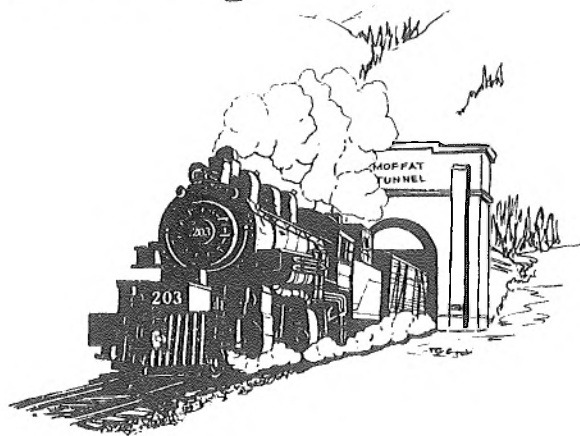


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MEETING NOTICE: Date . . . Tuesday, January 9, 1979
Time . . . 7:45 P.M.
Place . . . Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church, 2900 South
University at Bates; off-street parking at rear (east)
of meeting hall. Please use building's south entrance.

PROGRAM NOTES: OTTO PERRY MOVIES

The program for the January meeting will consist of a selection of 16mm movies from the Otto Perry collection, ranging from 1941 through 1966. Included are trains on the Rio Grande Southern, Denver and Rio Grande Western (both narrow and standard gauge), Denver & Salt Lake, Union Pacific, Colorado & Southern, and many more. As usual, Ed Haley will man the projector, and Dick Kindig will provide the commentary. Come and take a journey back to the days when trains operated behind steam engines.

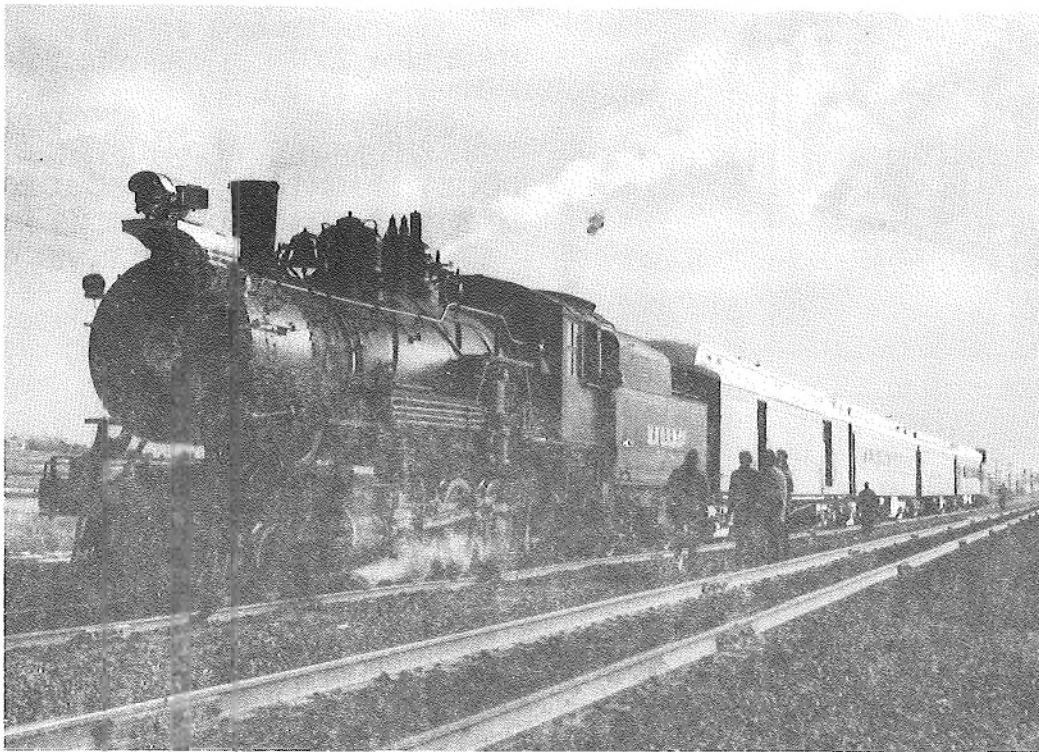
ALL SORTS OF BUSINESS (and pleasure) was transacted at the December meeting. The annual election of officers saw Ed Gerlits assume the President's chair, and Erwin Chaim the Vice President and Program Chairman duties. Re-elected were Bill Gordon as Secretary and Ardie Schoeninger as Treasurer. Directors elected were Ed Haley, Al Dunton and Keith Kirby. Ongoing Directors are Carl Carlson, Jim Ranniger and Neil Reich.

