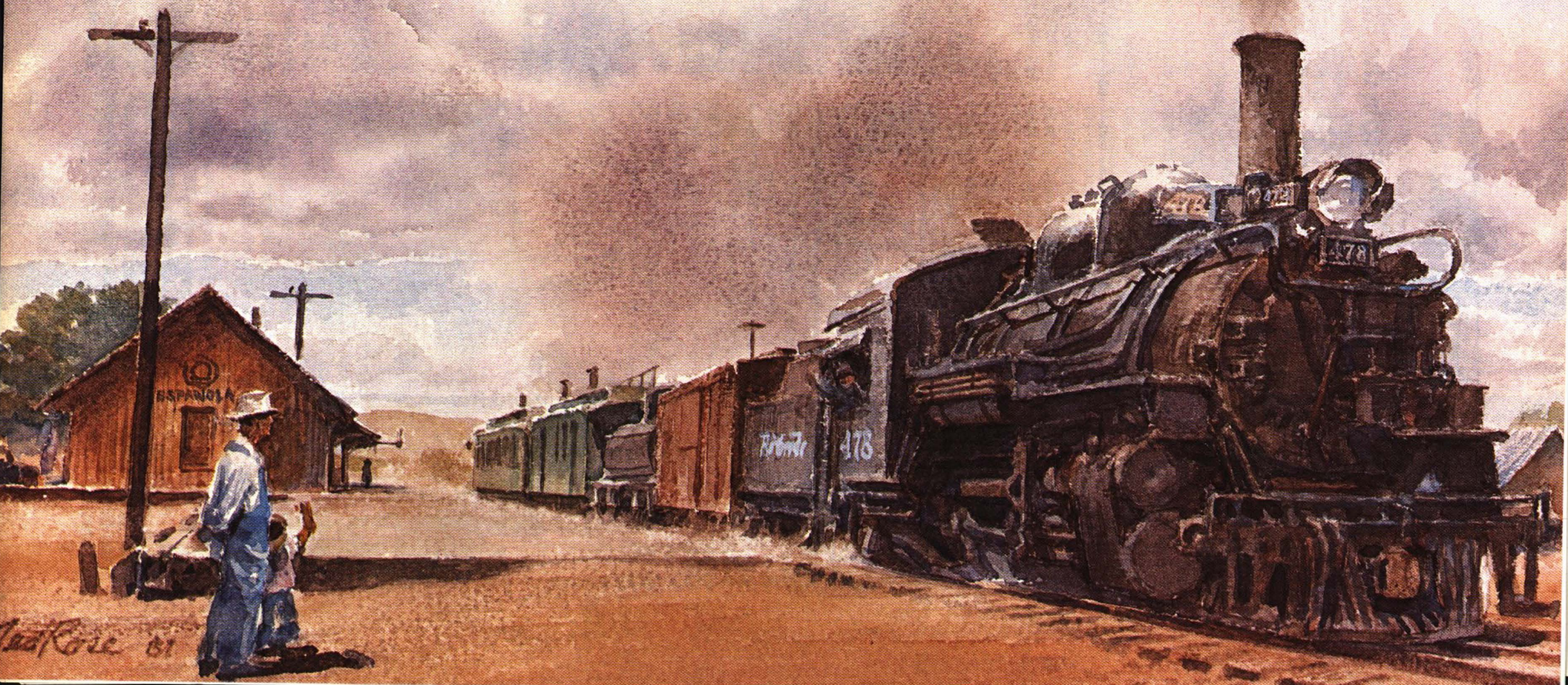


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From the Editor

Dear Readers,

This is my final issue as, after 40 years of railroading, 37½ with our Rio Grande Action Road, I am "pulling the pin" and joining all you happy retirees. My heartfelt thanks goes to each of you who have given me your support and kindness over the past several years. I appreciate the letters and phone calls and only regret that I am leaving so many wonderful stories unprinted.

