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Yellowstone Park's geyser basins contain more and bigger geysers than any other in the world and most famous of all is Old Faithful because of its clock-like

regularity. Every hour, day and night, this star performer roars into action, sending its column of boiling water and steam 150 feet or more into the sky.

MEMO ... FROM THE PRESIDENT

The unfortunate derailment of the North Coast Limited at Evaro, June 10th, was a tragic accident.

In a matter of seconds, our 62-year record of no passenger fatalities was shattered. I am sure you share my grief for the family of the little girl who was killed and my deep concern for the people who were injured in the accident.

It is my fervent hope that the distress and concern we feel over this accident will mark an important mile-post in a renewed dedication to safety on the part of every NP employee, in any capacity he or she serves.

To successfully accomplish this objective demands strict observance of all operating and safety rules and calls for literal and accurate translation of all such rules into daily on-the-job practice.

But above all, it requires an acute awareness of our personal responsibility in protecting and insuring the safety and security of our passengers.

John Stacfarlane

YELLOWSTONE PARK TOURS REDUCED RATES

Yellowstone National Park tours at reduced rates have been authorized again for Northern Pacific employes and their families by the Yellowstone Park Company.

The rates will be effective through August 31 and include in-park transportation, lodging at hotels and all meals.

Five 2½-day tours and one 3½-day tour are available, ranging from \$41.95, adult price for the In Gardiner-Out Gardiner tour, to \$57.45 for In Cody-Out Red Lodge, plus \$1.25 to \$1.63 U.S. transportation tax in all cases. Children 5 through 11 pay slightly more than one-half of the adult rate, while the 3-and 4-year-olds are charged less than one-fourth full rate.

For example, the first tour mentioned above covers two nights' lodging and eight meals, plus transportation between gateways. Visitors spend the first night at Old Faithful Inn, the second at Lake Hotel. Rates: Adults, \$41.95; children 5 through 11, \$22.70, and children 3 and 4, \$10.20, plus \$1.25 tax in each instance.

The tour which enters the park via Red Lodge and the Northeast entrance and exits through Gardiner costs the adult \$44.45, children 5 through 11 \$25.20 and the 3-and 4-year-olds \$10.20, all plus \$1.50 tax. In this case there are two nights' lodging and seven meals plus transportation, and the tourists stay the first night at Lake Hotel, the second at Old Faithful.

Remaining tours are in Gardiner-Out Cody, In Gardiner-Out Red Lodge, In Red Lodge-Out Cody and In Cody-Out Red Lodge.

These tours afford employes the opportunity of making complete tours which are identical to those for which the ordinary traveler must pay from \$54.45 to \$72.30 and tax.

For further information and arrangements, interested employes should communicate with the passenger department in St. Paul or the nearest passenger representative.

MISSOULA PLAYS HOST TO SCORES OF NP VETERANS



(Left) Going over papers in connection with arrangements for the convention - Spencer Olson, president of the 'Vets'; Division Superintendent D. H. King, general chairman, and T. T. (Red) Thorson, past president and also one of the committee chairmen of the convention.

(Right) This scene was repeated many times as veterans greeted each other on arrival for the annual convention. Spencer Olson, left, is shown greeting R. A. Kuehlwein, St. Paul, retired Engineering Department chief clerk.



A gala, three-day schedule of events keynoted the 38th annual convention of the Veterans Association of the Northern Pacific Railway held this year in Missoula, Montana, from June 1 through 3.

Representing all crafts and trades, association members are those time-honored railroaders who have chalked up a record of twenty-five years or more with Northern Pacific Railway.

Registration for members, wives and families took place in the lobby of the Florence Motor Hotel, June 1, starting at 9 a.m.