Ardie Schoeninger gave an excellent Treasurer's report showing the club is in good financial shape. Jim Trowbridge went over the club's activities in 1978, and thanked everyone who had helped. The club owes Jim a vote of thanks for his dedicated leadership over the past two years. Neal Miller passed out his Christmas present for this year - a photo of U.P. Engines No. 3967 and 3713 at the coaling tower in Carr, Colorado, May 17, 1953. The program for the evening was given by Jim Ranniger and Neal Reich. Jim showed movies of the club's Utah trip, and Neal had movies of the Silverton by private car, moving the Ex RGS Narrow Gauge Engine #42 at Heritage Square, train operations at the Square, and a steam pile driver in action near Chugwater, Wyoming. The steam pile driver was C&S 99104 from Trinidad. After the meeting, everyone enjoyed punch and coffee, cake and cookies. It was a dandy ending to 1978.

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GLENWOOD SPRINGS WEEKEND - The club's trip aboard the Rio Grande Zephyr is all set for February 24-25. The flyer we sent to you last month should be mailed in by January 12. This is a fun trip, so come along.

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Ex G.W. Locomotive #75 and several cars from Denver area pause on a passing track south of LaSalle, Colorado on December 5th. They are waiting for Amtrak and a UP freight to pass. The steam special was enroute from Denver to Orchard, Colorado for the filming of the TV series, "Centennial," The special returned to Denver at the end of the week.

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RAIL SUPPORTERS who wish to protest the D&RGW's petition to drop the western portion of its Rio Grande Zephyr have until January 15, 1979 to get letters in to the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D. C. Between January 15 and 31, the ICC will decide whether to O.K. the railroad's petition or to extend service while it holds hearings on the petition.

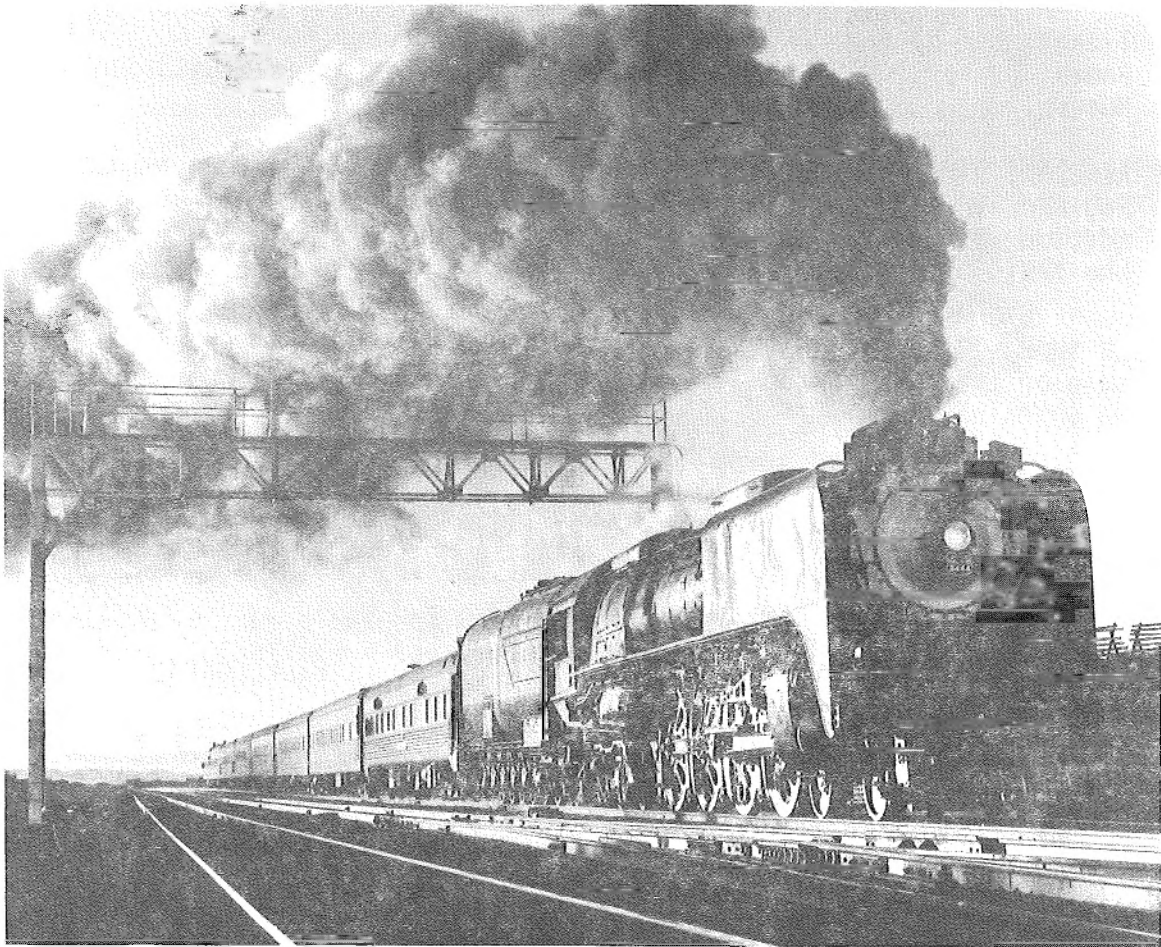
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NBC TV WILL INTRODUCE a new show in January or February called "Supertrain." It will be a comedy adventure starring an atomic-powered railroad train. The set is one of the largest ever built for television. (Steam and diesel are now passe!) The train will race between Los Angeles and New York, as its passengers enjoy such outlandish features as a swimming pool, book store, gymnasium, boutique, pharmacy, beauty salon, doctor's office, recreation-game room, and a disco.

