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Enough is Enough

by Rod Cox



Isn't it about time that a small percentage of railfans shape up?

While most railfans try to do what is right, there is a small percentage that are so covetous that they give all railfans a bad name.

I am referring to the taking of equipment in service on a railroad.

Most railroads give a lot away and make donations of a lot of property each year when they are asked. Of course they cannot always give things away, but they do give a lot away anyway.

Recently a wig wag banner painted yellow on one side only with the words "Trolley Xing" lettered in red was taken from a wig wag at the Willamette Park crossing (Nebraska Av SW) on the Willamette Shore Trolley (Portland, Oregon). The mounting bracket was also taken. This quite obviously was the work of a railfan.

Above: Photo of wig-wag mentioned, located on S.W. Nebraska, just off Macadam in S.W. Portland. Signal is just to left of railroad crossbuck.

Photo by Jim Loomis

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The Editor reserves the right to edit or hold material at his discretion.

-Jim

CHAPTER TIME TABLE No. 382

REGULAR RUNS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Thursday, July 7, 7:00 P.M., at Room 208, Union Station. Enter through the main entrance, turn right two times, past the magazine stand, first door on left at hallway to Wilfs.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, July 15, 7:30 P.M., at St. David's Episcopal Church at 2800 S.E. Harrison. The business meeting will start promptly at 7:30, with the newsreel and program following after a short break. Refreshments will be available; please bring some money to feed the "kitty" so the kitty can continue to feed you. The program is listed below.

WEEKLY NO-HOST LUNCHEON every Saturday, 12:00 Noon, at the Semaphore Restaurant at S.E. 17th & S.E. Holgate Blvd. Our group is in the back. Come on down!

ROLLING STOCK WORK SESSIONS every Wednesday and Saturday, at the Chapter's tracks in Brooklyn Yard. Working hours are 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 or 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, 10 A.M. to late afternoon on Saturday. There's a lot of work of all kinds to be done. Contact Richard Gray (656-0260) to see what you can do.

LIBRARY/ARCHIVES WORK SESSION: Thursday, July 7, 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. & Saturday, July 17, 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at Room 1 & 1A, Union Station. Help is needed to get things organized and catalogued. Contact Jim Loomis (253-3926) or Bob Weaver (654-4274) for more information-or just show up! There's a lot of work to do.

CHAPTER LIBRARY OPEN HOURS Saturday, July 16th & 23th, 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. at Room 1, Union Station.

EXTRA BOARD

1994 NMRA National Convention, August 14-21, 1994. Contact Columbia Gorge Express, 2505 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland, OR 97277 (503) 288-5289.

1994 RAILFAN RETREAT, September, 1994 on Willamette Pass, in the Oregon Cascades. Contact Rocky Regula (648-7904) for information.

JULY MEETING PROGRAM

Program begins after business meeting

(Held over from June due to length of business meeting)

Presented by Dick Ordway

**Video of
Bull Run Watershed**

NOTICE: Programs are needed for future meetings. Anyone who is willing to present a program (slides, film, etc.) at a Chapter meeting, please contact the President.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

SUMMARY of MINUTES BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING JUNE 9, 1994

The meeting was called to order by President Terkelsen at 7:11 P.M.

Treasurer's Report: Maxine Rodabaugh reported on the accounts. SP funds have been received, and several related bills paid. The rest of the liability insurance has been paid. Repair work on the 3300 can't start until we get estimates. This is contingent on what SP will pay.

MSC Maxine Rodabaugh/Connie McCready: That whatever money is earned on "Bond" cars be channeled 100% to bond payoff (instead of present 50%), one "NAY" vote. This may limit increasing interest expense. Motion for amendment to add "minus expenses," by Ed Ackerman, died for lack of second. Treasurer says there are accounts to pay these expenses. President Terkelsen reported the Port of Tillamook has the 6200, but contract has not been signed.

National Director's Report: Gerald Schuler said decision must be made eventually about inviting the spring 1997 NRHS Board meeting. Schuler will prepare a sales show in the event we decide to go ahead with the invitation.

