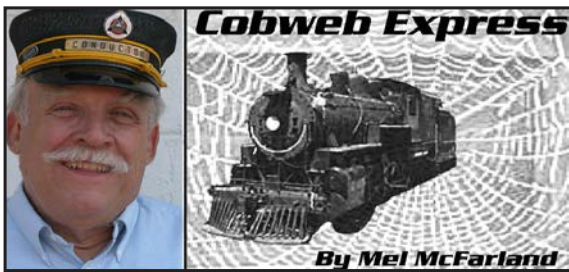


## Say, Mr. Conductor



At my job on the mountain it probably was the most interesting start of stories for this column, I like this next tale. In the old days

a passenger train had several conductors. The one that was in the Pullman Sleeping Cars served only those passengers. He manned his equipment, which had maybe twenty passengers. The passengers were mainly easterners, taking their first trip into the west. The experience raised their curiosity. The conductor served as an "Answer Man". The temperament of these men was of primary importance. On a trip he might field some pretty unusual questions.

On a trip north from Pueblo a conductor was resting, having checked all of his passengers comfort. He had a spot in a far corner of the car where he could even catch a nap. He had just dozed off when a touch on his shoulder raised him. It was a very nervous lady. "Say, Mr. Conductor, my ticket says that I am to have two hundred pounds of baggage and my trunk does not weigh more than one hundred and twenty five. What am I to do about it?"

"Madam," replied the accommodating conductor, "we will be arriving at Colorado Springs in a few minutes and you can gather seventy-five pounds of stone to fill it up."

On Pikes Peak I got many an odd question, and I had to think before answering some of them. A couple of "good" ones are: "Why are there no pine cones up here?" "Does the train stop at the toll gate?" "Do the people who drive up the road come up to the same summit?"

I enjoyed teaching here in Fountain, but working on the cog railway was certainly more fun! I am amazed to hear that their new trains, which carry about 250 passengers, are going up this winter almost full! Plus there are as many as three of these a day!

# Pages of the Past

(1958 - Present)



## Sixty Years Ago (1962) "PROJECT BASEBALL UNIFORMS"

Fountain Valley-Security Civitan Club sponsored a fund-raiser drive by ball players in Security's P & R baseball program (Pee Wee, junior and senior divisions) by means of a candy sale to raise money for uniforms for their 1962 baseball season. (Fountain Valley News file photo)

## Fifty Years Ago (1972) EASTER BUNNY HELPERS

When the Easter Bunny visited Security Shopping Center April 1, 1972, he had six helpers to hand out goodies to other kids. (Fountain Valley News file photo)



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## Forty Years Ago (1982) MAY-FIELD SUPERS, INC.

An ad from May-field Supers, Inc in Fountain showcased very different prices in 1982 compared to the prices in 2022. Boneless ham was \$2.55 a pound 40 years ago, while in 2022 the average for boneless ham is \$4.83 a pound. (Fountain Valley News file photo)

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## Thirty Years Ago (1992) FISHING IS FUN!

Ralph Baldrige of Colorado Springs and three domestic ducks were enjoying the tranquility of Willow Springs Fishing Ponds in the Fountain Regional Park on Monday, April 6, 1992. (Photo by Carl Wiese)



## Twenty Years Ago (2002) MRHS ROTC CADETS

MRHS proved it was the best Navy ROTC team in Colorado, New Mexico and southwest Texas when it won the Navy's Area Ten Drill Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Members had the honor of representing Colorado at the Navy National Drill Championships in Pensacola, Florida on April 5-6, 2002. (Fountain Valley News file photo)

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