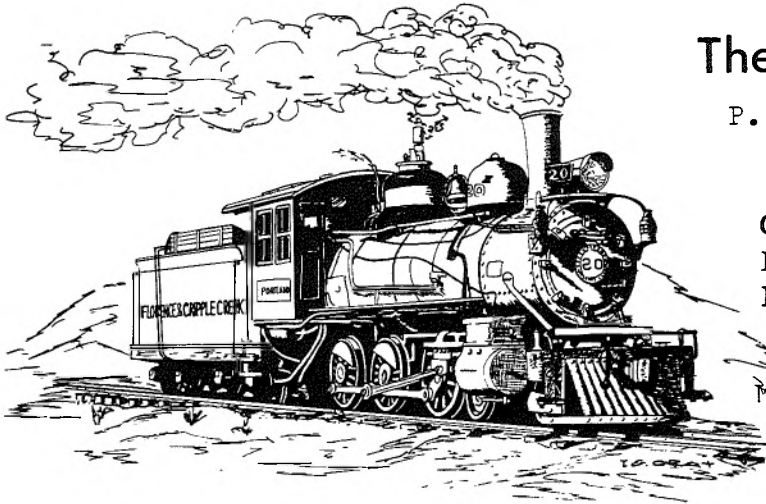


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MEETING NOTICE: DATE WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1966
TIME 8:00 P.M.
PLACE ... WESTERN FEDERAL SAVINGS .
BUILDING (BASEMENT MEET-
ING ROOM), 717-17TH ST.,
DENVER

EDITOR TED S. MCKEE

PROGRAM NOTES: MR. ERIK SUNDSTRÖM OF KARLSKOGA, SWEDEN, WILL TAKE US ON A MOTION PICTURE JOURNEY TO HIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY FOR A GLIMPSE OF THE LAST DAYS OF STEAM. A SECOND REEL WILL GIVE US HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NBJ, PRIVATELY OWNED ORE AND TIMBER RAILROAD THAT PASSES THROUGH ERIK'S HOME TOWN. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE SWEDISH RAILROAD CLUB (SJK), AND IS THE GUEST IN THIS COUNTRY OF RMRC MEMBER DR. AL BARTLETT OF BOULDER. DR. BARTLETT, INCIDENTALLY, IS THE ONLY U.S. MEMBER OF THE SJK. THE EVENING PROMISES A FASCINATING LOOK AT SWEDISH RAILROADING PLUS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A FELLOW RAILFAN WARMLY WELCOME IN THE U.S.

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GET TICKETS NOW FOR LYONS EXCURSION: JULY 17 IS JUST ABOUT A WEEK AWAY AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY MADE PLANS TO RIDE THIS OLD FASHIONED PICNIC EXCURSION. THIS RUN, USUALLY MADE WITH C & S'S VENERABLE OLD #638 (NOW RETIRED AND ON DISPLAY IN TRINIDAD, COLO.) HAS NOT BEEN OPERATED BY THE CLUB SINCE JULY, 1962. IT ALWAYS PROVED POPULAR WITH YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE: AN EASY, SHORT RUN WITH PLENTY OF PHOTO STOPS, AND INVITING PICNIC SPOTS ALONG RUSHING ST. VRAIN CREEK. THIS IS ONE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY AND WE HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU ABOARD.

DEPARTURE IS SCHEDULED FOR 8:30 A.M., MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME, FROM DENVER UNION STATION. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE TRAIN SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT MAIL ORDERS AT THIS LATE DATE.

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24 STATES REPRESENTED ON NARROW GAUGE EXCURSION: NEW YORK TO CALIFORNIA FOR THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF COLLECTORS OF MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS, WE WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THIS INFORMATION; WHICH, ALTHOUGH TRUE MISCELLANY, REPRESENTS QUITE AN OUTSTANDING FACT. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT OUR TRIPS DRAW PASSENGERS FROM SUCH A DISTANCE AND EVEN INCLUDE A SCATTERING OF LUMINARIES, SUCH AS BANDLEADER BILLIE MAY WHO JOINED US FOR THE DURANGO-SILVERTON PORTION OF THIS YEAR'S RUN.

HERE ARE THE STATES REPRESENTED AMONG PASSENGERS ON THE TRIP: ARKANSAS, ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, DELAWARE, IOWA, KANSAS, ILLINOIS, MAINE, MARYLAND, MINNESOTA, MICHIGAN, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, NEW MEXICO, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW YORK, OHIO, OKLAHOMA, PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, TEXAS, WISCONSIN AND WYOMING.