Vice President's Report: Marilyn Edgar reported the key change will be dependent on the anticipated move.

President's Report: Bob Terkelsen said his report will be in "Old Business."

Finance: Vice President Edgar reported the money at CDIC has been moved into Columbia Funds, and transfers between funds will be eased with this move.

Rolling Stock: Dick Ordway and others reported. RDC's wheel problems discussed. Pete Rodabaugh said we need to jack the cars up, remove the wheels, and get them to a facility for turning. Pete said priority is new home for chapter. The RDC's can be secured, the cars can just sit.

Excursions: Irv Ewen reported. Tillamook trip will be last weekend in October. Motel rooms have been reserved by Marilyn Edgar. Other jobs begun. A trip to Bend, OR, by AMTRAK has been proposed for Mother's Day in the spring of 1995. Irv believes it will sell very well.

When available, trip to Vancouver, B.C. will be proposed.

Short Trips: President Terkelsen reported that a Chehalis-Centralia train trip is being considered. Bussess would be used to & back. This would be primarily a member trip. The Mt. Rainier was mentioned, but apparently the train is not running right now.

Library: Jim Loomis & President Terkelsen reported. Storage room has been made for concessions in Room 1A, due to the efforts of Richard Gray & Presient Terkelsen. A historic desk was moved to Room 1. Jim Loomis discovered the committee cannot legally sell books as proposed.

Museum: Dispositon of Crown Zellerbach locomotives needs addressing. Terry Parker reiterated keeping the oldest one as it has name on it, and is operable. Coordinator is needed, as Richard Parks is reluctant. Bob Hoffman, Chuck Bukowski and others incorporated a rail museum foundation to hold the name "Oregon Rail Museum." If incorporation papers are not located, the Oregon Secretary of State can replace them. Help from the Portland city government for a museum appears unlikely. Terry Parker suggests Beaverton or other suburbs with open land may be better prospects.

Activities: Darel Mack reports nothing new on Sept. 18 picnic.

NOTE: Picnic has been moved to Sept. 17.

-Editor

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Bylaws: Copies of proposed changes were distributed at May meeting. Connie McCready asked if anything was done regarding absentee ballots for Bylaws election. Discussion and searching of past minutes indicated nothing had been done.

Trainmaster: Editor is needed. Kris Lundt finished his last issue (June). Rich Carlson for editor unresolved as President Terkelsen has been unable to reach him. Jim Loomis has offered to help Rich Carlson with the computer. Rich is good at writing reports, and has been proof-reading the Trainmaster.

Rail Sensations: Gerald Schuler reported the May meeting had been cancelled. We have been asked what direction we think Rail Sensations should take. Gerry said without a goal, perhaps

the organization should end. After discussion, Gerry offered to draft a letter to Rail Sensations that we will cease support, unless action on a project begins, due to budget strictures and other projects. Suggested that group may wish to affiliate with Washington Dept. of Transportation, as they are looking for citizen support groups.

Program: Chairperson needed. Terry Parker will do his misplaced program in July. June program is Bull Run Dam videos by Dick Ordway. Bob Weaver will bring construction photos. No programs planned beyond July.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chapter 40th Annivesary: President Terkelsen reviewed 25th Anniversary from April, 1980 Trainmaster. This was a banquet meeting. Catered dinner was suggested. Committee of President Terkelsen, Darel Mack, and Connie McCready formed to plan event.

Member Commemoration: A memorial gifts message may be sent to members for a memorial fund for rolling stock restoration since it did not appear in the Trainmaster. Rolling stock will be asked to propose a memorial plaque plan to the board.

Wig-Wag at Columbia Gorge Model RR Club: President Terkelsen reviewed information in Oct., 1990 Trainmaster. "Permanent loan" was the term used. New action was proposed in Aug., 1992. Suggestion made for registered or certified letter be sent soon to rectify past actions if copy of letter from Chuck Bukowski (Aug., 1992) is not located.

Rolling Stock Sites: President Terkelsen proposed question of temporary or permanent site, with or without museum space. Many sites were viewed. John Rosu says the "700" group is willing to join us in a new site. Doyle McCormack says "no way" for the "4449" group.

