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MODEL RAILROAD EXHIBIT We are most excited to report that the Depot Committee has been negotiating with the South Coast Society of Model Engineers to install an HO-scale railroad layout in the northern end of the depot freight room. The plan is for the layout to accurately depict the Coast Line through the Goleta/Santa Barbara area, with detailed models of local stations, the S.B. roundhouse, and other features of the S.P. yards and their surroundings. The room will be open during museum hours and on special event days and will form an integral part of the Goleta Depot Railroad Museum.

The model railroad club has already moved into the freight room on a temporary basis, in order to determine the suitability of the space for our mutual purposes.

NEW PUBLICATION We are very pleased to announce that our newest publication is now available. Entitled "Closing the Gap," and written by Nan Lawler, it is a history of the completion of the Southern Pacific Railroad's Coast Line through Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, with a special emphasis on the Coast Line's famous bridges. The 19-page booklet includes 6 black and white photographs, two maps, and a number of other illustrations.

The cost is \$2. If you would like to have a copy mailed, please send your name and address and a check payable to "Goleta Depot Fund" for \$2.60 (which includes sales tax and mailing) to: "Closing the Gap," Goleta Depot, 300 N. Los Carneros Rd., Goleta, CA 93117.

"Closing the Gap" is the first publication made possible by a new fund established for this purpose through the generosity of Deborah and Joseph Pelissero. All future Institute publications will be underwritten by this fund.

GEORGE ADAMS LEAVES COMMITTEE Increasing demands on his time has made it necessary for George Adams to resign from the Depot Committee. George was one of the key people that kept alive the dream to save the depot through the latter years of the 1970s, until Goleta Beautiful was finally able to get title to the building and permission to move it to Los Carneros Park.

George was a very active member of the committee, particularly during those hectic times before the depot was moved, when he served as fund-raising chairman. The committee just won't seem the same without him; he will be greatly missed. We all wish him the best of luck in his new position as Community Resources Coordinator for Dos Pueblos High School.

ASPHALT REGATTA The 3rd Annual Institute for American Research Asphalt Regatta is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th, at Goleta Beach Park. This year, all proceeds from the walk/bike-a-thon will benefit Goleta Depot.

This is a major fund-raiser for the depot project, so please consider participating in the event. If you aren't able to join in, please sponsor one or more of our participants. This year we will have a special Thank You Party on May 20th for all participants and sponsors. Entry forms and further information may be obtained at the Institute office or by calling 964-3540, from 1-5 p.m. weekdays.

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LIFE MEMBERS Welcome to our newest Institute Life Members: Ron and Christine Negus, Ralph Lewis, Raymond and Shirley Baird, Bill Everett, and Betty Everett.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We would like to call your attention to two depot activities that need your assistance. First, the third Saturday of every month has been designated "Depot Work Day." Projects coordinator Ralph Moore has a long list of projects that are waiting to be done; all he needs are the people to help him do it. If you are good at gardening, painting, carpentry, cleaning, or would just like to help, why not give us a couple of hours of your time. The fun begins at 9 a.m. and there will be refreshments for anyone who lends a hand.

Secondly, we need some people who can volunteer two to four hours a month, on weekday afternoons, in the depot office. We need people to answer the phone, to help prepare mailings, to do some light cleaning or maintenance, or to just keep the office open. If you have the time and are willing to do any of the above, please call Christine Negus at 964-3436, afternoons or evenings.

We urgently need more Depot Friends to take an active role in caring for our building.

THANKS TO MEMBERS We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for their support in 1983. None of our successes would have been possible without you. We would especially like to thank our Patron members for 1983: Elmer and Betty Coombs; Barbara Cornish; Country Meat Market; Discount Muffler and Brake Center; DripCut Corp.; Eckert, Smith and Tyler, Attorneys; Goleta Chevron Service; Gripp Family; Ellen G. Keeter; Robert B. Locke; Mid-State Bank; Newcomer's Club of Goleta; George B. Retherford; Essie Risi; Santa Barbara Research; Santa Barbara Savings; William F. Shinn; Stuart and Rachel Wallace; and Your Travel Center. We wish we had room to list the names of all 100-plus members.

FRIENDS MEETING At the Friends meeting on Jan. 17th, Bob Hiestand was elected to fill George Adams' vacancy on the Depot Committee. All other committee members were re-elected. The next quarterly meeting of the Depot Friends will be on April 17th at the depot, beginning at 7 p.m.

DEPOT FRIENDS DINNER The July meeting of the Depot Friends will be a special dinner meeting. The main purpose of this meeting will be to recognize the contributions of our museum docents and other volunteers and to report on the progress of the depot project. Events Chairman Nancy Ried is busy finding a location and making the other arrangements. If this first effort is a success, we would like to make this an annual affair. Please put "Depot Friends Dinner" on your calendar for Tuesday, July 17th -- and check the next "Depot Dispatch" for further details.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL There are still a few members who have not renewed for 1984. If you are one of these, your address label is marked with a red star. Please send in your renewal card with check right away. If you have lost or never received the card, please send your check payable to the Goleta Depot Fund (Active membership is \$5 and Patron is \$25) to Membership Chairman, Goleta Depot, 300 N. Los Carneros Rd., Goleta, CA 93117.

THANKS This is the third year in which Kimberly Press has donated the printing of the "Depot Dispatch." They deserve a huge round of applause for this tremendous service to us. Last October, Bill McNally, who owns and manages Kimberly Press, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Institute for American Research.

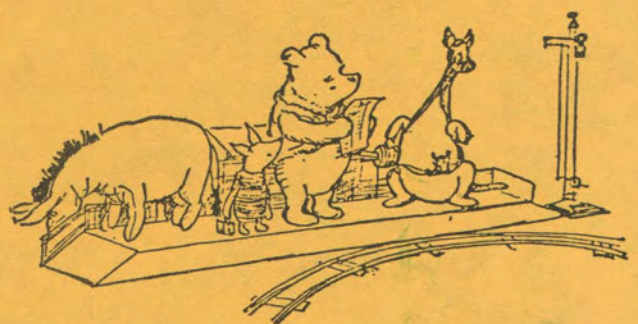
POETRY CORNER Let us close with a most appropriate piece from Now We Are Six by A.A. Milne.



THE ENGINEER



Let it rain!
Who cares?
I've a train
Upstairs,
With a brake
Which I make
From a string
Sort of thing,
Which works
In jerks,
'Cos it drops
In the spring,
Which stops
With the string,



And the wheels
All stick
So quick
That it feels
Like a thing
That you make
With a brake,
Not string. . . .

So that's what I make,
When the day's all wet.
It's a good sort of brake
But it hasn't worked yet.

