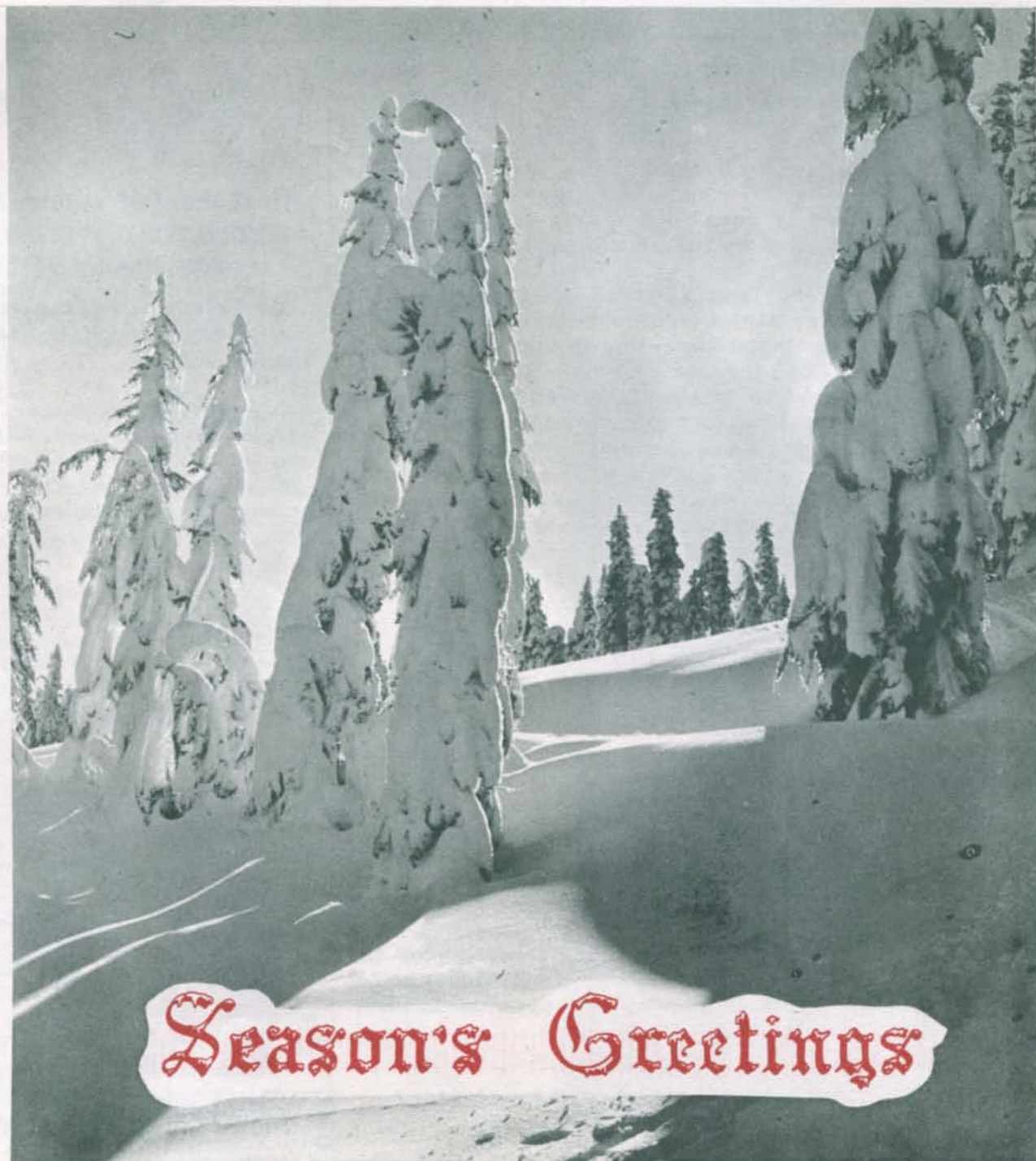




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MEMO . . . FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, I am reminded of the words of Charles B. Kettering, former vice-president of General Motors research, who said, "We should all be concerned about the future because we will all have to spend the rest of our lives there."

As members of the large Northern Pacific family, our future is closely bound to the railroads and it is only natural that we should be vitally interested in the welfare of our nation's most necessary transportation facility. A strong, progressive rail system means a brighter future for all of us.



Next year, 1963, may well be a year of destiny for the rails. Legislation to bring about a loosening of the strangling regulations which make it impossible for railroads to compete on an equal basis with other modes of transportation will be before the 88th Congress which convenes January 9.