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NEWSLETTER NOTES WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF COMMENTS REGARDING OUR NEW MASTHEAD AND HASTEN TO ADD A NOTE OF EXPLANATION. THE NEW LOOK WAS DESIGNED AND CREATED BY CLUB DIRECTOR TOM GRAY OF DENVER WHO, WITH SEVERAL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, IS A TECHNICAL ILLUSTRATOR. HIS BEAUTIFUL DRAWING OF EX-F&CC #20, NOW OWNED BY THE CLUB, GRACED THE COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPE WE MADE AVAILABLE FOR OUR RECENT NARROW GAUGE EXCURSION, AND HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN MADE INTO BEAUTIFUL

BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS (SEE BELOW). WE OFFER TOM A VOTE OF THANKS AND A SIGH OF ADMIRATION FOR HIS BEAUTIFUL AND DETAILED RENDERING OF THE CLUB'S FAVORITE ENGINE.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, AND PAST-EDITOR JACKSON THODE, WHO PITCHED IN AND PUT TOGETHER THE JUNE NEWSLETTER WHILE YOUR EDITOR WAS OUT OF TOWN ON AN EXTENSIVE BUSINESS TRIP. THEIR HELP AND COOPERATION IS MOST APPRECIATED.

IT CERTAINLY SHOULD BE ADDED HERE THAT WE WELCOME CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THESE MONTHLY PUBLICATIONS ON ANY RAILROADING SUBJECT OF CURRENT OR HISTORICAL INTEREST. WE ASK ONLY THAT ITEMS BE LIMITED TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES SINCE THIS IS OUR MAIN SCOPE OF INTEREST AND THE BALANCE OF THE COUNTRY IS ADEQUATELY AND MORE SUITABLY COVERED IN THE PUBLICATIONS OF OTHER RAILFAN ORGANIZATIONS.

AND, FINALLY, WE HAVE HAD QUITE A RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY IN THE MAY "RAIL REPORT" CONCERNING INTEREST IN AN ALL-TIME INDEX OF PAST ISSUES. THE PROJECT WILL BE STARTED FORTHWITH AND CARRIED ON AS TIME PERMITS, WITH PUBLICATION AT THE END OF THE YEAR TO INCLUDE ALL 1966 INFORMATION.

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ENGINE #20 RENDERING AVAILABLE WE WERE SO PLEASED WITH TOM GRAY'S ART OF #20 THAT WE IMMEDIATELY HAD A NUMBER OF GLOSSY 8 X 10 PRINTS AND REGULATION POSTCARDS MADE UP FROM THE ORIGINAL FOR SALE ON OUR MEMORIAL DAY EXCURSION. IN 8 X 10 AND POSTCARD SIZE SALES OF THESE AND OTHER ITEMS WERE EXCELLENT AND WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO MAKE THESE PRINTS AVAILABLE TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP.

THE MODEST PROFIT WE WILL ENJOY, ONCE OUR INITIAL INVESTMENT HAS BEEN RETURNED, WILL BE EARMARKED FOR THE CLUB EXCURSION FUND AND USED TO HELP OFFSET ANY DEFICIT WE MIGHT ENCOUNTER ON FUTURE TRIPS. THUS YOUR DIMES AND DOLLARS NOT ONLY BUY A BEAUTIFUL PRINT OF THE CLUB'S OWN ENGINE, BUT A LITTLE SLICE OF STEAM EXCURSIONS YET TO COME.

THE 8 X 10 PRINTS, SUITABLE FOR FRAMING, ARE JUST \$1.00; THE POSTCARDS, 10¢. WE ASK, TO EASE OUR TREASURER'S BOOKKEEPING CHORES, THAT ORDERS BE FOR A MINIMUM OF 50¢. CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS -- NO STAMPS, PLEASE -- SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB.

SEND YOUR ORDERS TO: THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, 1430 S. ZEPHYR ST., DENVER, COLORADO.

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WESTERN PACIFIC TO ASK PERMISSION WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD PRESIDENT M. M. CHRISTY ANNOUNCED TO DISCONTINUE CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR JUNE 29 THAT WP WOULD SOON ASK ICC PERMISSION TO DROP ITS PORTION -- SALT LAKE CITY TO SAN FRANCISCO -- OF THE FAMED CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR. THE CZ HAS BEEN OPERATING SINCE 1949, WITH THE BURLINGTON HANDLING THE CHICAGO-DENVER RUN AND THE D&RGW TAKING OVER FOR THE MOUNTAINOUS SEGMENT BETWEEN HERE AND THE UTAH CAPITOL.

