

Pullman Conductor With Highest Seniority in St. Louis Chooses To Run On Rebels

The Pullman conductor who ranks No. 1 in seniority in St. Louis likes the GM&O so well that he chooses the St. Louis to Mobile Gulf Coast Rebel run over all other Pullman runs out of St. Louis.

He is Conductor R. C. Stallings, who has nearly a half century of service with the Pullman Company to his credit, and who admits quietly that he likes the Deep South run on our Rebels better than any other. Mr. Stallings began as a conductor with Pullman shortly before the St. Louis World's Fair in the early 1890's, and he has never been off in all these years except for periodic vacations.

Conductor Stallings first served on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad about 40 years ago, switching over from another line. He stayed with us several years until he was forced to change to another line because of seniority. Then, in 1942 when Pullman conductors were put in charge of sleeping car service on the Rebels, Mr. Stallings exercised his rights in seniority to again take the St. Louis to Mobile Run. He is a native of Louisville, North Carolina, but has been a mid-westerner since boyhood. Taken for Chicago, publication.

Mr. Stallings besides being a Franklin County boy, married Miss Florence Andrews, a sister to the late Mrs. George H. Cooper, and to Mr. George Andrews, in 1909. He has many friends here among the older citizens who will be interested in the above article.

They had just moved into the neighborhood and the minister of a nearby congregation called one afternoon to invite the family to attend services the following Sunday:

Eight-year-old Willie answered the doorbell and showed the minister into the living room, and as his share of the conversation, he observed:

Willie: There's mothers ashes in the jar on the mantelpiece!

Minister (in kindly tones): So, your mother is with the angels?

Willie: No, sir. She's just too lazy to look for an ash tray.

Army Service Forces Urgently In Need of Clerks, Typists, and Stenographers In Washington

The Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C., is seeking clerks, typists, and stenographers to assist in performing the necessary office duties in connection with the vital work of servicing the armed forces overseas with much needed supplies. Mr. R. E. McGlaughlin, Civil Service Area Supervisor, disclosed today.

Mrs. Ruth M. Welles, Recruiting Representative, will arrive in Louisville, December 30th, and will be located at the U. S. Post Office from 10:00 A. M. until 4:00 P. M. She will interview all interested persons, give Civil Service examinations to all applicants and is authorized to offer immediate appointment to all persons who qualify.

War Department appointees are guaranteed free transportation to the Nation's Capital. They will be met at the Station upon arriving in Washington, D. C., established in reasonably priced and suitable living quarters, and assigned to duty.

Appointments will be made in accordance with War Manpower Commission current priorities, policies, directives, regulations and employment stabilization plans.

This means generally, that persons employed in certain activities or occupations will be required to obtain statements of availability from their employers or from the United States Employment Service before they can be appointed to Federal Civil Service positions. An offer of appointment will be accompanied by instructions as to what steps the person must take to secure necessary clearance. Statements of availability should in no case be secured until an offer of appointment is received.

A rookie who spent his first weeks at a naval training station digging ditches, chopping trees, and filling up holes, complained: "Shucks, I joined the Navy to see the world, but it looks like I've done nothing but rearrange it."

Potential layers in U. S. farm flocks were 543 million on December 1 as compared with 428 million for the five year period of 1938 through 1942.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

Local Soldier Serves in Artillery Outfit That Stopped German Counter-Attacks In Italy

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Pvt. Edward C. Joyner, son of Mrs. Lola C. Joyner, Route 1, Louisville, canoener, is a member of the 328th Field Artillery Battalion, which has repelled several recent German counterattacks on the Italian front south of Bologna.

The 328th, whose 105-millimeter howitzers and three-inch guns are usually operated in support of the 85th "Custer" Division's 237th Infantry Regiment, is a unit of Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army. The battalion had an active role in the Gustav, Hitler and Gothic Lines. Its first combat round was fired on 10 April 1944, in the Minturno area, shortly after it left North Africa and joined the Fifth Army.

On the moonless night of September 5, the battalion forded the Arni at Florence's outskirts, traded shells with the enemy for five days and then crossed the Sieve River toward Firenzuela, where German 170-millimeter shells dug craters in the 328th bivouac. In a surprise move the battalion forded the wild Santerno River and knocked out a German battery of five artillery pieces.

The outfit has since been steadily engaged in turning back German counterattacks and supporting local attacks of Fifth Army infantrymen.

Business And Financial Outlook For 1945

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with a decline in war stocks; but 1945 will witness them both moving more or less together. Switching has been over-done in most cases.

45. 1945 will continue to witness creeping inflation, although the big movement toward inflation will not take place until the next business depression which will follow the postwar prosperity.

BONDS

46. Though bank loan rates should continue to have an upward tendency, interest rates in general will remain low through 1945, since the money supply is now 20% above normal and government controls will continue.

47. Anticipating the expected decline in Federal taxes, 1945 should surely see a falling off in the price of most municipal and probably other tax-exempt bonds.

48. The highest grade corporation bonds will decline during 1945.

49. Investors will give much more attention to diversification and staggered bond maturities during 1945.

50. More public utilities will be taken over by municipalities and "Authorities" during 1945.

REAL ESTATE

51. Suburban real estate will be in much greater demand with higher prices during 1945.

52. City real estate should hold its own, excepting in the congest-

ed war areas where declines may set in.

53. Small productive farms will continue to increase in price; but large farms may sell for less in 1945 than in 1944.

54. Building will show a considerable increase. Contracts will be up 25%, but prices may be a little lower due to increases in lumber and cement production.