Here is an excerpt from a speech by Roy E. Davidson, Grand Chief Engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at the New England meeting of the BLE and GIA in Boston, October 27, 1962.

"And so I ask of you in this audience - members of the Brotherhood and of our Auxiliary - to begin preparing for legislative activity when the next Congress convenes. Be prepared to write your Representatives and Senators in support of bills to give the railroads rate-making flexibility. Be prepared to support adequate user charges so that rival forms of transportation will no longer have their hands so deep in the public till. Be prepared to write letters to editors of your hometown papers and to talk common sense in transportation policy with your friends and neighbors.

"As many of you know, our Brotherhood, the oldest transportation labor organization on this continent, will be 100 years old on May 8th of next year. I can think of no more appropriate centennial activity than for us to take the lead in advancing the cause of sound national transportation policy and equal treatment for the railroads."



As the year draws to a close, we celebrate one of the most meaningful of all holiday occasions. Best wishes to all of you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Robert MacFarlane

Fight TB



Use Christmas Seals



TO MEMBERS OF VETERANS ASSOCIATION, NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY

The dates for the 1963 convention to be held in Minneapolis have been changed from June 7-8-9 to June 14-15-16.

On Sunday, June 16, there will be a double-header ball-game, Minnesota Twins vs Los Angeles.

We need new members! How about sending in a new application?



Effective December 1, STANLEY E. COLLUM is appointed Research Analyst, Freight Traffic Department, with headquarters at St. Paul.



NEW MODERN CABOOSSES ARE NOW IN SERVICE

Fifty new cabooses, combining the latest features of safety and utility, are going into Northern Pacific service. Delivery was begun in October by the builders, the International Corporation of Buffalo, N.Y., and will be completed by the end of the year.

Built almost entirely of steel, the exceptions being the plywood lining and the floor, the cabooses are equipped with a steel "grab bar" which extends along the ceiling center of the car, safety glass windows, seat belts in the cupola, and electric lights throughout, including track lights, marker and step safety lights. Corners on lockers, handrails, etc., have been rounded to help reduce injuries from slack action.

The traditional pot-bellied stove, which was usually topped with a cooking pot and a percolator, has given way to an oil-burning space heater and, for cooking, a propane-fired, two-burner stove. A cabinet unit, of which the stove is a part, also contains a gas-operated refrigerator with a built-in water cooler and a sink. An overhead tank supplies water by gravity to the sink and cooler.

Each caboose is further equipped with two high-backed, leather-covered, foam-filled conductor chairs at desks in the front and rear. Large thermopane observation windows have been provided above the desks. Two-channel radios including loud speakers are installed at each of the desks, while a third set hangs on a wall between the two cupola seats. This represents an advance from radio equipment used in earlier installations, the modifications coming as a result of increased size of the cabooses and the necessity of providing electricity for lighting and a blower on the Incinolet. These innovations were designed by the Communications Department.

Least apparent, but surely one of the biggest improvements, is a new cushioned underframe which reduces the impact that accompanies starting and stopping.



New Steel Caboose Ready for Service



Shopman Installing Radio. Inset is Completed Installation.



End View of Caboose

Caboose Cupola Chair Equipped with Seat Belts.



Inside View of Caboose Showing Stored Electric Marker Lamps, Stove, Table, Bunks, etc.





Winter Carnival

Seated - From left: Marcia Maxson, NP Princess Carol Tako, and Synnove Anderson.

Standing - Barbara Olson, Bonnie Petersen, Mary Lou McGinn, Karen Kruse, and Sandra Evjen.

Chosen to represent the Northern Pacific Railway in the ST. PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL, which will be held January 25 thru February 3, is Carol Tako. Princess Carol was selected from the above group of contestants from the General Office, St. Paul.

Boreas Rex XXVI, Wesley M. (Bud) Chandler looks on while Lady in Waiting Dorothyann Wegscheider places crown on Princess Carol.



NP-SPONSORED JUNIOR ACHIEVERS IN ST. PAUL WILL MARKET HANDY UTILITY HOLDER

Northern Pacific once again has offered guidance to a Junior Achievement company in St. Paul. As in all such projects, the company was formed to give high school youngsters experience in operating an actual business.

The company -- called NORPAC -- this year is engaged in the production and sale of a utility holder for hanging up household or garden tools such as brooms and rakes. The 15 to 19-year old Junior Achievers handle all phases of the operation, from the assembly of the product right through to actual sales.