About the Cover:

The CHILI LINE

The Santa Fe Branch of the Denver & Rio Grande Western



The Chili Line, A Calendar for 1985. Here are twelve watercolors by Ted Rose, reproduced in full color, all depicting the legendary Santa Fe Branch of the D&RGW. The folded-out format size is 12 x 18 inches. The watercolors are historically accurate depictions of the last decade of operation on the line in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado, from Antonito to Santa Fe. K-28's once again handle Train No.'s 425 and 426 in the valley of the northern Rio Grande.

The calendars are \$12.95 each, and will make great holiday gifts. To order, send check, money order or Visa/MC information to Ted Rose, Hod Carriers Ink, P.O. Box 266, Santa Fe, NM 87504. (NM residents add \$.63 sales tax.) Or call TOLL FREE 1-800-621-5199 and use Visa/MC. Calendars are also available at the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden, and at Caboose Hobbies in Denver.

Rio Grande — Anschutz Merger News

As of November 9, 1984, The Anschutz Corporation had acquired 92.6 percent of the outstanding Common Stock of Rio Grande Industries, Inc. As soon as practicable, Anschutz's subsidiary, TAC Acquisition Corporation, will be merged into Rio Grande Industries, Inc., and all still outstanding stock will be converted into the right to receive \$50.00 per share in cash upon presentation for payment, the same payment as was made for all of the shares purchased to date.

When the agreement was announced October 1, 1984, W. J. Holtman, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Rio Grande, commented: "The Board of Directors of Rio Grande has determined that the merger is in the best interest of the shareholders, the Company and its employees and recommends acceptance of the offer by the shareholders."

The stock of The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company will continue to be owned by Rio Grande Industries, Inc., as it has for the past 15 years. There will be no changes in the officers and management of the railroad as a result of the merger's becoming effective, and the position of the Company competitively and in the Santa Fe/Southern Pacific merger case will not be changed.

Amtrak to Renew Passes

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (NRPC) advises that approximately 242,000 Rail Travel Privilege Cards are due for renewal next year. Based on previous years experience, approximately ten percent of these renewals will be returned to the NRPC Pass Bureau from the Post Office as undeliverable.

All current employees, retirees, widows and widowers of retirees, etc., must have their correct addresses on file with the Amtrak Pass Bureau. Address and dependent status changes must be reported promptly using NRPC 91, Request for Address or Dependent Status Change. These forms may be obtained from the Personnel Office in Denver or employee's supervisor.

Travelers to Issue New Identification Cards to Rio Grande Employees

During the month of January 1985, The Travelers Insurance Company will begin issuing new Identification Cards to Rio Grande employees covered under Group Policy Contract GA-23000. All covered employees who rendered compensated service in the month of December 1984 will receive cards during the initial distribution in January 1985. Any covered employees who do not receive cards because they did not work in the month of December 1984 will receive cards upon their return to work.

Each employee will receive two Identification Cards. One card will be for the employee to carry and the other can be given to his/her spouse or kept as a spare. The cards will serve as identification to hospitals or doctors that your health benefits are provided under GA-23000 through The Travelers.

These Identification Cards do not guarantee coverage under GA-23000, however, they should be presented when you or your dependents are admitted to a hospital or receive treatment from a doctor. Instructions on the back of the card tell the health care provider to call the telephone number of The Travelers claim office shown on the front of the card to verify eligibility for coverage.

The cards also identify the Railroad Employees National Health & Welfare Plan (GA-23000) as one participating in an electronic claim submission program through the National Electronic Information Corporation (N.E.I.C.). The Travelers is a participating insurance carrier as well as a co-founder of N.E.I.C., which is developing a nation-wide computer network to facilitate transmission of claims electronically from health care providers to insurance carriers through the N.E.I.C. clearing house. Your card links your coverage under GA-23000 to this network.

Initially, only a limited number of hospitals will be able to electronically transmit your claims. For other health care providers, the card will serve as an identification card for now. Eventually, most hospitals and many doctors' offices will become part of the N.E.I.C. network.

Be sure to always present your card when entering a hospital, as the number of participating health care providers will be growing rapidly. In the long run, transmitting claims electronically will speed up payment of your claims, while reducing costs for claim processing, enabling The Travelers to provide the best possible service to you and your dependents under Group Policy Contract GA-23000.



