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general office open house well attended

About 1,100 Soo/Milwaukee System employees and their families attended the general office open house at the Soo Line Building in downtown Minneapolis June 1. Green Bay, Chicago, Tomah, Mason City and Milwaukee were just some of the outlying points represented. The event provided an excellent opportunity to learn more about our new company, to meet new people and renew old acquaintances.

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soo/milwaukee system question line in operation

Question Line, a new direct-dial telephone connection with the Soo Line became available as of June 3. To use the service, dial toll free:

1-800-328-0325 (outside Minnesota)

1-800-247-0050 (in Minnesota)

What it can do: be a source for information about the new Soo/Milwaukee as well as a place to ask any questions about changes and how they will affect you.

What it can't do: consistently provide answers on the spot to every question you may have. But answers will be found and gotten back to you.

During business hours: Someone will answer personally.

After business hours: A recording will answer and take your question.

bowling tournament scores a success

Some 167 Milwaukee Road keglers converged on the 30 Lanes Bowling Alley in Davenport, Iowa May 3, 4, and 5 for the 42nd Annual Hiawatha Bowling Tournament. Pat McDermott's Hooker's 5 from St. Paul took top honors in the team event with

bowling tournament scores a success (cont'd)

3101 pins and \$170.00 in prize money. Manual Barba and Walter Bergles of the Milwaukee area took first place in the doubles event with 1267 pins and \$80.00 in prize money. The singles event was won by Mark Bauer of Franksville, Wisconsin with 684 total pins and an award of \$75.00. Gordy Kern of Chicago took the "All Events" category with 1955 pins and \$35.00 in prize money. The banquet was held at the Holiday Inn with 133 in attendance. Many thanks go to Mike Moore, trainmaster at Davenport, and Thomas Cook, general car foreman at Nahant and his wife Jill for their dedication and hard-work in setting up the tournament. The 1986 tournament will again be held in Davenport and is slated for May 2, 3, and 4, 1986. Plan your vacations accordingly!!

track work in progress

A "high production gang" with four Jackson 6000 liner/tampers and a Jackson 6500 is working both main tracks between Grand Avenue in Milwaukee and LaCrosse. Ray Barrette is foreman.

the changing scene

Control of the Grand Avenue interlocking plant at Milwaukee has been moved from the Cut Off to the train dispatcher's office at the Milwaukee depot. The switches and signals are controlled by a new SAB Harmon control machine.

The Spencer, Iowa agency was closed effective May 15. All stations on the Northern Iowa line are now handled at Mason City, Iowa.

new book on hiawatha available

The Milwaukee Road inaugurated the first of its famous Hiawatha passenger trains on May 29, 1935. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of this significant event, the Milwaukee Road Railfans Association and the Milwaukee County Historical Society have published an 80-page, soft-cover book on the subject. Written by Charles H. Bilty (1877-1952), mechanical engineer of the railroad at the time, it describes the origin and the naming of the train. It is well illustrated and contains some drawings and related advertising material. The book is available for \$8.95 plus \$1.50 shipping and handling (Wisconsin residents, please add .45¢ sales tax) from The Milwaukee Railfans Association, Inc., Wendell Murphy, Treasurer, 7504 W. Ruby Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53218.

from the desk of bob hickle
director of social counseling

So it didn't work!! You came to the employee assistance program, did all the things that were recommended, and you still have the problem. Only now it's worse!! What happened?

from the desk of bob hickle
director of social counseling (cont'd)

Fortunately, this doesn't happen often, but once is too often. And unfortunately, we don't know the answer. To begin with, the problem wasn't easy nor the solution simple, or you would have solved it long ago, without any help. I have often said that we are not experts, because it is doubtful if there is any such thing as an "expert" in human behavior. The Yellow Pages are full of the names of people who claim to be experts, but they don't have any higher success ratio than do we ordinary people. The big difference seems to be that they charge more!!

