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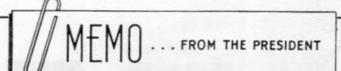
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ECUCATIONAL HONORS - G. R. Powe, general manager-properties industrial development in St. Paul, received an honorary degree recently from the Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology at Butte, Mont. Powe. who received his bachelor and master of science degrees at the Montana school, joined the Northern Pacific in 1943. The honorary degree was awarded in recognition of a professional career spanning more than ten years, five years of which have been in a definitely responsible capacity. It is granted to persons who have contributed in an outstanding way to the furtherance of the engineering profession.

### Our Cover . . .

. . . surrounded by water, this Northern Pacific RDC car cautiously makes its way over inundated countryside near Morris, Manitoba, in April. Spring floods, caused by Red River of the North spilling over its banks, covered miles of Red River Valley extending along Minnesota-North Dakota border into Canada. This aerial view vividly shows extent of wide spread flood waters along certain areas of NP's line between Fargo and Winnipeg.



Construction, which began last June on the 37-mile line change between Mandan and Flasher, N.D., was resumed early this year. Three separate contractors are presently engaged in grading work and it is expected that track laving can begin in July or August. The change was necessary because of the Oahe Dam, about 250 miles downstream on the Missouri River. Water impounded by the huge dam will create a long lake which will inundate our present line.

Other improvements on Northern Pacific lines include the elimination of the Iron Ridge Tunnel, about 14 miles west of Helena. Work started last year will be completed in August of this year. Elimination of this tunnel will remove a severe load-size restriction in this area.

The Grass Valley line change, west of Missoula, is being progressed as rapidly as possible. The new line which will be one mile shorter than the old route, will eliminate some curves and shorten running time by about two minutes. It is expected that this project will be completed in August.

On May 26, President Johnson signed a bill to encourage building of more railroad freight cars. The new measure directs the Interstate Commerce Commission to consider existing replacement costs and incentives in determining future per diem rates on freight cars.

Over a long period of time, Northern Pacific has built and purchased more than its fair share of cars and yet, each year, we are faced with substantial shortages of cars. I am hopeful that the new law will work to return more of our cars to our line and help alleviate the perennial freight car shortage. The new law should encourage other railroads to more nearly own their fair share of the needed national car fleet.

The vital importance of railroads in the American economy and our national defense was highlighted on May 20, by Daniel P. Loomis, A.A.R. President. He said, "With minimal effects on the civilian transportation requirements of America's booming economy, railroads are providing a lifeline by steadily moving arms and equipment to U.S. ports and military supply centers in support of the South Vietnamese armed forces and their American allies."

That they have met the challenge over many months in the South Viet Nam build up, the A.A.R. president added, is attested by the statement of General John J. Lane, commanding officer of the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service citing the "excellent cooperation and support" given

the Department of Defense by the U.S. Railroads.

Alus Hacfalane



SAFETY AWARD PRESENTATION - W. W. Walters, Rocky Mountain division superintendent, center, accepts President's Safety Award from NP president R. S. Macfarlane. F. L. Steinbright, vice president-operating, watches at ceremony in St. Paul. This is the second consecutive year that the division took top divisi and honors.

# Rocky Mountain Division Wins NP Safety Award Second Straight Year

Winners of Northern Pacific's Annual Safety Awards were honored in May in St. Paul as President's Safety Awards were presented to the division, shop and departments establishing the best company safety records for 1965.

For the second straight year, the Rocky Mountain division has won the President's Safety Award, a bronze plaque for compiling the best divisional injury-free record.

In the shop category, St. Paul Como shop took top honors by nosing out the Livingston shops for its President's Award. President's Awards of Merit for 1965 went to Northern Pacific's Signal and General Office departments.

Presentation of the awards was made by NP president Robert S. Macfarlane at ceremonies in the St. Paul General Office.

In addition to the bronze plaques awarded to the divisional and shop winners, each officer and employe in winning category will receive a gift. Rocky Mountain division employes will receive a fine quality pen and pencil set bearing a citation and company monad.

Como shops selected a fine quality leather billfold, similar to June 1966 the kind presented to Rocky Mountain employes last year. The bill-folds will also bear a citation for the 1965 safety record and a company trademark.

