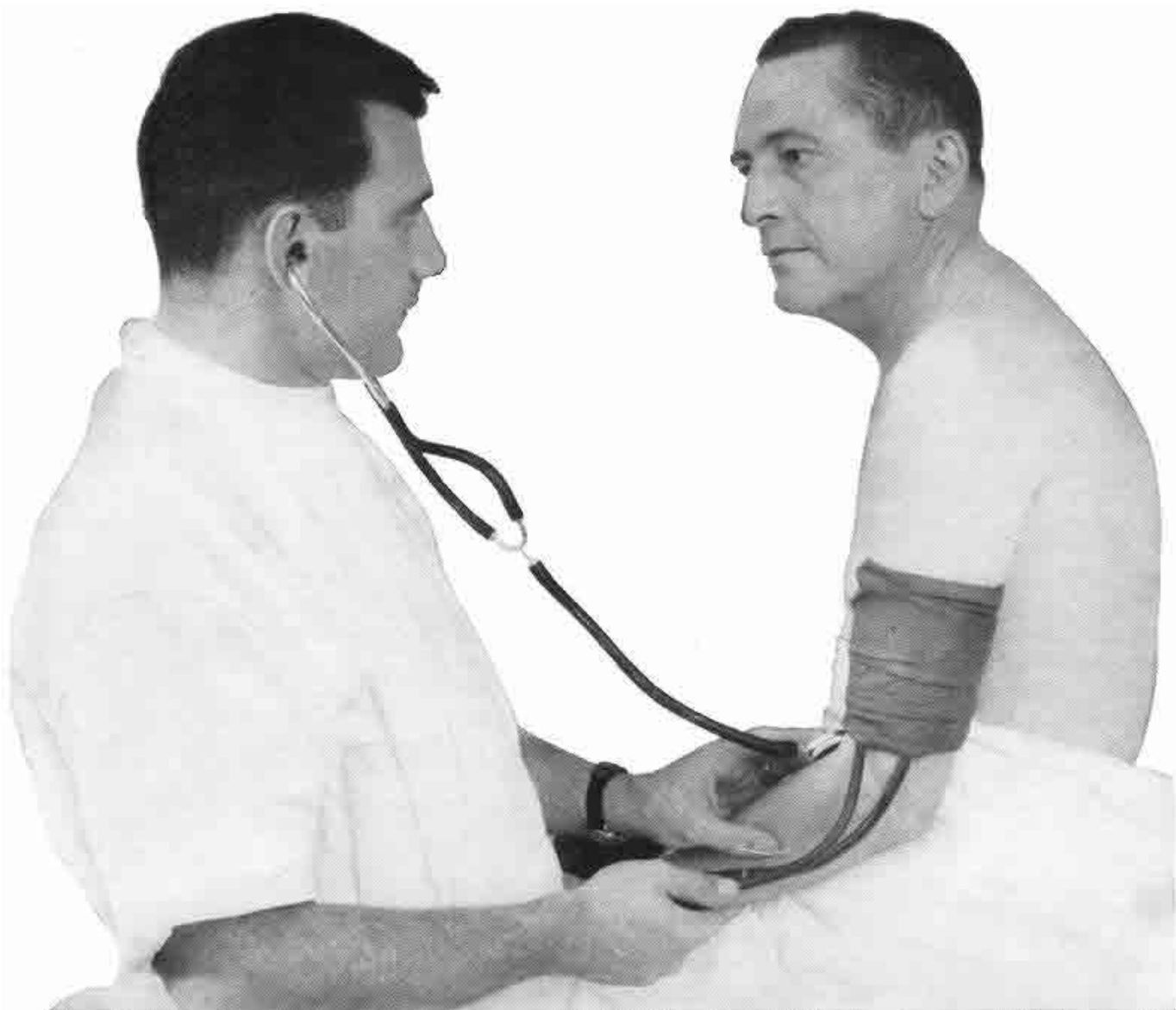
Guess What Answers

Top, screw eyes; middle, fuzees in fuzee holder; bottom, snow-capped gas tanks for switch point heater installation.

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That's why we urge all men to make an annual checkup, including a chest x-ray, a habit for life..., your life.

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TUGBOAT CAPTAIN... BUT STILL A RAILROAD MAN

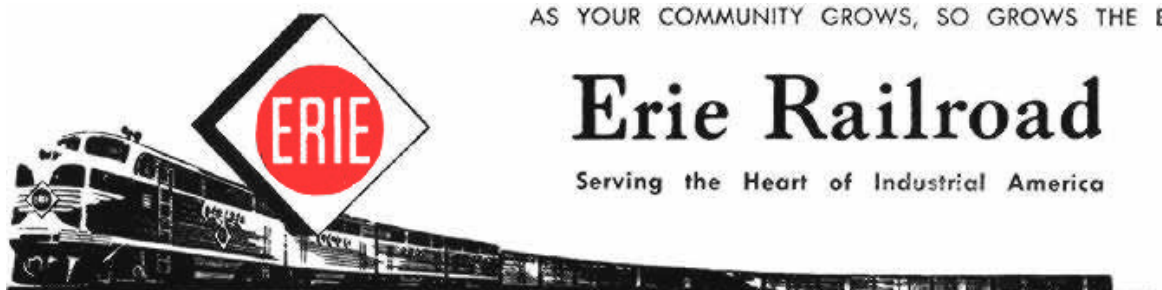


Yes, he's just as much a railroader as the engineer of an Erie freight serving your town. And his is a similar job---but performed on the waters of New York Harbor.

His tug, part of Erie's big fleet of 196 vessels, helps deliver freight around the harbor, and move goods to and from ships. They are things you need every

day--your breakfast coffee from Brazil, chrome ore from Africa to brighten your auto, Christmas toys from Europe--or the food or manufactured items from the Erie area, needed in markets abroad. Yes, though you may have never realized it, this Erie "navy" performs a vital service to your community and all others along the Erie line.

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