Fun, festivity, reminiscence and nostalgia highlighted convention activities as old friends and associates gathered to re-



OFFICERS OF VETERANS ASSOCIATION, Northern Pacific Railway: From left, Retiring President Spencer Olson, Missoula; Vice President George F. Bauer, Seattle; Senior Director Carl A. Nyman, Missoula; President George J. Gravem, Duluth; Director George A. Pringle, St. Paul; New Director Byron L. Linnane, Seattle, and Secretary-Treasurer Elmer F. Slayter, St. Paul.

new friendships and to recall experiences rooted deeply in the magic of the "rails." Main events were the Friday evening open house in the Elks Club; the Saturday night banquet, followed by the Old Timers' Dance; the smorgasbord breakfast Sunday.



From left: C. G. Stillman and Jack Best (retiring officers of the Chapter); Jack Flagg and Don Dixon. Inset is Henry V. Showers.

The annual banquet of the EVERGREEN CHAPTER OF THE MORSE TELEGRAPH CLUB, INC., was held at the New Yorker Restaurant, Tacoma, April 28.

President C. G. Stillman, Chief Dispatcher at Tacoma, acted as master of ceremonies. Highlights of the evening were the presentation of a past President's certificate to Jack Lenhart, telegrapher, Puyallup, and honoring three members who recently retired: Henry Showers, Agent, Kelso; John Hartl, telegrapher at 15th Street Tower; and A. L. Napper, telegrapher at Bremerton. Robert Overlie entertained with his accordion and Dave Kelly acted as magician. Most of those present enjoyed an opportunity to telegraph on the nation-wide circuit furnished courtesy of the Western Union.

New officers elected were: President, Don Dixon; Sec.-Treas. Jack Flagg; Historians Pete Johnson and Charlie Folsom; Vice Presidents, Bruce Cedarholm, Bob Beck, Dick Barney, Jack Lenhart, Jack Best, Sam Elmore, Ralph Ozura, Mrs. Jack Flagg, Pinky Miles, Andy Kelly, Henry Showers, and Pearl Jacobson.





Bonnie Ulstad (Low Gross Winner), B. Montgomery, Marge Branko, and D. Meyer.



J. G. Heimsjo, H. L. Bradbury, B. V. Coyer, H. J. Walters



From Duluth: R.B.Peer, C.E.Mausolf, J.Facette and D. C. Bostrom. From Aitkin, A. Bergquist



W. T. Wheeler, J. K. Wheeler, R. Young, A. Foss (Little Falls)



From Duluth: H. Eilers, H. Norley, G. Nelson (Winner Low Gross); E. Stapleton



J. Diesen, B. Juba, D. Mikkelson, and E. Tbill



W. J. Webb, W. H. Goodyear, E. E. Chapman, H. C. Hoving



G. Wabman, A. Carlson, D. Michaels, and R. Paul



E. L. Meade, J. A. Risendal, I. C. Lawson, D. B. Lewis (Staples)



Wm. Egan, Wm. Klein, and J. Moore



B. Mahmood, B. Kinney, E. Sanders, and C. Langrud



G. E. Carlson, L. K. Goodman, G. Crupi, J. W. Kenaley



R. Germain, J. E. Couchey, Jr., Kenneth Jorgensen, H. W. Schramm, Jr.



P. Loveland, J. Schmidt, B. O'Gorman and son, S. Seivert

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE AS-SOCIATION OF RAILWAY BUSINESS WOMEN held its annual turnover dinner at the 'Gas Light,' Minneapolis, on June 21st, with 44 members in attendance.

Officers installed for the coming year were, from left, Huella Wolf, Treasurer; Mary Cox, Secretary; Agnes Taruscio, Co-chairman, and Betty Kinney, Chairman, with Georgia Mealey, Past Division Chairman installing.

The officers were presented with flowers of various colors: purple denoting Leadership; blue - Dependability; gold - Quality; green - Integrity.





