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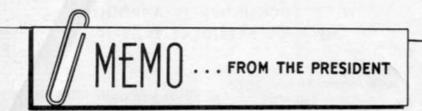
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MAIN STREET OF THE NORTHWEST



As we start the new year, few, if any, economists or analysts see prospects of an upturn in general business in the early months of 1961.

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Certainly, there is little hope of Northern Pacific revenues and earnings in the first half approximating the first six months last year because our 1960 business up to the latter part of May was excellent.

There are indications, however, that general business will improve in the second half of the year and if it does, Northern Pacific will of course, benefit.



Despite the period of declining traffic with reduced revenues and earnings, and the outlook for the future somewhat obscure, it is essential that we keep our property and equipment in shape to get our share of the business that is moving. To that end we have budgeted a fairly extensive program of improvements and a sizeable carbuilding program for the year.



Our 1961 budget calls for an expenditure of nearly \$26-1/2 million for improvements and new equipment, as reported in the December Tell Tale. This is \$6-1/2 million less than we spent in 1960, but when you consider that we spent \$3 million for diesel locomotive units last year and that we do not need to buy additional motive power in 1961, this is a very sizeable program. Then, too, if business does improve substantially later in the year, we plan an additional \$3 million outlay for more freight cars and further extension of CTC.



The Milwaukee Road, as you know, has asked the ICC for permission to discontinue the Olympian Hiawatha, its only remaining passenger train between the Twin Cities and the Pacific Northwest. This action further indicates the inroads on rail travel that are being made by private cars, buses and air lines.

We are still hopeful, however, that our own main line passenger trains will continue to attract sufficient patronage to enable us to maintain the service.



#### PERSONALS

The following appointments were announced recently:

- R. N. GROSS, Car Foreman, Laurel
  C. I. BRADLEY, Working Supervisor,
  Centralia
- F. R. SIEGFRIED, Working Supervisor, Centralia
- C. B. ISAKSON, Night Roundhouse Foreman, Jamestown
- G. J. BRADLEY, Car Foreman, Mississippi Str., St. Paul
- M. L. SANDERS, City Freight and Passenger Agent, Duluth
- R. W. MILLER, City Freight and Passenger Agent, Portland
- L. R. BEHRENS, City Freight and Passenger Agent, Walla Walla RICHARD ROTH, General Agent, Missoula
- K. D. MACE, Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent, Spokane
- D. B. BOSTRUM, City Freight and Passenger Agent, Spokane
- K. R. HIRSCH, City Freight Agent, St. Paul
- A. C. CAYOU, Architect, Engineering Department, St. Paul
- FRANK S. FARRELL, Assistant General Solicitor, St. Paul
- H. B. KRENGEL, General Attorney, St. Paul

#### ALWAYS ALERT

While traveling by car from Billings to Forsyth recently, Special Agent L. C. "Red" Olson, of Billings, noted a land-plane stalled on the crossing near Worden, Montana.



Realizing it was near Train No. 25's time, he immediately proceeded east a sufficient distance to flag and stop the train, thereby avoiding a colli-

sion. After stopping the train, he assisted the operator of the landplane in removing it from the crossing.

# FOR PROPOSED NEW TRANSPORTATION CO.

Articles of incorporation were filed January 13 in Dover, Delaware, for the Great Northern Pacific & Burlington Lines, Inc.

This is the corporate name chosen for the proposed unified transportation system composed of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and Spokane, Portland & Seattle railways.

In a joint statement, the managements of the component lines said filing of articles of incorporation is necessary at this time to pave the way for legal steps required in connection with the forthcoming application to the Interstate Commerce Commission and presentation of the proposed unification to stockholders of the two Northern lines, and the Burlington. The two Northern lines jointly own 97.18 percent of the Burlington and all of the SP&S.

The announcement said the managements expect to file the application to the commission next month and to call meetings of stockholders to act on the unification in the spring.



L. W. (Larry) Cloud, chief clerk in Northern Pacific's Yakima office, is shown accepting the Yakima Junior Chamber of Commerce's T. L. Mullikin trophy as the outstanding Jaycee of the year. He was honored for his work as chairman of the annual "Miss Fairtime" contest, sponsored jointly by the Jaycees and the Central Washington Fair Association. Writing of the award, Jaycee

# W. J. LUCHSINGER IS APPOINTED NP VICE PRESIDENT-TRAFFIC

William J. Luchsinger, former Northern Pacific General Freight Traffic Manager in charge of Sales and Service, is the new Vice President-Traffic, effective January 16. He succeeded his long-time friend and associate, Otto Kopp, who died unexpectedly at his home in St. Paul December 27 following a heart attack.

