

NEWS BRIEFS

• CHESAPEAKE & OHIO has or dered four automatic alarm hotbox de tectors from Servo Corp. of America

• SOUTHERN has placed a \$650,000 order for 153 miles of type K2 CTC equipment from General Railway Signal. The system will extend between Rivermont, Va., and Linwood, N.C., where 72.5 miles of second track are scheduled for removal. An existing sectional type control machine at Greensboro, N.C. will be expanded for control of the additional field locations. Automatic route selection and approach clearing are featured.

No open wire is used; the entire system will operate via underground cable. GRS electronic overlay track circuits will be utilized for automatic lock release and at highway crossings. Trakode, the two direction coded track system, will permit longer track circuits, thus keeping the number of cut sections to a minimum.

• SOUTHERN PACIFIC has begun construction on a new \$2.5 million electronic traffic control system on 142 miles of main line between Lincoln and Redding, Cal. To be completed in the fall of 1963, the new CTC section will tie into an existing 80-mile stretch of CTC from Redding north through to Black Butte.

• CHICAGO SOUTH SHORE & SOUTH BEND will spend \$38,600 for street crossing protection at six Gary and one South Bend crossings and \$12,500 for electric snow melters on 11 main track switches to improve winter operations.

• LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE has placed an order with Union Switch and Signal for one 26-cylinder model 32 electro-pneumatic car retarder and eight style DA-10 switch machines for installation at Tilford Yard at Atlanta Ga. This equipment will be used to control car movements into one additional group of eight classification tracks bringing the total number of class tracks to 32.

• LONG ISLAND has ordered from Union Switch & Signal, interlocking equipment for installation in two and three track territory as a part of a grade crossing elimination project at (Please turn to page 38)

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P\$3203	44 — 52	0.50	19" x 121/4" x 15"
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Babylon, L.I. Control of the interlocking will be from a UR route control machine.

• ILLINOIS CENTRAL has ordered equipment from General Railway Signal for the installation of 32 miles of CTC between Homewood and Kankakee Jct., Ill. Control will be from a Traffic Master pushbutton machine at Champaign, Ill. Rolkode, a new highspeed coding system (using two frequency-shift carriers for both control and indication transmission) will be used for the control of the seven remote field locations.

# **Railroad** Personnel

• SEABOARD AIR LINE. P. G. Bodwell, Jr., assistant signal construction engineer, appointed assistant superintendent telegraph with headquarters as before at Richmond, Va.

• BELT RAILWAY OF CHICAGO. Harry W. Dunn, signal and electrical engineer, Chicago & Western Indiana, appointed office engineer.

• CHICAGO & WESTERN INDI-ANA. Carl E. Ross, assistant engineer,

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appointed supervisor-signal and elec trical.

• LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE Grady L. Tanner, appointed assistant signal supervisor at Mobile, Ala.

 BESSEMER & LAKE ERIE. Georg R. Pflasterer, staff assistant to chie engineer, retired Dec. 31, 1962. native of Danville, Ill. (born Dec. 30 1897), Mr. Pflasterer graduated from Georgia School of Technology in 191 with a degree in electrical engineer ing. He worked as a signal helper o the Great Northern during summer 1915-1917. From 1919 to 1929 he wa signal maintainer and signal forema on the Nashville, Chattanooga & S Louis. In 1930 he joined Union Swite

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Grand Central Station switching system, 1890 (Bettmann Archive)





Herbert H. Dofka

R. M. McIntosh



George R. Pflasterer

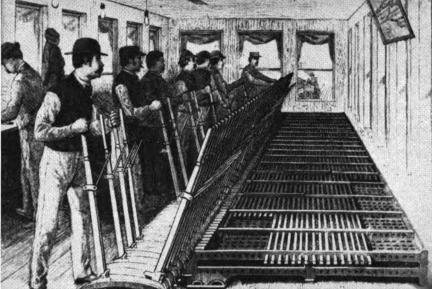
t Signal as a circuit engineer and subequently was patent engineer. He vas appointed signal engineer of the kLE in 1937, and was appointed taff assistant to the chief engineer in 1960.

• SANTA FE. Neal W. Thorne, reently appointed assistant signal engieer for eastern lines at Topeka, Kan. RSC Jan. 1963, p. 38) was born at zebo, Kan., Sept. 9, 1926. He joined he Santa Fe in 1944 as a signal helper ind was promoted to signal maintainr at Topeka in 1948. He subsequently is positions as draftsman, circuit engineer and assistant engineer at Topeka before transferring to Los Angeles in 1960 as CTC engineer, the position he ield prior to his present promotion.

