## PACIFIC NOR THWEST CHAPTER NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY THE TRAINMASTER

volume 2 - Number 3	Portland, Oregon	April8,1957
Editor-C.jKeenan	6354 N. E. Cleveland Ave.,	Portland, Oregon.

Notice of Next Regular meeting

due to the availability of showing 8mm pictures in color of the White Pass & Yukon Route by Garry Collins on <u>Friday</u>, <u>April 19th</u>, it has been decided to have our next regular meeting on that date in Room 208, union Station, Portland, at 8:00 pm. We are fortunate to be able to book these unusual pictures. Remember, Friday, April 19th. Chapter by laws are in need of overhauling. Here is an opportunity for members to discuss ideas for improving our estate.

## Observation Car

The new Federal highway system cost will be just about the present estimated current investment in the railroads - about 34 billion dollars, and the proposed mileage of the new highway system will be a littlemore than one-tenth that of the railroads, currently about 390,000 miles. Completion of the highway program in 13 years, as now projected will hand the railroads' major competition, the trucks, a magnificent new facility. However, the railroads have no fear that their existence is threatened - their service is too valuable to the country - but they do feel they should be permitted to attain a greater degree of solvency by being allowed to compete on fairer terms with the trucks and other forms of transportation.

Piggback's Rising Star - The Wall Street Journal last month shipped a 100-tonpress from New York to San Francisco in what was believed to be the first coast-to-coast, all-piggyback movement. A highway trailer carrying the first eighteen-ton unit of the press rode the Lackawanna to Buffalo, the Wabash to Chicago and the Santa Fe to San Francisco. Later shipments utilized other lines, including the Erie, Cotton Belt, Texas and New Orleans and Southern Pacific.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois recently put on a fashion show aboardits Chicago-Miami streamliner Dixieland. Half a dozen shapely models cavorted through the stainless-steel cars in revealing swim suits. When you ride a train these days, to quote a Bedwell story title, "Anything's liable to happen."

A"seeing eye" dog was killed by the first train it ever saw. Itbelonged to Ella Mae Peck, a blind North Carolina college student. The Southern Railway is buying her a new dog for about \$1,250 and will include safe track-crossing in its specialized training.

<u>Professor Sandhouse</u> don't believe too much of what you hear - unless it's a train whistle at a railroad crossing. Think about this - Taxation is the cost of civilization. An ulcer really shows that a man is in the big money - either he's making it or owing it. Parting Thought: He who puts a limit on what he will do has put a limit on what he can do.