Because of the sprawling nature of a railroad, we can't do the followup we should do. We don't know how you are doing once you have completed the program set up for you, and sometimes we don't even know for sure that you have completed the program.

One thing we know for sure, is that many problems relapse, and seem to be worse than they were. Some problems are progressive by their very nature, and get worse if they don't get better.

Time passes, and we get a little smarter, and learn better methods. We discover that some things work and some don't. We are willing to keep trying. We still care very much about what happens to you.

Give us another try. Together, we just might be able to do it this time!!

a letter of thanks to all soo/milwaukee system employees
from eugene f. von essen, trainman and utu vice general/local chairman

On February 8, 1985, United States Federal Judge Thomas R. McMillen authorized the sale of our railroad to the Soo Line Railroad Company. On February 19, Judge McMillen became signatory to the order that allowed us to become part of the Soo Line family and brought great relief. The personal and monetary support received brought relief to a legal obligation. This support by the work force prior, during and subsequent to February 8th was most gratifying and appreciated. The success attained came as a result of a combination of numerous interested forces. The guidance of the Soo Line people, Mr. C. Harold Peterson Solicitor General, Mr. Byron D. Olson General Counsel, Ms. Colleen M. Gornley Asst. VP Human Resources, Ms. Fern Albers, Mr. Marvin Metge Attorneys and others, Mr. James Thiel General Counsel Wisconsin DOT, Mr. Sheldon M. Charone Employee Attorney, UTU General Chairman John A. Morgan, Mr. Dennis Dilley Local Chairman/Vice General Chairman Railway Carmen and Mayor Donald Nehrekorn of Savanna, Illinois were among the interested force to save the Milwaukee Railroad and our viable employment.

The UTU membership of Local Lodge 1258 has been especially tolerant in bearing the expenses through the past months that provided the avenue to wage the opposition to a Chicago & Northwestern acquisition in Illinois.

We can and will have success with prosperity for all through the marriage of our railroads.

fishing contest announced

Soo/Milwaukee System employees, retirees and their immediate family members are eligible to participate in the NESRA-AFTM (National Employee Services and Recreation Assn. and the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Assn.) National Annual Employee Fishing Contest. The rules and entry form are reproduced elsewhere in this newsletter. The contest runs each year from January 1 thru December 31. The Soo Line is a member of MERSC---Minnesota Employee Recreation and Services Council---and NESRA and we are to be able to sponsor this contest for you. We hope you can join Rodney Sabish, Soo Line conductor at Sault Ste. Marie, MI, the 1984 NESRA-AFTMA First Place Perch winner with a 1.14# catch. He received the first place trophy in that category and fishing equipment donated by AFTMA. Good luck to all contestants.

MERSC and NESRA offer many employee discount programs for you and your family. The national discounts and Twin Cities discounts will be announced this summer.

answers to last month's t.v. trivia

What was Bea Benadaret's name on "Petticoat Junction"?
"Kate Bradley"

Who played the dual role of announcer and comedian on "The Garry Moore Show"?
"Durward Kirby"

Who played the Riddler on "Batman"?
"Frank Gorshin"

jointed rail

The growing use of welded rail is changing the sound of railroading, but jointed rail still remains in track and still requires care in handling.

When rail is lifted by a crane, marking each rail's center point will assist safe movement by reducing unbalanced swing. Don't guess -- measure. Any employee assisting a crane in moving rail should have protective footwear and should be familiar with hand signals. Misunderstandings can be dangerous with a 1500 pound rail in the air. Employees not engaged in moving rail should keep clear of the path of the swing, taking care to move tools and equipment as the progress of the work requires.

When necessary to turn a rail, use a rail fork and avoid substitutes such as lining bars, claw bars or track wrenches. Such substitutes can easily slip and their length creates a dangerous amount of leverage on your end -- the rail may end up turning you. Don't try to turn a rail if it is encumbered by ballast or dirt -- clear away the foreign matter first.

