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SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, June 19th in Room 208, Union Station, Portland, at 7:45 P.M. Our guest for the evening will be Laurence R. Veysey, President of the Los Angeles Chapter, N.R.H.S. The meeting will also include a rally for the forthcoming picture, "The Great Locomotive Chase", produced by America's foremost rail fan, Walt Disney. We hope to have a good attendance.

WISHRAM TRIP

Over 1350 persons were aboard the 21-car special train between Portland and Wishram, Washington on May 20th. The sell-out 212-mile trip along the Columbia River was a salute to retirement of steam locomotives from passenger-hauling service on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway and the star of the run was a dashing 18-year-old locomotive. That the coaches were mostly from another era mattered not to the passengers. It was the locomotive, a ponderous Northern type, that they applauded. It is believed the number of passengers was some sort of a record as having been carried on one train.

FAREWELL TO STEAM "OVER THE HILL,"

Railroaders are not outwardly sentimental but there was more than one twinge of nostalgia a few days ago when Southern Pacific locomotive No. 4258 pulled out of Eugene yards ahead of a string of 99 freight cars. No. 4258 was the end of an era - an era of steam "over the hill". The locomotive is the famed Mallet, the big mountain climber with cab-in-front articulated, especially designed for mountain freight work. The Mallet was once king locomotive of rugged Oregon and its Cascades. No. 4258 will continue in service on the Western division in Northern California.

GREAT NORTHERN'S GIFT TO WENATCHEE

Locomotive No. 1147, the first Consolidation purchased by the Great Northern Railway from Rogers in 1901, will be dedicated as a permanent exhibit in the city park in Wenatchee, Washington, on June 2nd. Bob Hansen, Public Relations Representative of the Great Northern will make the formal presentation. The locomotive will be a constant reminder to Wenatchee citizens of the important part played by the Great Northern in the growth and progress of the City.

RAIL VET RESTS IN FOREST PARK

A gal named Peggy now adds a little eye appeal to Portland's Forestry building and park. Peggy is not a slim, narrow-waisted darling of the fashion magazines. She's at least 47 years old and she's spent much of her life working in logging camps. Still, city officials think Peggy will be an attractive addition to their pioneer logging exhibit at the Forestry building. For Peggy is a 42-ton, old-style Lima Shay-g geared locomotive who has hauled an estimated billion feet of logs in her lifetime. She was presented to the City of Portland in accordance with the wishes of C. W. Stimson of the Stimson Lumber Company of Forest Grove, Oregon. Stimson bought her in 1913. At that time she was a wood burner. Later she was converted to an oil-burning locomotive.

THE SWAN

M.G.M.'s new photo-play, "The Swan", starring Grace Kelly, was filmed in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains near Asheville, N. C. There's also a railroad sequence in this film. And running true to past performances, M.G.M.'s scouts turned up at the B & O Museum one day to look over the historic locomotives there. "That one", they said, pointing to the A. J. Cromwell, relic of 1888. They also asked for the Royal Blue coach.