#### Rocky Mountain Division

Winning the 1964 award and in three previous consecutive years in 1956-57-58, the Rocky Mountain division won a decisive victory in 1965. It's winning ratio was 7.88 injuries per million man hours worked. This was 3.56 better than next division, Idaho, and 4.11 better than the system ratio of 11,99. Second and third place divisions, Yellowstone, were Idaho separated by only a .45 ratio. Overall ratio spread among divisions ranged from the winning 7.88 to 21.38-

W. W. Walters, Rocky Mountain superintendent, received the top

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# Nipper news bits

. . . NP Employes in the News . . .

J.H.HALVORSEN, general traffic agent for the Northern Pacific at Yakima, Wash., was elected president of the Yakima Area Industrial Council recently.

Halvorsen came to Yakima in 1952 from Walla Walla where he was an NP agent. A native of Pasco, he began his career with the NP in his home town in 1935.

JERRY SCHIMINSKI, NP yard clerk at Northtown, was presented the annual Knights of Columbus Youth Organization merit award recently in the Twin Cities.

Schiminski is athletic director at his St. Anthony parish where he coached four basketball teams during this last season.

He began his NP service in 1950 as a car laborer at Northtown.

J. B. CRUMP, general yardmaster at Spokane, is actively engaged in a unique community service.

Crump, chairman of the Spokane Council of Alcoholism, directs activities related to the Alcoholism Information and Referral Center which operates in conjunction with the Spokane City Health department.

In 1960 he began counseling persons having drinking problems. His helpful work became known by the Spokane Council in 1962 which requested the local NP management to allow him to join their voluntary health agency to represent industry.

Crump recently was given recognition by the National Council on Alcoholism for his work in the Spokane area.

THIRD Annual Golf Tournament of the NP Idaho division will take place July 16 at the Liberty Lake Golf course at Spokane.

Reservations may be made soon

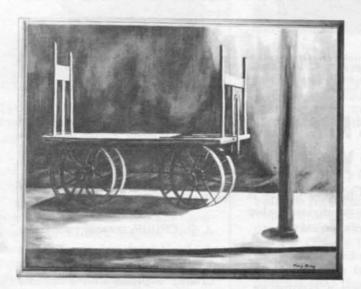
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# U.S. Payroll Savings Plan Offers 7 Important Benefits

SYSTEMATIC.... The Payroll Savings Plan is by far the most effective way for most people to save regularly. You indicate how much you want to save each month and savings continue automatically.

PATRIOTIC.... By enrolling in the Payroll Savings Plan, you are giving valuable support to your country. President Johnson stated, "A successful Savings Bond program is of particular urgency at this time - facing as we do a firm commitment to the defense of freedom in Viet Nam and a strongly rising economy at home."

TAX ADVANTAGES.... The interest on Savings



## Painting of Baggage Wagon on National Art Tour

To most people, a baggage wagon is a baggage wagon, but not so to Mrs. Gordon Gray, an artist living in Valley City, N.D.

Waiting one night to meet her husband at the Northern Pacific station at Valley City, Mrs. Gray was fascinated by a baggage wagon parked under a lamp pole on the station platform.

She made a hurried sketch of the scene on the back of a blank check. Later, she painted the scene in oil on a large canvas. The finished painting was selected by North Dakota's Governor Guy to become part of a national art tour of selections by governors from the 50 states.

The art tour which began at Olympia, Wash., on May 26, winds up July 4, at the National Governor's Conference at Los Angeles.

Governor Guy cited Mrs. Gray, a member of the state Arts and Humanities Council, as one of North Dakota's foremost artists.



#### Red, white, & blue chip investment

Bonds is exempt from state and local income taxes. And payment of Federal income tax on E Bond interest can be deferred until the bonds are redeemed. This increases the effective return on the investment...especially when the saver holds onto his bonds until his retirement, when he enters a lower tax bracket.

ECONOMY .... There is no charge for buying or

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## NP Reduces Youth Fares Effective June 1

A new fare schedule which provides for substantial reductions from regular fares for young persons in the age group, 12 through 21 years of age, has just been announced by the Northern Pacific Railway. Under the new rates, which became effective on June 1, Youth Fares will be one-half the regular coach fare for a one-way trip, and the one-way fare for a round trip.

Youth Fares will be honored on all Northern Pacific trains except the Vista-Dome NORTH COAST LIMITED. Youth Fares also apply between any points on NP lines between the Twin Cities and Seattle, but not between the Twin Cities and Duluth and between Portland and Seattle.