(from Safety Talk/AAR May, 1985)

third annual retirement party

Raffle and dinner tickets are now on sale for the Third Annual Retirement Party. Dinner tickets are \$12.50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5.00, both are available from committee members and many supervisors or call Cathi on ext. 302. We are again raffling off many nice prizes like a railroad bell and a 19" color TV. Look for a notice coming out to all employees giving full details. Hope to see you there.

railroad trivia

The railroad section of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., visited annually by more than a million people, had its beginning in 1885.

Naming of Pullman cars began in 1865 with the car "Pioneer". It was used by the Lincoln family in the funeral train bearing the remains of Abraham Lincoln from Chicago to Springfield, Ill. in 1865.

As a result of a train collision in 1891, caused by a stopped watch carried by an engineer, the Railroad Time Service was inaugurated.

Motive power on American railroads was originally furnished by oxen and horses.

(submitted by Wm. Wentela, Clerk, Marinette)

information/bumper stickers available

"How the Railroads Standardized Time", a reprint of an article detailing how the railroads were responsible for this important phase in the development of our country, and a UTU bumper sticker: "Keep On Truckin' By Train" are available free of charge from Rodney W. Kreunen, Box 400, Middleton, WI 53562. To get yours, all you need do is send him a #10 self-addressed, stamped envelope. Mr. Kreunen is a well-known Madison, WI area realtor and a backer of railroads.

fishing contest rules

To enter the National Employee Services and Recreation Association and the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Associations' nationwide contest:

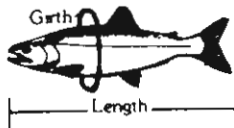
- 1 - You must be a full time employee, retiree or immediate family member of the Soo Line Railroad Company.
- 2 - You may compete for a trophy and prize in any of the following classifications:
 - FRESH WATER DIVISION: Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Muskellunge, Northern Pike, Perch, White Perch, Salmon, Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout and Walleye
 - SALT WATER DIVISION: Sea Bass, Dorado, Kingfish, Marlin, Salmon, Yellowtail

fishing contest rules (cont'd)

- 3 - Your catch must be caught legally with a rod and reel from any waters within the United States, Canada and Mexico.
- 4 - The contest will be open from 12:01 a.m. January 1 to 12:00 p.m. December 31.
- 5 - All entries must be received by the contest coordinator not later than thirty (30) days after the fish is caught.
- 6 - To be eligible, entries must be postmarked no later than midnight, December 31.
- 7 - All fish entered must be legally caught on rod, reel, line or ice fishing rig and must be hooked and played by one person.
- 8 - Fish must be weighed on a government inspected scale and measured accurately as shown below.

The girth measurement should be taken by measuring around the widest part of the fish. The length should be measured from the extreme tip of the jaw to the tip of the tail. Entries will be ranked according to:

- 1) Weight
- 2) Length
- 3) Girth



- 9 - Entry forms must be completed by the witness. Incomplete forms will not be valid and will be returned to the entrant.
- 10 - A proper witness will be a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Oaths, Conservation Officer or Deputy, Post Master, Clergyman, Resort or Store Operator, Police Constable or Notary.
- 11 - If the Contest Coordinator requires further information regarding an entry, such information will be provided by the entrant.
- 12 - All entries must be accompanied by a clear photo. The photo should be a side view of the catch.

Prizes in the form of gift certificates and products will be distributed to all winners. Winners will also receive a NESRA fishing contest trophy.

Please complete both entry forms, which are reproduced on page 7, and mail to Dale R. Hails.

fishing contest rules (cont'd)

Official Entry Form

Use this form to enter your catch in the NESRA-AFTMA Annual Employee Fishing Contest competition. Attach a photo of your fish and mail to: Dale R. Hails, Fishing Contest Coordinator, Dofasco Inc., P.O. Box 460, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8N 3J5.

I hereby certify that the following statements are true and that in catching this fish, I complied with all rules of the contest. If requested by the NESRA judges, I will furnish an affidavit confirming the authenticity of the statements below.