CHRISTY CITED AS HIS REASON A 1965 BEFORE-TAX OPERATING LOSS ON THE OPERATION OF \$823,800, AN INCREASE, HE SAID, OF \$267,000 OVER 1964. WP HAS BEEN MUMBLING AND GRUMBLING OVER THE CZ FOR BETTER THAN A YEAR BUT THINGS HAD QUIETED DOWN AND THE MOVE TO DISCONTINUE CAME AS QUITE A SURPRISE. ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH CZ MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF DENVER IS FULLY AWARE THAT THE SHINING SILVER TRAIN CONTRIBUTES ITS FAIR SHARE OF REVENUE ALL ALONG THE 2,000-MILE-PLUS RUN. AND WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE "Q" AND THE GRANDE WILL JOIN PRIVATE CITIZENS IN A FIGHT TO PRESERVE THIS MAGNIFICENT HOSTELRY ON WHEELS. CAN THERE REALLY BE THAT MANY TRAVEL-HARDENED "MODERNS" WHO WOULD RATHER FLY OVER THE ROCKIES AND SIERRAS (OR GO AROUND THEM) THAN RIDE THROUGH THEM IN A POLISHED VISTA-DOME ATTENDED BY UNIFORMED HOSTESSES. WE WOULDN'T. WOULD YOU?

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NATION'S NEWEST RAILROAD BEGINS OPERATION ALTHOUGH WE PREFER TO KEEP "RAIL REPORT" NEWS WITH STEAM AND DIESEL POWER; PASSENGERS, TOO! WITHIN THE SPHERE OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROADING, WE SIMPLY CAN'T PASS OVER THIS REPORT OF THE NATION'S NEWEST RAILROAD. A LINE THAT IS GOING INTO BUSINESS WITH BOTH STEAM AND DIESEL POWER ... A LINE THAT IS ACTIVELY PROMOTING PASSENGER SERVICE. FURTHER, IT IS A RAILROAD THAT BUCKS THE CURRENT TREND OF GIANT SYSTEMS (A LA PENN-CENTRAL) BY BEING ONLY 16.7 MILES LONG.

THE RAILROAD IS APPROPRIATELY NAMED THE NEW HOPE & IVYLAND, OPERATING IN BUCKS COUNTY, PA., BETWEEN A UNION CAMP COMPANY PAPER BAG FACTORY AND A CONNECTION WITH THE READING, FROM WHICH THE BRANCH WAS PURCHASED FOR \$200,000 AND REORGANIZED AS THE NH&I. FREIGHT OPERATIONS WILL BE HEADED BY DIESEL POWER, BUT OFFICIALS PLAN TO OPERATE DAILY PASSENGER STEAM RUNS BETWEEN NEW HOPE AND BUCKINGHAM VALLEY, A DISTANCE OF SEVEN MILES.

WE SALUTE THE NEW HOPE & IVYLAND, AND WISH IT A LONG, PROSPEROUS AND STEAM-FILLED LIFE.

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ORIGINAL COLORADO MIDLAND BRIDGE DESTROYED THE BIG TANK TRUCK, ITS DIESEL ENGINE ROARING IN PROTEST AS IT STRAINED TO PUSH THE UNIT THROUGH MOUNDS OF CONSTRUCTION MUCK, CRUNCHED TO A STOP NEXT TO THE FORLORN WOODEN STRUCTURE THAT HAD ONCE BRIDGED LAKE CREEK NEAR LEADVILLE. THE STURDY TRUSS BRIDGE HAD CARRIED COLORADO MIDLAND TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC FOR 80 YEARS. AND NOW IT WAS ABOUT TO BECOME A MEMORY.

WORKMEN, PERHAPS EAGER TO ENJOY A LITTLE HEAT IN THE CHILL OF AN EARLY JUNE MORNING AT 10,300 FEET, QUICKLY SPRAYED THE HEAVY, AND STILL STRONG, WOODEN BEAMS WITH FUEL OIL. THE FOREMAN STEPPED FORWARD WITH A LIGHTED MATCH AND, POOF!, ROARING FLAMES CONSUMED THIS VENERABLE GHOST OF A BRIGHTER, MORE EXCITING AND PROSPEROUS RAIL ERA.

THE BRIDGE HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN 1886. IT CARRIED MIDLAND TRAINS UNTIL 1918, THEN WAS CONVERTED FOR AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC (ALBEIT, ONE WAY), WHICH TASK IT PERFORMED WITHOUT FURTHER MAINTENANCE, SO WELL HAD IT BEEN CONSTRUCTED.

