

TO THE NEWS EDITOR
NARROW GAUGE NEWS

Congratulations to Mr. Brennan 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

'Pekoe 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 articles submitted for the half-yearly magazine (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. Brennan.

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
OF INTEREST

THE ENGINEER - Feb. 1/57. Art. 'Traction Engine Railway Locomotives' more than half described are Narrow Gauge (S).
S.L.S. JOURNAL - Dec/56. Report on Welshpool and Llanfair

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

RAILWAY MAGAZINE - Jan/57. Welshpool closing run illus. (S). Hungarian M.A.V. Szchenyhegy Uttorovasut. Approx. 2ft. Gauge. Art. illus. (D); Brit. Aluminium Co's 3 ft. Gauge Line near Kinlochleven Art. illus. (E); Penlee Quarry, Photo of Loco, (with embellishments) (S); County Donegal Rlys. Colour representation of painting by C. Hamilton Ellis of 2-6-4-T. No. 1 'Alice' on mixed train. (S).

Feb/57. I.O.M. Rly. Photo of trains at St. Johns No. 14 'Thornhill' in foreground. (S).

Mar/57. Photo of 0-6-0T No. 30 at St. Leneug on 2'6" Gauge Salzkammergut Local Railway. Salzburg. (S).

MODEL RAILWAY NEWS Jan/57. Festiniog Rly. Outline drawing of rebuilt 'Faliesin' Double Fairlie Loco. illus. (S). Welshpool Rly. Art. & Photos (S). N.G. transporter vehicles in Germany, illus, letter. Feb/57. illus. Art. on 1'9" g. mineral line in Aden. (C).

MODEL ENGINEER 28/5/57. illus. Art on 1'6" g. Locos 'Tiny' and 'Dickie' built for Crewe Loco. Works. (S).

KEY TO MOTIVE POWER:- (S) Steam; (D) Diesel; (E) Electric; (C) Camel. 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-gauger living in Virginia, is anxious to obtain an 8mm projection strip on the RHOMNEY HYTHE & DYMCHURCH RLY. He has a quantity of 116 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

information would they please contact:- Mr. K. E. Hartley, 43 Doncaster Road, Selby, Yorks.

NARROW GAUGE ALBUM Ian Allan has arranged to supply a number of copies of P. B. 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.

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THE TRALEE & DINGLE LIGHT RAILWAY At least 30 enthusiasts met at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds on Saturday, 16th February to hear Mr. P. B. 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-L-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, Pedmore, Skourbridge, Worcs. 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, for use 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.).

FESTINIOG RAILWAY SOCIETY Some rectification work on 'TALIESIN' also ready for re-painting. 'PRINCE' ready for a re-paint too. 'MOELWYN' rescued by the 'Simplex' on 17/2/57 when primary drive flange failed, repaired in Boston Lodge Works.

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

C/W & BLDG. Dept. Work on bogie corr. coach No. 12 almost completed. Level crossing gates at Minfford completed.

Sig. & Tel. Dept. Telegraph wires have been strengthened across the Cob. Tel. pole replaced at Penrhyn and a temporary wire has been run from Minfford to Ty Fry, the two Electric Train Staff "F" instruments have been overhauled 'tween Portmadoc Harbor and Minfford, and an 'A' instrument is also being modified as an intermediate one at Pen Cob. Lever frame at Pen Cob has been re-placed by the Minfford one.

OPERATING DEPT. A timetable similar to last years' will be in operation again this year, services are to continue until 28th Sept. as an experiment and evening trains on Tues., Weds., Thurs., and Sat. only are to run from 15th July to 7th Sept. Boston Lodge is now closed, a new halt is to be opened between Minfford & Penrhyn named PEN-L-LLYN.

'BARBER' - The 0-6-2T T. Green Loco has been accepted by Leeds Museum Committee on indefinite loan 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.