Chiloquin Engine: A national member reported an engine is available, but cost to move is \$15,000. There is also a quit-claim matter to be waited out. Some members present felt it would be great for drawing new members. President Terkelsen will do some homework on the matter.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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Vote on Bylaws: Discussion on whether vote should be on whole proposal, or piece-by-piece. It was called to our attention that the Bylaws Committee had a notice in the Trainmaster stating this decision would be made by members at the June chapter meeting.

New Business:

Resignation of Connie McCready:

Connie McCready resigned from the Board of Directors and returned her key. Her resignation was accepted with regret. The applicable bylaws were read which indicated that the board nominates at least two candidates to be voted on by the membership after adequate notice. Richard Parks was nominated and declined. Richard Gray accepted nomination. Dale Miller will be asked by President Terkelsen. The election will be in July.

NOTE: Terry Parker & Dale Miller are the candidates. -Editor

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Reese, secretary

SUMMARY of MINUTES CHAPTER MEETING JUNE 17, 1994

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Terkelsen at 7:45 P.M.

Minutes: Members were reminded the "minutes" are available at the back table.

Treasurer's Report: Maxine Rodabaugh reported the receipt of money from SP for settlement of car damage repairs. The emergency fund has been invested in a mix of funds.

National Director's Report: Gerald Schuler's report was in the June Trainmaster. The Board decided a better presentation will be organized to promote being the host for the 1997 National Spring Board Meeting.

President's Report: President Terkelsen called attention to some interesting mail he received and brought with him.

Vice President's Report: Marilyn Edgar reported the key change has been put on hold, pending the timeline of the anticipated move out of Brooklyn Yard.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

-James Loomis, Chairperson

The committee held a meeting on Saturday, June 18. The results of the fee research were presented by Bob Weaver. No library charges a fee per check-out, as we have proposed. What the committee suggests is no fee for members, and an annual fee of \$20.00 for non-members. Books and tapes will be checked out for a maximum of one month. A "late" fee of \$1.00 per month, per item, is proposed.

Mr. Weaver clarified a point for us regarding the sale of books-if any books are donated to the chapter library, they can not be sold to members. This would endanger our tax-exempt status with the IRS, according to the Oregon Historical Society. This will be verified.

Walt Grande has sold publication rights to Washington State University for a book entitled Backwoods Railroads of Western Oregon. A check has been received in the amount of \$80.00 for these rights.

The committee is investigating the feasibility of obtaining microfilm versions of the card index for the Southern Pacific line surveys, etc. Our chapter has the drawings, but there is no index for the collection in our possession. Southern Pacific has the card file.

Finance Committee: The committee has been operating under the proposed bylaw changes for some time, with the hoped-for passage of same making it "legal".

Rolling Stock: The RDC's are at Daisy Kingdom, out of Brooklyn Yard. The 6200 has arrived at Tillamook, and should be running tonight, pending contract signing. Pacific Railway & Navigation is running it. Members of our chapter may identify themselves and ride free. An available set of trucks can be leased for the RDC's, a member announced. President Terkelsen and Vice President Edgar said we just need our trucks turned.

Excursion: A trip is coming October 29 & 30 to Tillamook. Motels are reserved. The cost will include an additional \$40.00 per person for first-class seats in two special cars. A Deschutes-Bend trip has been requested for Mother's Day, 1995. Trip to Vancouver, B.C. will be arranged when BN gets track ready, and AMTRAK begins service. A short steam trip on the

Chehalis-Centralia in two closed-cars and a few open-air cars is coming. This will be a one-day, member trip, inexpensive, and include the Lewis County Historical Museum. A Mt. Ranier R.R. trip is also being considered, although the railroad is having difficulties right now.

Library: Jim Loomis reported that the Library Committee meets on Saturday, June 18, and a work party will not take place.

Museum: Our semaphore will have a new blade made, and a leaner lens is available, if it fits. A desk with some history has been moved from Room 1A to Room 1 to make room for concession items.