Readers' Corner

Watch for the release of Sam Dougherty's first book, entitled "Call the Big Hook." The book contains 250 pages with 150 pictures and, as the title indicates, is about railroad cranes and some of Sam's experiences therewith. It promises to be an exciting book written by one of Rio Grande's former engineers and superintendent of safety, rules and training. Sam retired in 1978 and has been a prolific writer with many short stories to his credit. The publisher, Golden West, has promised a 25% discount to Rio Grande employees and *Green Light* readers. Watch for details in your local newspapers.

New Locomotives Enhance Rio Grande's Fleet

In September and October, Rio Grande accepted delivery of seventeen new SD50 locomotives from the Electro-Motive Division of General Motors. Numbered 5501-5517, they develop 3500 horsepower from an improved 16 cylinder, turbocharged diesel engine.

These are the first Rio Grande units to be equipped with EMD's Super Series traction motor control system. Previous locomotive design maintained a nearly static, non-slipping, adhesion control by reducing horsepower whenever a slip was detected. Super Series actually encourages them to slip at a controlled rate as it examines drawbar pull. If the application of more power results in increased pull, even though the wheels are slipping, the system applies still more power until either the pulling force decreases or the slipping reaches a predetermined maximum limit. To calculate this limit a unique radar transceiver is mounted on each unit to obtain true ground speed. In effect the locomotive is wiping its feet as it climbs Rio Grande's grades searching for the amount of slip that results in maximum pulling power. Where previous models were consistently capable of less than 20% adhesion, the SD50 should reliably obtain up to 27%. The Transportation Department is using the SD50s to replace larger numbers of SD40 and SD45 units on heavy tonnage trains.

In order for Super Series to work the traction motors are permanently connected in full parallel. Engineers will no longer feel the transition from series to parallel so familiar in other six axle locomotives. Instead, main generator windings change connections from parallel to series internally as train speed increases. This allows the SD50 to operate closer to the generator's peak efficiency thereby enhancing fuel economy.

The electronic control modules have benefited from the extensive use of integrated circuits. In addition to the elaborate Super Series system is an improved load control circuit to protect major power components at all throttle settings. Another circuit module adjusts engine loads to reflect changes in barometric pressure. Another module is even a traction motor temperature simulator. By using heating elements in a metal block heated by motor voltage and current signals and cooled by traction motor blower air, it allows extra pulling power under conditions when the motors are cool.



NARBW Elect Officers

The Mile High Chapter of the National Association of Railway Business Women have elected the following officers to serve through June 1985. President Linda Blincoe, furloughed SP; 1st Vice President Terry Kallsen, DRGW; 2nd Vice President Maizie Hester, UP, Recording Secretary Dorothy Drumeller, UP retired; Corresponding Secretary Anna Eckberg, DRGW retired; Treasurer Bonnie Blach, WWIB retired. Committee chairmen are: Finance Alice Riss, Membership Betty Patten, Parliamentary Advisor Betty Tidball; Publication, Press & Publicity Dorothy Drumeller; Residence & Scholarship Jeanne Gustafson; Telephone Lois Hawkinson, Rosemary Wiemeyer; Ways & Means Shirley Thornley; Welfare Bea Brown; Projects Marie Murray.

Denver women elected to district office are Betty Tidball, DUT, District Director, and Terry Kallsen, DRGW, District Secretary-Treasurer.

All railroad women are urged to join the Denver chapter, which meets the third Wednesday of each month.

Congratulations are offered with pride to NARBW Member Mary Stevens who was recently honored by the Colorado Coordinating Council of Women's Clubs for her work with the organization and to Member Vivian Vick who was recently elected as corresponding secretary of Mile-Hi Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

Both ladies are Rio Grande Action Women!



Burnham Softball Team Wins Trophy

Pictured here are the members of the DRGW Softball Team Mechanical Department/Burnham who were the winners of the 2nd Place Division Trophy in the Golden Recreation Softball League.

Left to right, back row: Charlie Robinson, John Clark, Vern Cook, Terry Rome, Pat Sullivan, Larry Fulton and Tim Rome. Front row, kneeling: Danny Keller, Pete Sewolt, Bob Stokvis, Bob Sandberg and Jeff Roe.