Northern Pacific advisers to its St. Paul JA company are: From left, Harold Carlson of the Auditor Passenger & Station Accounts Department; John F. Hanson, Auditor of Freight Accounts, and Loren R. Wuttké, Statistics Department.



From left: Mr. Wood, L. S. Davis, Western Freight Traffic Manager (Rates and Divisions) and E. M. Stevenson, Assistant Vice President-Traffic, St. Paul.

Retiring after 38 years of service in the Freight Traffic Department, Seattle, ARTHUR A. WOOD, Chief Rate Quotation Clerk, was honored at a dinner held at the Arctic Club, Seattle. Also present besides Mr. and Mrs. Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wood (his son and his wife) and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson (his daughter and her husband.)

SPOKANE CHAPTER, R.B.W.A. SPONSORS PUBLIC AFFAIRS DINNER

Left to right: John M. Budd, A. J. Seitz, Beula A. Stratton (General Chairman, Spokane Chapter, NARBW), Frances A. Krimmel, Kathlene E. McNally, (president Spokane Chapter, NARBW), L. H. Dugan, and Dean H. Eastman.



The Spokane Lilac Chapter, National Association of Railway Business Women, sponsored a Public Affairs dinner for three-hundred local civic leaders to acquaint them with the railroad story.

Northern Pacific members of the Lilac Chapter, Louise Berg, Jo Batty, Betty Chamberlain, Joyce Nelson, Adeline Eaton, Louise Sonnenburg and Gunly Peterson were active in arrangements for this dinner.

Attending the dinner were John M. Budd, St. Paul, president of the Great Northern; Dean H. Eastman, vice-president, Northern Pacific; Larry Dugan, vice-president of the Milwaukee and A. J. Seitz, vice-president of the Union Pacific. The railroad executives served on a panel and answered questions from the floor.

Public support of federal legislation which would provide equal com-



petitive opportunity for all forms of transportation was urged by all four railroad executives. All said that relaxing regulations imposed on the railroads would eliminate inequities among the different modes of transportation and result in less costly transportation and improved facili-

ties and services to shippers and the traveling public.

Mrs. Frances Krimmel of the Women's Division Association of American Railroads, Washington, D.C., was present and participated as moderator in the panel discussion.

WILLIAM HERZOG, Agent-Telegrapher at Nome, N.D., retired recently after 56 years of service. Mr. and Mrs. Herzog have lived in the railroad station at Nome for 45 years. They have one daughter who was born in the railroad station.



FISH STORY

Three neighborhood youngsters are all eyes as Russell Laming, checker at NP's Butte freighthouse, holds up a 12-pound rainbow trout he caught last summer on the South Fork of the Big Hole River near Wisdom in southwest Montana. Mr. Laming said he caught the fish on a No. 6 hook on a two-way spinner.

The catch holds the 1962 record for a stream caught rainbow entered at Butte as of this date. Entry has been made with RIVER & STREAM magazine and opinions indicate a good chance of high recognition in that publication's record competition.

The boys are brothers, Joe, Arthur and Jim Dick.



RALPH E. McALLISTER, clerk in Division Superintendent's office at Spokane, receives 45-year service pin from Superintendent N. M. Lorentzen.

RETIREMENTS SINCE LAST ISSUE OF TELL TALE

NAME	OCCUPATION	LOCATION	YEARS SERVICE	NAME	OCCUPATION	LOCATION	YEARS SERVICE
Bryan L. Linnane	Yardmaster	Seattle	48	C. C. McIlrath	Clk-Ind.Dev.Dept.	St. Paul	46
Alfred Benjamin	B&B Painter	Tacoma	34	Samuel B. Warren	Brakeman	Livingston	46
Steve J. Toth	Machinist	So. Tacoma	27	H. W. Stahnke	Chf.Cl.Investigator	St. Paul	44
Clarence A. Swant	Locomotive Engineer	Missoula	49	A. H. Gandenberger	Section Laborer	Whitehall	27
John D. Jones	Waiter	St. Paul	42	Antrim B. Snook	Traveling Signal Maintainer	Seattle	44
James L. Olson	Section Laborer	Morris	37	Walter M. Meland	Asst.B&B Supervisor	Glendive	46
Clyde A. Livesay	Brakeman	Jamestown	44	Harold Dyrness	Check Clerk	Seattle	43
Wilmot W. Tisdale	Locomotive Engineer	Livingston	46	Carl H. Johnson	Truckman	St. Paul	35
G. E. Sherwood	Roundhouse Laborer	Pasco	39	William J. Tobin	Switchman	Seattle	21
Clyde E. Minear	Wrecker Foreman	Seattle	27	Mike Bargas	Section Laborer	Mission	36
Lewis L. Todd	Warehouse Foreman	Tacoma	45	John C. Perrin	Carman	Brainerd	21
Hugh R. Cumming	Agent	Helena	47	R. W. Srigley	Switchtender	Duluth	33
Jasper L. Tucker	B&B Carpenter	Fargo	20	Caleb C. Heath	Chief Clerk	Glendive	44
Carl A. Meyers	Drawbridge Leverman	Duluth	43	Herman L. Colby	Locomotive Engineer	Pasco	53
C. J. Schulze	Locomotive Engineer	Glendive	50				
Ernest Schramm	Machinist	Tacoma	23				

