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MARCH MEETING

The March meeting will be on Friday, March 16, at 8 pm in room 208 of the Union Station. Mr. Jim Miller, Ticket Agent at the Union Station for many years, who is now retired and working for Churchill Tours, will tell of some of his many experiences in railroading and will also tell us a little history of the Union Station in Portland. It should be a very interesting meeting. Our April meeting is tentatively planned for Salem. If anyone hasn't paid their dues for 1962, they are urged to pay our Secretary-Treasurer immediately at the address shown above. We regret that our February meeting was cancelled at the last minute because of snow. We will reschedule the program at a later meeting.

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The Oregon Journal for Monday, February 26, 1962 carried a full page article on the Sumpter Valley RR written by Bruce W. Wilkinson, with five interesting photographs. For some unknown reason the article appeared only in certain editions and did not appear in the home edition distributed in the Portland area for that day. No extra copies are available at the Journal so this article may turn out to be a collector's item because of its scarcity.

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If you are interested in attending a railroad merger hearing, you can attend the ICC hearing pertaining to the NP-GN-SPS-CBQ merger to be held in the Auditorium of the Public Service Building starting Mar. 19th....It is going to be harder for railroad personnel on passes to attend Century 21 in Seattle. The NP-GN-SPS-CBQ have announced that they will not honor passes on any trains between April 15 and October 15 unless the pass holder pays one-half of the one way fare. The UP will have this policy all year and the Milwaukee no longer have any passenger service into Seattle.

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This and That: The Vernonia, South Park and Sunset Steam Ry, is hoping to run their first train on June 3rd....The two B-L-H ex SP diesels purchased by Raynonier have been barged from Hoquiam to the Rayonier line but no reports yet as to whether they are in service...The University of Washington now has a steam locomotive on their campus—a mallet donated by U. S. Plywood from their Kosmos operation.

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We welcome two new members this month—L. L. Rudd, retired Chief Dispatcher for the Union Pacific Railroad and Lamar Ferguson, Principal of Shattuck School in Portland. We welcome both of you.

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