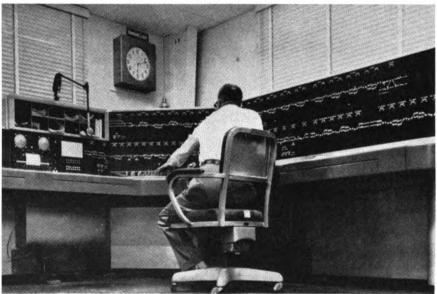
• CANADIAN NATIONAL. Herbert 4. Dofka, assistant signal engineer at Foronto, Ont., appointed signal engiieer, Edmonton, Alta., succeeding 8. M. McIntosh who has been appointrd signal engineer with Canada's Board of Transport Commissioners at Winnipeg, Man.

Mr. Dofka joined CN as assistant engineer, signal department at Toronto in 1953 and was appointed design engineer three years later. In 1961 he was appointed assistant signal engineer.

Mr. McIntosh started with CN in 1950 as circuit designer at Moncton and was promoted to assistant signal engineer there two years later. He was transferred to Montreal in 1956, where he supervised the signal training program and development of CTC systems. He became assistant signal engineer at Winnipeg in 1957 and four (Please turn to page 41)



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Leo J. Ritter

John E. Schmitt





Glen L. Miller

Henry N. Wasserman

ars later was promoted to signal agineer at Edmonton.

NEW YORK CENTRAL. Leo J. itter, superintendent of communicaons, New York district, appointed roject manager integrated communitions network with responsibility for e planning, installation and operation the road's system-wide telephone aling and message handling facilities. homas R. Gibson, communications ngineer at New York succeeds Mr. litter as superintendent of communiations. John E. Schmitt, communi-ations engineer, Cleveland, Ohio, ppointed superintendent of communiations succeeding Glen L. Miller, etired. Roy A. Calendine, communiations plant engineer, New York, is ppointed superintendent of communiations for the northern district with readquarters at Detroit, Mich., sucreding Henry N. Wasserman, retired. Mr. Ritter was born at Chicago, Ill., n 1921, and later graduated from the Iniversity of Wyoming with a BSEE legree. He joined the New York Cenral as communications engineer at Deroit in 1948 and was transferred to leveland in the same capacity in .954. Two years later he was appointd electronics engineer at New York, ind in 1957 he was promoted to disrict superintendent of communications, is most recent position prior to the resent appointment.

Mr. Gibson, born on March 6, 1924 St. Paul, Minn., graduated from the (Please turn to page 42)



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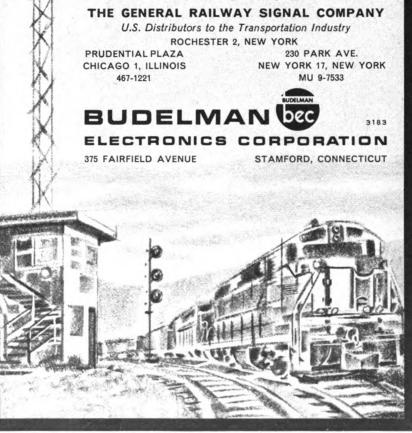
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University of Minnesota with a BEE degree in 1949. He went to work in the communications department of the Northern Pacific that year as an assistant equipment installer and was promoted to leading equipment repairman in 1952. He joined the Wabash in 1956 as communications engineer and was subsequently appointed engineer of signals and communications from which position he joined the New York Central in 1961 as communications engineer at New York.

Mr. Schmitt was born in Quincy, Ill., in 1923 and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1948 with a BSEE degree. At that time he joined the REA as an electrical and telephone engineer working in their Washington, D.C. headquarters and in various field offices in the west. In 1954 he was appointed telephone engineer of the Eastern Illinois Telephone Co., later becoming assistant manager. He was appointed communications engineer for NYC at Cleveland in 1957.

Mr. Miller, born in Whitestown, Ind., Dec. 31, 1899, graduated from Purdue University in 1922 with a BSEE degree, and received an EE degree from the same institution in 1928. After working for the Indiana Bell Telephone Co., Mr. Miller joined the CCC&StL as assistant engineer, telegraph department at Indianapolis in 1929 and later moved to Cleveland as telephone and telegraph engineer, lines west, NYC. From January 1940 to November 1944, he was system T&T engineer at Detroit, from which point he was transferred to Syracuse to become assistant superintendent of communications, lines east. In January 1954, Mr. Miller was appointed superintendent of communications at Cleveland.