More than 120 NP employes, friends and relatives of FLOYD CRONANDER, of South Tacoma, attended a retirement party in his honor on November 1. Mr. Cronander started his employment with NP in 1921 and in 1936 was made Chief Clerk to Shop Superintendent at South Tacoma, from which position he retired. Mr. and Mrs. Cronander will visit their son and his family at Los Gatos. "Cro" intends to continue his interest in the South Park Community Center and the South Tacoma Business Club.



Night Train Supervisor JOE SHESKERIN, of the office of General Superintendent Transportation St. Paul, and Mrs. Sheskerin were honored guests at a retirement party at Northwood Country Club. Joe retired after 49 years of service with the Northern Pacific.



At Yakima, on November 3rd, MISS ISABELLE GROMMES, cashier; MRS. ELIZABETH MASON, telegrapher; and GEORGE W. JOHNSON, Sr. clerk, were honored by 120 fellow employes and friends at a retirement party. Together they have a combined total of 135 years of service with the Northern Pacific.



From left: Division Roadmaster G.K. Lampbier, Mr. Murray, and Division Superintendent W. W. Walters.

V. J. MURRAY, District Roadmaster, Jamestown, retired from active service of the Northern Pacific as of October 31.

Mr. Murray has never had a personal injury during his 40 years in the NP track department. For the

MRS. FRED (EVA) FISCHER, of Ellensburg, retired after 56 years of tapping the key as a railroad telegrapher. Married at 16 to a telegrapher who taught her the trade, her life and that of her husband has revolved around many railway depots on the Tacoma Division. Her husband retired in 1956 after 53 years in railroad work for the NP.



MR. AND MRS. CHAUNCEY (CHAN) FRYE were photographed at a party given for 'Chan' when he retired as relay telegrapher at Fargo, effective October 1.

During his twenty years' service at Fargo he missed only two weeks of work due to illness.

present Mr. and Mrs. Murray plan on maintaining their residence at Jamestown; later on he intends to enjoy some good fishing, hunting and traveling.



Northern Pacific Beneficial Association



DUES WAIVER BENEFIT

If members wish to receive the dues waiver benefit provided under Article III, Section 2D of the Constitution, B.A. Form 70A, "Application to Continue Membership (For Persons on Sick Leave, Furlough or Force Reduction)" must indicate the specific illness for which leave was granted. The dues waiver benefit is granted for a maximum of six months for any one illness.

If the B.A. 70A does not give this information, dues waiver receipt cannot be issued to member.

MEDICAL SERVICE

The medical staff of each of our hospitals consist of some doctors who, although not Association doctors, do have staff privileges. Members have inquired if they may use the services of these non-Association doctors if hospitalized in N.P.B.A. Hospitals. The matter was considered at a Board of Directors' meeting in October, and to provide further benefits for members, the following action was taken:

"MOVED RULE 5D BE AMENDED BY ADDING, AFTER THE WORDS, 'OTHER EXPENSES SO INCURRED,' THE FOLLOWING:

except that the Association will pay for: (1) examinations covered by Rule 4J and (2) medical and hospital care, nursing service or other expense incurred in an Association hospital under the care and direction of a non-Association physician or surgeon who is an approved member of the staff of an Association hospital. (This does not include the non-Association doctor's bill.) Motion carried."

BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM

The Red Cross Blood Mobile unit visited Glendive November 5. Cheryl Jesse, N.P.B.A. Laboratory Technician, contacted all hospital employees, and their willingness to participate in the drive was very gratifying.

There were 88 donors in Dawson County, just 2 less than the quota of 90. Percentage-wise, our hospital employees, who compose about 3/10 of 1% of the population, contributed 16% of the blood collected.