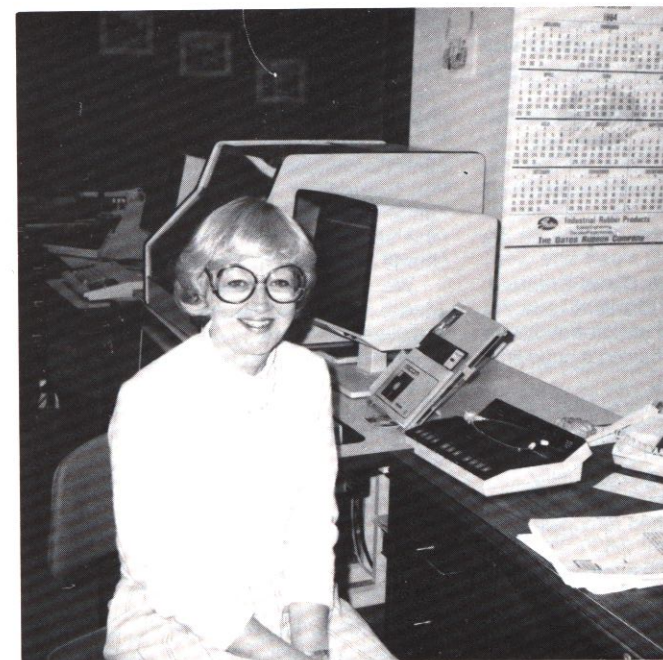
We Get Letters

And a poem from J. S. "Sparky" Boyd, retired painter now living in Boone, Colorado. Sparky, who had 46 years with Rio Grande and retired in 1966, is in good health and sent along several pictures of his hobby, woodworking and building replicas of Rio Grande locomotives and cars. He recalls with pleasure his many friends in all crafts and misses the buddies of his railroad days. A native of Colorado, Sparky began his career with Rio Grande in Pueblo and spent the last 18 years in Burnham. He and his wife, Mary, keep busy and welcome friends who care to visit or write P. O. Box 214, Boone, CO 81025. Here is a photo of Sparky with some of his work and his poem, to be sung to the tune of "Are You From Dixie?"

We're from the mountains, the Rocky Mountains;
We're the Rio Grande gang that's rarin' to go.
We're glad to see you; we say how be you;
We're your friends of long, long ago.
We're high caflutin, rootin' gang,
And when you see us, we hope you know us all again.
We're from the mountains, the Rocky Mountains,
And we'll make the Rio Grande grow!



Meet the Grande People



Karen S. Johnson, Secretary, Law Department



Dawn L. Reams, Assistant to Director of Personnel and Labor Relations



Tom Speer, Secretary, North Yard, with Travis, age 10 months and daughter Tonya, age 10 years. Not in picture are his wife Sheryl and daughter Tina, age 15.

Provo Veterans Club

By Orville Swanson

As we look down memory lane, who can forget the good feeling of fellowship at the many potluck dinners we have had, the Ladies Auxiliary card parties and the great get-togethers at the Christmas parties for the kids. All were real highlights of our past.

All of the above is history and has come to an end. The Provo Veterans Club has become inactive due to changing times. The attendance and interest in Provo has shrunk to almost nil.

At the System Convention in Salt Lake City in September, the problem was presented and it was decided that those who wish to continue their membership could join the Salt Lake City Club, which would effect consolidation of the two clubs.

The Provo Club has been dependent upon Salt Lake City members for the last several years to remain active as long as we have. For this we wish to thank them, as well as the company for their support in the past.

We, the present officers, regret this action but we felt we had no other alternative. We appreciate the support we have had and wish everyone well in the future.

For those who wish to attend, the Salt Lake Auxiliary Christmas Party will be held on December 10th at 1:30 p.m. at Amber's Restaurant, 217 East 33rd South, Salt Lake City. The Veterans Christmas Party on December 12th will be catered at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building, 237 South 10th East, Salt Lake City.



