

R.H.S. of S.D. NEWSLETTER No 3 March 1967

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO, Inc. - P.O. BOX 9351, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, zip 92109.

THIRD ANNUAL S.D. COUNTY HISTORICAL CONVENTION

The convention dates are March 9, 10 & 11, the location is the Hanalei Inn, Mission Valley, San Diego, California.

Sessions include: Young Historians- Thursday, The Indians of San Diego- Friday, The Pacific Ocean in History- Friday, Happenings along the Colorado River- Friday. The Missions of Baja California- Saturday, Medicine in Early Calif.- Saturday, Historic Site Archaeology- Saturday, Early Photography- Saturday.

Luncheons and dinners- Thursday 6:30 P.M., Friday 12:00 noon and 6:00 P.M., Saturday noon and 6:00 P.M. Dinner Thursday \$3.75, Luncheon Friday \$2.50, Dinner \$3.75, Luncheon Saturday \$2.40, Dinner \$4.00.....Registration fee for the convention is \$2.00- RHSofSD members do not have to pay the registration fee, contact First Vice-President Gladys Skeen and she will place your name on the registration list, the RHSofSD will pay the fee for you.

Program Saturday evening will be 20th Century Fox Cinemascope film in color "Seven Cities of Gold" with Anthony Quinn, Richard Egan, Micheal Rennie, Jeffrey Hunter and Rita Moreno. Quinn portrays Gaspar de Portola, Rennie plays Father Serra in this well done account of the heroic career of Father Serra.

For any information, registration, dates, time....contact Gladys Skeen: 284-3449. Be sure to make arrangements if you plan to attend any portion of the convention.....contact Gladys! Your registration fee will be paid for you.... members of the R.H.S. of S.D.

ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM

Anniversary time at Perris, Saturday, February 25 will see an evening operation of streetcars plus a Spaghetti Dinner. Cars will be run 8:30 to 10:30 P.M. and movies will be shown.

Those five Los Angeles streetcars which were placed at the museum on a lease basis back in 1963 can now be purchased. Due to the situation at the time, the cars could not be sold at any low cost rates. Now all the other cars have been sold and the five remain at Perris, lease rate has been \$1.00 per year per car! But, special insurance to cover L.A.M.T. cost the museum a nasty \$400.00 per year. The five cars may now be officially turned over to O.E.T. at a total cost of \$228.80 and donations will be accepted to cover cost of purchase....send donations to RTD FUND.

Track and wire keep spreading out at O.E.T., spend a day up there soon, besurprised!

MARCH MEETING DATE: MONDAY the 6th

The regular monthly meeting of R.H.S. of S.D. will be held in the Safety Meeting Room, on the second floor of the Santa Fe Railway depot at Kettner & Broadway, San Diego, California. MONDAY.....MARCH 6.....1967.....8:00 P.M.

PROGRAM....Due to projector failure last meeting, the program for February was not presented and WILL BE SHOWN this month. If you had hoped to see the pictures by Roy & Daisy Miller and were unable to attend....here is a chance to see the reruns that didn't get run!

Good refreshments as always plus prizes.
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1967 - SANTA FE STATION

OLD TIME R.R. WATCH DONATED

Recently the society received a letter from a Mr. Frank R. Blade of La Jolla telling us of an old railroad watch dating back to the 1870 to 1874 era. This fine old watch was one of the items left to Mr. Blade and his sister, Miss Nella Blade. Their father was a railroad man all of his life with the Wabash and Northern Pacific.

Member Corky Thomson followed up the nice offer and spent a very pleasant time with the Blades. It turns out that Miss Blade has always been the "rail" enthusiast, not her brother! Corky and Miss Blade had quite a lengthy talk on the better days of train riding and the sad conditions facing the passenger on many roads today. Miss Blade has done much train riding in her time and has enjoyed every mile of it. She sadly admits it just isn't like it was.... when the steam engines departed the scene, the passenger train started a downhill slide.

The watch, an Elgin, movement No. 180,710 was manufactured between the years 1870 to 74. It is a key wind model, discontinued in 1890. There is no key with it....does any member in our group save such items, maybe we can find the proper type key for it. The watch will be displayed in the observation car at the fair, during the coming 1967 fair and future fairs.

Our thanks to both Frank and Nella Blade for this very generous donation.

MAINTENANCE TIME...AGAIN???

It won't be long before work on engine 104 and observation car 050 will be needed to get ready for the fair. Streetcar 528 will require some work also.

Car 54 at Old Town will be getting painted and we need a work party for 171 at Perris.