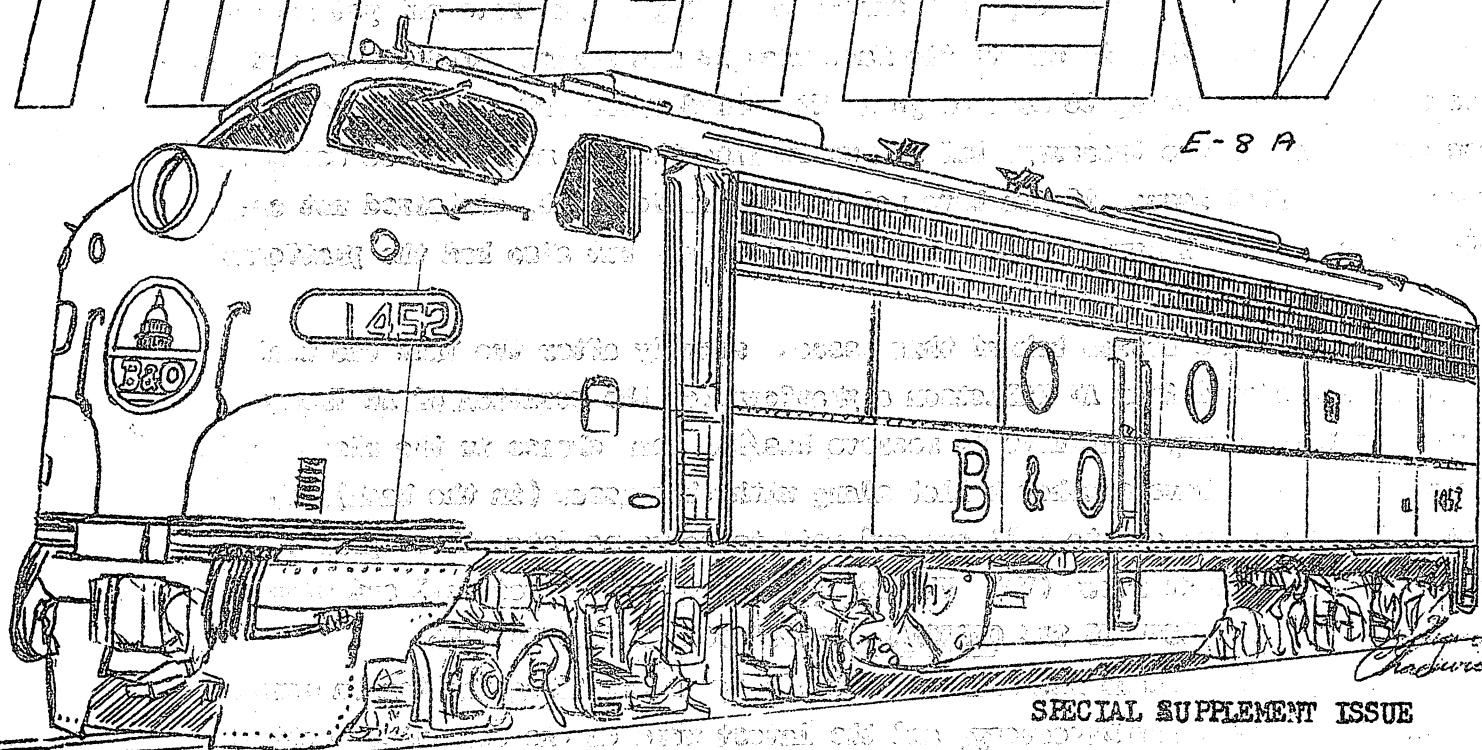