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THE D&RGW will operate its ski train to Winter Park again this winter. Train will start January 6, 1979, and end around the last of March or early April. Also, D&RG reported that the Silverton narrow gauge broke its own record this year by hauling 120,384 passengers from May 27 through October 8. During the winter months, they plan to rebuild and renovate some of the narrow gauge passenger cars in Denver's Burnham shops. The Grande also announced that it will spend \$57 million - the largest cash outlay in its history - during 1979, to upgrade its rail system and rolling stock to handle the ever-increasing demand for western coal.

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In this excellent late afternoon photo by Mel Patrick, we see UP 8444 climbing toward Sherman Hill on its return from Ogden, Utah, where it traveled for the dedication of the museum in the UP depot. The train took two days to travel between Cheyenne and Ogden, departing Cheyenne on October 17, and returning on the 23rd. Part of this consist was being deadheaded back to Cheyenne after being used on other passenger specials.

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THE PARAMOUNT THEATER will again show two silent films sponsored by the Intermountain Chapter NRHS and Colorado RR Museum. They are John Ford's silent classic, "Iron Horse," filmed on the V&T, and "The White Desert." Last year, a sell-out crowd

saw the "White Desert." which was filmed in Moffat Tunnel country at Corona.
Schedule for showing:

"The Iron Horse"	\$ 4.00 Adult
7:30 P.M., Feb. 21, 1979	\$ 2.50 Child
"White Desert" matinee	\$ 2.50 Adult
1:30 P.M., Feb. 22, 1979	\$ 1.75 Child
"White Desert" evening	\$ 4.00 Adult
7:30 P.M., Feb. 22, 1979	\$ 2.50 Child
Combination Ticket:	\$ 7.00 Adult
	\$ 4.00 Child

Tickets can be obtained from Intermountain Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 5181, Terminal Annex, Denver, CO 80217 - before Feb. 12, 1979. Benefit Colorado Railroad Museum.

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YOUR REGULAR, hard-working, efficient Editor, Darrell Arndt took Amtrak to New England over the holidays, to visit with his family. The editor for this edition is "anonymous," who sends you this wish for the new year - "May the train of prosperity run on your track!!"

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SWAP 'N SHOP - Personal ads are accepted from members for items to be listed for sale or trade or wanted. We cannot enter into any correspondence, nor will we appraise items.

WANTED: R&LHS Bulletin No. 83, (Canadian Pacific); reprint - Iron Horses of the Santa Fe Trail; Motive Power of the U.P. - Vol. 1
FOR SALE: United Super-Detail Central of Jersey 4-6-4T. Like new. \$150.
ROBERT A. LE MASSENA, 1795 So. Sheridan Blvd., Denver, CO 80226

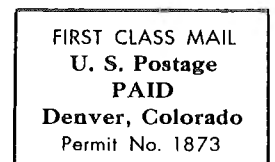
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