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NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, March 21st, in Room 208, Union Station, Portland, at 8:00 P.M. As usual we will have an interesting program including the business part of it.

FEBRUARY 21, 1957

The day started out with the early arrival of Jim and Barbara Scribbin on Union Pacific Train 402. President Keenan, Vice-President Gillespie, and Mr. Jack Jones were on hand to greet them and start their day of sightseeing which included trolley trips to Oregon City and Bell Rose, courtesy of the Portland Traction Company; up the "perpendicular street" in Oregon City, the only one of its kind in North America; out to the Forestry Building for a look at "Peggy", the old-style Shay geared locomotive who has hauled an estimated billion feet of logs in her lifetime, and now retired after many years of service in the Coast Range mountains of Oregon; and a trip up to Council Crest where Jim photographed number 506, the last trolley to ascend Council Crest, courtesy of Miln's "Regular Transportation." Our dinner party of sixteen with Barbara and Jim as honored guests was held in the Cafe Baron of the Multnomah Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Crothers and "Jack" Serecombe came all the way from Salem to help occupy our table of good food and fellowship. We finally retired to the Northern Pacific Terminal hall adjacent to the Union Station and were, indeed, entertained by Jim Scribbins and Garry Zenk. Jim provided us with the showing of three 400-foot reels of color midwestern United States and Mexican railroading. Garry with sound effects of SP&S's dashing Northern number 700. This is an opportune time to thank our Secretary George Burton for his expert engineering in the showing of film and slides. The crowning success of the day was the attendance of several members of the Pacific Northwest Electric Railway Association and Willamette Valley Electric Railway Association and friends of all three rail clubs.

OBSERVATION CAR

The members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter salute Commissioner Ormond R. Bean forhis constant efforts to establish a Museum of Transport in Portland. According to his recent announcement in the daily press it is apparent that Portland is assured of the land just east of Oaks Park. Now let us join with Commissioner Bean in a concerted effort for construction of a first-class museum that we will be proud to show visitors and furthermore really serve posterity. The City of Prineville Railway, municipally-owned by the City of Prine ville, one of the few in the nation, has turned in a profit of more than one-half million dollars in the past seven years. Money from the railroad has given the farming and lumber center new parks and playgrounds as well as improved streets, a new city hall and a summer base-ball program for boys.

Homesick United States Air Force men stationed in a remote corner of Iceland longed for the sound of locomotive whistles. So from the Canadian National Railways went a whistle accompanied by an engineer's cap.

PARTING THOUGHT - It must take a lot of forethought and deliberate planing to arrange your life so as always to be late.