KIND OF FISH _____ WEIGHT _____ LENGTH _____
lbs. oz. Inches

GIRTH _____ WHERE CAUGHT _____
Lake/stream

BAIT USED _____ DATE CAUGHT _____
Month/day/year

ROD _____ REEL _____ LINE _____
kind of equipment used

Official Entry Form

NAME (print) _____ (Signature) _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER () _____ WORK PHONE NUMBER () _____

COMPANY _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ RECREATION DIRECTOR David R. Carlson, 240 Soo Line Bldg., Mpls.

FISH WITNESSED AND VERIFIED BY: (print) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

OCCUPATION _____ PHONE NUMBER () _____

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS _____

keeping track

Donald J. Kabitzke, yardmaster at Burnham Bridge in Milwaukee, retired May 31 completing 40 years of service. Don began his career as a brakeman on the C&M in 1945, later went switching in the Milwaukee Terminal and got a yardmaster's date in 1949. He was an early backer of and very active in the Labor/Management Action Group movement on the Milwaukee Road. Don's interests in history and genealogy will now occupy much of his time. Best wishes!!

Muskego Yard clerk Doug Paquin returned to work May 6 after being off due to illness for several weeks. Nice to have you back on the job, Doug!!

Congratulations to Pete and Bev Hicks on the birth of their third daughter, Sarah Jane, born May 27, 8 lbs. 9 oz. Pete is a caller in the Crew Management Center at Milwaukee Depot.

Leonard ("Bud") Artz, retired June 15. He was employed since 1947 in the Milwaukee passenger station, having been gateman, baggage-checker and mail handler. With the advent of Amtrak, he transferred to that company, and most recently has been a ticket seller. Bud was a second-generation Milwaukee Road employee, his father having been a signal department employee for many years.

Ed Jakubowski retired May 31 after 31 years of service. "Big Ed" (6 feet-plus tall) entered service as a ticket seller in the former Everett Street depot, and subsequently served in a number of positions in the passenger department before transferring to freight traffic in 1966. In 1977, he moved to the regional accounting office. "Regional" personnel honored Eddie with an informal lunch his last day.

Congratulations to Jim and Kathy Malek on the birth of their second boy, Chad Thomas, born May 31. Jim is a train dispatcher at Milwaukee Depot.

Gerry Kutcher, St. Paul personnel officer, is home recuperating from surgery for lung cancer and brain tumors. She reports that she is feeling stronger every day and is able to do more things around the house. Gerry is thankful for her faith in God and the prayers of friends and co-workers that have helped pull her through these troublesome times.

Congratulations to Marsha Curry, extra clerk at Portage, Wisconsin. She and her bowling team took First Place in the Portage Lanes Ladies League

Joe Scott, assistant signal supervisor at St. Paul, his wife Connie and their two children spent a nice vacation in Sun Prairie, WI where their oldest daughter (5 years) was a flower girl in Connie's brother's wedding.

Norma Baxter, wife of Muskego Yard general car supervisor Dick Baxter, hit the Road Trainmen's Welfare Club jackpot for \$1000 in the May drawing. Last we saw was Q. A. "Lindy" Lindstrom, retired C&M trainman and local Welfare Club agent, handing the check over to Dick.....Congratulations, Norma!!

Bob Muraski, conductor off Green Bay board, retired April 25 after 36 years of dedicated service. Bob has been off work account illness and we hope that he will soon be well enough to enjoy his retirement.

keeping track (cont'd)

Bill Cassidy, division supervisor of communications at St. Paul, and wife Giz went to Las Vegas on their vacation. Bill reported that they had a terrific time and came home tired. The jack-pot was hit on their return with the news that daughter Wendy and husband Mike had a 6 lb., 11oz., 23 inches long baby girl. Congratulations on being grandparents for the third time!!

