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WORK DAYS

There will be no work at National Park on Sunday December 25th. However most of the other days will be covered. Would all those interested make enquiries during the next two weeks as to the exact days.

SUB – STATION

This problem child of ours is at last under control. The National Park trust have given approval for the construction of the Sub-station adjacent to our Depot. The Department of Govt. Transport have sold us the complete Gray St. substation for £700. This unit consists of two rotary convertors, switch panels etc. and two oil transformers all around 24 years old. HOWEVER the Board of Directors have decided that unless the State Government can see its way clear to make a substantial grant to us to cover the total cost of this project (about £1,200) or part thereof, we will reject the D.G.T's offer and postpone electrification of our line for anything up to two years. The operation of our cars by other means has not been overlooked. Don't dispare but because we are very hopeful that the grant will be made to us. We should know within a week.

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“THEM AND US”

The past few months has seen a sharp increase in the number of thefts at Museums throughout the country. Perhaps the shortage of streetcar companies has forced souvenir seekers to turn now on many museums.

We cannot comprehend, firstly, what motivates any so-called railfan to steal from those who preserve the items he claims to love, and secondly, we fail to see what possible use he could make of these stolen goods. People will become more aware of these deperadations and begin to question the source of souvenirs they see at the home of certain railfans.

Of more importance at the moment, though it is the fact that NO museum can allow any person to wander at will around its property. It is unfortunate, but sadly true that we are unable to distinguish the criminal from the honest visitor.

It is mandatory, then, that all museums adopt stern attitudes and measures to protect themselves against this small but vicious group of idiots and morons.

The time to declare WAR is NOW.

The S.P.E.R. recently lost several items from the Depot and the attention of all is directed to the above as well as the regulations relating to visitors to N/Park.

THEY ARE TO BE STRICTLY OBSERVED.

NO PERSON IS TO BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE DEPOT AT NATIONAL PARK WITHOUT A SHAREHOLDER TO ACCOMPANY HIM FOR THE WHOLE OF THE TIME.

UNIFORMS

The Board of Directors has approved of the use of a standard uniform for all the shareholders working on the Railway.

It is to consist of either two pieces or bib and brace blue overalls, fitted with a pocket badge consisting of the letters SPER over a bolt of electricity sewn onto the overalls. The badges are 10/- each and orders should be placed now. Those wishing to get their overalls at a reduced price should contact Mr. Ron Jackson.

NEW SHAREHOLDERS

This issue sees us with yet more new faces within our ranks, and we welcome aboard...

REGISTERED No.	NAME
48.	ALWYN MARSHALL.
49.	JOHN BOYD.
50.	MARK HOGAN.
51.	ROBERT MERCHANT.

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SUPERVISORS

The position of OVERHEAD SUPERVISOR is still open. All enquiries welcome.

Additional appointments since the last issue are ...

CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR	R .JACKSON.
ASST. PAINTWORK SUPER.	P. KAHN. & P. PARKER.
STORES SUPERVISOR	C. WOODSIDE.

The railway now has eleven officers to arrange and supervisor all the work being undertaken. All are asked to assist them in whatever work is on hand when they report for duty at National Park.

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“PIX” MAGAZINE

The long awaited article in PIX appeared on the 5th November. The article was well received and we thank Mr. David Burke and our General Manager who arranged for its publication.

WORK AT NATIONAL PARK

The number of Shareholders appearing for work at National Park each week has increased considerably. It is now possible to do many of the larger jobs without having to plead with members to turn up. Keep up the work.

The "F" car is now completely overhauled and repainted together with re-wiring are all that remain to be done. "C" car 290 is also undergoing a complete A/O. The "N" car No. 728 is the latest car to be started on and this car will also receive an A/O. The "N" and "F" cars are to be the first two on the road.

The Depot building itself is now well on the way to completion. 44 gallons of special roofing compound have been obtained to seal up the leaks in the roof thus ensuring a dry "workshop". The timber and iron to complete the re-walling of the depot have been purchased. Work on this very important section will commence now in order to get it done before the school holidays. We don't want any more visits from the little angles.

All who can are asked to attend during the period 17th Dec to 8th Jan. to get all this work done.

Enough sleepers have been obtained to allow us to complete the Depot fan area as well as about 100 yards of main line. This will be gone on with from January onwards.

Tree planting and scrub clearing around the depot has now been completed. The area now looks quite attractive.