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-PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

OUR THANKS GO TO DICK THOMPSON FOR HIS EFFORTS AND HOSPITALITY AT OUR LAST MEETING. CONSIDERING THE HEAVY RAIN, WE HAD A VERY GOOD TURNOUT OF MEMBERS AND VISITORS, WHO ENJOYED VIEWING DICK'S LARGE COLLECTIONS.

HERB MORLEY ANNOUNCED THE GOOD NEWS REGARDING PICTURE CATALOGING - THE NEW ENGLAND DIVISION THOUGHT IT AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND PLEDGED COOPERATION FOR ITS SUCCESS.

I BELIEVE A VERY GOOD POINT WAS BROUGHT OUT IN REGARDS TO VISITATIONS IN MEMBERS' HOMES. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH MEMBERS, OLD AND NEW, HAVE BEEN HESITATING TO HOLD MEETINGS BECAUSE THEY FEEL THEIR COLLECTIONS ARE NOT WORTHY OF VIEWING, SIZE OR RARITY BEING THE FACTOR INVOLVED. MAY I STATE HERE, VIEWING COLLECTIONS FOR COMPARISON IS NOT OUR OBJECTIVE. GOOD, TRUE FELLOWSHIP IS THE MAIN INGREDIENT INVOLVED - LOU REDMAN HAS MENTIONED THIS IN MANY OF HIS ARTICLES IN THE TCA QUARTERLY. EVERY MEETING STIMULATES THE INDIVIDUAL'S INTEREST IN HIS OWN COLLECTION BECAUSE AS WE HELP OUR OWN INTEREST WE HELP OTHERS BY THE SAME METHOD. BY THIS ASSOCIATION, WE GAIN IN MANY WAYS; I.E. - NEW ITEMS, OUR FAVORITE STORY OF SOME FIND SINCE LAST MEETING, DISPOSING OF DUPLICATES OR SWAPPING, OR ANY OTHER PLEASURES YOU MAY RECEIVE WHICH I FAIL TO MENTION. ALL OF THIS EQUALS FELLOWSHIP!! WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT TRUE COLLECTING WITH THESE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS - NO VISITING, NO CORRESPONDING, NO EXHIBITING, OR NEVER SEEING ANOTHER PERSON WITH THE SAME COMMON INTEREST? TO DO THIS IN ANY FIELD WOULD BE RATHER DULL, CONSTRICTING EXISTENCE, WOULDN'T IT? EVER HEARD OF A MISER? TO ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH FRIENDS, OLD OR NEW, IS GROWTH TO AN INDIVIDUAL.

SIGNED - GEORGE SMITH

IN TRIBUTE TO FLOYD F. UMBARGER

WE, OF THE TCA, WERE SHOCKED BY THE SUDDEN PASSING OF FLOYD UMBARGER. ALTHOUGH A RELATIVELY NEW MEMBER OF OUR ORGANIZATION, HE WAS KNOWN TO ALL ASSOCIATED WITH ANY PHASE OF RAILROADING.

AT OUR REQUEST HIS WIFE, MRS. GLADYS UMBARGER, ALSO A TCA MEMBER, GAVE US INFORMATION NOT GENERALLY KNOWN TO MOST OF US.

FLOYD WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS THOSE FOR HOBBISTS. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU, THE EAST SAN DIEGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, THE BUREAU OF HOME APPLIANCES OF SAN DIEGO, CHAIRMAN OF THE TV INTERFERENCE COMMITTEE, THE RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, AND OUR OWN TCA, OF COURSE. HE WAS ESPECIALLY ACTIVE IN THE BETTERMENT OF TV RECEPTION IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA, GIVING NOT ONLY HIS TIME, KNOWLEDGE, TESTING FACILITIES - INCLUDING A TESTING TOWER - BUT THE TIME OF HIS EMPLOYEES, FREE, TO THE CITY AND COUNTY.

SOMETHING UNUSUAL IS HIS TIE COLLECTION, NUMBERING OVER ONE THOUSAND, AND ALL HAND MADE. HE HAS EXHIBITED THEM IN ALL THE WESTERN STATES AND AS FAR NORTH AS FORT YUKON IN ALASKA.

FLOYD WAS COLLECTING TRAINS OF ALL TYPES FOR A TRAIN MUSEUM HE PLANNED TO OPEN SOME DAY. HIS WIFE HOPES TO FULFILL THIS WISH IN HIS MEMORY.

WE WILL LONG REMEMBER FLOYD UMBARGER.

