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ELECTION FRIDAY

One of the year's most important meetings will take place Friday night! Additional nominations will no doubt be made from the floor, but for a list of men already nominated please refer to your last issue of Clinkers & Sparks.

There is a lot to do during this meeting, so everyone is urged to try to start by 10 o'clock. As the Executive Committee meeting prior to the General Meeting will have the proposed budget for November to May to approve, they are urged to meet early.

Bill Forrest reminds everyone that the quantity of food will be less as agreed by the membership and reported in the November 18th issue of C&S.

O GA. SCENERY COMMITTEE MEETS

Plans have been made by Scenery Chairman John Sweet for the committee to meet Wednesday November 30 and begin the basic planning for an over-all scenery program for the O ga layout. Members of this committee are: Walt Peterson, Frank Coates, Bill Hoffmann, Stan Johnston, Cliff Grandt, and Doras and Bob Briggs.

A report on this meeting will be made in the next issue of Clinkers & Sparks so that the O ga membership will know what definite plans have been made.

BACK DOOR COMMITTEE

Nov 11....Several objections were made about the public walking in the back door during operating nights. President Ev Greer appointed the following men to take care of the matter:

John Lowe
Ben Manfredi
Stephen Stroup.

CALENDAR - DECEMBER

- 2 Election Night & Business Meeting
- 9 Work Night
- 16 Public Operating Night

"EAGER BEAVERS" IN O GA.

Nov 25....Many very busy O ga members were seen last Friday night trying to keep warm despite the faint chill in the air. Harvey Morton and Bob Smith were deep into the switches at Diablo Yard. Larry Stewart, Russ Lack, and Sig Lewand were involved in wiring in the new Dispatcher's board for the SFW. Larry has been stringing wires around the room for several weeks thru a very neat gizmo that holds the wires together and still allows more wires to be easily added.

The O gauge members might be interested in the unique method the boys are using on the new Dispatcher's board. Each section is on a separate block which includes the illuminated push buttons. If trouble develops or changes have to be made, the block involved is lifted out without disturbing the rest of the board.

OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERSHIP

Dear Editor:


Because of urgent personal considerations and in view of the ballot bearing two other nominees for the office of Treasurer, I wish to withdraw from the forthcoming election.

....John Sweet

ROOF COMMITTEE

Walter Brown, our past-president, has been appointed the "One-Man Committee" to arrange with the roofer to put our roof in shape for the coming winter. Your Treasurer announces that \$125 has been set aside in the budget to cover the maximum anticipated repairs.

SELECTIONS FROM ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION: Section 5: The only members of the Society who may nominate or vote for officers of the Society shall be the grades of Senior, Life, and Charter, hereafter referred to as voting members.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR EDITORS. 

CLINKERS & SPARKS STAFF:

Santa Fe Central -- No report.
Santa Fe Western -- No report.
Rio Grande & SP -- No report.
East Bay Traction Reporter - Bob Dangel
Oakland, Antioch & Eastern - Bob Briggs
Editors -- Bob and Doras Briggs.

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NOTICE !!

Publication suspended for three weeks beginning December 2nd. (Editors on their vacation.)

AROUND MULBERRY

The Station-to-Station Inter-Communication system has finally had the "bugs" taken out of it after 32 hours of re-building. Now the OA&E can talk from any of its control boards to any other board by means of an intricate switching mechanism at Mulberry. A sub-station at the Santa Fe Western Dispatcher's board is to be included in the circuits so that derailed trains and other information can be reported directly during emergencies to the Dispatcher from any OA&E station.

Operating instructions are being sent to O ga Trolley members as the "technique" involved requires that everyone know what to do in order to avoid confusion.

CHANGES TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP LIST:

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NOTICE TO RICHMOND AND SAN PABLO MEMBERS:
Please submit your new telephone numbers to the editors at your earliest convenience so that all the changes can be listed at once.

PCR MEETING DEC 3-4

ALTHO YOUR EDITORS HAVE RECEIVED NO OTHER MATERIAL FOR PUBLICATION REGARDING THE P.C.R. MEETING AT SAN JOSE, THOSE INTERESTED ARE URGED TO CONTACT DOC SCUDDER FOR MORE INFO.

Eastbay Traction News

by Dob Dangel

(Condensed from a PCR Branch Line article)

The Eastbay Traction Company operates an interurban (HO) line with a total mainline trackage of 187' and 38 additional feed in yard trackage. These are all single track lines with the exception of the section between Chipps and Dagget Jct. Return loops at all terminals provide speedy service by eliminating the necessity for sying trains and changing poles. Interchange tracks with Santa Fe Central are at Bakersfield and Dagget.

The overhead is supported by both double pole span and single pole bracket construction. All poles are of metal and all overhead wire is #26 spring brass. (We tried phorpher bronze but had such trouble with corrosion and poor pick-up that we changed to brass with no trouble since.) The cars originally ran on trolley pole only, but as the line expanded the maintenance got out of hand so now we operate mostly on pantograph. Present experiments with bow trolley are producing very good results.

At the present time two mainline cabs control operation of trains with one other cab for the yard and wye at Porterville. The cabs give the operator complete control of track and switchwork.

Rolling stock consists of 3 freight motors, 2 baggage motors, 7 interurban power units, and 4 four-wheel street cars for local use. There are also 10 interurban trailer cars, 53 freight cars and 5 cabooses.

The Eastbay Electric Railway, which is a branch of the Eastbay Traction Co., will have a portable trolley layout at the meeting of the Pacific Coast Region annual meeting in San Jose on December 3 & 4. We wish to extend a welcome to all trolley fans and hope you will bring some equipment to operate by either pole or pantograph. By getting together and exchanging ideas we can all have a lot of good fun. Let's all be at the PCR Annual Meeting in San Jose, December 3-4!

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