The new Vice President was born at Fargo. He graduated from Jamestown high school and attended North Dakota State University before entering NP service as a relief telegraph operator on the old Dakota Division.

After two years in the Army Air Corps in World War I, Mr. Luchsinger returned to the railroad as relief operator and agent on the Dakota Division and in 1920 he began his career in the traffic department as Traveling Freight Agent out of Jamestown. Following a similar assignment at Miles City, he became in 1926 chief clerk to the AGFA in charge of service in the St. Paul general office traffic department. He was subsequently AGFA in St. Paul and Duluth, then Eastern Freight Traffic Manager, New York, from 1951 to 1956, before returning to the general office as General Freight Traffic Manager.

Mr. Kopp was born in Chicago February 4, 1896, and entered railroad work on the Rock Island in 1911. He worked for the Soo Line and Great Northern and in the traffic department of Marshall Wells Co., Duluth, before coming to the NP traffic department in 1923. After serving as AGFA at Duluth and General Freight Agent and Western Freight Traffic Manager at Seattle, he entered the St. Paul general office in 1952 as GFTM. In September, 1956, he was appointed Vice President.



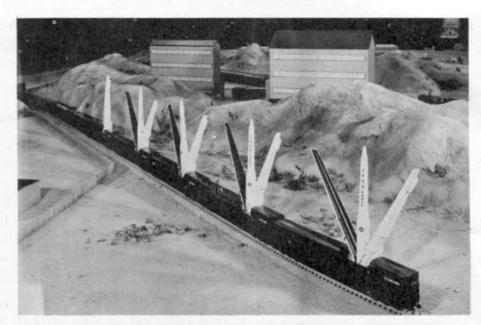
Otto Kopp



W. J. Luchsinger

President Jim Hopper said, "We of the Jaycees and the Fair Association feel that Larry did an outstanding job in planning and executing his project." George M. Washington, Vice President in charge of NP's Oil Development Department, has been elected a director and Second Vice President of the Billings Chamber of Commerce.

This Air Force Minuteman missile train model displays replicas of the missile in the "strategic alert" position. Prototypes of the model will be operating in 1962 over trackage of U.S. railroads, including the Northern Pacific. Last July an 11car test train toured westem railroads in six states during the course of a study to determine whether Air Force plans for a mobile intercontinental ballastic missile deterrent could be put into actual practice. Northern Pacific participated in the successful operation. Purpose of the trains is to maintain a large portion of the Air Force's 6,000-mile-range missiles on the move to complicate enemy targeting.



The biggest Christmas present for the family of Kenneth D. Mace, City Freight and Passenger Agent of the Northern Pacific at Spokane, was the Christmas presence of Mrs. Mace's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marosik of Valenciennes, France, who are shown here enjoying their roles as parents and grandparents to the fullest. They arrived in Spokane December 22, just in time for the holidays, and will make their home here from now on.

Mace met his wife in France during World War II and returned after the war to marry her and bring her to America. That was in 1947. Now, nearly 14 years later, the Marosiks and their daughter have been reunited for the first time.

The couple left LeHavre December 13 aboard the French Liner Liberte, and docked in New York December 19. Upon their arrival they were met by NP's Jim Brady, also CF&PA, who helped them through customs and aboard a train for their cross-country journey to the big reunion. Between Chicago and Spokane they rode the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited, of course, and during the ride, they were impressed by the warmth and friend-liness of the stewardess-nurse, the conductors and waiters, and of the passengers, to people who could not speak English.

"Our hearts and thoughts have been in this country with our daughter and grandchildren. We left little behind, compared with what was waiting here for us," Mrs. Marosik said. "This is just the beginning for us. In the days to come we have a new language and customs to learn."

In ourselves our safety lies .

SHAKESPEARE



-- Photo courtesy of Spokane Spokesman- Review

#### Think Good Thoughts

Almost everyone is familiar with the saying that as a man thinketh so is he. One who thinks good of others must be good himself; and one who thinks evil, to some extent becomes evil.

If one thinks of himself as successful, he usually is; but if he thinks of himself as wronged or defeated or sick, he stands a good chance to become just that.

There is much to be gained by deliberately thinking of good things and believing in them, of believing that better things are ahead, of practicing cheerfulness.



#### NORTH COAST LIMITED SERVICE INSPIRES HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Joseph and Mildred Ogrin, of Gary, Indiana, traveled on the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited last summer from Portland to Chicago. So well have they remembered the service they enjoyed that they sent a greeting card to G. W. Rodine, Passenger Traffic Manager, with the following note penned on the inside:

Dear Mr. Rodine:

To you, sir, and all who make Northern Pacific, and especially the personnel of Train 26 from Portland on last July 19. We were two of the passengers aboard who wish to show appreciation for a wonderful part of a grand vacation -- by means of this card.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a very bappy New Year. Joseph and Mildred Ogrin





The Northern Pacific has issued an attractive new brochure to help promote travel to Montana's newest ski resort at Grizzly Peak in the Rocky Mountains near Red Lodge.