We congratulate them on their excellent response and are proud of their part in this worthwhile program.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

from the

Officers and Employees of the N.P.B.A.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS CHANGES

Changes made in the N.P.B.A. Constitution and By-Laws during the period from May 18, 1961 through October 31, 1962, are available in sheet form. Copies will be posted on bulletin boards and are available to members upon request to J. C. Tierney, Secretary, 612 N.P. Building, St. Paul.

C. A. Philbrook, N.P.B.A. Purchasing Agent since 1959, was honored at a tea at St. Paul Hospital November 28 prior to departing to take a similar post with Midway and Mounds Hospitals in St. Paul.

We extend best wishes to him.



Elwood Hare

Congratulations to Elwood Hare on his appointment as Purchasing Agent effective December 1. He was employed in 1958 as stock clerk at St. Paul Hospital and transferred to Tacoma Hospital in 1959 to become storekeeper.

Mr. Hare is married and has two children.

We thank Edmund K. Nelson for his outstanding work as temporary Administrator of Glendive Hospital.

Mr. Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, since 1959, took over administrative duties at Glendive until a permanent appointment could be made.

Richard M. Warr was appointed Administrator of Glendive Hospital effective December 1.

Mr. Warr, a native of Idaho, attended Gradwohl School of Laboratory and X-ray Technicians, St. Louis, Missouri, and Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, where he studied Business Administration.

He has been in the hospital field since 1954 and was associated with a hospital group in facilities of various sizes throughout the country.

We welcome Mr. Warr to our administrative staff and are confident his excellent background will be an asset to the N.P.B.A.



Greetings and Best Wishes

Since our last publication we have celebrated Thanksgiving. Surely we are thankful for the many blessings afforded us in a land of peace and freedom, with the privilege of worshipping as we desire.

We should also be grateful for the opportunity of earning a livelihood for ourselves and our loved ones.

The Yuletide Season and New Year will be celebrated soon, and again we shall pause and reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us by our Creator. The season is one of joyful celebration and goodwill, one to another, affording the opportunity of cleansing the mind of any evil thought and remind us that we are all brothers in the sight of our Creator.

Your Safety Department appreciates the loyal support of every employe in its program during the year now ending, and wishes to thank you for your part in what has been accomplished in the saving of lives and prevention of injuries to our employes. We must keep our safety awareness with us at all times and remember there are extra hazards at home and on the highway during the Holiday Season. Keep a sharp lookout for them.

May we extend to each of you our very best wishes for a most joyful and Happy Christmas and a New Year full of good health, happiness and prosperity, free from accidents.

Recipe for Happy Holidays and For All Days in the Year:

1 cup full of blessings

1 full measure of cheer

1 small pinch of care

6 oz. of pleasure

A handful of gladness, plus two of delight

Stir in true friendship and

Warm 'til just right!



STATEMENT OF EMPLOYEES' REPORTABLE CASUALTIES BY CLASSES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1962

	Divisions							Main Shops				
	Lake Supr.	St. Paul	Fargo	Yellowstone	Rocky Mtn.	Idaho	Tacoma	Como	Brainerd	Livingston	So. Tacoma	Total
Enginemen	1	4		2	5	4	4					20
Trainmen	5	8	3	3	10	17	16					62
Yardmen	9	18	1	13	5	6	17					69
Stationmen	2	7	1	2	1	3	2					18
Trackmen	2		3	4	11	6	12					38
B & B. men					2	2	4					8
Shopmen		3	2	1	3	1			1	2		13
Carmen	1	3		3	2	1	3	2	1			16
Total	20	43	10	28	39	40	58	2	2	2	0	244
Rank	3	5	1	2	7	4	6	3	2	4	1	
Store		1							3			4
Dining Car												5
Engineering												6
Signal												3
Chief Spl. Agent												
Communications Dept.												2
Electrical Engr.												1
General Office												4
King St. Station												6
Miscellaneous												
Grand Total	20	44	10	28	39	40	58	2	5	2	0	275
Casualty Rate per Million Man Hours (est.) - - - - -												9.3

Old Man Winter



Watch out for outside steps that are slippery even though they've been cleared of snow and ice.

Watch out for inside steps that may become slippery because of the traffic of shoes carrying slush and mud.

Don't bundle up around the ears so much that you can't hear warning sounds or shouts.

Cars stall easily when they're not warmed up. Make sure your car is ready to go before you pull out into traffic.

If you feel yourself slipping when walking, try to go limp and slump loosely down. Serious injury is more likely to result from falling with the body tense and stiff.