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November 15, 1963 NOVEMBER MEETING 8:00 P. M.

The November Meeting will be held on Friday evening, November 15 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 208, Union Station, Portland, Oregon. Our member, Roger Phillips, will show slides and movies of his recent trip to Mexico in which you will see pictures of one of the steam narrow guage lines. Roger will enter the military service at Ft. Ord, California on November 22, so this will be his last meeting for awhile.

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There will be no meeting in December, as it would be too near the Holiday Season. Let us be the first to wish you a Very Merry Christmas!

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All who attended the October meeting enjoyed hearing Mr. E. T. Morian, retired Southern Pacific Conductor. He told us some of his experiences of early day railroading. Thanks for an interesting evening, Mr. Morian!

NEW EDITOR

The Trainmaster will have a new editor for the next year. Our friend and member, Nelson Hickok has agreed to edit our Newsletter. Let's all get behind him and give him news. It is news that makes the bulletin interesting. I wish to thank all who have assisted me during the past year, especially Walt Grande for running it off on the mimeograph, and others for news items.

N. R. H. S. ANNUAL MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA, NOVEMBER 10

At this meeting will be held the election of National Officers for the coming year and appointment of the Chapter to act as host for the National Convention in 1965.

The Pacific Northwest Chapter's "ON TO OREGON COMMITTEE" has worked hard to present Portland as an ideal convention site for Railfans from all over North America. In addition to time tables, maps and the loan of twenty 35MM slides by members Walt Grande and Jack Holst, we submitted a letter of endorsement from the Governor Mark Hatfield of Oregon and Mayor Terry Shrunck of the City of Portland. By the time we meet November 15, we should know if our Chapter was awarded the Convention for 1965.

RAILROAD HERO HONORED

Our own member, C. J. Keenan, on November 7th personally presented to Senor Adolpho Mateos, President of Mexico, a certificate honoring the election of Mexican citizen, Jesus Garcia to the National Railroad Hall of Fame.

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Some 40 years ago Jesus Garcia was an employee of the Nacozarc Railroad between Agua Prieta, Sonora and the mining town of Nacozari—a train of dynamite in the yards at Nacozari caught fire and could not be extinguished—Jesus Garcia sensing the situation climbed aboard the engine, coupled on and headed out of town with the cut of cars which blew up far enough away from town to save the citizens and the town of Nacozari. Jesus Garcia was killed in this act of heroism. Mexico has delared

November 7 a national holiday in honor of railway hero Jesus Garcia. The Nacozari Railroad is the only railroad property in Mexico which is still owned by Southern Pacific.

ROGER CORBIN'S NEWS

Received a very newsy letter from Roger Corbin with the following news which he thought you would all like to hear: We quote from his letter, "First of all, on the Rayonier Inc. - in the last few months Rayonier has sold loco's No. 2, 90, and 70. This leaves Nos. 110, 120, 14 and 38 all steam at Railroad Camp. Engine #2 went East; #90 to Tillamook (which is still at the terminal yards in Portland); and #70 is going to the P. S. & S. U. Ry. At Snoqualmic, Washington.

"Here at Centralia at the Eastern Ry. an old logging line that shut down 1949 part of it is being scrapped. The part that is around the shop was left as is until now. Quite a few of the logging flat cars are gone, but I believe the two old rusty shays are still inside the shop.

"Near Chehalis on the Chehalis Western R. R. Weyerhaeuser has moved their logging camp from camp McDonald to Pe Ell and have torn up about 9 or 10 miles of Railroad from Millburn to Camp McDonald. The NP uses NP track from Milburn to Pe Ell."

Thanks. Roger, for the fine news.

THIS AND THAT

NP to Launch Faster Service - A faster westbound freight service which will cut a full day from the running time between Chicago and Portland will be initiated by the Northern Pacific railway beginning October 27, officials of that railroad announced. The new service will provide third evening arrival for forwarder traffic and other important carload shipments. The faster scheduling will be achieved by accelerated movement of freight on the Burlington from Chicago to the Twin Cities as well as a speed up of the freight movement on the NP west of Minneapolis and St. Paul, NP officials said.

Corvallis G. T. 10-19-63- Old Depot, Houses Scheduled for Sale - Among buildings scheduled to be sold to clear right of way for the new Harrison St. bridge is the old OE depot, located just east of the Van Buren Street bridge and which for many years served as a crew house for Oregon State University oarsmen. The old ex-depot is the last surviving relic of the railroad. The former road bed can no longer be easily traced and a mile or so of trestle north and east of the depot that kept the tracks above the then-annual Willamette river floods have long since disappeared.

PUC Loses Traction Battle - The Oregon Supreme Court refused 4-3 to assess any penalties to assess any penalties against the Portland Traction Co. for abandoning passenger service on Nov. 25, 1957. This should be the last chapter in the long court battle. The company operated interurban service between Portland, Oregon City, and Bellrose. Former Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan ordered the company to restore service. But the company never had to because the Supreme Court ruled Morgan's order unconstitutional. It was rescinded 13 months after the service was stopped. The PUC then brought suit to collect a \$10,000 penalty for the failure of the traction company to provide service during that 13 months.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our organization:

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Fletcher, 660 Monmonth St, Independence, Oregon
Harold H. Rice, 2914 NE Knott Street, Portland 12, Oregon