BIG ED JOHNSON, FORMER COLORADO GOVERNOR, WAS A DISPATCHER AT ARKANSAS JUNCTION, NOT FAR FROM THE BRIDGE, FROM 1906 TO 1910. HE REMEMBERS WELL THE TIME A CM FREIGHT ROARED OUT OF CONTROL DOWNGRADE FROM HAGERMAN AND PLUNGED INTO NEAR-BY TURQUOISE LAKE. THE BRIDGE SURVIVED THAT AND OTHER TRAGEDIES, BUT FELL VICTIM TO A MODERN COLORADO'S WATER NEEDS.

A SMALL DAM WAS ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED ON THE SITE IN 1902. IT WAS KNOWN THEN AS THE LAKE PARK DAM. IT LATER WENT UNDER THE NAME OF TURQUOISE LAKE DAM, AND TODAY IS KNOWN AS THE SUGAR LOAF RESERVOIR, PART OF THE GIANT, MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS WATER PROJECT. THE PROJECT WILL TRAP SOME 69,000 ACRE FEET OF WATER ANNUALLY, DIVERTING IT VIA A TUNNEL THROUGH THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE, WEST TO EAST.

THE BRIDGE WAS ONE OF THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE GREAT OLD CM AND THERE ARE MANY WHO WERE SORRY TO SEE IT GO. WE CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT ITS METHOD OF PASSING WAS CERTAINLY THE MOST APPROPRIATE: "ASHES TO ASHES, DUST TO DUST." AND, AS THE FOREMEN OBSERVED, THEY CERTAINLY COULDN'T LEAVE THE BRIDGE STANDING -- NOT BY A DAM SITE.

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STILL ANOTHER RAILROADING LANDMARK VANISHES SIX DECADES AGO THE UNION PACIFIC ROUNDHOUSE AT CHEYENNE WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA. TODAY, GIANT STEEL DEMOLITION BALLS ARE REDUCING ITS 18 STALLS, BOILER SHOP, BLACKSMITH SHOP AND OTHER STEAM ENGINE FACILITIES TO RUBLE. THE FACILITY IS NO LONGER PRACTICAL, WITH ONLY ONE STEAMER, THE 8444, IN SERVICE. AND THEN ONLY FOR FAN TRIPS SUCH AS THE CLUB EXCURSION COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER WHEN UP STEAM WILL BE SEEN IN DENVER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL YEARS. PROGRESS, WITHOUT PROPER GUIDANCE, IS NO RESPECTOR OF HISTORY OR TRADITION. AND IT SEEMS TODAY THAT THE NECESSARY GUIDANCE IS TOO OFTEN ABSENT.

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LATEST MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN SHOWS 1018 ON ROSTER A TABULATION OF CLUB MEMBER ORIGINS MADE RECENTLY BY OUR ADDRESSOGRAPH CURATOR, ED LEWANDOWSKI, SHOWED A TOTAL OF 1,018 MEMBERS CURRENTLY ON THE ROSTER, REPRESENTING NEARLY ALL OF OUR 50 STATES AND SEVERAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

AGAIN, FOR THE EDIFICATION OF COLLECTORS OF OBSCURE STATISTICS, HERE IS HOW THE ROSTER BREAKS DOWN:

<u>FOREIGN</u>	AUSTRALIA 1	CANADA 3	ENGLAND 2	FRANCE 1	SWEDEN 1
	NEW ZEALAND 2	SWITZERLAND 2	VENEZUELA 1		
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	DENVER 263	REST OF COLORADO 225	CALIFORNIA 110	ILLINOIS 42	
	TEXAS 34	NEBRASKA 29	KANSAS 25	NEW YORK 24	
	MISSOURI 22	WYOMING 22	MICHIGAN 20	N. J. 19	
	OKLAHOMA 19	OHIO 16	IOWA 13	PA. 13	
	INDIANA 10	NEW MEXICO 9	MINNESOTA 8	WISCONSIN 7	
	MASSACHUSETTS 7	ARIZONA 6	FLORIDA 6	CONN. 5	
	UTAH 5	OREGON 4	MARYLAND 4	N. H. 3	
	MAINE 3	NEVADA 3	MONTANA 3	VA. 3	

DELAWARE	2	GEORGIA	2	HAWAII	2	IDAHO	2	KENTUCKY	2
N. CAROLINA	2	WASHINGTON	2	W. VA.	2	ARKANSAS	1	LA.	1
N. DAKOTA	1	S. DAKOTA	1	TENN.	1	VERMONT	1		

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SHOP 'N SWAP QUITE A FEW ITEMS THIS MONTH, INCLUDING SOME INTERESTING COLLECTOR'S ITEMS. AND WE WOULD REMIND ALL MEMBERS THAT WE WILL PUBLISH NON-COMMERCIAL LISTINGS OF INFORMATION AND/OR ITEMS WANTED, FOR SALE OR FOR TRADE. WE CANNOT, OF COURSE, ENTER INTO CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING ANY LISTING, NOR CAN WE ADVISE ANYONE REGARDING THE VALUE OF ITEMS OFFERED. LISTINGS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITOR BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION.

