August 3, 1973 – Potter NE – Two Union Pacific maintenance employees were killed when they were struck by a UP freight train. They were Kenneth Meerkatz, 28, of Polk and Junior Jay Pinto, 51, of Chinle AZ. They were part of a 12-man crew cleaning an area where new rails had been installed. Meerkatz was a 6 year UP employee and was survived by his wife and four children.


PINTO – Funeral Services are pending at Cope Memorial Chapel for Junior Jay Pinto, 48, of Chinle, AZ who was killed Friday in a train-pedestrian accident while working for the Pacific Railroad in Potter, NE. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; four daughters, Gloria, Shirley, Shirlene, and Darlene, and three sons, Jerry, Gary, Julius, all of Chinle; his mother, Mary Johnson of Shiprock; two brothers, Jimmy Pinto and Johnny Johnson of Shiprock and a sister, Annie Jean Curley of Shiprock.