Forty-five years of railroad service came to a close June 30th with the retirement of Communications Department Chief Clerk Carl F. Houdek, fourth from left. Among those present at a party held in the office in his honor June 22nd, were, left to right: M. H. O. Fisher, retired chief clerk; Frank Sjoberg, retired general foreman; D. D. Lowe, general foreman; Mr. Houdek and son Carl; D. C. Hill, Superintendent of Communications; E. J. Kuehlwein,

retired division accountant; H. G. Hanson, retired Assistant Auditor Disbursements; W. E. Carroll, Auditor-Valuation Accounts, W. R. Pettitt, supervisor, and W. J. Jeffrey, clerk.

Mr. Houdek became Division Accountant, Communications Department in 1953 and was promoted to Chief Clerk in 1959, which position he held until his retirement.

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1962, 94 NORTHERN PACIFIC GENERAL OFFICE EMPLOYES DONATED BLOOD TO THE RED CROSS.



"BARNEY" M. WHALEN, St. Paul Division conductor, left, accepts congratulations from Brakeman Les Walters on his last run before retirement. Mr. Whalen began railroading May 10, 1917, and retired officially June 1 of this year.



Director of Purchases W. K. Smallridge presents gift to L. C. Johnston (right).



← LYNDON C. JOHNSTON, Stationer, retired July 1 after more than 40 years of continuous service with the company.

Starting as a clerk in the office of Auditor Freight Accounts in 1921, Mr. Johnston moved to the Purchasing Department as chief clerk to the Stationer in 1923, which position he held until his promotion to Stationer in 1959.

In his retirement, Mr. Johnston plans to pursue his favorite pastimespectator sports, to the fullest extent possible.

RETIREMENTS SINCE LAST ISSUE OF TELL TALE

NAME	OCCUPATION	LOCATION	YEARS	NAME	OCCUPATION	LOCATION	YEARS	
Harold M. Axtelle	Axtelle A.F.E.Clerk Tacoma 43		43	Walter Hirschey	Brakeman	Staples	38	
Axel J. Nelson	Car Inspector	St. Paul	39	Anselm Heintz	Section Laborer	Prosser	21	
W. G. Sherman	Section Laborer	Wilton	34	C. W. Siegenthaler	Car Distributor	Spokane	55	
Fred Carpenter	Yardmaster	Superior	34	John Robinson	Dining Car Waiter	Seattle	26	
Emil W. Straus	Section Foreman	Lucca	34	James E. Custer	City Frt.& Psgr.Agt.	Portland	44	
Lyle J. Seavy	Section Laborer	Huntley	36	Joseph M. Thoma	B&B Foreman	St. Paul	43	
F. H. Kupker	Locomotive Engineer	Duluth	37	M. P. Merkle	Blacksmith Shop Frm.	So. Tacoma	42	
Albert G. Olson	Brakeman	Duluth	44	C. J. Schultz	Engineer	Spokane	43	
Genevieve Smith	Stenographer	Livingston	27	Clifford R. Mason	Signal Maintainer	Glendive	39	
Michael L. Collins	Crossing Watchman	Duluth	55					



Retiring June 1st after more than 48 years' service with the Northern Pacific, J. H. RYAN, District Accountant, was honored at a dinner at 'Conroys,' St. Paul.

At the head table, from left: Mrs. D. J. Wigstrom, Mr. Wigstrom, Mrs. R. T. Woodruff, Mr. Woodruff, Mrs. J. A.

Hoolihan, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Hoolihan, Mrs. E. L. Ordell, Mr. Ordell, Mrs. H. A. Speer, and Mr. Speer, who was appointed District Accountant, succeeding Mr. Ryan.

Inset, making gift presentation to Mr. Ryan is Comptroller E. L. Ordell (right).



Wm. Christensen 41 years



H. E. Montgomery 43 years



M. E. Kerben 41 years



A. H. Kurpius 25 years

150 YEARS OF SERVICE RETIRING. Four old-timers at BRAINERD SHOPS retired June 1 - Machinist William Christensen, Carman H. E. Montgomery, Carman M. E. Kerben, and Carman A. H. Kurpius. Their combined service equals more than 150 years without a reportable accident, and Brainerd Shops is indeed proud of this record.