55. There will be no changes in residential rents during 1945.

56. Real estate will be helped by Congress ceasing to induct any more men into the armed services after June 30, 1945.

POLITICS AND POST-WAR PEACE

57. The uncertain political fac-

tor of 1945 will be Mr. Roosevelt. People will soon fear that he may resign before the next Congressional Elections either on account of ill health or to become head of a Peace Commission or new World Organization.

58. Our foreign headaches will become worse and more frequent during 1945. What we are going through to reorganize Italy, will be repeated in many other countries.

59. The Latin American honeymoon has passed its peak. The attitude of Argentina will extend to other countries and our South American troubles will increase during 1945.

60. 1945 will see more religious

interest, including more church-going, than did 1944. People gradually are realizing that without a Spiritual Awakening no peace or other plans will be much good. Nations cannot be depended upon to cooperate and stick to their agreements unless they recognize God as their real Ruler and Guide.

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WE EXTEND a sincere year-end greeting to the friends and customers of this bank. We thank the new friends who had joined us and given us their cooperation. And we have a special word of appreciation for the old friends, endeared to us by years of close association.

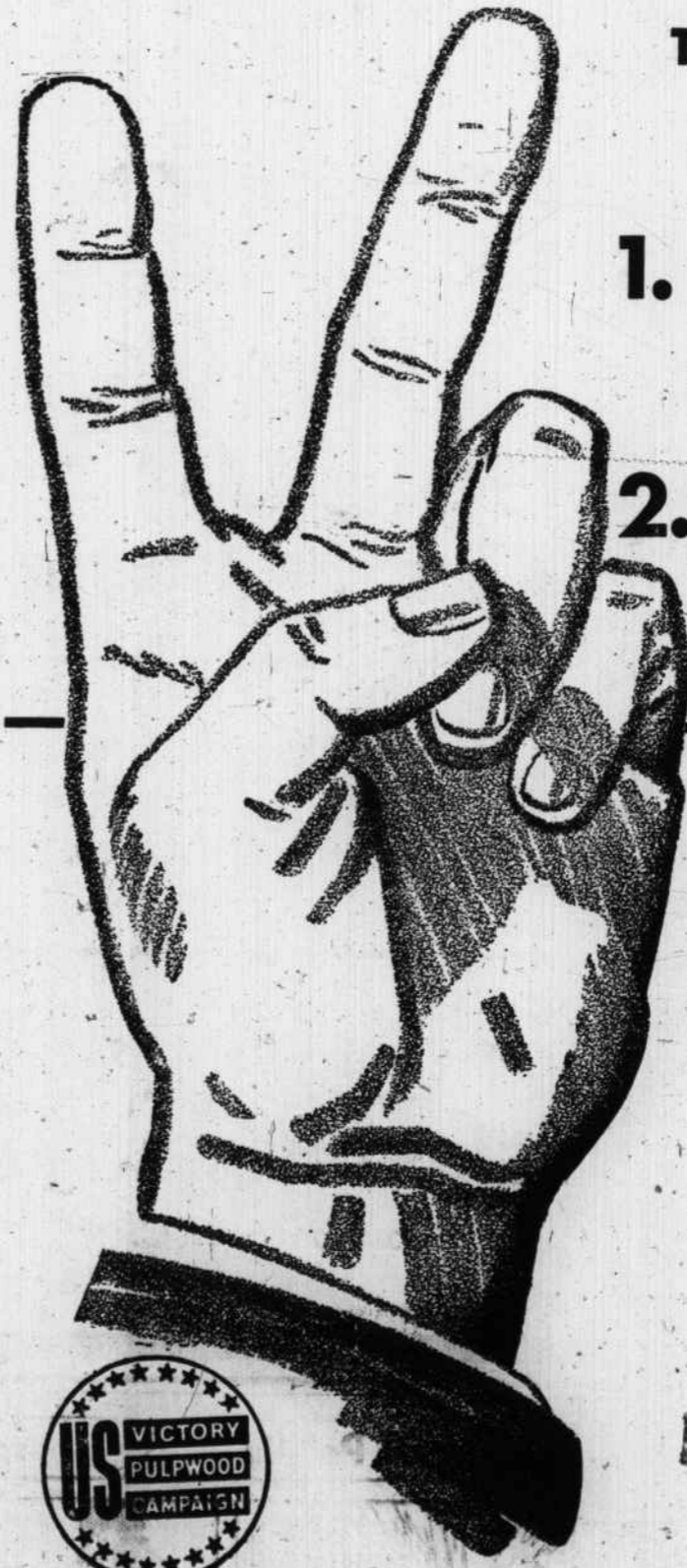
The Citizens Bank & Trust Company is an old bank, with its roots sunk deep in the soil of this community. Yet we have always maintained a youthful, confident attitude toward the future. We have been in business a long time, and we expect to be in business long after Hitler and Hirohito have been put out of business forever.

After the war, we believe America will go forward to the greatest tomorrow it has ever known. But we do not forget—and we know you will never forget—that it will be the costliest tomorrow that ever was bought by one generation for another. Therefore, we must keep foremost in our thoughts at this time the welfare of our "Fighting Men." Many of them will be home from Europe next year—boys from Louisville and vicinity. They will expect to find their proper, honorable places in profitable activities of their own choosing. We are going to help them. We are going to help them now to win the war. We are going to help them later to enjoy the rewards of Peace in the land they fought to save.

These are just a few of the year-end thoughts which we are taking the liberty of sharing with you. The Citizens Bank & Trust Company has had important work to do during these war years. We have tried to measure up fully to our responsibilities. And, we shall continue to work for the best interests of this community in the rich peace years ahead, which we hope will be happy, progressive years for all of us.

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Since war requirements are constantly changing, it is always advisable to have an arrangement on selling your pulpwood before you cut it. That way you can cut the species most needed and get the best price for it.

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