Activities: President Terkelsen reported that Bev Johnson has requested we move our member picnic from Sunday, Sept. 18, to Saturday, Sept 17 (one day earlier). This will give us a better opportunity to view the hot-air balloons, and a better time for those bringing trains.

EXCURSION COMMITTEE REPORT

-Irv Ewen, Chairperson

The committee has begun preparations for the Tillamook Saltair excursion to take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 29 & 30, 1994.

The trip will take us over the Coast Range on the former Southern Pacific line from Banks to Tillamook. We will be staying overnight in motels in Rockaway and Tillamook. The return trip will take us to the winery near Wheeler, where we will enjoy a tour, hopefully. No price has been determined, as yet.

At present, 5 cars are anticipated to be used, all chapter-owned.

Regarding May's Seattle trip, as mentioned in the June issue, one of the highlights was the *Spirit of Washington* dinner train. The food was excellent, as was the service. The scenery was varied, and the intermittent rain made it that much more scenic. The winery provided umbrellas from the train to the building, and back again.

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Programs: Dick Ordway will show Bull Run Watershed videos tonight; Terry Parker will have old Rose Parade films in July. President Terkelsen is finding programs due to lack of a volunteer. An Operation Life Saver program will be in August, hopefully.

NOTE: Due to run-over of meeting, Dick Ordway's program will be presented in July, and Terry Parker's program date will be announced.

-Editor

Concessions: Jim Edgar said President Terkelsen, wearing one of the new T-shirts, was the best salesman for them. Trip pins for the May Seattle trip arrived, very late. Price will be negotiated, as the opportunity to sell has diminished.

Trainmaster: Jim Loomis is temporary editor for the month of July. Rich Carlson is the prospective editor whom President Terkelsen has not reached yet.

Rail Sensations: Has asked for goal views of the Chapter. Gerald Schuler read a letter he has composed to Rail Sensations about what the organization should be doing. The letter received PNWC members' agreement.

Old Business:

Bylaws: President Terkelsen thanked Janet Larson for sticking with this job. It was originally started by the

Futures Committee. Dick Ordway read a letter to that committee from Jerry Webb, approving their work, and urging the by-laws change. President Terkelsen asked the members whether they wished to vote on these changes by a hand vote or secret ballot and as a total package or article by article. Discussion followed. Lee Jackson expressed desire for a piece-by-piece vote, with explanations for each item. Other comments made.

MSC Chuck Storz/Marilyn Edgar that it be voted as package. Decision made to explain carefully effects of changes. Gerald Schuler, Bylaws Committee member, started explanations.

MSC Gerald Schuler/Ken Peters that Bylaws changes be adopted as discussed and printed. One "NAY" vote.

Site Selection: President Terkelsen reported on visits by the Board and other members of different sites. Date of move unknown as yet. Cost, distance involved, and accommodations need consideration. No preliminary decisions as yet, still in research.

40th Anniversary: Committee has been formed for planning event. President Terkelsen, Connie McCready, and Darel Mack are members of same.

Memorial Plaque: Rolling Stock Committee was asked to propose form of plaque. Darrel Mack reported a plaque company proposes a 14-place plaque to add names to later. Comments from Terry Parker stating decision should be made by members of Rolling Stock Committee. Rolling Stock Committee needs a coordinator. President Terkelsen reported

the Board is searching for one.

New Business:

Resignation: President Terkelsen announced Connie McCready's resignation from the Board. Nominees by the Board, as required, were Terry Parker and Richard Gray. Richard would prefer not to serve if another nominee is found. President Terkelsen is attempting to contact Dale Miller as a nominee. Nominees from the floor were opened. One proposed nominee named, already has stated "no" to the board.

Therefore, nominees for the Board election in July will be Terry Parker, and Dale Miller if he accepts nomination. Otherwise Richard Gray will be nominee. Concern raised over delivery time of **TRAINMASTER** to inform members of election. Suggestion made to contact local postmaster if **TRAINMASTER** is not received two days prior to next chapter meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Dale Miller has accepted the nomination, and will run for the Board position against Terry Parker at the July chapter meeting.

