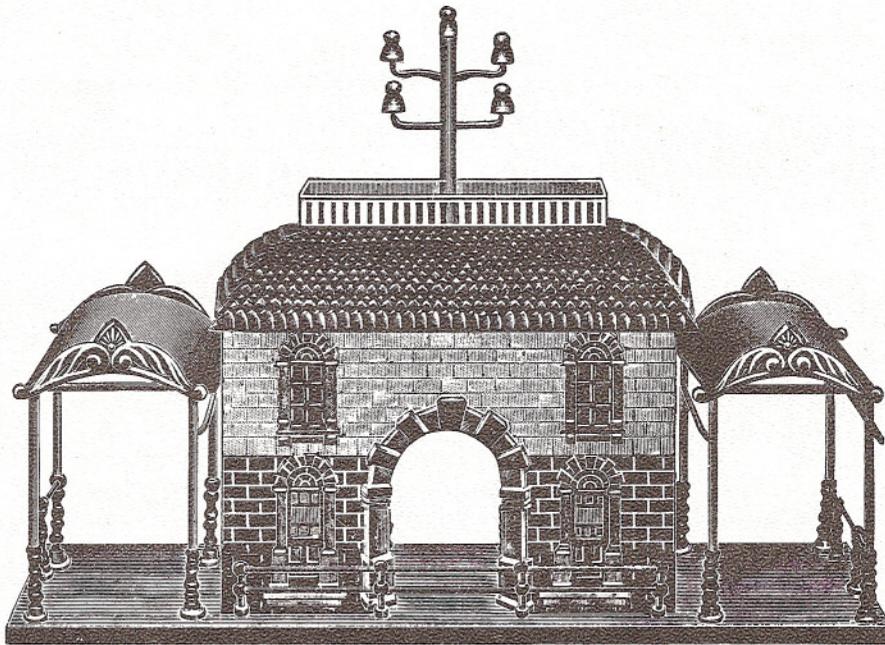


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The Headlight is issued monthly, and will contain news items, want ads, gripes, comments, and more.

For the present, and until further notice, want ads will be published free. Limit of 30 words on each ad. News items, want ads, etc. will be accepted by the editor at each meeting for publication in the following month's Headlight.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

If our January meeting was any indication of things to come, it appears as if we can look forward to a very successful and enjoyable year. We noted, and gladly so, the presence of old friends and members of the Western Division whom we hadn't seen for some time.

Also noted was the increasing number of women - wives and girl friends - attending and participating in our meetings. More than one lucky collector can thank his wife or girl friend for finding a valuable addition for his collection in an antique shop, newspaper or supermarket ad, or through a friend. Bless those gals!

Now to change the subject. Fellows, it takes that well known commodity, money, to pay for our commitments, among them being rental charges and printing costs. It is our desire to maintain our dues at their present level, so one other means available to bolster our resources is our monthly auction.

With our expanding membership, there is a need for trains and more trains. Newer members are anxious to add to their collections, and many of us in our years of collecting have acquired duplicates or perhaps have later decided to specialize in a particular era or gauge, and consequently we should be able to bring forth a nice variety of goodies for each auction.

And, as was mentioned in a previous issue of the Headlight, everyone benefits from a good lively auction.

Nick Grippe

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### Meeting Notice

The February meeting of the Western Division will be at the Hollenbeck Park Recreation Center on Friday evening, February 5. Time 7:00 P.M. Bring your Auction Items. Directions - Golden State Freeway to 4th St. offramp, then two blocks east to St. Louis Avenue and south to Clubhouse.

Membership Applicants

The February Western Division meeting at Hollenbeck Park will be a Business Meeting. Five applicants for membership will be voted on. They are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Ben Papiisky	Marx - Lionel '0' Gauge
Dr. Harold Peters	'0' Scale and Tinline
Jerry Rona	Post War '0' Gauge
Emmert T. Stouffer	Dorfan Standard Gauge
Shoji Yamamoto	Lionel '0' Gauge

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Included in this issue of the Headlight is the 1971 T.C.A. Western Division Directory Questionnaire. Please fill in the requested information and mail to Martin A. Folb, the Directory Publisher, or you may return it to Mr. Folb or Secretary Clyde Easterly at the Western Division February meeting. If you mail the questionnaire, please do so that Mr. Folb will receive it no later than Feb. 20, 1971. Also, please print all information clearly so as to eliminate the possibility of errors in the printing of the Directory. Nuf Sed.