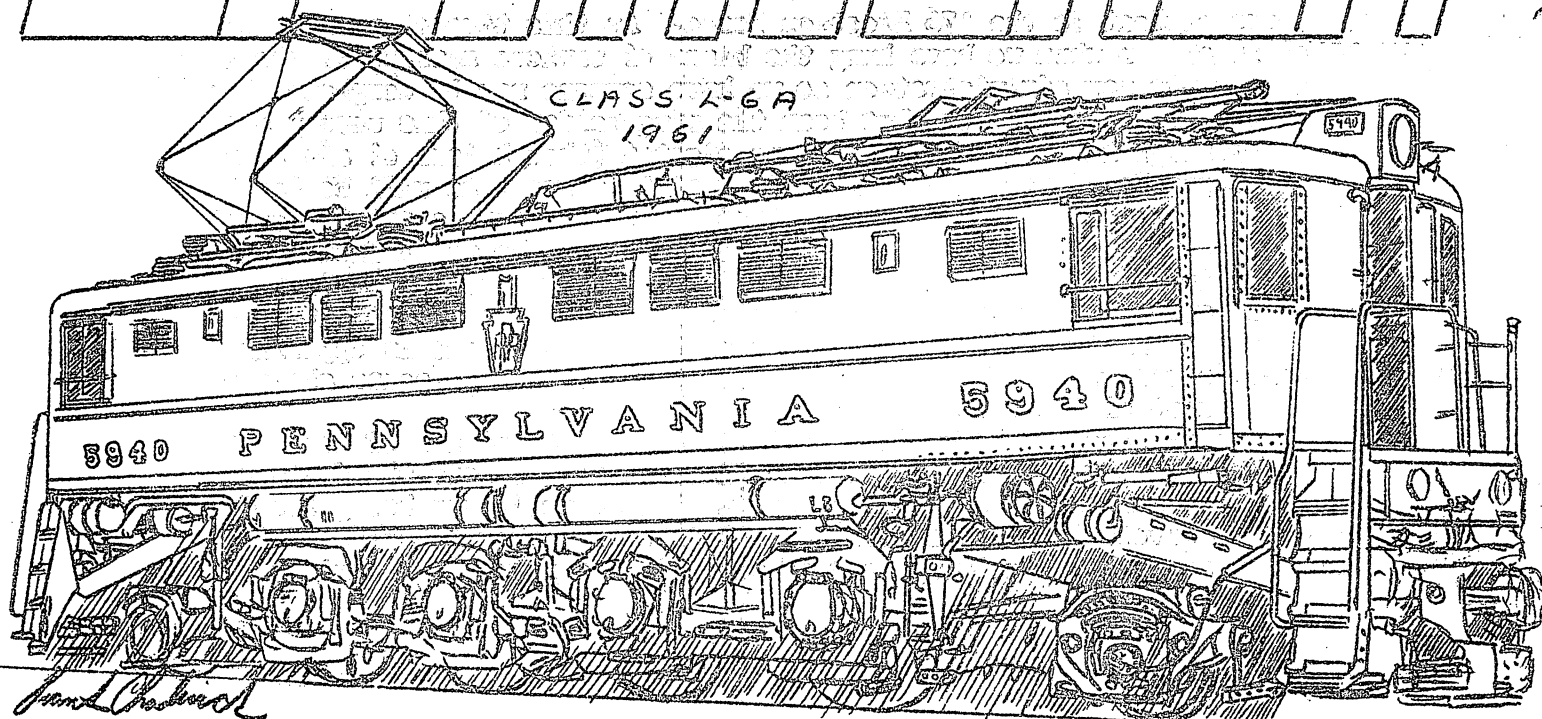