"The new fares are an incentive for young people to travel more frequently by train, and a money-saving convenience for young people attending college or living away from home," said F. G. Scott, NP passenger traffic manager.

The new government program, "Discover America," has brought many requests for low-cost transportation by groups of young people who are interested in visiting cities along Northern Pacific. The new fares will give our young people, who are interested in educational and sight-seeing trips, an opportunity to become better acquainted with other sections of their state, as well as neighboring states.

HEADED FOR A NEW HOME - This old Northern Facific depot from Harrison, Mont., was on its way to Virginia City when this picture was taken in April as it passed through Ennis, Montana. The building was purchased by Charles Bovey for use as the Virginia City depot on his "short line" railroad which runs from Virginia City to Nevada City, Montana. Bovey will operate the line as a tourist attraction.





COMO SHOP superintendent D. T. Capistrant, center, proudly displays top shop award won for best safety record for 1965. Present are president Macfarlane, left, who made the presentation, and J. A. Cannon, chief mechanical officer.

AWARD OF MERIT winners, A. L. Hendry, left, signal engineer, and C. V. Schutt, superintendent G O Building, show certificates won for compiling best department safety records last year. President Macfarlane, center, made the presentations.



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## **NP Safety Awards**

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division award from president Macfarlane in St. Paul.

#### Como Shops

The race in the shops was much closer. Como shops won with only one injury and a ratio of 2,04 injuries per million man hours while Livingston followed with a 2.18 ratio.

Brainerd ended 1965 with a 4.73 ratio and South Tacoma had a final ratio of 5.90. This was the tenth win for the Como shops.

President Macfarlane made the award presentation to D. T. Capistrant, Como shop superintendent,

#### Awards of Merit

Representing their St. Paul-based departments, A. J. Hendry, signal engineer, and C. W. Schutt, superintendent GO building, were presented awards of merit by president Macfarlane during May ceremony.

President's Awards of Merit are given each year to departments whose final ratio is at least equivalent to the ratio of the winning division.

In addition to these awards, President's Award of Honor has been presented to the Mechanical Engineering department for an injury-free record in 1965. Similar awards for a division-wide group are being presented to the following units: Lake Superior enginemen and carmen; Fargo division stationmen; Yellowstone division shopmen; Rocky Mountain division bridgemen and the Idaho division engine and bridgemen.

These annual awards and gifts are an outward expression of appreciation by the Northern Pacific for efforts put forth for safety by all these employes. To illustrate how these efforts paid off last year is seen by the employes of the Rocky Mountain division and Como shops. More employes completed their assignments and went home safely there than in all the groups in the balance of the system.



D. H. King has been promoted general manager-lines east of Livingston, Mont., and two new divisional superintendents have been appointed by the Northern Pacific Railway.

King, superintendent of the Tacoma division, will move to St. Paul to assume his new post.

- J. O. Davies, superintendent of the St. Paul division, moves to Tacoma as superintendent of the Tacoma division, succeeding King.
- R. K. Mossman, assistant to the vice-presidentplanning, succeeds Davies as superintendent of the St. Paul division.

King, a native of Duluth, Minn., entered Northern Pacific service in 1937 as a brakeman. He became superintendent of the Fargo division in 1955, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain division in 1959, superintendent of the Idaho division in 1964 and superintendent of the Tacoma division in February 1966, the post he held until his present appointment as general manager-lines east.

- J. O. Davies, a graduate of the University of Washington, began his career with the Northern Pacific in 1941 as a track apprentice on the Idaho division.
- R. K. Mossman is a graduate of the University of Washington. He joined Northern Pacific in 1942 as ticket clerk in Seattle.
- K. L. Cook, western agricultural agent in Seattle, has been appointed director of the agricultural department in St. Paul.

Cook succeeds Larry S. MacDonald who retired June 1 after serving the Railway exactly 32 years on that date.

Cook's post at Seattle will be filled by D. R. Hamm, agricultural agent at Spokane.

K. L. Cook, born in Alliance, Neb., graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1942 and served in the Armed Forces from 1942 to 1946.

He began his service with the NP in 1946 as agricultural development agent with headquarters in Seattle.

MacDonald is a graduate of Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa. Prior to joining the Northern Pacific, he had been a field manager for the Horse Association of America and county extension agent at Cando, N.D.

MacDonald was in charge of Northern Pacific agricultural work in Montana for many years. In 1959, he was appointed director of the agricultural development department.