Richard Parduhn, trainman at Green Bay has been released from the hospital and is now at home recuperating after being involved in a serious two-vehicle accident, May 2. We want to extend our best wishes for continued healing and mending.

Ethel L. Magnusen, billing clerk Milwaukee Regional, resigned on May 3, 1985 to take life easy after almost ten years on the Milwaukee Road. Her co-workers honored her at a dinner at the Patio Club on May 22 in Milwaukee. Good luck Ethel!!

On May 14, Wauwatosa crossing guard Kathy Wuerl (daughter of Joe Wuerl Customer Accounting, Milwaukee) was struck and injured by a hit and run driver while crossing children at her corner in Wauwatosa. She managed to protect her children and carry out her duties until Police could be contacted. She got the license number of the car which the Police traced and the driver was arrested. Kathy was hospitalized for two nights and is back on the job now. She was congratulated by her company for her levelheaded response to the situation.

Cathi Uhaley, steno in the Superintendent's office, Milwaukee, finally spent some of her money and took her first plane ride on April 27 to Freeport in the Bahamas for one week. She stayed at a hotel on the ocean all week and spent alot of time sightseeing, shopping and taking in the native shows, which included a glass eater. After seeing a Casino show, Cathi tried her luck at the gambling tables - won some and lost it all!! She also tried the water sports like wind surfing and snorkeling and came back with some big conch shells and starfish. While out there she even tried to teach her camera to swim - it didn't work, did it Cathi!! All in all she said the natives were friendly, weather was hot and she got a good tan. Even though she said the prices were high down there (can of beer \$3.80) she had a great time and is going back again next year.

Congratulations to Charlane O'Rourke and Keith Hertig on their marriage May 11 at St. Margaret Mary Church in Milwaukee. Charlane is the daughter of Lane O'Rourke, superintendent's chief clerk at Milwaukee.

Best wishes to D. W. Kinler, yard clerk at St. Paul on his retirement May 15 with 37 years of service.

Our deepest sympathy to Bill Weidenhamer, district claims manager at St. Paul, on the loss of his brother, Harold, April 30.

St. Paul clerk Guy Hugo and wife Barb recently went to California for a week to visit relatives and go sightseeing.

Paul Sutton, Clerk at South Minneapolis, and family spent a lovely vacation in Jamaica

keeping track (cont'd)

Jim Kaufmann, switchman at St. Paul, and wife Pam are very proud of the deduction which was born December 29, 1984, James Frank. That's cutting things a little close!!

Congratulations to the following St. Paul area people who passed their 1985 biennial rules examination with a score of 100%!!

K. E. Hoel	J. G. Drier	J. E. Rickard	E. W. Zilge
D. C. Falls	F. W. Lambert	T. L. Schipper	D. S. Wilson
J. N. Saladin	M. E. Otterness	T. B. Shea	

trivia teasers

What is the closest State Capitol to the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C.?

By British Law, what is the only door closed to the Queen of England?

Who was the first actress to play Peter Pan on the Broadway stage?

(answers next month)

news items and information wanted for newsletter

We need news items and information about our fellow employees for the Northern News. What's going on out there? Please contact the correspondent listed below that is in your area or drop a note direct to the editor. You'll be glad you did!!

northern news correspondents

Jerry Magnuson - Green Bay	Marilyn Carlson - Milw. Regional Data
Margaret Lange - Portage	Bev Radtke - Milwaukee Depot
Gene Porter - Wausau	Bob Voigt - Milwaukee Car Shops
Chuck Kowalke - LaCrosse	Nancy Bidlingmeyer - Locomotive Shops
Ray Shisler - Tomah Shops	Dolores Gavin - Material Division
Mike Leonard - Muskego Yard	Trudy Hauge - St. Paul
	Jack True - Mason City

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Muskego Yard, Milwaukee, WI - Telephone Ext. 315. Material for publication should be forwarded to the editor or contact one of the correspondents. Deadline for material is the 15th of the month preceding the issue date.