

NEWSLETTER #1

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! With this issue of the Newsletter we start into a new year and with the help of the membership....it should be a good year. There are plenty of things to be done, plenty of places to go and plenty of good monthly meetings coming up. Let us all get in and make an effort to make 1961 the biggest and best year the society has yet seen. The members able to do maintenance and restoration work are going to be called on more often this year, the jobs to be done get bigger each year. Members able to help during the fair, help at meetings, on trips, will be much in demand. Those of you that have a little time, please pitch in and help when ever you can, don't sit back and wait to be asked, get right in there and enjoy helping with society activities. We have some new names in the engineers cab this year, come on and give these new society officers a helping hand and make 1961 just a little bit better than the past years. **START 1961 OFF WITH A BANG.....COME TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR..... ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF JANUARY- Monday, January 9th, 1961 at the Midway Chuck Wagon, 7:30 P.M., 2855 Midway Drive.(near Rosecrans) SEE PAGE THREE**

BRAVO.....ELECTION RESULTS!!! Here are your new society officers for 1961: Running well ahead of the field, for our new president, the membership has placed RICHARD PENNICK in the top position as our 1961 president. In the battle for 1st, 2nd and 3rd vice-president positions we have WENDAL EMMERS topping the list for first V.P., following as head man for the second V.P. job is C.E. "Tommy" Mann, and in the winners circle for third V.P. we have a problem.....Jack Stodolle and Joseph Zera are in a deadlock. We will have to have a new vote or a decision of some sort to determine the third V.P. The battle for Recording Secretary turned out the same way, Donald Decker and Kenneth Cowin tied that one up. This will automatically go to KEN COWIN as Dan had to drop out of the running due to a sore throat. So Ken Cowin is our new secretary. The new Corresponding Secretary is none other then L.W. "Mac" McCleary, with a heavy vote in his favor. With no trouble, Fred R. Finkle charged his way into another year as Treasurer, Fred has done a dandy job these many years and the members put him there again. Wally Duthie is again in the drivers position to take us on many a ride to here and there as the Excursion Director, so be sure to buy tickets on the coming trips and make his work worthwhile. Being the wheel that dreams up these trips and tries to make them a success isn't an easy job, get behind Wally and participate in the 1961 excursions. Running touch and go for awhile, we almost had a tie going for the job of Historian but Robert Weaver pulled ahead and took the winners position over Vern Williams. V.O. Williams has been Librarian by appointment this past year and we hope he will carry on in that position for our new Historian Bob Weaver. So there you have it... the new leaders of our group, good luck to the new officers and many thanks to the retiring officers.....**COME TO THE JANUARY DINNER MEETING FOR THE OFFICIAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS....Monday, January 9th, 1961. (see page three)**

ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM NEWS

"IRISH TRAM ARRIVES" Those were the words on the lips of many excited

O.E.T. members on the dock as the Pacific Reliance arrived and tied up at 7:00 A.M., December 16th, 1960. The long awaited Mill of Howth tramcar from Ireland has finally arrived on U.S. soil. The story of the trip and the unloading, transporting and arrival at Perris is all told in the latest issue of the Orange Empire TRACTION GAZETTE. Many problems were encountered even after finally getting the car across the sea but the car is now at the museum grounds at Perris, California. **HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED????? THEY STILL NEED FUNDS TO HELP COVER THIS CAR AND THE LONG JOURNEY BY SEA.** The shipping costs were something like \$2,500 and then there were some extra crucking costs getting the car out to Perris. If you wish to join the O.E.T. or just send a donation: Box 501, Perris, California. (Remember, the R.H.S. of S.D. is a group member of O.E.T., so a donation not only helps the trolley museum but also in a round about way helps us, for there will be more and more to see and do at Perris for all of us if the O.E.T. is able continue with their museum projects. I HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO PERRIS LATELY? It is just a nice drive up to the top of the hills, streetcars are in operation on Sunday afternoons.

