Let's hit the rails for the west coast—out "Where Rail and Water Meet." We're speaking of that grand bunch of fellows in Oakland, California, the Eastbay Model Engineers. They're a versatile group of rail fans and real ambitious, too! Once their minds are set on a goal, nothing can stop 'em, come hell or high water! Take the recent NMRA Convention at Detroit, for example. The Eastbay boys went to Detroit determined to return with the good news that the 1947 Convention would be held at Oakland, and return they did—with positive proof for 1947. Maybe their system worked, or maybe it was just their splendid hard work, but nevertheless they let the boys at Detroit know that the Eastbay gang was wide awake. They took with them a huge banner from the City of Oakland reading "Go West in '47," tags to give all registrants at Detroit and even phosphorescent signs that could be seen at night. Nothing was forgotten, even to engraved invitations from the club itself as well as the PCR and the Mayor of Oakland. Jack Collier, that wire-wire gentleman who is secretary of the club, started this movement for the 1947 convention quite some time ago, and at last it has paid off!

Let's take a peek at the inside of this organization and get some idea of what to expect at the next convention. These fine photos give a good picture story of their layout and rolling stock and show the extent of their handicraft. At present, they have over 13,000 square feet of space given over to the operation of model railroads. Their two-rail O-gauge system is located in a room 64 by 132 feet in area and their HO system in a room 36 by 90