Car Dept. and North Yard Repair Track

By Tom Leil

On August 10, 1984, Laborer O. J. Terrazas and his wife Juanita became the proud parents of a baby girl. Welcome to Desiree Marie Terrazas.

Laborer Kathi Kilker spent a week in July visiting family in the Boston, MA area.

Condolences to Aurelio Franco whose mother passed away on September 13th.

Carman Mike Castor spent three enjoyable weeks in the great Northwest.

Carman Joe Lonergan and his wife Dale spent some time exploring southwest Colorado. They especially enjoyed the Telluride area.

Carman Mike Ortiz reached his 40th birthday, and we're still wondering how he survived this long.

Congratulations to Carman Ron Davis who is coming up on one year without cigarettes.

Carman Fred Oster and wife Chris celebrated their wedding anniversary in September.

Park Central Extractions

Harold Eason, manager-budgets and economics analyst, reports a busy, fun-filled and rewarding summer. From July 29th to August 27th, the Eason family entertained an exchange student from Dijon, France. Florence Petolat, age 15, was the guest of Michelle Eason, age 13, oldest daughter in the Eason household. The visit was arranged by Michelle's French class at Broomfield Heights Middle School.

In addition to the local sights and sites, including the Art Museum, Pikes Peak and Denver Mint, Florence was treated to two western-type fairs, one at Boulder County where Jennifer Eason, age 11, took Grand Champion in Dog Show with her 4-H Samoyed, Katy. Jennifer and Katy went on to win 2nd in Jr. Showmanship, 4th on Record book, and 7th in Obedience at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo. Florence enjoyed the horses and a real, live look at rodeo cowboys. There was also a visit to a Nebraska farm, where she got to drive a real tractor and otherwise sample USA western life-styles. Michelle got to practice French in helping Florence to learn English. The entire Eason family benefitted from the exciting experience, as well as Florence from France.

Railroads Play Important Role in Nation's Defense

The nation's railroads have formed an industry-wide committee to ensure railroad industry support of U.S. government freight traffic requirements.

Named chairman of the new Government Rail Committee is James J. Walsh, manager of government sales with the Seaboard System Railroad, a unit of the CSX Corporation. Mr. Walsh said the new committee is especially dedicated to meeting the Defense Department's imperatives of "readiness, safety, service competitiveness and brisk response to military needs."

Major General Harold F. Small, commander of the Defense Department's military traffic management command, praised the formation of the new committee by the Association of American Railroads. "Interest of this type within private industry cannot help but strengthen our defense posture," he said.

General Small added that the most timely subjects for consideration by the new committee are "shipment security, equipment availability and quality control."

Willett S. Moore, market director-construction and government in the Traffic Department, is representing the Rio Grande Railroad. Meetings will be held quarterly at different locations throughout the country. All interested officers of all railroads are welcome to attend these meetings.

Safety Management Services Contracted

W. J. Holtman, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, announced the signing of a contract with Safety Management Services, E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Company, to provide a consulting service for safety management on the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company.

DuPont Services will help the Management of the Railroad Company in achieving the objectives of reducing accidents, injuries and their associated costs.

Representatives of DuPont will commence this project and be on railroad property the first quarter of 1985.



Convention bus trip to Wendover



President Clarence Underwood and Board Members

Grand Junction

By Al Pahlke

Standard First Aid and CPR classes were given in October for Mechanical Department employees and family members. The class instructors were Al Pahlke, trainyard foreman, Dan Maynard, rip track foreman, and John McLaughlin, west end brakeman. Everyone enjoyed the class and are now certified First Aiders.

On October 12th, Bruce Penny had to apply the skills of this recent knowledge on a fellow classmate, Bill Inks, who suffered a heart attack while at an elk hunting camp outside of Rifle, Colorado. At this writing, Bill is home and doing better after a ten-day stay in the hospital. We all pray for his continued recovery. A big pat on the back to Bruce Penny for his quick, lifesaving action.

We all send best wishes and "get well fast" to Ray Cheedle, who recently suffered a stroke in Grand Junction. Ray is a retiree who went into photography and has supplied the photos for **Green Light** for many years. We miss you, Ray.