ELECTION CORRECTION.....A double check on the Jack Stodelle-Joseph Zera tie for third V.P., isn't a tie at all, a second count and a late arrival of some society mail has changed the results. The official results: Joseph Zera is the new 3rd V.P. (In charge of programs) (late arriving ballots were dated properly but held up in the Xmas mail)

YOUR 1960 OFFICERS - - - - - YOUR 1961 OFFICERS

C.T. "Tommy" Mann.....	PRESIDENT.....	Richard E. Pennick
John B. Stodelle.....	1st Vice-President.....	Wendal Byers
Rex Cuttelle.....	2nd Vice-President.....	C.T. "Tommy" Mann
Eric Sanders.....	3rd Vice-President.....	Joseph Zera
Barbara J. Thomson.....	Recording Secretary.....	Kenneth Cowin
Seeth L. "Corky" Thomson.....	Corresponding Secretary.....	L.W. "Mac" McCleary
Fred R. Finkle.....	TREASURER.....	Fred R. Finkle
Wallace Duthie.....	Excursion Director.....	Wallace Duthie
Richard E. Pennick.....	Historian.....	Robert Weaver
Vernon O. Williams.....	Librarian (appointment).....	? ? ? ? ?

The duties of the president are to preside over all society meetings. 1st Vice-president is in charge in the absence of the president, takes care of all society publicity matters. 2nd vice-president is in charge of all maintenance and restoration projects on our equipment, the 3rd vice-president takes care of programs for meetings, etc.

"RAILS OF THE SILVER GATE" by Richard V. Dodge

Have you purchased your copy of this fine book? I realize there are many very fine books on the market at present but just wish to give our own R.H.S. of S.D. member, Richard Dodge, a little plug for a job well done. I had given the book a boost in recent issue of the Newsletter but had not as yet bought my own personal copy. My good wife made my Christmas just a little merrier by presenting me with this excellent book. Now I can plug it first hand, as it has been thoroughly gone through & not completely read as yet....it's a good book and one I am pleased to have in my collection of railroad books. It isn't just another book on more streetcars or trains, it is an interesting, historic coverage of San Diego from the meager beginnings, giving an easy reading account of the growth of San Diego and the transportation problems and how they were ironed out with various lines and better equipment over the years. The floods and the problems brought with them, lines that failed, lines that boomed, steam railroads, electric railroads, motorized railroads, streetcars, interurbans, cable cars, steam trains.....they are all there in RAILS OF THE SILVER GATE, with many wonderful pictures and interesting text.

An interesting side of the book is the high cost of printing such an issue and the number of books it takes to sell and cover the initial cost of printing, not to mention making any profit. From all accounts, the book is doing alright in this busy overcrowded market of railway books. There were some fears that with so many books on so many railways and such, that RAILS OF THE SILVER GATE might fail to sell enough copies to make the grade but it appears to be another HIT in the book business, at any rate we sure hope sales continue and the book becomes a sell out. Our congratulations to Dick Dodge and to Donald Duke, Editor of the Pacific Railway Journal.

The book is available at the Whistle Stop, 3819 Sixth Ave., or from Pacific Ry. Journal, Western Railroader, Trains(Kalmbach Publishing Co.).

P.&L.E. POSTCARDS

Many thanks to our eastern member, Mr. John Barriger, President of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad for the very attractive set of Howard Fogg industrial picture post cards along the P.&L.E. right-of-way. The entire set is a nice addition to our post card collections. One thing, it is too bad there weren't more with steam power. However the mail train at Stoops Ferry, Pa. makes up for the lack of steam locomotives, as does the big P&LE "Berkshire" 2-8-4 on the coal drag.

NEWS NOTES

The M.T.A. will end red ear electric service between L.A. and Long Beach on April 1st, 1961.....R.H.S. of S.D. trip being planned by Duthie.... Golden West Railfans will run special to Indio and the National Date Festival on Feb. 18, 1961 from L.A. via U&SP and S.P., 215 W. 5th, Room 323 L.A. 13, Calif. for more info.....also a trip "Springtime in Colorado" by the same group on May 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 with steam on Sherman Hill..... RUSSELL to Orange show at San Diego on April 15 & 16 via U&SP from S.D.

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