He has been active in the promotion of state and federal irrigation projects and the adoption of dry land farming in many areas of Montana.

Hamm was born in Black Water, Mo. After graduation from Warrensburg High School in Missouri, he attended



SPOKANE CHAMPS - Winner of 1966 championship in Spokane's Railroad bowling league is this NP sponsored team. Shown presenting Idaho division superintendent G. W. Thompson with trophy are team members, left to right, front row: C.E. Sawyer, team mascot Robert Dunn and J. H. Dunn. Back row are: W. M. Brunner, Thompson, H. B. Clark, team captain, and J. W. Price.

# Safety Score Board

REPORTABLE

January 1 thru April 30, 1966

RANK		RIES 1965	CAS.1	RATIO 1965
STANDING BY DISTRICTS				
Western District     Eastern District	40 58	50 58	11.15 16.91	14.00 16.82
STANDING BY DIVISIONS				
1. Rocky Mountain 2. Yellowstone 3. Idaho 4. Lake Superior 5. Fargo 6. Tacoma 7. St. Paul	4 8 9 8 10 27 32	9 12 9 11 9 32 26	4.69 7.44 8.13 13.86 16.34 16.61 27.49	10.29 11.22 7.94 18.53 14.74 20.47 22.13
STANDING BY CLASS OF E	MPLOYE	ES		
1. Shopmen 2. Bridgemen 3. Stationmen 4. Trackmen 5. Carmen 6. Enginemen 7. Trainmen 8. Yardmen	2 13 11 8 8 25 29	5 1 3 11 7 7 28 46	3.59 6.15 7.41 8.02 9.87 10.62 31.15 45.25	8.94 3.22 1.66 8.63 8.84 8.47 34.64 71.37
STANDING BY MAIN SHOPS				
1. South Tacoma 2. Como 3. Livingston 4. Brainerd	1 1 1 3	2 1 1 0	5.72 6.06 6.25 13.35	12.09 6.11 6.54 0.00
MISCELL ANEOUS DEPART	MENTS			
<ol> <li>Signal</li> <li>Chief Special Agent</li> <li>Electrical Engineering</li> <li>General Office &amp; Miscl.</li> <li>Store</li> <li>Dining Car</li> <li>Communications</li> <li>King Street Station</li> <li>Engineering</li> </ol>	0 0 0 4 2 2 2 2 3 10	0 1 1 3 3 1 1	0.00 0.00 0.00 3.45 7.15 11.11 14.16 14.92 67.93	0.00 14.02 34.57 2.61 11.15 5.42 7.36
TOTAL FOR SYSTEM	127	129	12.56 TELL	12.79 TALE



LIVINGSTON RETIREMENT - H. E. Nelson, district storekeeper at Livingston, stands by Mrs. Nelson at recent party honoring his more than 43 years of NP service. Some of the gifts received from 188 guests attending the event are in the background.



RAMSAY RETIRES - David Ramsay, chief clerk in eastern district accounting office, St. Paul, was honored recently at retirement luncheon completing 46 years of NP service. Left to right are: K. T. Woodruff, manager-disbursement accounting, W. A. Erickson, assistant district accountant, Mrs. Ramsay, W. D. Smith, district accountant and Ramsay.



RETIREMENT PARTY - T. J. Clark, district claim agent for the NP at Billings, Mont., admires retirement cake at recent office party given him by fellow employes. Clark retired June 1 ending 32 years service with the Northern Pacific.