Mr. Calendine, a native of Columbus, Ohio, joined the NYC communications department in 1943. He was appointed line inspector in 1946 at Cincinnati, and district supervisor at Detroit in 1948. Five years later Mr. Calendine was promoted to chief telephone and telegraph inspector at Detroit. In 1954, later he was appointed general plant supervisor at New York. In 1961 Mr. Calendine was appointed communications plant engineer.

Mr. Wasserman, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., began his railroad career with NYC in 1921 as a telegraph operator at Chicago. In 1926 he was appointed wire chief. He was appointed assistant communications engineer at Detroit in 1944 subsequently becoming telephone and telegraph engineer. In 1954 he was promoted to superintendent of communications at Detroit.







in Chicago.



Robert H. Tomlinson

### **Supply Trade News**

• RAILROAD MATERIALS CORP. Henry T. Fitzhugh appointed southern representative with headquarters at 6222 Club Road, Richmond 28, Va. Mr. Fitzhugh was secretary to the assistant chief engineer, Chesapeake & Ohio at Richmond.

• UNION SWITCH & SIGNAL has acquired exclusive world-wide distribution rights for hand railway track skates from **Ross-Meehan Foundries**, Chattanooga, Tenn.

• WALTON R. COLLINS CO., 122 East 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y., has been appointed sales agent for Frontier Electronics, Inc., manufacturers of snow and high-load detectors.

• AMERICAN BRAKE SHOE CO. Kempton Dunn has been elected chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer. John S. Hutchins has been elected president and chief operating officer.

• ITT-KELLOGG. W. J. Cheesman appointed group manager-telecommunications of International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., and will head the ITT-Kellogg Telecommunications division as well as continue as president of ITT-Canada, Ltd.

• WESTERN RAILROAD SUPPLY CO. Peter J. Banbury, appointed a sales engineer in the communications and signal equipment department of WRRS. Mr. Banbury was formerly in the telegraph engineering department of Canadian National assigned to yard classification work.

• SIMMONS-BOARDMAN PUB. CORP. John Rogers, circulation manager, railway division, appointed sales representative, advertising sales department. F. T. Baker, regional vicepresident, advertising sales at New York, resigned to become director of advertising sales for Radio-Electronics, Gernsback Publications, Inc.

• MID-CONTROL CO. Clifton H.

Sass, Jr., has been named exclusiv railway sales agent for Chicago base railroads by Fansteel Metallurgic Corp. Prior to forming Mid-Contro Co., 388 Cornell Ave., Des Plaines, III Mr. Sass was vice-president of Rai road Repair & Supply Co. and Leo I Duffy Associates, Inc. He was formed

railroad sales manager for Okonite C

• CENERAL RAILWAY SIGNAL Roger J. Eckerson appointed a sale engineer in Chicago. Mr. Eckerso was formerly an applications engined in the commercial engineering depar ment at the Rochester, N.Y. plant. graduate of Syracuse University wit a BS degree in business administration he also studied at Clarkson Colleg of Technology and Rochester Institut of Technology. He was formerly a signal mechanic and engineering draft man for the New York Central befor joining GRS.

• UNION SWITCH & SIGNAL. Rol ert H. Tomlinson appointed assistant district manager at New York. Charle E. Cressman appointed communications sales engineer with headquarter at Pittsburgh, Pa.

A native of Pitcairn, Pa., Mr. Ton linson graduated with a BSEE degre from the University of Pittsburgh i 1948, at which time he joined US& as a junior engineer. In 1952 he wa appointed a design engineer in the equipment engineering departmen and in 1957 was appointed a sales engineer in the railway sales departmen with headquarters in Pittsburgh. I 1960 he was transferred in the sam capacity to the New York district of fice, the position he held at the tim of his present promotion.

Mr. Cressman was born in William port, Pa. He received an electric education at Coyne Electrical Scho in Chicago, and in 1935 he join Zenith Radio Co., in the test and i spection department. In 1940 joined Bendix Radio in Baltimore, Me advancing through various positions an assignment as communications sa engineer in 1952, the position he he until his present appointment.

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