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Hello again friends and colleagues. You may be as surprised as I am to see another issue of the Dispatcher out so soon, but read on and you will see that there are a number of factors that have led to the decision to print this issue.

Firstly, there is a very good chance that many of you have not yet recieved the current issue. This is due to the fact that it was mailed third class, and therefore will be late getting to some of you. The third-class mailing was an effort to save some money in the treasury, but now we realize that it might not be worth the extra delay. That issue, if you have not already recieved it, contained not only information on the AR Spring Convention in Pittsburgh, but also had the platforms and ballot for AR Election '76.

Now, for the basics behind this issue: shortly after the last one went to press, I recieved from Al Tillotson a platform for the position of AR President. We want each and every candidate to recieve his/her fair chance in the election, so we have decided to have another ballot along with this issue (in the back), which we would like to ask you all to fill out and mail in to me no later than April 9th, 1976. The ballot in the last issue (Vol. VII No. 1) is hereby declared null and void. THE BALLOT IN THIS ISSUE IS THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR AR ELECTION '76!

Also in this issue you will find your copy of the Allegheny Region Constitution, the latest AR Membership Directory, and the latest word on the convention activities in Pittsburgh. The Convention Questionnaire, found in the back of the last issue, is still the valid questionnaire and should be sent in to Pittsburgh NO LATER than March 31st, 1976. SEE YOU THERE!

--P.J. MANTON

THE EDITOR (?) SPEAKS--Frank Chadwick, outgoing AD Editor

Well, here at last is the '76 Election Issue. At this time of year we kick out as many past officials on whom we have hung the blame of various mishaps of the previous year and welcome in the new administration so we have someone new to complain about.

Since early 1974, Paul Manton has been the ring-leader of this unruly group we dub the AR. Although he cannot be legally re-elected (though laws of any kind have never formally stopped Paul) for the President's post this year, he will be far from gone as I will explain later. Nevertheless, there are three capable people competing to fill the vacancy, though what they're capable of is yet to be determined. No matter how much you may like these people, it is your duty as an AR member and fellow executioner to sentence one of these individuals to such exposure the executive office offers. Regardless of what you do, vote for one of them. If anyone is opposing Betsy's incumbent decree, they'd better have their stuff together, 'cause she's a tough one to beat, most of the time.

P.J. Manton no longer will be President, but to the anguish of some and the consolation of others, he will become Editor in place of me. I made the decision to let him take over with several factors in mind. First, no longer being President, he has more time to devote to other branches; much more time than I could allot to it myself. Secondly, since he is getting married early this summer, he'll not only have

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the advantage of a second opinion, but he'll also not be wasting time running after women (I may not run after them, per say, but there's no law against lookin' ! -Ed.). Lastly, since he is still President for these last few weeks, he can still kick me out and take over if I disagree, so the choice is really quite basic.

I've enjoyed being Editor for the past year and odd months, and I am looking forward to writing articles with the same arrangement that existed when Bob Sprague was Editor. So keep these articles coming in. Next deadline is May 5th.

-FRANK J. CHADWICK

ALLEGHENY REGION ELECTION '76

Once again, here are the platforms of the candidates who are running to serve you as your new officers for 1976 in the positions of President and Secretary/Treasurer.

Al Tillotson's platform was not mentioned in the previous issue, so in all fairness and equality we are once again asking you all to please use the ballot in the back of the issue and send it into P.J. Manton no later than April 9th, 1976. The ballot that was in that issue (Vol. 7 No. 1) is hereby declared null and void. These are the official platforms and the official ballot is in the rear. May the best man (and woman) win!

CANDIDATES FOR AR PRESIDENT

AL TILLOTSON (17)-----How can one improve on near perfection? That is the question that I ask as I am nominated for office in the AR. But lets face it, the "Manton years" were far from perfect, but in contrast to the years before that, well, you see what I mean by perfection. I can't say what I'm going to do, because that will be up to you. I expect to get feedback from you, the members, and put that information together to keep the AR going. If no feedback comes, then you are subject to my better judgement. One thing I'd like to see would be more organized meets, with some sort of communications network to get everyone notified. Could we possibly activate the much-heralded "1-800 number" of Ray Hakim to do this? One last problem of course is lack of participation. I plead guilty here also, along with 99% of you out there (please, no arguments about my erroneous figures!). But we'll see what the next few months have to offer. One way to get participation is to have something to participate regurly in. In short I solicit your vote, because it is something I want to do, and I know I can do the job. If after a year you don't agree with me, then vote for an opponent of mine. Put your trust in me, I can do it.

