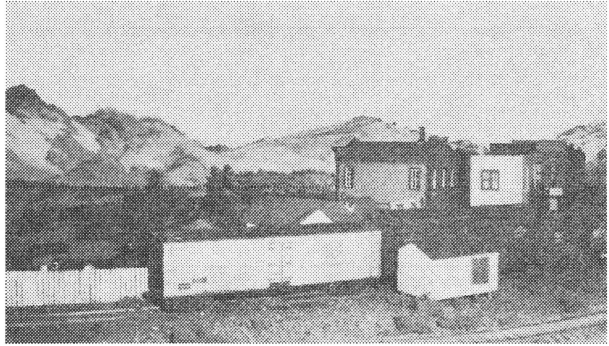


## Puzzle #19 — AT THE RAILROAD LUNCH

So there I am, sitting in the eatery across from the Denver Midland yard office (the crews call it the “Railroad Lunch,” apparently ‘cause its ownership keeps changing, and nobody can remember whether it’s now “Al’s Diner,” or “Joe’s Lunchroom,” or “Fred’s Beanery,” or whatever). In comes Barney Evans, a guy I know, who has with him four other train crew members. Including Barney, these five guys have anywhere from 7 to 12 years of seniority at their respective jobs (none of them have ten years on the job, though, which is what I have at the time). Barney brings the crew over to my end of the counter, and we start talking. I discover that each one of them has a different nickname (one is “Cowboy”, since he grew up in Brooklyn) as well as a different job on the D.M. (one is a fireman), and has been at their job a different number of years. So, match up their nicknames, jobs, and years of seniority.



1. The five railroaders are Nathan McGinnis; the one nicknamed “Parson” (who isn’t Mike Dugan); the one with the most seniority; the one with the least seniority; and the one who works as a brakeman.
2. Larry Shelby, who isn’t the one with seven years of seniority, isn’t the conductor.
3. The brakeman has two years’ more seniority than “Wildcat.”
4. Mike has 11 years’ seniority. The flagman and “Slim” are Larry and Nathan, in some order.
5. “Handsome” Harvey Cook is neither the engineer nor the conductor.

NAME	NICKNAME	SENIORITY	JOB
Harvey Cook			
Mike Dugan			
Barney Evans			
Nathan McGinnis			
Larry Shelby			