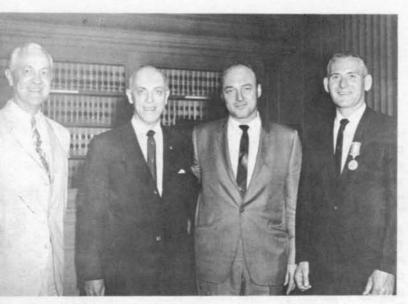




Nels O. Bakken	Track Supervisor	Miles City	49
Daniel J. Beaudette	Train Desk Clerk	Billings	50
Ernest R. Benson	Signal Foreman	St. Paul	32
Joseph S. Beres	Conductor	Glendive	49
Nels O. Brandal	Section Laborer	Willow Creek	42
John Brester	Section Laborer	Laurel	21
John B. Budge	Writer-Up-Man	Laurel	39
Thomas J. Clark	District Claim Agent	Billings	25
Paul M. Coyan	Jr. Rodman	Glendive	48
George C. Dahlman	Section Laborer	Wyndmere	41
Mile Dimich	Section Laborer	Minneapolis	38
Phillip R. Frank	Carman	Laurel	31
Lee H. Goff	Conductor	Staples	48
Frank H. Humlick	Section Laborer	Swanville	23
Myla D. Jensen	Clerk - Manager Disbursement Account	St. Paul	48
Albert C. Lebrun	Switchman	Minneapolis	28
Anton Milesevich	Crossing Watchman	Duluth	32
Mike Podravac	Crossing Watchman	Duluth	49
James M. Rundell	Store Laborer	Missoula	25
William Sandbeck	Roundhouse Laborer	Dilworth	36
Fred H. Schoen	Assistant Manager Disbursement Account	St. Paul	50
Edward L. Sommers	Patrolman	Laurel	40
George Sweere	Section Laborer	Staples	24
Daniel E. Wadsworth	Carman Helper	Brainerd	23
Rayburn Warren	Section Foreman	Ulem	31



LIND LEAVES - P. T. Lind, chief clerk-Engr. dept., right, displays watch presented him at recent retirement luncheon in St. Paul. Mrs. Lind and D. H. Shoemaker, chief engineer, show 45-year pin and memoir album given Lind in recognition of his nearly 46 years of NP service.



MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER - H. E. Ratcliff, right, NP station agent at Plains, Mont., displays medal of honor for heroism presented him at ceremony in Washington, D.C., in May. Pictured after the ceremony are John W. Bush, chairman of Interstate Commerce Commission, left, who made the presentation to Ratcliff; Earl Kremer, NP district passenger agent in Washington, D.C., and R. C. Lindquist, superintendent-rules, safety and fire prevention.

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to either H. B. Clark or J. H. Dunn at Yardley, Wash.

NPBA Hospital Auxiliary held its second annual birthday party at Women's City Club in St. Paul recently.

Elected to 1966-67 offices were: Mrs. P. A. Walsh, president; Betty Campbell, vice-president; Betty Larson, recording-secretary, Mrs. Samuel Mack, corresponding-secretary; Betty Kinney, treasurer, and Mrs. W. F. Dunn, director.

TEACHERS TOUR NP - Seattle teachers gather in lobby of Seattle's Central Building during recent Business Education Day, participated in by the Northern Pacific each year. As guests of the Railway, the teachers had lunch on board the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited and viewed displays, equipment and facilities during their NP-conducted tour.



NPBA wishes to thank Mrs. Bertram B. Lee of Duluth and Mrs. Helen Beck of St. Paul for \$100 contributed recently to the St. Paul Hospital, in memory of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Theodore D. Palmer, St. Paul, former NP claim department employe at Duluth.

NORTHERN Pacific's 11th annual Western District Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Elks Allenmore golf course at Tacoma.

J. J. Ackley, assistant chief dispatcher at Tacoma, is in charge of reservations. Entry fee is \$4. Tee-off times are scheduled for 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., and between 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 noon. Deadline for reservations will be August 8.

#### **Promotions**

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the Weaver School of Real Estate and the Railroad Communications training schools in Kansas City.

He joined the NP in 1947 as an extra telegrapher at Fargo. He was transferred to the agricultural development department in 1959 serving as agricultural development agent at Spokane.



CHAMPION BOWLERS - Pictured are members of St. Paul Yard team, NP bowling league winners for 1966, during recent bowling banquet. Left to right in back row are: R. Trapp, Sr., R. McGinnis, and R. Trapp, Jr. Front row are: A. Franzen, G. Kutzera, and B. Ashby. Team won 50 and lost 34 games while averaging 856 in season play.

## Savings Bonds

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redeeming Savings Bonds.

SAFETY.... E and H Bonds are registered in the owner's name and are replaceable at no charge if they should be lost, stolen or destroyed.

READY CASH.... E Bonds may be redeemed for their purchase price plus accumulated interest any time after two months from the date of issue.

NO RISK.... Savings Bonds are above market fluctuations. Both principal and interest are fully guaranteed.

GET ON THE SAVINGS BONDWAGON Now... Set a side a certain portion of your monthly pay for yourself. Enroll in the U.S. Payroll Savings Bond Program... the NEW INTEREST RATE is 4.15 per cent.