GREG LaROCCA (16)-----I'm running for President since I want to get involved further in our little (but growing) organization, and I have some good ideas that I would like to try out. It has been stated that some new blood is needed in the executive post, and I think I'm it. If you vote for me I'm sure you'll agree. Some of my ideas are to upgrade the Dispatcher into a top notch "magazine" by sending it out EVERY MONTH. I w ould also like to initiate a new "Letters" and "Member helper service column" which I feel would be beneficial. I want to try and spur some participation in this club!

CHRIS BUCKLEY (16)-----For the past two years I have been printing the Dispatcher regularly, (revised) and I hope to be able to bring to you the same quality and work cap-

For those of you who may still be a little confused as to what exactly is going on for the convention, we are providing this wrap-up of the events we have planned along with some other information of interest:

TRANSPORTATION: Most of the AR members from the Philly and Jersey Divisions who are going to the convention will probably be driving out to Pittsburgh. Get in touch with a local AR member, or the one nearest you, if you reside in one of these divisions and need a ride. Others from here in the East may elect to ride out on the Broadway or something, but we must remind you that if you are riding the train, it does not pull into Pittsburgh until about 2:00 A.M. So be sure you call out there in advance to let them know you're coming by train, and there'll be someone at the station to meet you. If a group of you will be going AMTRAK, get in touch with one another and organize to go out together, so we can pick you all up at once when the train pulls in.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES: Although the actual convention itself will be held from April 16 (Good Friday) 'till April 18 (Easter Sunday), many of you may want to arrive a day or so in advance to more or less get things organized. If you will be coming before April 16, let one of the Pittsburgh Division members know as soon as possible so you will be guaranteed a place to stay that evening. The hotel is reserved for only the nights of the 16th, and 17th, so anyone who is in town any nights besides these can be put-up at one of the members' homes, as long as you let them know ahead of time. If you are unable to arrive until after the convention is in progress, still let somebody out there know so you know where to find the rest of us when you get here. Most of the attendees will probably be leaving on Easter Sunday, but for those of you who are so tuckered out from the activity and want to stay over 'till Monday the 19th, let a Pittsburgh member know so we can arrange lodging for you Easter Sunday Nite.

LODGING: As mentioned above, we will most likely be staying at one of Pittsburgh's "finer" hotels for the two nights that the Convention is actually in progress. However, if you feel you can't really afford a hotel but still want to attend the convention, ask a Pittsburgh Member about home lodging arrangements. We're sure we can satisfy everyone.

COSTS: This convention will actually be very inexpensive. The bill for the trip should run somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25.00--and that's including hotel, meals, gas, and toll expenses. However, insofar as the hotel is concerned, the more people we have in one room, the cheaper it will cost everyone in the long run. Also, car-pooling will cut costs on gas and tolls, so if you know someone who is driving, or if you are driving, arrange to fill your car with people instead of empty space. The only large meal will be the Official Banquet, which you have the option of participating or not participating. All other meals will be on the "McDonald's" circuit. There will be NO REGISTRATION FEE, as the NMRA so often is known for.

ACTIVITIES: During the course of the convention there will be lots and lots in store for all of you. We will be getting a tour of the B&LE yard, and reliable sources tell us that the yard officials are glad to have us aboard. We understand that Kevin Scanlon has arranged for us to get a tour of Pittsburgh's sole model railroad club, which will be featuring an operating session and the like. There will also be quite a bit of railfanning activity coming your way, as we will be on the trail of the last FC Alcos and others like them which we can now consider as relics. For interested members in the field

ALLEGHENY REGION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose of the Allegheny Region of the Teen Association of Model Railroading; is to serve as a link between the National organization and the regional member in representing the interests of the member, and to further communications between members of the region.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any member of the TAMR is a member of the Allegheny Region when his/her regional dues are paid.

Section 2: There will be three classes of membership:

- a. The resident member is any TAMR Regular member living within the boundaries of the region as set in Article VIII.
- b. The Non-resident member is any TAMR regular member living outside of the boundaries of the region.
- c. The associated member is any TAMR Associate member.

