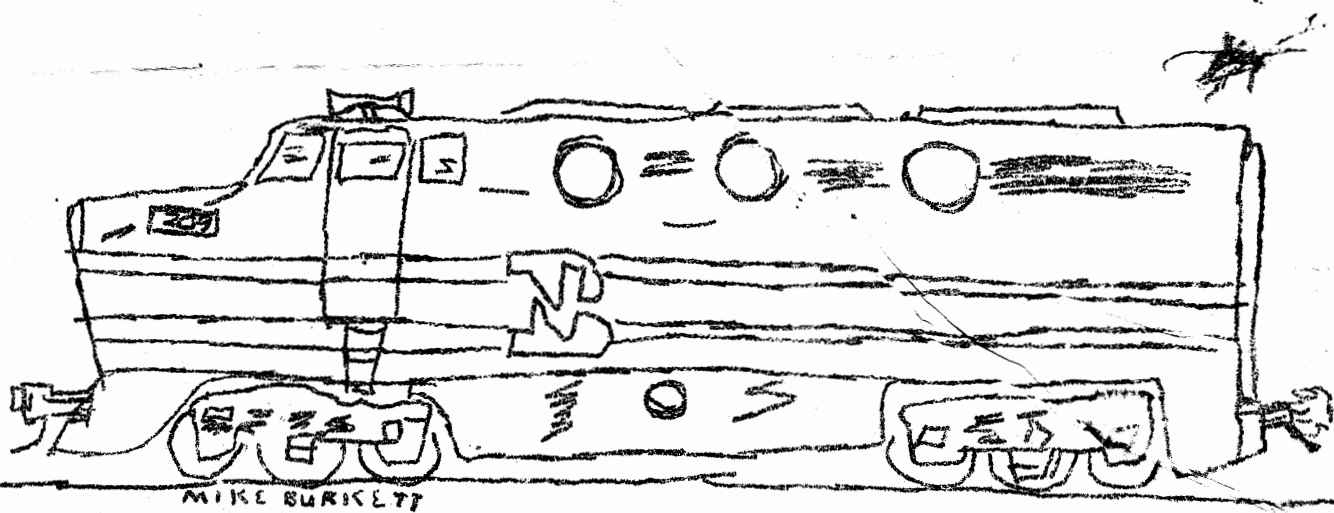


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PROTOTYPE NEWS.....

CHASSIS SYSTEM has ordered 60 new locomotives this year according to EXTRA 2200 SOUTH, all 60 units are 3000horsepower model GP40-2's built by ELECTRO-MOTIVE DIVISION of GENERAL MOTORS. These units are divided among railroads as follows:

- WV 4312-4321
- B&O 4322-4351
- WI 4352-4371

This brings Chessie's GP40-2 count to 272 units.

CONRAIL'S Hempfield secondary has been taken over by the state of Pennsylvania to be operated as a state subsidised shortline, Pennsylvania joins several other states operating their own shortlines.

feature locomotive.....E7D F7a&F7b

The F7 was the 2nd most popular locomotive ever built, being topped by EMD's GP9 of a few years later. The reason for the F7's popularity being mainly because they were built at a time when every major railroad was changing over from steam to diesel.

A total of 3849 were built from 1949 to 1953, most have been sold or scrapped. But of the units still with us, some may be 30 years old. The theoretical service life of a diesel locomotive is 15 years.

Of the 3849 built, 2366 were F7a, 1483 were F7b. Plans follow on page 4. B units are boosters. A 4 foot longer version was also offered, being called F7C. ~~THESE UNITS ARE NOT INSTALLED~~ This extra 4 feet provided room for a steam generator for passenger service.

To say a little bit about this newsletter, maybe you've seen the first issues. They weren't my finest, I know. But that is changing, starting with this issue because I have decided that if I have to start charging then I should try to make this newsletter well worth your money.

I will probably feature a simple a easy to build track plan every month.

