

Burlington Marks Half Century in Casper



Fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Burlington's arrival in Casper was held last Oct. 20 and was highlighted by gold steam engine, excursion run to Ainslie, hand car races. In photo, Bill Barnard barely rouses out Henry Ruffes for honor of driving "golden" spike.

Among highlights of Burlington's activities during 1963 was a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the arrival at the first depot in Casper on Oct. 20, 1893. One of the first lines extending across the state was added gold in commemoration of the event, and covered an acreage in Arapahoe City, manager Bill Barnard participated in a hand car race. When the April they drive a cubic yard of rock in front of the station.

To accommodate future industrial expansion, Burlington is opening its doors to other industries for business in the Casper area. Much of area was allocated to Black Hills Interstate Company for construction of a modern wool processing and shipping facility.

What is believed to be the largest single ton shipment ever managed by Wyoming arrived at Casper over the Burlington — a slightly processed state weighing 20,000 pounds. It is the first part of the 40 million ton shipment to be shipped to Pacific Power and Light Co. V. General plant.

In 1963, Burlington paid 900 Wyoming residents \$1,000,000 in a 10-year and more. But we more than in '63. \$14 million was spent on train operations in the state and an additional \$15 million was spent for improved equipment.

Transportation facilities of Over Agency, Sage Creek and Bennett, West of Casper, and oil and gas, and yards, were reported as a part of over \$100 million industrial service trucks were built in some Pacific Power and Light Co. Sales Price Associates and Black Hills Interstate Co. 1963 at Casper, as well as Wyoming Products Co., at Riverton. The major fuel, truck, at Vancouver was estimated 1,000 feet, and at Riverton and Gardiner, additional fuel was leased to Great Western Paper Company to pro-

vide more fuel storage. Temporary track was constructed at Collins to serve Northwestern Engineering Co.

Trains used by Burlington in 14 Wyoming counties amounted to \$275,000, the largest amount. \$100,000 is going to Montana county.

Burlington president Harry C. Murphy announced the railroad will spend about \$8 million this year on new equipment and plant modernization. These \$10 million is being allocated for 425 cubic yard hopper freight cars. These include 200 hydraulically raised load cars, 100 low cars with extra wide doors and great ac-

cess doors, 125 covered hopper cars designed to carry 200 tons of coal, 100 gondola cars for coal, sugar, flour, fertilizer, and 100 tank cars for oil. In total, well bound from Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah. The Burlington plant at Cody, Mont. also will be retrofitted under the program.

On other side 10 Burlington 107-25 electric for fast freight service. They will be built by the Electric Motor Division of General Motors, at a cost of \$11 million.

Rail refers throughout the system, together with the replacement and better material, will cost an estimated \$18 million.

Burlington system passenger revenues reached an estimated \$44 million during 1963.

In July, the line brought to Casper a special train composed of 200 members of the 1,000,000th and had two locomotives, who attended a reunion and cruise. At a lunch held meeting they met Wyoming food and agricultural officials. The group accompanied by two Burlington agents, was studying modern agricultural methods in Burlington territory.

Prevention of passenger leaks from during the coming year will emphasize travel in the New York World's Fair. Burlington will carry more than 100,000 in their 100,000 of Valley Forge and Orleans to their convention in New York. The railroad's other new lines, weekend excursions and meals — train tips will be expanded.

To maintain a modern and B-nationally healthy passenger service between major centers of population, elimination of some the public does not use will continue to increase active study.



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