Section 3: The Resident class member will be entitled to any and all privileges of the Allegheny Region membership. The Non-Resident and the Associate class members will be entitled to any and all privileges of membership except that of eligibility to vote in general elections of the region or hold regional office.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1: There are two officers elected as required in Article IV.

- a. The President shall act as chief executive of the region and spokesman for the region as defined in Article IX, Section 2 of the TAMR constitution. He is also to take any duties otherwise given to him in this constitution.
- b. The Secretary/Treasurer will handle dues and other monetary matters and keep records of the region. He/She is also to take any duties otherwise given to him/her in this constitution.

Section 2: The terms of both officers are defined as the time between the announcement of their election and the time the results of the succeeding election are announced.

Section 3: Should the President resign or otherwise vacate his office, the Secretary/Treasurer will become President and appoint a new Secretary/Treasurer. They will serve the remainder of the term. Should the Secretary/Treasurer resign or otherwise vacate his office, the President will appoint a new Secretary/Treasurer to serve the remainder of the term. Should the President and the Secretary/Treasurer both resign at the same time, the President shall appoint a new president who will appoint a new Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 4: a. No one member may hold more than one regional office for a single term, and no one member may run for more than one regional office in a single election.

b. No member shall hold or be appointed to regional office if he is a national officer at the same time. No regional officer shall remain in office more than one month after being elected to national office. A national officer may run for regional office if his term as national officer expires before his term as Regional officer begins and he is not seeking re-election.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS

Section 1: An election chairman should be appointed by the President before any regional election.

Section 2: The election chairman shall announce the tentative date of elections and solicit nominations for the regional offices in the regional publication. This publication shall be issued no less than two months before the election date set by the president.

Section 3: Any regional member may nominate any Resident member for any office. Nominations should be returned within a period of time specified by the elections chairman, not less than two weeks. The nominees should be given the opportunity to decline.

Section 4: The ballots should be sent, if possible, at least three weeks before the tentative election date. In any case, the election deadline will be exactly three weeks after the ballots are postmarked.

Section 5: The election chairman will count the ballots and report the results immediately after the election deadline to the current officers and new officers by first class mail or phone. The election results will be announced to the general membership in the next issue of the regional publication.

Section 6: To the ballot for the general elections may be added votes on referendum and initiative, amendments and other questions of importance to the region, as approved by the president. The election chairman will also compile the results of this vote.

ARTICLE V - DUES

Section 1: Dues are to be set by the President. This will be subject to referendum and initiative.

Section 2: The Secretary/Treasurer will collect the dues and will make a financial report to the members via the regional publication at least twice a year.

ARTICLE VI - EXPENDITURES

Section 1: Regional funds will be used for all publications and mailings of the region. Other uses for funds will be decided by the officers and will be subject to initiative and referendum.

ARTICLE VII - PUBLICATIONS

Section 1: A Publications Committee will be appointed by the President and will be in charge of regional publications.

Section 2: Three classes of publications will be handled by the committee:

- A newsletter known as the Allegheny Dispatcher will be published at least six times a year.
- A directory compiled by the Secretary-Treasurer will appear in the newsletter at least twice a year.
- Miscellaneous mailings, such as ballots, membership renewals and special announcements, may be made at the President's discretion.

ARTICLE VIII - BOUNDARIES

Section 1: The Allegheny Region is to consist of the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Under the TAMR constitution this is subject to the approval of the TAMR President.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

Section 1: All meetings intended as functions for the entire region (conventions) are subject to the approval of the TAMR President and the Allegheny Region President and are to be announced to the general membership by way of the regional publication. All other meetings will be considered out of the regional jurisdiction.

Section 2: Since conventions directly benefit only attendees, convention expenses cannot be absorbed by dues, with the exception of any promotional material appearing in the regular regional publication.