The illustrated leaflet describes and carries pictures of the resort's facilities including the chalet, lifts, ski school and runs, and quotes rail fares from various cities. An initial printing of 20,000 copies has been widely distributed to ski people and travel shows in the Midwest.

NP employes, who would like copies of the brochure to give to skiers who might be interested in taking a trip to the new resort, can obtain them by writing to G. W. Rodine, Passenger Traffic Manager, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul 1, Minn., or they can ask to have the brochure mailed direct to the prospective skiers.



C. V. Schutt, Superintendent General Office Building, St. Paul, is shown receiving a gift from Santa (Sam McDonald, son of C. L. McDonald, General Foreman,) at the fourth annual Christmas party held by the General Office staff.

The appearance of Santa, the handing out of gifts, and an excellent lunch climaxed the affair.

L. W. "Les" Tuttle, City Passenger and Ticket Agent at Tacoma, closed out a railroading career on December 1 that spanned 53 years and employment with four railroads. In the picture, F. G. Scott, Westem Passenger Traffic Manager, presents a gift to Tuttle while G. W. Rodine, Passenger Traffic Manager, left, and C. E. Moehring, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent at Tacoma, look on. Tuttle started his railroad career with the Nickel Plate in 1907 and 17 years later joined the NP in Los Angeles as Traveling Passenger Agent. He has been City Passenger and Ticket Agent at Tacoma since 1930.

#### RETIREMENTS

Very best wishes for many more years of peaceful, happy living to the following employes who retired. May their years of loyal service bring their just rewards and may their memories of Northern Pacific be always pleasant ones.

NAME	OCCUPATION	LOCATION	YEARS	NAME	OCCUPATION	LOCATION	YEARS SERVICE
Dolly H. Richards	PBX Operator	Seattle	42	Mossop Wheatley	Car Distributor	Missoula	46
Carl O. Carlson	Section Stockman	So. Tacoma	38	Samuel A. Sandie	Bill Clerk	Bismarck	36
Floyd W. Louquet	Agent-Telegrapher	Warm Springs	43	James H. McEntire	Conductor	Livingston	42
Arthur Illian	Carman	Pasco	33	Phillip Lelos	Roundhouse Laborer	Livingston	44
Harry L. Gibson	Chf Clk to Agent	Bellingham	41	Howard G. Eseke	Locomotive Engineer	Parkwater	47
Swan H. Olauson	Patrolman	Minneapolis	43	Joseph E. Moser	Janitor - Watchman	Duluth	41

#### THREE TACOMA YARDMEN RETIRED DECEMBER 1



A. J. GAUDETTE, switch foreman, after 48 years' service and without a reportable injury.



W. P. BENIGNI, switch-tender, after 40 years' service and without a reportable injury.



C. J. ROONEY, yardman, after 43 years' service.



E. A. ZWEIGLE, sectionman at Goodrich, N.D., retired recently after 37 years' service, during which he never had a reportable injury, and his roadmaster states he was always on the job prepared for any type of work or occasion that might arise. From left: Section Foreman O. C. Sheets, Mr. Zweigle, Sectionman J. J. Engel, and Roadmaster R. D. Schlappy.



N. L. MAC LEAN, General Agent at Butte, retired recently after more than 50 years' service, all of which was in the state of Montana.



## NP VETERANS SOCIAL CLUB TACOMA DIVISION

At the quarterly meeting of the Northern Pacific Veterans Social Club, Tacoma Division, the following officers were elected:

> George P. Haas, President Norman Sater, Vice President C. E. Collins, Sec. Treas.

C. R. HANSEN, Architect in the Engineering Department, St. Paul, retired December 31. Pictured at a retirement party in his honor are Mr. and Mrs. Hansen and their four sons.



SHOPMEN AND STORE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYES AT MISSISSIPPI STREET, ST. PAUL, honored nine of their employes who retired during the past year at a party December 7 at the American Legion Hall.

From left: K. J. Eljenbolm, retired; Mrs. F. M. Cich, F. M. Cich, retired; Swan Olson, retired; A. M. Bernin;

Master Mechanic C. J. Wirth; Mrs. Ruth Bernin, retired; Division Storekeeper J. F. Dille; Superintendent Motive Power O. J. Murphy; C. M. Stemig, M.C.; C. W. Kreyer, retired; A. G. Kress, retired; Assistant Roundhouse Foreman G. A. Hill; Mrs. A. G. Kress; General Foreman E. D. Cantwell; Warren Kress. Not shown in the picture and also retired: J. C. Repko, E. F. Wenner, and Lynn Oakes.



