# PERSONALS

# 1924

R. C. (DUKE) HASTINGS is superin-tendent of the Solvay Process Company plant at Kings Mountain, N. C. FRANK W. PINE has a machine shop in Los Angeles where certain oil well tools are machined. He has a daughter,

1001s are machined. He has a daughter, 12, and another 6 months old. MAURICE ROSS is now principal of the Sherman Elementary School, one of the San Diego city schools. V. A. KALICHEVSKY has moved from Woodbury, N. J., to Beaumont, Tex., where he is employed by the Magnolia Petroleum Commany

Company. BILL HOLLADAY has returned to the refrigeration engineering business in Oak-land for the Army and Navy, after having spent two years with Montgomery Ward in Oakland.

### 1926

MANLEY W. EDWARDS has been transferred to Fort Monmouth where he will attend the Eastern Signal Corps School to learn to handle large fixed radio stations.

# 1928

MAJOR GUNNER GRAMATKY is Plans and Operations Officer with a Combat Engineer Battalion in the South Pacific.

CAPTAIN GUY CHILDBERG, after the completion of his training at the C.G.S.S. at Leavenworth, will be stationed at Camp

Evans Signal Laboratory at Belmar, N. J. CAPTAIN RICHARD C. ARMSTRONG is stationed at the Station Hospital, Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo.

# 1929

MAJOR TOM EVANS is in the training division of the Office of Chief of Engineers at Washington, D. C. LIEUTENANT COLONEL LARRY

LYNN is the commanding officer of the Candidates Regiment at Fort Belvoir.

A. J. LARRECQ is now a consulting engineer, with headquarters at 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York.

### 1933

J. GIBSON PLEASANTS is western division superintendent of the manufacturing department of Procter and Gamble Co. His news of 1944 to date is the addition of a second child, a daughter, Peggy, and the purchase of a new home in Cincinnati.

JOHN RANDALL is project engineer for the Austin Company, general contractors constructing new warehouse, office, and cafeteria facilities for North American Aviation, Inc., at Inglewood.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER E. G. CRAWFORD is executive officer of a naval construction battalion stationed in the Pacific.

# 1934

WILLIS F. JAYNES is chief engineer WILLIS F. JAYNES is chief engineer of the Western Industrial Engineering Company which received on May 15 the U. S. Maritime "M" Award for produc-tion, the only "M" ever given to a com-pany of this type. The award was the 13th in California and the 171st in the nation. LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. W. Mc-CREA is now at the Camp Evans Signal Laboratory at Belmar, N. J.

### 1936

LIEUTENANT COLONEL AL CREAL, U.S.M.C., who has been in the Southwest Pacific for two years, is now on duty with the Marine Corps Headquarters in Wash-ington, D. C. 1800 Men serving their old customers -- welcoming new





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# THE LOST WALLET

This is the story of a Seabee named Luca Cavallo, and his wallet. It's only an incident, really-not very important, perhaps, when you're thinking in terms of global war and things like that. But Luca's wallet was mighty important to him, and it caused quite a stir on the railroad-long distance calls, telegrams, and a man stumbling along in the driving rain when he didn't have to. It's a human story, and it's true.

One evening last winter a Southern Pacific train full of Seabees was headed south. ("Seabee" is Navy for C.B. -Construction Battalions.) On board the train, Luca Cavallo and his pal Pete were eating box lunches. Between bites, Luca proudly showed Pete a snapshot he had taken from his wallet-a picture of his attractive wife and their baby, Gilda.

After Pete had properly admired the picture, the two Seabees finished their meal. Then Luca gathered up the waste papers and napkins, raised the train window and tossed the refuse out.

Seconds later, Luca reached for his wallet. It was gone! And with it, the precious snapshot—his only link with home, his wife and Gilda! By mistake he had thrown the wallet out the window with the waste paper!

Frantically, Luca ran through the train and found the conductor, Joe Olinder. He told Olinder what had happened. There was nothing in the rule book to cover such situations, but Olinder immediately swung into action.

He rushed up to the headend of the train where he could see the locomotive headlight illuminate the next mile post. He wanted to get a "fix" on where the wallet was lost.

As the train rounded a curve, he saw the white mile post stand out clearly in the blinding glare of the headlight -- "37." Indelibly it was printed on his mind.

At the next stop, Conductor Joe Olinder called the Oakland dispatcher, Lloyd Ladner, and told him the whole story. Ladner immediately telephoned the Niles operator Ralph Stroupe, who got in touch with assistant signal supervisor Claude Lyon and

asked him if someone couldn't go out along the right of way and look for Cavallo's wallet.

It was a terrible night - raining hard and very cold—but Claude Lyon put on his raincoat, got in his car, and started out.

At mile post 37 he got out of the car and started walking along the right of way, scanning every foot of it with his flashlight.

He walked more than a mile in the driving rain. He stumbled into four or five water-holes, got scratched in a briar patch, fell down a slippery clay embankment...but he found the wallet, and brought it back to his office.

When he opened the wallet, he found a hundred dollars in watersoaked paper money. More important, he found the precious snapshot of Luca Cavallo's wife and their baby, Gilda.

As Lyon put the money and picture near the stove to dry, the phone rang. It was Mrs. Florence Spencer, S.P. telephone operator at Watsonville Junction, calling for Luca Cavallo to see if his wallet had been found.

"Yes, I found it," Lyon answered. "Everything's in it—the money—the picture. . . . What's that? He wants me to keep the money? Listen, Mrs. Spencer, you tell the sailor that if he wants to give any rewards, he can send that money home to his little daughter. As soon as the stuff is dry enough, I'm putting it all in an envelope and mailing it straight to him."

This story doesn't have much to do with Southern Pacific's part in the war effort. It simply shows that railroads are more than trains and tracks. Railroads are people like conductor Joe Olinder, dispatcher Lloyd Ladner, operator Ralph Stroupe and assistant signal supervisor Claude Lyon, People who, no matter how busy they are. still have time to be thoughtful, and understanding, and human.

Another true story of the railroad men and women of America published by

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# 1939

MAJOR R. W. WINCHELL is stationed in Orlando, Fla., in meteorological service.

WALT LARSON is with the Army Air Force stationed at Smyrna, Ga.

HAROLD FISCHER is now with the Douglas Aircraft Company's engineering department as aerodynamicist.

LAWRENCE G. BORGESON is at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, employed by R.C.A. He expects to return to the mainland in the fall.

LIEUTENANT MELVIN LEVET is an Army Station weather officer in the Southwest Pacific.

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