ARTICLE X - INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Section 1: Any time an executive decision is challenged by one of the officers or two resident members, it will be put to vote.

Section 2: Voting procedure is this: if the challenge is made within four months of the general election, it will be put on the general ballot as outlined in Article IV, Section 6. Otherwise, ballots will be sent to all resident members in the next issue of the regional publication. The Secretary/Treasurer will collect and count the ballots, and the closing date will be three weeks after the mailing date of the ballots. The measure will be passed by a two thirds majority of those voting.

Section 3: The results will be implemented immediately and announced in the next issue of the regional publication.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Any amendments to this constitution may be submitted by three or more resident members and will be subject to vote.

Section 2: Voting procedure is this: if the amendment is made within four months of the general election, it will be put on the general ballot as outlined in Article IV, Section 6. Otherwise, ballots will be sent to all resident members in the next issue of the regional publication. The Secretary-Treasurer will collect and count the ballots, and the closing date will be three weeks after the mailing date on the ballots (see Article X, Sec. 2)

Section 3: An approved amendment will be implemented immediately and added to the constitution as a separate article.

ARTICLE XII - REGIONAL POLICY

Section 1: No policy of the region should be intended to conflict with the TAMR as a whole.

NEXT ISSUE:

MARK MORGAN talks about railroads of the Southwest; KEVIN SCANLON is "On The Scene in Pittsburgh"; and GREG LARocca talks about weathering. Also, the demise of P.J. Manton's Readings (both of 'em) by SCOTT DRAKE (photo story), and a FULL REPORT on the Pittsburgh Convention. Stay with us!

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of traction we will be featuring a fantrip on one of Pittsburgh's famous "candy coloured" trolley cars and very possibly a look at PAT's car shop facilities. Those who wish may also recieve a tour of the Pittsburgh inclines--an interesting trip for a quarter. While out on the road, and if time allows, we will be visiting some of the finer hobby shops in the greater Pittsburgh area, so bring a little extra cash. Night-time activities back at the hotel will feature massive slide and movie shows. There will be both a Dual 8 (Reg. and Super) movie projector and a Kodak Carousel slide projector with stack-loader available in our hotel headquarters, so bring your best with you to show the group. Not only that, but the Pittsburgh Division, as we understand it, has managed to rent from Kalmbach one of their 16mm sound films on model railroading, and along with this the Philly Division is trying to get a full-length feature film for showing at the hotel, although this isn't garunteed yet. Lest we forget

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES (Con't from page 9)

about the full-scale auction that we will be putting on at the meet. Many items will be up on the block—model railroad equipment, camera equipment, railroadiana, etc., so anything you have that just laying around and you'd like to bring out to the auction, well, bring it along. Remember that 10% of all the auction profits will go into the AR Treasury so that we can continue to provide you with the Dispatcher and other goodies. But, is a mere 10% too much to ask?? After all, at an NRR Convention you'd be walking out with a lot less. We are also planning a banquet for those interested, just a little something where everyone can sit down and rap over a good meal. Sure makes a pleasant change from McDonald's all the time. So use the Convention Questionnaire in the back of this issue and send it in today. All questionnaires must be in by April 3rd to assure you a spot at the hotel—remember this is a deadline. This information should have reached you all two weeks ago but with the third-class mailing of the last issue it's still in the mail. We'll never do that again!

Tim Tonge submits now something a little bit different for you to read. As many of you know, or may not know, Tim is attending college out in Colorado, and this puts him in a prime position to be "on the spot" of many Western road activity. He has sent to us a tremendous amount of "News From the West" which we will be using in upcoming issues. Although this has nothing to do with the following, we just wanted everyone to know that Tim is alive and well, and indeed an active contributor to the AD. Thanks Tim!

