TO THE NEWS EDITOR

Compliments to Mr. Brennand on a most excellent first effort and my best wishes go with him in the production of subsequent N.G.R.S. News. Nice to see 'Tokoo Tip' back again too! I would like to explain to members that, due to the combination of my ordinary work and the possibility of ill-health recurring, I found that I was unable to produce the Society Magazine on schedule, as recent issues have proved. Nevertheless, being in a sense an isolated member, as so many of you are, I know just how much the magazine means to all of us in giving us that feeling of belonging to a brotherhood with common interests. For as long as I am able, I have offered to edit and set up any article submitted for the half-yearly coming (and, if possible, to add drawings) in order to relieve the News Editor from some of the work attached to this very trying task. This offer has been accepted. It would, therefore, be of assistance to the present Society Officers if you would send articles (and photos) direct to me and all NEWS ITEMS to Mr. P. G. Brennand.  

T. H. SPINK.

EDITOR'S REPLY  

May I say just how pleased I am to receive such a fine start to an entirely new project in being congratulated by a worthy predecessor in Mr. Tom Spink, to whom I offer my thanks. Tom and I have been firm friends for some time now and so as not to disgrace him and the Society in any way, I am making it my aim to see that the News Sheet is kept up to scratch in every possible way and to carry on the good work in the way it was carried out before I took over.  

P. G. BRENNAND.

RECENT ITEMS

THE ENGINEER - Feb/57. Art. 'Traction Engine Railway.' S.L.S. LOCOMOTIVES more than half described are Narrow Gauge (S.).

Railway 'last run' Illus. (S.). Jan/57. Clogher Valley Rly. Photos of No. 4 as 2-3-0 Tank and 2-6-2 T., No. 7 0-4-0 T. 'Blessingbourne' and No. 3 0-4-2 T. 'Blackwater' (S.).


Mar/57. Photo of 0-6-OT No. 30 at St. Leneur on 2 1/2" Gauge Salzkammergut Local Railway. Salzburg. (S).


Feb/57. Illus. Art. on 110" g. mineral line in Aden. (C).


KEY TO TYPING ABBREVIATIONS: - (A) Steam; (D) Diesel; (E) Electric; (C) Camels. This system was actually thought up by Tom Spink. He was about to use it in the old magazine, but unfortunately never had the opportunity. In future, therefore, this key system will be used to denote motive power in question for all News Items.

PHOTOS REQUIRED  

An American friend of the Editor, a fellow slim-gauge living in Virginia, is anxious to obtain an 8mm projection strip on the ROMNEY HYTHE & DYMCHURCH RLY. He has a quantity of 110 size negatives of American Streetcars which he is willing to trade for such a strip. Any of you tramway merchants interested? If so, please contact the News Editor direct.

INFORMATION REQUIRED  

Does anyone know of a good photo, or drawing of the SPURN HEAD RAILWAY 0-6-0ST 'Kenyon' (Vulcan's) showing the rear end of the frames? Anyone having such
NARROW GAUGE ALBUM  Ian Allan has arranged to supply a number of copies of P. E. Whitehouse's excellent new book to the Society at trade rates, the profits from sales to be apportioned to the Preservation Fund. As we are urgently needing funds in connection with the preservation of the T. Green Loco 'Barber', all members who require a copy of NARROW GAUGE ALBUM are urged, in their own interests, to purchase their copies from the Society.

All requests, (accompanied by Postal Orders made out to the Society to Organising Secretary: P. S. Halton, 18 Eden Crescent, Leeds, 4, the price being 25/- per copy. --N.--R.--S

THE TRALEE & DINGLE LIGHT RAILWAY  At least 30 enthusiasts met at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds on Saturday, 16th February to hear Mr. P. E. Whitehouse conduct an illustrated talk on this railway. The meeting was attended by seven Society members, including four members of the Committee and was a great success. At this meeting were also a few copies of his admirable book 'Narrow Gauge Album' which were handed round for perusal.

May we, in passing, extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Whitehouse not only for a pleasant evening's entertainment, but also for another fine book on the fascinating subject of narrow Gauge Railways. Thanks are also due to Mr. R. N. Redman for his generous loan and operation of the slide projector.

TAL-Y-LLYN RAILWAY  Regular working will commence on June 1st, and pocket timetables, price 1d, each are now available from Mr. R. K. Cope, 'Brynglass', Beckman Road, Paddock, Sourbridge, Wores. Excellently produced, they bear a small photo of Loco No. 3 and train, and Company badge on the cover. Being folded card, they are ideal for keeping Tal-y-Llyn Membership Cards (and N.G.R.S Cards too) in, and fit neatly into any wallet. A diesel service loco, has been acquired from Jee's Quarry, Nuneaton, forms on construction trains and No. 1 (TALYLLYN) has gone to the works of a Dudley member of the T.R.P.S, for repairs. The Glyn Valley coach is being renovated in G.V.T. colours to run on the Tal-y-llyn. The railway will be televised on May 22nd (7.30 - 8.5 p.m.) and May 23rd (5.30 - 6.0 p.m.).

TESTING RAILWAY SOCIETY  Some rectification work on 'TALISIAN' also ready for re-painting. 'PRINCE' ready for a re-paint too. 'MOELWYN' rescued by the 'Simplex' on 17/2/87 when primary drive flange failed, repaired in no time at Lodge Works.

Perm. Way Dept. Work concentrated on Minfford-Pennyrhn section since last has proceeded well. Re-laying of Pennyrhn loop commenced also at Xmas.

C/O & ENG. Dept. Work on bogie corr. coach No. 12 almost completed.

Level crossing gates at Minfford completed.

Sigs. & L. Dept. Telegraph wires have been strengthened across the Col. Tel. co. replaced at Pennyrhn and a temporary wire has been run from Minfford to Ty Fry, the two Electric Train Staff "P" instruments have been overhauled 'twixt Portmadoc Harbord and Minfford, and an 'A' instrument is also being modified as an intermediate one at Pen Cob. Lever frame on Pen cob has been replaced by the Minfford one.

OCTOBER 1987  A timetable similar to last year's will be in operation again this year, services are to continue until 28th June and evening trains on Tues., Weds., Thurs., and Saturdays are to run from 15th July to 7th Sept. Boston Lodge is now a new halt is to be opened between Minfford & Pennyrhn named

DINGLE LIGHT RAILWAY  The 0-6-2T, Green Loco has been accepted by Leeds Museum Committee on indefinite lease and is now in store in Leeds.

Funds are urgently needed to meet transportation costs. All contributions to the 'N.G.R.S Preservation Fund' (orders and cheques to be crossed) will be gratefully received.

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