GRAND JUNCTION CPR CLASS

4th row, left to right: John McLaughlin, Sam Tillman, Bruce Penny, Debbie Wright, Valey Gallegos, Bill Inks, D. J. Humphreys, H. Stephens.
3rd row, left to right: Larry Roper, Betty Edmonds, David Tafoya, Don Manis.
2nd row, left to right: Mike Bruno, Dan Maynard, Linda Edwards, Kathy Gibbs.
1st row, left to right: Shelley Hoboy, Kim Pahlke.
Not shown: Miles Humphreys.

Photo by Al Pahlke

Rio Grande Day at Lakeside Park Enjoyed By Many

Rio Grande families and friends gathered at Lakeside Park on July 10 at the annual company picnic.

This happy group of retirees from the Revenue Accounting Department summed up the day's credits and debits and pronounced everything balanced out in the right column. From left to right, they are: Ralph Fowler, Mrs. Don (Pat) Thomas, Fred Putz, Curt Harris, Bryon Brown and Don Thomas.



L to R: Ralph Fowler, Mrs. Pat Thomas, Fred Putz, Curt Harris, Bryon Brown and Don Thomas

It was a busy day for Walt Havens, veterans club sales representative, as he kept the crowd supplied with Rio Grande hats and t-shirts.



Walt Havens

Picnic tables abounded with good food. Veteran John Ferrell and family pause to partake of the cool refreshments. Soft drinks and ice cream were furnished by the Veterans Club to all attendees.



John Ferrell



A ride around the lake on the Rio Grande miniature trains is always a treat for young and old. Lakeside Park tower is viewed from across the lake.

Mini-railroaders, Kimberly McDonald, left, and Johnny Bates, right, charmed the crowd with their happy and alert interest in the activities. Kimberly and Johnny are the grandchildren of Vern and Illa Mae Immroth.



Kimberly McDonald and Johnny Bates

The day was a day of true giving and generosity from the pocket and heart of Isaac Mootye, assistant accounting supervisor, Expenditures Accounting Department. Isaac has been sponsoring this group of underprivileged children, ranging in age from 8 to 14, for several years. Isaac gives the children his love, support and training as well as clothing and other necessities. He accepts donations of outgrown children's wear and, if the needs are not met, provides from his own pocket. Although Isaac has no children of his own, he regards the kids as his own and has earned the admiration, love and respect of all. Isaac, standing at far right, is a truly good Rio Grande Action Man, as loyal to his own instincts as he is to his company duties.



Isaac Mootye and kids

The Grande People

RETIREMENTS

(Years of Service and Date Shown)