All four men have one common interest, namely, fishing in the area once occupied by Paul Bunyan, in addition to their other hobbies -- some interested in hunting, gardening and some traveling.



JOSEPH R. HARRIS, clerk, Auditor Disbursements, St. Paul, retired June 1 after nearly 50 years of service. Mr. and Mrs. Harris were honored at a dinner at the Mapleleaf Lounge, June 7, at which time Mr. Harris was presented with a purse. The Harris's are planning a trip to California.

From left, Harold Purcell, Frank Quiter, Joe Harris, Otto Hable, and Emil Winter. (Since the above picture was taken Mr. Winter passed away suddenly.)



Northern Pacific Beneficial Association



CHIEF SURGEON APPOINTMENT

Dr. Alexander McEwan has been appointed N.P.B.A. Chief Surgeon, Eastern District, effective June 1, 1962, to succeed Dr. B. I. Derauf retired.

Dr. McEwan is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh Medical School and spent four years at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester before joining the St. Paul Hospital staff

in 1938.



He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha, an honorary society in medicine, a member of the Ramsey County Medical Society, the Ameri-

can Medical Association, the Alumni Society of the Mayo Foundation and other medical organizations, both local and national.

Dr. and Mrs. McEwan have a residence in St. Paul and a home on the St. Croix River. There he has an opportunity to relax and indulge in his many and varied interests, one of which is gem cutting.

Lyman S. Marsh, AFE Clerk, District Accounting Office, Tacoma, has been appointed by the Board of Directors to complete the unexpired term of George Haas as Western District Director.

Mr. Marsh began service with the



Northern Pacific at Parkwater in 1918.

He is married and has one child.

His background of accounting and activity in organi-

zational work will be an asset to the N.P.B.A., and we look forward to our Association with him. Sam Bongiovanni, representative of the Carmen, will take over the office of General Chairman of Carmen on July 8.

This has been Mr. Bongiovanni's first term as a Director of this Association, and we are sorry to lose his services.

We extend best wishes to him for success in his new career.

His position on the Board of Directors will be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term. George P. Haas, Western District Director, retired June 30 after 47 years of service with the NP. He has served on the Association's Board for the past ten years, and his sincere interest and wise counsel will be missed.

We wish him many years of good health and pleasure.

HAVE YOU COMPARED YOUR NPBA BENEFITS WITH BENEFITS OF OTHER PLANS?

We are always pleased when members take time to write us letters of the type re-printed here:

"I became a member of the N.P.B.A. when I went to work in 1921, and so on May 27th it was 41 years that I had the luck and fortune to belong to this fine Association! And having been in poor health for some years now, I have found it a tower of much strength and a source that has belped keep me from extreme worry thru these long periods of illness. For without it, I would indeed have had much to worry and feel uncomfortable about. If I had had to pay or carry regular health hospitalization insurance thru all these years, it would have indeed been hard. But for a small average amount, I was able to get the best treatment medically, as well as personally, fine, courteous nursing employe attention. So it is with deep and sincere appreciation and thanks that I write this note to you, and I pray that we will all continue to have the benefit of this wonderful service for years to come. To all the fine and friendly help at the bospital in every branch of that service, and to the fine folks who are serving or have served thru the years in official capacities to see that service carried along and ever bettered, I am eternally grateful to one and all. May God continue to bless and prosper each of you and give you health to continue this fine and merciful work. Enclosed is a check for \$5.00 to be used for whatever is best.

> W. A. Armitage (signed) Ret. W.H.F., Bemidji

OUR THANKS TO

... Glenn Adams, Locomotive Engineer, Minneapolis for his contribution of \$10.00 to the St. Paul Hospital in appreciation of care given him as a patient. Antonio Altobelli, Sectionman, Dilworth, for \$4.50 donated for St. Paul Hospital (one of several contributions by Mr. Altobelli). . . . and Mr. Armitage for the \$5.00 sent with the letter quoted above.