For those of you out there who are interested in the prototype railroads I am featuring a different locomotive each issue.

I welcome all contributions and if you have any articles please either give them to me in person or send them to me at the following address:

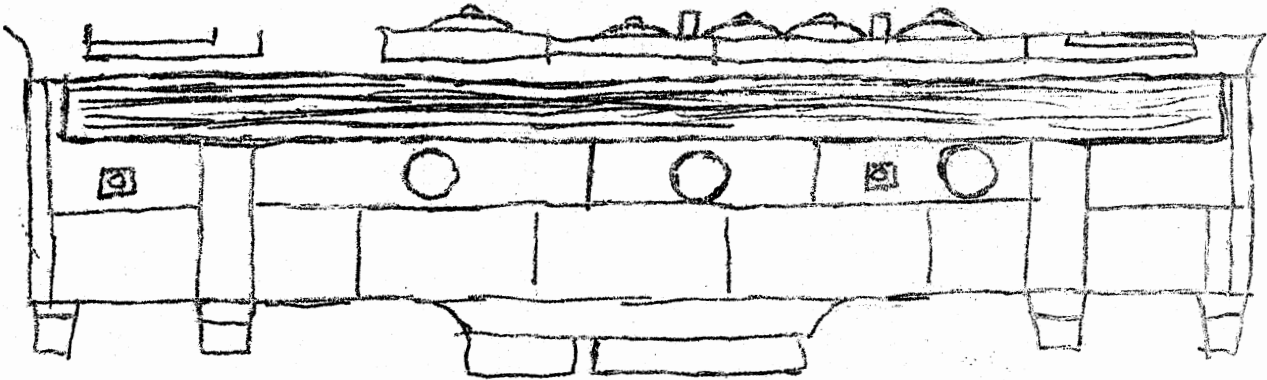
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I hope this newsletter will help all of you out there gain a better understanding of model railroading. If you have any suggestions, please let me know about the

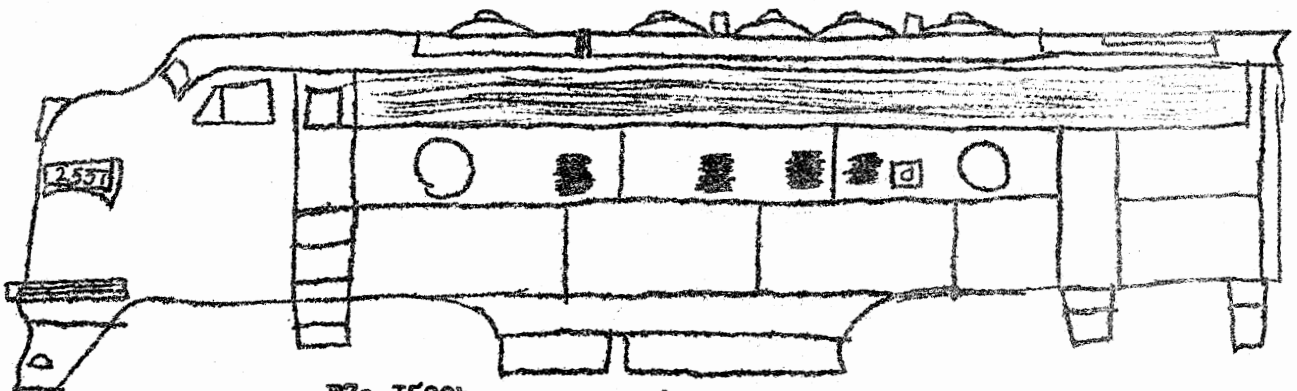
E.M.D. F7a & F7b PLANS

Built from February 1949 to December 1953

country	F7a	F7b	Both
CANADA	226180	47	127
MEXICO	25	16	41
U.S.A.	2261	1180	3681
ALL	2366	1243	3609