#### Northern Pacific Beneficial Association



St. Paul Hospital employes gathered in the Hospital's dining room the afternoon of December 20th for their annual Christmas party. The room was beautifully decorated with a lovely tree, complete with packunderneath. wreaths and candles in the windows and green table cloths. The buffet table was very attractive with its gold centerpiece, candles and colorful cookies and cakes. As in the past, the food was both delicious and plentiful, and the Dietary Department is to be congratulated for the outstanding work they did in preparing the varied menu.

Sally Sweet of the St. Paul Red Cross Blood Center provided entertainment by singing folk songs and

leading the group in Christmas carols.

Prizes were awarded to those who were adjudged winners of the window painting contest. Throughout the entire hospital talent of many employes was in evidence, and the judges had a most difficult decision to make in deciding who the winners should be.

Carol Lovhaug, Nurse Aide, was awarded first prize for the Decorative Division and Ludwina Budziszewski, Aide, was named winner of first place in the Natural Scene Division.

Congratulations to all who participated. We are sorry space does not permit more pictures to be published.

From left: Dorotby Nelson, Betty Ublman, and Carol Mason, Glendive.

The annual Christmas party for Glendive Hospital employes was held in the Nurses' Home Friday, December 16th. The home was beautifully decorated with a tree and ornaments

Open house was held during the entire afternoon, and gifts were exchanged by the employes. Christmas cookies and cakes were furnished by the Medical Staff and served by Ida Seeberger, Director of Nurses, and Dorothy Nelson, Dietary Supervisor.

Glendive employes also participated in a window painting contest and Hazel Nerison, Aide, placed first in the competition and Shirley Kettner, Nurse, won second prize.

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Although confined to the hospital for Christmas, patients in St. Paul Hospital were not overlooked, thanks to the thoughtfulness of the Northern Pacific Veterans Social Club and in the Duluth-Superior employes

Again this year this group of people, both active and retired, joined forces to present a Christmas Fund to the hospital in the amount of \$306.13 to purchase gifts for the patients. The portion unused for gifts will be used for other patient

needs.

area.

We are sure that all who contributed to this fund enjoyed a truly Joyous Christmas knowing that they had made the day more pleasant for those less fortunate than themselves.

These two paintings tied for first prize in Religious Division



By Hilda Rentz.

Nurse Aide



By Lucille Nikodyn, Nurse,

Runner-up in Religious Division

By Sue Potter, Nurse



We are sorry that we have no report from Tacoma Hospital on their Christmas party or hospital decorations. However, we know in past years employes have looked forward to this annual get-together and have put a great deal of time and effort into their decorative scheme for the Holiday Season. We are sure this year was no exception.

Employes of Missoula Hospital met in the hospital's recreation room December 16th for their traditional Christmas party. An outstanding variety of Christmas foods was served. Community singing added much to the festivities, and everyone present enjoyed the party.

The annual window painting contest at Missoula got off to a slow start, and we are sorry we have no pictures or winners' names to publish.

## A NEW YEAR AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

We are now in a new year with new opportunities for accomplishing greater improvements in the prevention of all types of injuries, both on and off the job.

It is only through the wholehearted cooperation of each and every employe that good results are obtained. Those who contribute to the safety program by working safely are the ones who receive the greatest benefit from it.

At the beginning of the New Year it is felt that it might not be amiss to call attention to the Safety Rules and more especially to the need of their enforcement and obedience to them. Lest anyone have a mistaken idea as to the purpose of the Safety Rules, their primary purpose is one of instruction to employes as to conditions and practices that are unsafe and how to avoid them. Every rule contained in the book is based on some accident that has occurred on this or some other railroad.

Sometimes it is surprising to note the attitude of some employes toward these rules. They do not seem to realize that they were made for their protection. Every employe should familiarize himself with the rules governing his employment.

OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOURS FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.



NEVER QUIT LEARNING HOW TO LIVE SAFELY

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You make possible a national research program which is seeking to find preventives for crippling birth defects and arthritis, and to speed the day when everyone will be protected against polio . . .

You help train research workers, doctors, nurses, therapists and others who give care to the afflicted. Your donation is an investment in better health!

EMPLOYE OF THE MONTH



J. M. Quinn

Conductor J. M. Quinn, of Billings, Montana, is a 50-year veteran without a reportable injury. He has been a conductor on Trains 25 and 26, between Billings and Butte, since their inauguration.

As a hobby he raises thoroughbred quarter horses and at the present time he has eight. He is a past president of the Billings Saddle Club.