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Re Dues . . .

TCA-Western dues are \$5 and are now payable until the March meeting. If your dues are not paid by then you will be dropped from TCA-Western. We are also accepting the National Convention Pre-registration fee of \$15. Send your check or money order to Clyde Easterly, Secretary, 17251 Archwood St., Van Nuys, California 91406.

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President Nick Grippe advises that he and his family will be moving the latter part of January from 2960 Liberty Blvd., South Gate, to 10263 Casanes Avenue, Downey, California 90241. His new phone number is 923-7877.

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Did you know that the 1953 Lionel Catalog actually lists an item for Standard Gauge? Just in case you aren't able to spot it, we will let you know what it is in the next issue.

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Because of the TCA National Convention in June, no Western Division meeting is scheduled for June or July.

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Auction Fees

It has been decided by the Board of Directors that although the 10% Auction Fee will continue to apply on items sold, the maximum fee will not exceed Five Dollars on any one lot. In other words, if the total of Mr. X's sold items is \$45.00, the fee is \$4.50. If the total sold is \$55.00, Mr. X pays \$5.00. It is hoped that this decision on the part of your Board of Directors will help to put new life into our auction activity.

Want Ad

CLOSEST TRAIN ROOM TO ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER - All TCA Members welcome Gordon Bragg TCA 68-2353, 644 S. Valley St., Anaheim, Calif. 92804, (714) 635-6365. NE of Jct. of Brookhurst St. and Ball Rd. Lionel Standard and 0, AF 0, Maerklin, Hornby, etc.

JANUARY MEETING

The first meeting of the New Year was held at the Roger Young Auditorium on the evening of January 8, 1971, with over 80 members and guests present. The early part of the evening was devoted to sales, swaps, and just good old fashioned fellowship.

At 8:10 P.M., Ralph Pauly called the business meeting to order and thanked all of the members for the help and encouragement that he had received as president during 1970. He then turned the meeting over to Nick Grippe, the new president for 1971.

President Grippe's first official action was to present gavels and plaques to the two immediate past presidents, Bob Villars, 1969, and Ralph Pauly, 1970. Both Bob and Ralph expressed their deepest gratitude for these highly prized gifts.

Nick then introduced his fellow officers for 1971 - Dr. Joe DiMassa, vice president, Clyde Easterly, secretary, Lee Harris, treasurer, and the following directors: Chuck Brasher, Jerry Brown, Ralph Pauly and George Smith.

The many guests were then introduced and given a warm welcome.

As a tribute to the past presidents of the Western Division, their names were read in order starting back in 1954 and ending in 1970.

John Parker, Chairman of the National Convention, gave a progress report. He stated that the convention will be on June 25 and 26 of this year at the Anaheim Convention Center and that Thursday night, the 24th, will be a get-together and pre-register time at the Disneyland Hotel. John also stated that he hopes to have 100% Western attendance at the Convention. He then gave a brief description of the Lionel car that will be included in the registration packet, and said "Believe me, even though it is a Lionel 0 gauge car, there has never been a car like this one and, due to the contracts involved in getting this car, there can never be another one made."

The question then came up as to whether the Western members should be required to register for the Convention, but it was decided by vote that this should be a voluntary decision.

President Grippe then presented the names of applicants for membership that were to be voted on at this meeting. They were Jerry Butler, Lyle Cain, Luther Critzer, George Gilliland, Bob Liebman, Bob Putney, and Neil Stein. A secret written ballot was taken and all of these men were voted into our Association.

The business meeting was then adjourned, and a nice auction followed.

During the evening Martin Folb showed some very interesting slides of the 1970 TCA Portland Convention and of some beautifully displayed train collections.

The above report was compiled from the minutes submitted by our very fine secretary, Clyde Easterly.

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