The following are the words to a just released (?) song by Gordon Lightfoot. It appears on his "Gord's Gold" LP, and although it may never be a top 40 song, I thought the members of the AR would like to read the lyrics to the song. -TIM TONGE

CANADIAN RAILROAD TRILOGY

Their minds were overflowing with visions of their day,
And many a fortune lost and won, and many a dues to pay.
Oh, look to the future and what did they see?
They saw an iron road runnin' from sea to sea.
Bringing the goods to Anglo men,
All up to the seaboard, into their hands.
Look away sad men, across this mighty land,
From the Eastern shore to the Western strand.
Bring up railworkers and bring the rails,
We gotta laydown tracks and tear up the trails.
Open her heart, let the life blood flow,
Gotta get in our way 'cause we're movin' too slow.
Bring up the railworkers and bring up the rails,
We're going to lay down tracks and tear up the trails.
Open her heart-let the life blood flow,
Gotta get on our way 'cause we're movin' too slow.
Behind the Blue Rockies, the sun declining,
The stars they were stealing at the close of the day.
Across the wide prairie, our loved ones lie sleeping,
Beyond the dark oceans, in a place far away.
We are the Donnellies who work upon the railway,
Swinging our hammers in the bright blazing sun.
Livin' on stew and drinkin' bad whiskey,
Bendin' our backs 'till the long days are done.
We are the Donnellies who work upon the railroad,
Swinging our hammers in the bright balzin' sun.
Layin' down the track and buildin' the bridges,
Bending our backs 'till the railroad is done.

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Candidates for President (Con't)

Chris Buckley (Con't)-abilities as President of the AR. I would like to see a better quality Dispatcher. Last month you've seen our first offset-printed cover, and I hope to continue making the entire Dispatcher worthwhile and easy to read. I'm also hoping to, as President, continue to improve membership communication throughout the region by initiating more meets, gatherings, and other activity that would be of interest to the membership as a whole. Your vote will help these things come to pass. Thanks.

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER

BETSY SUMMERS (19)-----For the past two years I have served the Allegheny Region as its Secretary/Treasurer. During these two years I feel I have done a good job keeping the books in order, filing reports, and taking care of all new members and renewals. What I strive to offer in the coming year is more of this work along with a few new ideas. I know you may think campaign promises are nothing but empty words but I am sincere when I say I'll try. One thing I would like to see in the next year is more modeling articles in the Allegheny Dispatcher. Along with this I would like to see monthly issues. It can be supported financially and I will personally try to get more articles from the members. Finally, I will institute a membership drive within the TAMR and our own region. Please show some concern for your region. Let's have more than fourteen voters this year. Also, remember that this, if I am elected, will be my last term because I'm soon destined to become an "old head". Thanks for your time, and don't forget to vote.

Well, there you have it, for a second time. Betsy Summers is the only candidate we have recieved a platform from for the position of Sec/Treas, so anyone who wants the job now, well, all I can say is if you didn't get it in by now you might as well wait 'till next year. Below is the official ballot--USE IT!!

So over the mountains,
Over the plains,
To the logging and into the valley
To St. Lawrence on the way to CasBay.
Swinging our hammers and drawing our pails,
Begin' 'em in and tying them down.
Away from the bunk house and into the towns,
A dollar a day and a place for my head.
A drink to the living,
A toast to the dead.
All the songs of the future have been sung,
All the battles have been won.
All the mountain tops we stand,
All the world at our command.
We have opened up the soil.
With our teardrops and our toil,
Where there was a time when in this fair land that the railroad did not run.
And the wild and majestic mountains stood alone against the sun,
Long before the white man and long before the wheel.
When the dark green forest was too silent to be real,
When the dark green forest was too silent to be real.
And many are the dead men too silent to be real.

The UNION PACIFIC recently moved two DELAWARE AND HUDSON units from Boise, ID to Council Bluffs, NEB. The units were moved on Feb. 22 on UP train MILP. The units were six and twelve cars from the head end, and were not running. The numbers were D&H 505 and D&H 1976 (former D&H 506) with 1976 the D&H's second Bicentennial unit. Look for these units arriving on the D&H via the EL (CHESSIE) at Binghamton, NY around the first week of March.

-TIM TONGE

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