-- NEWS ALONG THE COLLECTING FRONT --

WELL, EVAN MIDDLETON DID IT! HE HAS TURNED OVER THE KNOTT'S BERRY FARM TRAIN MUSEUM TO RUSS HAFDAHL OF SEATTLE. SHORTLY, RUSS WILL INVADE THE MIDDLETON TRAIN SHOP WITH HIS BIG SMILE AND FINE ENERGETIC PERSONALITY. HAVE WE LOST EVAN? SHOULD SAY NOT! HE WILL HELP RUSS IN THE TRAIN SHOP, AS WELL AS OTHER CONCESSIONS THERE AT THE FARM. EVAN AND MRS. MIDDLETON EXPECT TO SEE AMERICA, ALSO, MAYBE FROM A TRAILER. WE'RE EXPECTING HIM TO TURN UP SOME REAL GOOD PIECES IN HIS TRAVELS AND WE'RE SURE WE WON'T BE WRONG.

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA IS INDEED FORTUNATE. WE GAINED AN AVID COLLECTOR IN RUSS HAFDAHL AND RETAIN THE MAN HE SUCCEEDS - EVAN MIDDLETON - THE FORMER MASTER OF THE MECCA OF ALL WESTERN TRAIN COLLECTORS. WELCOME, RUSS HAFDAHL, TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF TCA.

WE APPRECIATE THE COPIES OF THE MID-WESTERN BULLETINS WHICH ARE READ AND ENJOYED AT EACH MEETING.

THERE WILL BE A WESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO ON THE WEEKEND OF JULY 22ND. THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTERS WILL PARTICIPATE.

ED DEMACK IS DUE BACK IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROM THE PHILIPPINES SOMETIME IN MARCH. IF HIS STAY HERE DOES NOT INCLUDE A REGULAR MEETING, A SPECIAL ONE WILL BE CALLED AT HERB MORLEY'S. ED, INCIDENTALLY, WAS THE FIRST SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER.

AN "HONEST-TO-GOODNESS" VOTE OF PRAISE IS ISSUED TO OUR WORTHY NATIONAL SECRETARY, LOU REDMAN, FOR THE BEAUTIFUL FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE OF THE QUARTERLY. IT'S FEATURE OF BUDDY "L" TRAINS, AS WELL AS

THE VARIOUS NEWS ARTICLES, ARE JUST FINE. THE PICTURES, PAPER AND PRINTING ARE THE "MOST", AS TEEN-AGERS WOULD SAY. LOU, WE ARE ALL APPRECIATIVE OF THE TIME AND EFFORTS OF YOU AND YOUR WIFE AND OF OTHERS WHO HELPED.

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JIM ROGERS WILL, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, MOVE HIS TRAIN REPAIR BUSINESS TO AN ESTABLISHED HOBBY SHOP WHICH HE IS PURCHASING. HE RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM THE PASADENA SCHOOL SYSTEM, AFTER MANY YEARS SERVICE, TO FULFILL THIS LONG TIME DESIRE. HE IS PLANNING TO HANDLE SALES AND SERVICE ON ALL GAUGES OF MODEL TRAINS AND PLANS TO INCLUDE AN OPERATING LAYOUT OF "STD", "O", "S" AND "HO" GAUGES IN THE STORE.

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HERB MORLEY HAS MADE QUITE A FIND - HE HAS PURCHASED A CARLYSLE & FINCH CABOOSE, BOX CAR AND PULL-MAN CAR MADE IN THE EARLY THIRTIES WHEN C&F WAS THINKING OF GOING BACK INTO THE TOY TRAIN BUSINESS. THEY ARE UNUSUAL IN THAT THEY WERE NEVER PUT INTO PRODUCTION AND THEY ARE ALL ALUMINUM CASTINGS.

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AN "O" GAUGE DORFAN STEAM FREIGHT SET IS THE LATEST ADDITION TO BILL HARRIS' COLLECTION.

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WES FRYE PICKED UP TWO #156'S SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

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HARRISON BEMIS IS "NEGOTIATING" FOR A QUANTITY OF STD GAUGE TRAINS FROM A COLLECTOR IN THE PLAIN STATES.

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I WAS BORN JULY 16, 1916 IN MONTREAL, CANADA. MY PARENTS, BOTH CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, WERE RESIDING TEMPORARILY IN THIS BRITISH DOMINION WHILE MY FATHER WAS ELECTRICAL ENGINEER FOR THE MOUNT ROYAL TUNNEL OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS. WHEN I WAS FIVE, I JUST HAD TO HAVE AN ELECTRIC TRAIN, BUT MY FATHER INSISTED THAT I WAIT ANOTHER YEAR, AND THEN HE BOUGHT ME AN IVES #3243 LOCO AND A STRING OF FREIGHTS. DURING WORLD WAR TWO I WAS SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE OF THE INDUSTRIAL RAILROAD OF A LARGE TNT PLANT. IN 1950, AFTER SEEING FRANK COX'S COLLECTION OF TOY TRAINS, I STARTED ONE OF MY OWN. MY BUSINESS AT PRESENT IS BASED UPON THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF THE TRAIN HOBBY. WHO AM I?
@ (SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE 8)

