PENNSY FAMILY CLUB DAY COMING UP

Just two weeks from tomorrow--Saturday, July 28--two Pennsy Family Clubs in our Northwestern Region will hold their annual summer picnics. At Fort Wayne, festivities will begin at 1:30 P.M. (EST) at McMillen Park, with a picnic supper scheduled for 5 o'clock. The Logansport Club has contracted for the Indiana Beach amusement park facilities at Monticello. Included is the stern-wheeler "Shafer Queen," and the picnic participants will be able to take rides around Lake Shafer on the craft, pictured here.

The Fort Wayne event has scheduled entertainment for everyone, with attendance prize drawings throughout the afternoon.
Logansport offers rides for the children (and grown-ups, too), bathing, and a reduced rate for dancing in the evening. The picnic basket will be brought by individuals, and the gates will open at 1 P.M.

0---Y'all come---and have fun!---0

On The Right Track

This one is so good that we reprint it in its entirety. It is taken from the column "Lines and Angles," by Cliff Milnor, who writes for the Journal-Gazette in Fort Wayne. Under the caption "That Extra Effort" he writes:

"The next time Pvt. John Cutter hears someone criticizing the railroads for lack of good public relations the critic will have an argument on his hands. Both Pvt. Cutter and his wife Jeanne are 'high' on the Pennsy's 'Special Services'.

"Cutter had completed his basic training at Fort Knox and had spent his two weeks' furlough at his home in Auburn. He had orders to report to Camp Dix, N.J. The day before he was due to report, Jeanne drove him to Fort Wayne to board the General.

"Pvt. Cutter had had the importance of his orders impressed upon him at Ft. Knox. Under no circumstances was he to lose them. At the station he handed them to Jeanne while he wrestled his luggage aboard. There was one long embrace, and then he was inside the train waving goodbye.

"Jeanne was waving, too. As the train pulled out, she realized she was waving farewell to her soldier husband with his orders in her hand.

"She went to Ticket Clerk Bob McNall and told him what she had done. C. M. (Butch) Canaan, conductor of the Broadway, which was to leave 45 minutes later, overheard her story. He and McNall devised a plan to get the soldier his orders.

"The Broadway, although it leaves Fort Wayne 45 minutes later, passes the General at Harrisburg, Pa. If Mrs. Cutter would trust Conductor Canaan with the orders he would see that they were left at the North Broad Street Station in Philadelphia and her husband could pick them up there. Jeanne readily agreed.

"Then McNall telephoned Lima and dictated a message to be delivered to Pvt. Cutter on the General. He was told to get off at North Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, instead of going on to Trenton.

"The next night John Cutter telephoned Jeanne that everything had worked well. The orders were waiting for him in Philadelphia. The officers at Camp Dix liked them, too."

0---Business Grows Where Courtesy Shows---
Safe Housekeeping

We referred to good housekeeping in our last issue, and now we want to point out an immediate result of our revitalized safety campaign—that is Safe Housekeeping.

Reports of what has been going on in the last month at the so-called "ground level" are extremely encouraging to those who have been quite concerned over our accident record. So many of these mishaps could have been prevented. We do not agree quite wholly with one safety engineer who is quoted as saying there is no such thing as an unpreventable accident—that all accidents have a cause, and a cause can be eliminated. In fact, he goes farther and says there is no such thing as an accident—that mishaps invariably are caused.

Not to labor the point, the facts at hand show that action has been taken in correcting causal circumstances in the following instances:

At Fort Wayne (E. L. Velte, Jr., Chairman, Safety Committee)—deteriorating boards under repair, more windows opened during intense summer heat, installation of grate over sewer hole, needed ties and repairs noted, weeds controlled, and a number of other good housekeeping and safe housekeeping items handled.

Agents at Logansport meeting (E. N. Taylor, chairman safety) reported a number of high weed situations, unsafe industrial sidings, lack of close clearance signs at those sidings, and other hazardous conditions needing correction. First step in correcting these hazards is to point them out, and we are on our way.

At the 12th St.-16th St. District meeting (H. W. Wittman, chairman) two conditions were noted as needing correction. They were that a man is required to seal cars next to the main track at 12th Street Freight House, and that the ballast is too low between the loading tracks. Agent G. R. Burk is looking into both.

And over on the Michigan side H. L. Gordon, A. J. Heacox, F. S. Huddleston, and J. W. Van Scio all have examined their locations at Grand Rapids, Cadillac, Kalamazoo and Muskegon, respectively, and in each instance found something specific to correct.

As long as we follow through, and don't just make paper corrections, we are headed full throttle in the right direction. High Ball!

O----A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE—-BUT SAFETY MEANS NO STITCHES AT ALL—O
Fort Wayne--C. J. (Doc) Gebhard, clerk at the freight office, retired after 49 years and eight months of service. On retirement day he was taken out to lunch and then given the afternoon off--to go fishin'! It so happens that fishin' is his hobby. He and his wife, Manette, will continue to live at 6304 Maumee Road. At the luncheon he was presented a gift from his colleagues by Robert Walker, agent.

Kalamazoo--The Pennsylvania Railroad was exonerated of negligence in the car-train collision involving a car driven by Mrs. Orin K. Armintrout. The verdict was handed down by a jury in Circuit Court, according to Regional Claim Agent, W. E. Clinesfelter.

Chicago--Harold English, supervisor of track here, was handing out the cigars the other day. He is proud to be a grandfather for the first time. Grand-daughter and mother are doing nicely, thank you.

Grand Rapids--C. H. Ignasias reports that near-by Wyoming has agreed tentatively to side with the Pennsylvania and New York Central in the impending merger proceedings. Mr. Ignasias is to speak at a Kiwanis Club here on July 25.

Reed City, Mich.--R. R. McClain, Manager-Real Estate, reports termination of lease with Howard Behrns covering the one-story brick passenger station and 9,480 square feet of land here.

Chicago--Mark M. Kim, Supervisor-Labor Relations, is leaving us next Friday to take his vacation and terminal leave prior to his retirement August 31st--after 44 years of service. We extend our best wishes for happy retirement--well-earned!

Warsaw--Chester A. Mosher, 79 years young has worked his last trick as operator at the Detroit Street tower here. He began workin' on the railroad in 1904. His departure was noted in the Times-Union with a 4-column head and a 3-column picture and story of his career. We wish him the pleasure of his well-earned rest from work and many, many more happy days.

Gary--John Fuhrmann, field representative of the Eastern Railroad Presidents Conference, was host at a meeting of representatives of various railroads in the Gary-Hammond district on Wednesday. Joseph F. Bruckner, Jr., represented the Pennsylvania.

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