-Editor

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Lee Jackson suggested if we meet in the sanctuary again, we should all sit up front where we can hear adequately.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, Joyce Reese,
Secretary*

Burlington Northern, on June 1, 1994, has filed to abandon or discontinue service on trackage once part of the United Railways. Line descriptions follow (from notice filed with ICC, June 9, 1994):

Line Index No. 452 United Junction (MP 10.03) to St. Marys (MP 26.71), 16.68 miles and St. Marys Jct. (MP 25.52) to GM Spur on Old Main (MP 26.10), 0.58 miles; Washington and Multnomah Counties, Oregon; 17.26 Total Miles; Stations and Milepost Locations: Tunnel Spur - 14.6, Bowers Junction - 17.1, Bendemeer - 18.5, Merle - 20.8, Orenco Junction - 21.5, St. Marys Jct. - 25.5.

Line Index No. 453 Bowers Junction (MP 17.05) to Banks (MP 28.21); Washington County, Oregon; 11.16 miles; Stations and Milepost Locations; Noth Plains - 22.0, Vadis - 23.5, Christie - 25.3, Banks - 27.5.

Line Index No. 454 Beaverton (SP MP 756.94) to Hillsboro (SP MP 765.71) and (SP MP 765.57 to SP MP 765.54) Trackage Rights; and Hillsboro (MP 4.68) to Forest Grove (MP 10.28); Washington County, Oregon; 14.40 Total Miles including 8.80 Miles of Trackage Rights; Stations and Milepost Locations: Hillsboro - 4.7, Cornelius - 7.8, Forest Grove - 10.0.

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Wig wag banners are very hard to replace, as there are very few around.

We have three wig wags in service on our 7 mile line. They have been kept in service, and not replaced with newer type signals, as they are to be presented as operating historic signals on this historic rail line.

We plan to keep them operating as long as parts are available, but people keep taking the parts from them. We will have to replace them with modern-day signals and then deprive many people of seeing these historic signals operating on a real railroad.

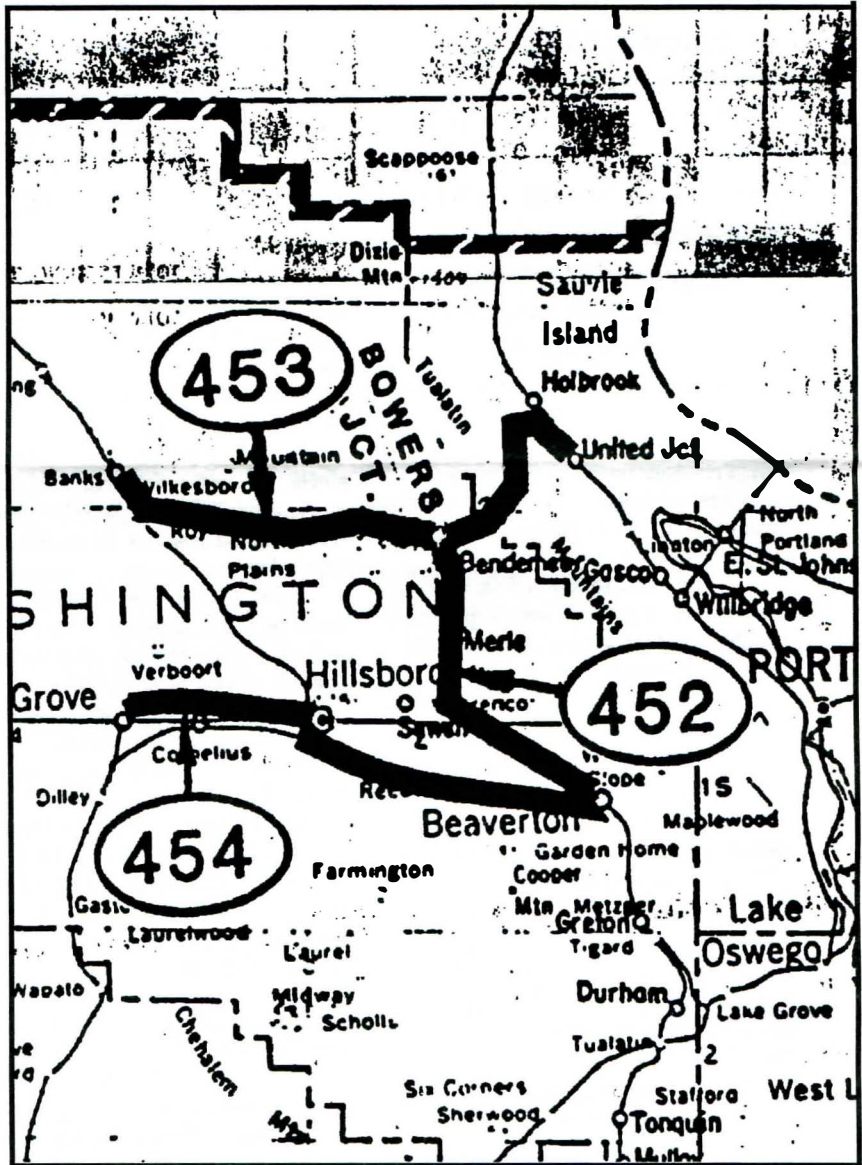
Anyone who has any knowledge of the incident referred to please help us get these parts back to Willamette Shore Trolley or NRHS. No questions will be asked if they are voluntarily found and returned.