Gifts of this nature are most helpful to the Association. THE NEED FOR BLOOD IS ALWAYS

WITH US!

HAVE YOU GIVEN RECENTLY?

IF NOT, WON'T YOU MAKE AN

APPOINTMENT TO DO SO, NOW?



TIPS FOR KEEPING

Air-conditioning units are wonderful contrivances, but the best of them cannot hold a candle to the ingenious cooling system nature built into your body.

When the mercury soars, nerve endings near your skin flash warning signals to your brain. A "thermostat" there promptly activates your body's two main defenses against hot weather:

- You produce perspiration which evaporates, and thus cools your flesh.
- Your cooled flesh removes excess heat from your blood as it circulates from your internal organs and muscles to the surface of your body and back again.

This system can't make you feel really cool when the weather is very hot, but it makes heat much easier to endure.

Lightweight, porous clothing that fits loosely keeps air circulating around your body and thus speeds the evaporative process. Light colors are best because the sun bounces off them.

Food needs are the same on hot days as any others. If you don't get enough proteins, carbohydrates and fats, you'll feel sluggish, and the heat will bother you more, so don't try to live on fruits and salads. It's good, however, to reduce the amount of food you eat at any one time.

You'll need lots of liquid to replace the moisture lost by perspiring. Drink 10 to 12 glasses of liquids a day, either hot or cold. (You loose salt, too, when you perspire, so add a bit more salt to your food.)

Lukewarm baths and showers are much more cooling than icy ones which stimulate circulation. However, immersing your hands and forearms in a bowl of cold water, and splashing your temples with it will refresh you.

STATEMENT OF EMPLOYEES' REPORTABLE CASUALTIES BY CLASSES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY I TO JUNE 30, 1962

		Divisions					Main Shops					
	Lake Supr.	St. Paul	Fargo	Yellowstone	Rocky Mtn.	Idaho	Тасота	Como	Brainerd	Livingston	So. Tacoma	Total
Enginemen	1	3		1	5	3	3					16
Trainmen	2	6	- 1	- 1	5	10	7					32
Yardmen	4	9	- 1	6	2	2	8					32
Stationmen	2	3		-1	1	2						9
Trackmen			- 1	2	3	- 1	7					14
B & B. men						- 1	4					5
Shopmen		2	2		2				.1	2		9
Carmen	1	2		3			- 1	-1	1			19
Total	10	25	5	14	18	19	30	- 1	2	2	0	126
Rank	3	7	1	2	6	4	5	2	3	4	1	
Store									1			1
Dining Car												3
Engineering												7
Signal												
Chief Spl. Agent												
Communications Dept.												1
Electrical Engr.	-				-							- 1
General Office	-			-	-	-				-		2
King St. Station	-			-	-							1 2
Miscellaneous												
Grand Total	10	25	5	14	18	19	30	-	3	2	0	143

PERSONALS

The following appointments were announced recently:

- M. W. MONTGOMERY, Assistant Superintendent Car Department, Seattle
- J. A. CARLSON, Chief Clerk, Communications Department, St. Paul
- L. J. STEINER, Valuation Engineer, Communications Department, St. Paul
- M. W. FLANNERY, Main Line Roadmaster, Fargo
- I. E. SMITH, Branch Line Roadmaster, Fargo

Keep windows open at night to let the cooler air in; close them by day to trap this cooler air inside.

An extra hour of sleep will help restore the energy sapped by heat; your bed will keep cooler if you sleep on sheets which are tight and unwrinkled.

> (From Tower Talk Equitable Life of Iowa)

ON THE JOB FOR SAFETY!

Each of these ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION SECTION CREWS has completed ten years or more without a reportable injury.

They were on former Roadmaster A. G. Erskine's district and are now on Roadmaster H. J. Rojan's district.



Missoula, Montana



Arlee, Montana