Ahrens, Carl F., Grand Junction, Conductor, 42, 5-15-84
 Alvarez, Francisco, Denver, Station Wagon Driver, 24, 6-1-84
 Bonn, Charles E., Jr., Denver, Switchman, 33, 7-29-84
 Brinton, Jack B., Salt Lake City, Clerk, 43, 9-20-84
 Brown, Eleanor, Denver, Secretary, 21, 12-31-84
 Brown, Samuel E., Denver, Machinist, 42, 7-18-84
 Camp, Edward L., Denver, Machinist Helper, 41, 7-1-84
 Capan, George, Denver, Conductor, 39, 6-16-84
 Cash, Harold E., Denver, VP-Fuel Traffic, 47, 9-1-84
 Chadez, John V., Grand Junction, Switchman, 32, 6-30-84
 Connors, Charles E., Salt Lake City, Conductor, 43, 6-5-84
 Cotton, Robert L., Denver, Switchman, 35, 5-31-84
 Elston, Richard E., Denver, Electrical Foreman, 38, 1-31-85
 Felice, Bardo, Helper, Loco. Engineer, 41, 4-30-84
 Fischbach, Walter J., Denver, Carman, 38, 6-29-84
 Ganser, Martin J., Salt Lake City, Loco. Engineer, 44, 9-21-84
 Garcia, John, Grand Junction, Section Foreman, 61, 9-1-84
 Ingelhart, Fred B., Grand Junction, Conductor, 42, 5-14-84
 Jackson, Ronald, Salt Lake City, Asst. Chief Clerk, 40, 6-15-84
 Jackson, William N., Pueblo, Trainman, 15, 8-1-84
 James, Glen L., Helper, Loco. Engineer, 43, 5-15-84
 Johnson, Harry W., Denver, Machinist, 25, 10-5-84
 Jones, Gilbert R., Denver, Claim Agent, 43, 9-30-84
 Kratke, Henry J., Denver, Switchman, 34, 6-28-84
 Magann, Max A., Helper, Chief Clerk, 38, 6-30-84
 Menard, William P., Cincinnati,
 Regional Manager, 36, 12-31-84
 Mills, Clipper E., San Francisco,
 Manager-National Accounts, 43, 12-31-84
 Nielsen, Harold, Helper, Loco. Engineer, 40, 7-26-84
 Pine, Neale A., East Portal, Fan Operator, 36, 6-30-84
 Ramsey, Artie C., Denver, Brakeman, 38, 6-26-84
 Reese, William A., Salt Lake City, Secretary, 41, 4-1-84
 Ritchie, Roderick C., Salida, Carman, 38, 6-15-84
 Romero, Leo, Aztec, NM, Section Laborer, 37, 8-3-84
 Rossmuller, Gunther, Murray, UT, Loco. Engineer, 42, 6-30-84
 Scanga, Frank J., Salida, Loco. Engineer, 42, 7-31-84
 Scott, Robert M., Denver, Special Accountant, 43, 6-1-84
 Shea, Harrington A., Salt Lake City, Clerk, 35, 6-15-84
 Steves, Harry, Pueblo, Clerk, 42, 8-12-84
 Wiemeyer, Rosemary, Denver, Chief Clerk, 34, 9-30-84
 Wildermuth, John C., San Francisco,
 District Representative, 37, 12-31-84
 Willard, Winfield, W., Colorado Springs,
 Loco. Engineer, 35, 8-28-84
 Williams, Mark L., Phippsburg, Conductor, 41, 6-25-84

RECENT APPOINTMENTS

Barrymore, J. M., Administrator-Pricing Services,
 Traffic Denver
 Brandenburg, D. E., Manager-
 Customer Services Kansas City
 Burnett, G. W., Asst. Manager, Pricing Services Denver
 Cagle, D. A., Terminal Supervisor Roper
 Cain, D. O., Divisions Officer, Traffic Dept. Denver
 Cordova, B., Track Supervisor Bond
 Crespín, P. A., Track Supervisor Helper
 Fick, P. A., Secretary, Office of Director of Personnel & Labor
 Relations Denver
 Fortner, H. T., Senior Manager of Labor Relations .. Denver
 Hallberg, D. E., Asst. Manager of
 Highway Operations Denver
 Holmes, N. R., Road Foreman of Equipment,
 Utah Division Grand Junction
 Johnson, K. S., Secretary, Law Department Denver
 Johnson, L. R., Analyst/Programmer, M.I.S. Denver
 Josephson, B. C., District Representative ... Salt Lake City
 Kilker, C. D., District Representative Denver
 Kingsolver, P. B., Manager of Labor Relations Denver
 Koch, P. G., District Representative Cincinnati
 Krueger, R. R., Diesel Maintenance Supervisor Pueblo
 Larson, R. L., Manager, Intermodal Services .. Kansas City
 Matthews, J. A., Roadmaster Helper
 McCloskey, R. T., Track Supervisor Palisade
 Neal, J. P., Claim Agent, General Claim Department . Denver
 Nelson, D. J., Marketing Representative-
 Contract Rates Denver
 Odwalt, T. D., Asst. Vice President-Fuel Traffic Denver
 O'Reilly, J. P., Manager of Labor Relations Denver
 Reams, D. L., Asst. to Director of Personnel &
 Labor Relations Denver
 Reichert, L. A., Special Apprentice,
 Mechanical Dept Denver
 Rupel, C. C., Roadmaster Minturn
 Stern, R. F., District Manager Kansas City
 Stone, G. D., Asst. Manager-Pricing Denver
 Tonge, T. J., Supervisor-Information Development . Denver
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