- NEXT MEETING -

APRIL 11, 1960

7:30 PM

AT BILL HARRIS'
314 S. PASADENA AVE.
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

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ORANGE GROVE

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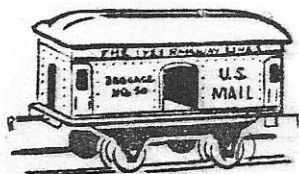
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ARROYA PARKWAY



FROM THE MAIL CAR

DEAR WES:

1/6/60

THANKS SO VERY MUCH FOR THE FINE SCC-TCA BULLETIN RECEIVED TODAY. ENCLOSED FIND DOLLAR TO COVER POSTAGE, ETC., AND PLEASE DO SEND OTHER BULLETINS.

AS YOU MIGHT KNOW, WIFE AND I JUST RETURNED FROM YOUR FAIR LAND AND ONLY BECAUSE OUR TIME WAS SO LIMITED WE DIDN'T GET TO SEE ALL WE WANTED TO. DID SEE EVAN, DICK T., PERB, GEORGE AND MEL - ALSO JUST HELLO TO BEMIS. YOU HAVE A VERY FINE BUNCH DOWN THERE AND ALWAYS ENJOY THE TRIP ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR.

WILL NEVER GO BACK TO GEO. SMITH'S HOME AGAIN THOUGH -- WE HAD A FINE DINNER AT SMITH'S AND AFTER DINNER GEO. AND I WENT TO SEE MEL ROBERTS. ABOUT 10 OR 11 O'CLOCK WE WENT BACK TO GEORGE'S AND I DIDN'T KNOW MY WIFE WHEN I SAW HER. IT SEEMS JUNE SMITH GOT THE WILD IDEA THAT IT WOULD BE FUN TO DYE MY GOOD WIFE'S HAIR DURING MY ABSENCE AND SHE DID, BUT GOOD! AT KNOTT'S THE NEXT DAY ALL THE BOYS WERE WHISTLING AT HER AND THIS I CAN'T HAVE. MORAL OF THIS STORY IS IF YOU GO TO GEO. SMITH'S DON'T LEAVE YOUR WIFE ALONE WITH JUNE!

AGAIN, WES, THANKS FOR THE BULLETIN; SINCE I KNOW MOST OF YOU FELLOWS IT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING.

GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS YA ALL.

REGARDS,

Russ

(RUSS HAFDAHL

(SEATTLE, WASHINGTON)

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— Trading Post —

JOHN PARKER NEEDS 4 AF STD GA EARLY TRUCKS (BLACK WITHOUT JOURNALS) AND 2 PAIR OF AF COUPLERS.

DICK THOMPSON HAS A #1 GA MAERKLIN WINDUP ENGINE AND CARS BUT LACKS A TENDER. CAN YOU HELP? ALSO NEEDS PILOT AND TRAILING TRUCK FOR A LIONEL "OO" HUDSON.

WES FRYE IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FAIR BUY IN ANY KIND OF TRAIN. HE HAS TWO GREY AND TWO BLACK #259 FREIGHT SETS FOR SALE.

HARRISON BEMIS HAS THREE 4-WHEEL LIONEL "O" GA FREIGHTS, A BLACK #390E AND STD AF GONDOLA, CABOOSE, BOX AND TANK FOR SALE OR TRADE. NEEDS 1927 AND 1930 IVES CATALOGS.

DON ROBBINS WILL SUPPLY HIS LIST OF TRAINS FOR SALE UPON REQUEST.

HERB MORLEY WILL HAVE SOME VERY INTERESTING PIECES FOR SALE OR TRADE AS A RESULT OF RECENT ADDITIONS TO HIS ALREADY FABULOUS COLLECTION.

JIM KURTEN NEEDS A BUILD-A-LOGO PICKUP. HE STILL HASN'T ENOUGH STD GA RUBBER ROAD BED.

JIM ROGERS, THE LIONEL HUDSON SPECIALIST, IS LOOKING FOR LOCOS AND TENDERS AND ANY HUDSON PARTS.

IF IT'S BUDDY "L" TRUCKS YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, ROY PREHN MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.

BILL HARRIS NEEDS LIONEL #072 SOLID RAIL TRACK AND SWITCHES.

DON'T FORGET! IF YOUR AD DOESN'T APPEAR, IT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN IT TO US.

DICK WHEELER