INFORMATION *** WANTED

NEED INFORMATION ON DATE THAT ARGENTINE CENTRAL SHAYS #4 AND #5 WERE SOLD TO FEATHER RIVER LUMBER CO. NEED FOR BOOK CURRENTLY BEING RESEARCHED COVERING LOGGING AND SHORT LINE RAILROADS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. KENT STEPHENS, 1051 EAST AVE., CHICO, CALIF. 95926.

TINPLATE MODELS, CATALOGS, D&RG MATERIAL *** FOR SALE

OLD TINPLATE STANDARD GAUGE LOCOMOTIVES, CARS, TRACK, SWITCHES. LIONEL, AMERICAN FLYER, DORFAN, SOME OF WHICH ARE COLLECTOR'S ITEMS. ALSO HAVE OLD TRAIN CATALOGS AND RIO GRANDE HISTORICAL MATERIAL FOR SALE. RONALD F. SCHILP, 4675 S. GRANT, ENGLEWOOD, COLO. 80110 (PHONE: 781-8946)

ALASKA PICTURES *** WANTED

INTERESTED IN BUYING POSTCARD OR LARGER PHOTOGRAPHS OF COPPER RIVER AND NORTH WESTERN RAILROAD, ALASKA. WRITE GIVING DETAILS AND PRICE. RALPH E. MACKAY, 2923 E. HARRISON ST., SEATTLE, WASH., 98102

INFORMATION *** WANTED

NEED INFORMATION ON WACO & BRAZOS VALLEY RY., WACO & NORTHWESTERN RY., CALVERT & BRAZOS VALLEY, SAN ANTONIO & ARKANSAS PASS RY., TEXAS CENTRAL RY., H&TC AND SOUTHERN TRACTION CO. PHOTOS, TIMETABLES, OTHER PAPER. HAVE 8" ENAMELED RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY SIGN TO TRADE. A. F. VON BLON, 1208 LOCUST, MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

COLORADO PHOTOGRAPHS *** WANTED

NEED STEROPTICAN VIEW CARDS AND OLS PHOTOS (MOUNTED) OF COLORADO TOWNS, RAILROADS AND EARLY DAY CULTURE. PAY UP TO \$3.00 EACH, MORE ON SOME ITEMS. DAVID S. DIGERNESS, 4953 PERRY ST., DENVER, COLORADO

UINTAH RY. MATERIAL *** WANTED

DESIRE PHOTOS AND MAPS OF THE UINTAH RAILWAY. ALSO INFORMATION ON LINE'S STEAM MOTORS, BUICK RAILCAR, EARLY WOOD WATER CARS, ETC. HENRY E. BENDER, JR., 110 ROUNDTABLE DR., UNIT 6, APT. 2, SAN JOSE, CALIF. 95111

PHOTOGRAPHS *** FOR SALE

HAVE 5x7 GLOSSY PRINTS AND POSTCARD SIZE PHOTOS FROM EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF EASTERN RAILFAN. COVERS VARIETY OF U.S. RAILROADS. STEAM AND DIESEL. SELLING POSTCARDS @ 10¢, 5x7 @ 30¢. MAY BE SEEN IN DENVER. CALL ROGER W. GILLIS, 429-4544.

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THOUGHT FOR JULY RALPH WALDO EMERSON HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT OUR APPROACH TO LIFE: "THERE IS A TIME IN EVERY MAN'S EDUCATION WHEN HE ARRIVES AT THE CONVICTION THAT ENVY IS IGNORANCE; THAT IMITATION IS SUICIDE; THAT HE MUST TAKE HIMSELF FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE, AS HIS PORTION; THAT THOUGH THE WIDE UNIVERSE IS FULL OF GOOD, NO KERNEL OF NOURISHING CORN CAN COME TO HIM BUT THROUGH HIS TOIL BESTOWED ON THAT PLOT OF GROUND WHICH IS GIVEN HIM TO TILL."

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