Thank You.

Rod Cox

Signal supervisor

Willamette Shore Trolley



Above: Map of proposed abandonment or discontinuance of service by BN. Dark lines indicated by circled numbers are affected lines.

W. Graham Claytor, Jr. 1912-1994

(from Washington D.C. Chapter The Timetable-June, 1994)

On May 14, 1994, America, the railroad industry and the railfan community lost a true giant of a man. W. Graham Claytor, Jr., passed away from the complications of cancer. His most recent position was that of President of Amtrak, from which he retired only five months ago. By his business practices, he brought outstanding growth and operational stability to Amtrak during his ten years of office. Prior to that, Mr. Claytor had been with the Southern Railway (Norfolk Southern's predecessor) as President, Chairman and CEO. He also held high positions in government in the late 1970's.

It was as a railfan that we of the railfan community remember Mr. Claytor most **thankfully**. In his position as Vice President - Law of Southern Railway he began the steam excursion program. The first restored engine was number 4501, a 2-8-2 Mikado class, painted in the Southern Crescent green passenger engine livery. With his brother, the late Robert Claytor, then president of the Norfolk and Western Railway, the program was expanded under the Norfolk Southern Railway when the two railroads merged. Through their efforts and commitments the dream of saving, restoring and operating once again, two of the most famous Norfolk and Western-designed and built engines, the Class A 2-6-6-4 no. 1218 and today's motive power, the Class J 4-8-4 no. 611 became a reality. Some of their fondest moments were spent riding in the cabs of these great and powerful steam locomotives.

In gratitude, we of the three co-sponsoring railfan groups of the Washington, D.C., area, thank W. Graham Claytor for his foresight and his actions enabling all of us to savor the glorious days of main line steam railroading. We therefore dedicate the *Festival Flyer* and the *Oakridge Limited*, this weekend, to the memory of Mr. Claytor, a truly great leader in the railroad industry and friend of the railfan community.

Editor's note (The Timetable) This obituary and tribute, written by Henry Bielstein and Bob Bitzer, was given to passengers on the Norfolk Southern steam excursions sponsored by the Washington area joint trip committee

Don't Forget!!!

***Election for Director-at-Large
on July 15!***

Candidates are Terry Parker and Dale Miller
Cast your vote!!!

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Reminder:

***Picnic at Brooks has been
moved from***

Sunday, September 18

to

Saturday, September 17

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Activities: Darel Mack, 654-5017
Meeting Program Coordinator: *Vacant*
Bylaws: Janet Larson, 253-7436
Concessions: Jim Edgar, 236-7271
Excursions: Irv Ewen, 232-2441
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Library & Historical Foundation: Jim Loomis, 253-3926
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