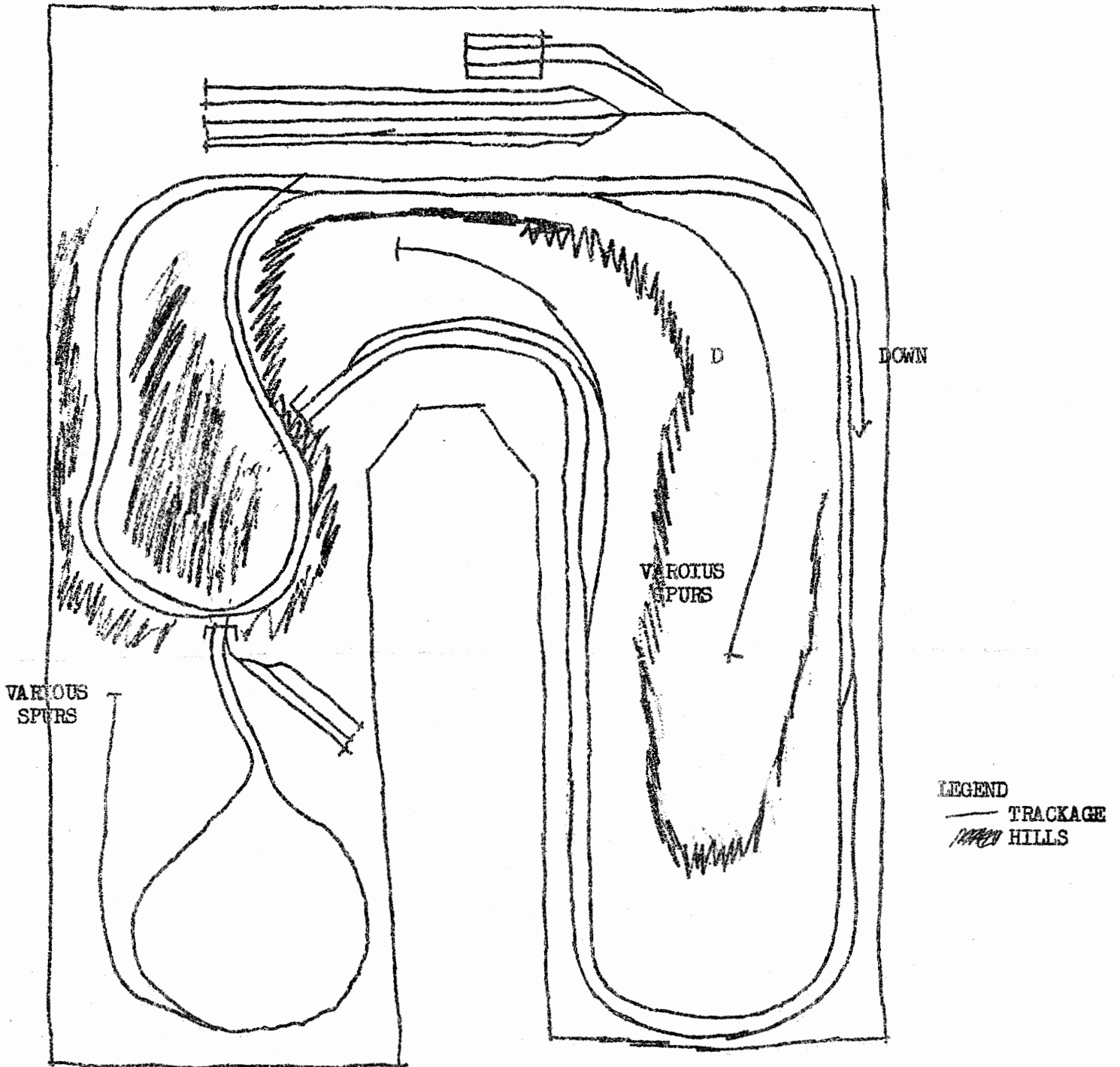


F7b 1500horsepower booster



F7a 1500horsepower cab

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