

# **RAILROAD DAYS** AUGUST 22 & 23, 1987 PORTOLA, CALIFORNIA



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# WELCOME!

Welcome to the 5-year celebration of Feather River Railroad Days! The love of the Railroad is in all of us. Starting as a local event, Railroad Days has grown, and gives every indication it is here to stay.

Through this event we are able to share the beauty of our area and the friendliness that is found in small communities such as ours. We thank you for joining us and taking part in the events and entertainment we have planned.

We look forward to seeing you again next year on August 19-21 as Railroad Days picks up steam and rolls on down the track again!!

### FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEKEND'S EVENTS, SEE CENTER PAGES 12 AND 13.

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#### "LOCO DREAMS"

Wide open sky burst the dusty mountain path O'er the pass: open range, flowers, rich green grass 'Twas a man thought funny, he first saw this glorious site Negro-white, lead others here, releasing them from danger, plight.

The miners arrived here from near and far the diggins' called young and old Some lost their shirts, others their lives: long hours, low pay, hardly without a danger day Fortunate owners reaped millions in that fine gold.

'It'd be a fool' 'twas said, 'bout the canyon down along 'East to west need met, here here?' It was a most familiar song No railroad car here would spin its wheels, jagged rock moved for rails of steel?

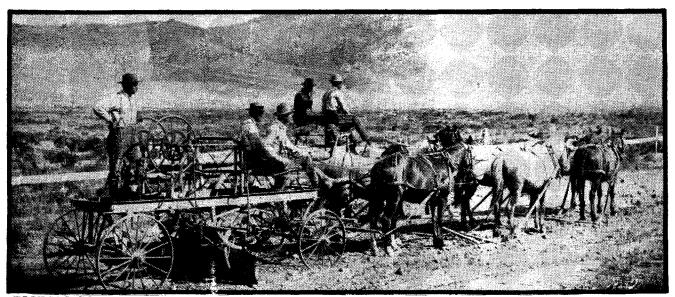
But for a Scotsman surveyor, then workers from around the world, moved and blasted tons and tons sweat-pounded rail mallot echoes rung.

A jagged saw meant others still -- they too had a dream mighty trees brought tumblin' down, milled into lumber boards clear and clean.

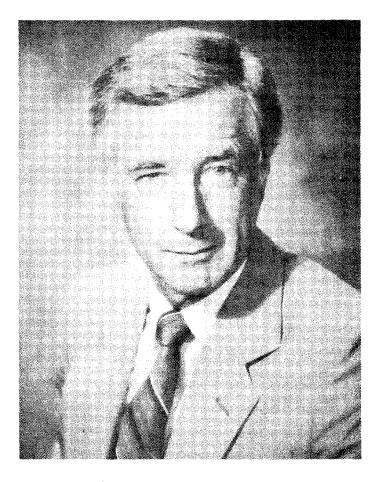
Dairy cattle, then Hereford head kept ranchers to their task their hayin', oh. the hard-earned work, was what they did the best.

Each man and woman before us, they did the best they could struggling with unspoken plans, they've shaped us all with actions good. Wagoned, ventured, carved out, ranched and felled and drove the trains, they're "Loco Motives," dreamers, a few, to make our Plumas County name.

-----Sandra Gubel



**PLUMAS COUNTY ROAD CREW** -- Building the roads in Plumas County included men such as George W. Cate (driving grader). Seated beside him is Jim Ross. These men remembers Cate's child, who often had to be away from their families for weeks at a time, might have also been considered "dreamers."



#### GRAND MARSHALL MIKE BOYD

Experience is the hallmark of Mike Boyd's successful career in broadcasting journalism. Travel and self-made opportunities have been the ingredients Mike attributes to his masterful ability to report on a variety of topics. Mike Boyd is seen weekdays co-anchoring Channel Three Reports at Noon.

He was born and raised in Washington D.C., and graduated from the University of Maine. He worked his way through college as a radio and television personality, managed the campus radio station and wrote for the campus newspaper. After military service, Mr. Boyd returned to Washington to work full time at NBC and parttime as a news broadcaster for 'Voice of America.' He moved to Seattle, Washington where he worked for KOMO TV then back to Maine as an assistant News Director and Sports Director at WMTW. When Mike came west, he worked as a freelancer in TV, radio and film.

In November of 1963, Mike Boyd joined KCRA TV to anchor the late night news. Since that time, he has filed reports from Greece, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Germany, the Eastern United States and many places in California.

He has filmed, in depth, every major prison in California. He is the only reporter to be allowed on death row in San Quentin after Karl Chessman's execution. He interviewed Charles Manson during the masive trial and media hubbub, and was the first reporter allowed to talk with Charles after five years in the Vacaville State Hospital.

Mike Boyd was in the Ballroom in 1968 when Robert Kennedy was assassinated and filmed an impressive series of reports on the Kennedys after two family tragedies closed Hyannis Port to the public in general.

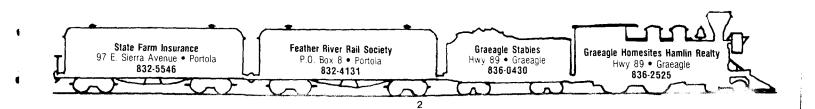
Mike was also the last reporter to film the raising and lowering of the vault where the Nation's Constitution is housed. He was on the last voyage of the ocean liner, Queen Mary, filmed and reported on the life of Nevada Casino Owner, Bill Harrah and was highly acclaimed by Northern Californians for his stunning coverage of the return of America's POW's in 1973.

In 1975, as a result of Mike's encouragement, KCRA TV assisted Sacramento's struggling Ballet Company by turning the station switchboard over to receive pledge calls.

According to Mike Boyd, there is "never a dull day," he enjoys anchoring the Noon News, and reporting from the field.

Mike has been chosen as Grand Marshall of this year's celebration, in honor of the work he has done on our behalf. He has served as Master of Ceremonies of our Railroad Days kick-off dinners and parades for the past four years.

Along with his wife Jackie, the Boyds are railroad fans. They have also become fans of our area. While up here, Boyd has helped with Railroad Days on "off" time. He has become a friend to many -- and even mentions us on his newscasts!



#### HONORARY TRAINMASTERS BILLIE HOGAN GRONVOLD & ELEANOR REDSTREAKE

Honarary Trainmasters this year, Billie Hogan Gronvold and Eleanor Redstreake, are part of Plumas County's tradition. Mrs. Gronvold is the only living survivor to have witnessed the driving of the spike linking east and west lines of Western Pacific Railroad at the Spanish Creek Bridge in the Feather River Canyon.

Although she was only 3 1/2, Mrs. Gronvold vividly remembers the November 1, 1909 event. For 28 years, the Quincy woman served as Plumas County Recorder, retiring in 1970.

In 1949, she and friend Mrs. Redstreake, also joined by Mrs. Gronvold's mother, Mary Jane Hogan and friend Frances Buchanan, were part of another important ceremony. Celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the driving of the spike, they were escorted to the milepost 280.51 to see the driving of a rubystudded spike. Leonardo Di Tomasso, the work crew foreman who drove the original spike in first, sparsely-attended ceremony, was on hand to drive the newer one. But once the ceremony was over, he was never heard from again.



**IN 1984 PARADE** -- Mrs. Redstreake (left) and Mrs. Hogan Gronvold (right), were both seated in the rumble seat of Rex Riehm's Ford in the parade three years ago.

Mrs. Redstreake graduated from Winnemucca High School and moved to Plumas County after World War II in 1946. Beginning to work in the Veterans Affairs Office in the courthouse, she got to know Mrs. Gronvold. Mrs. Redstreake worked in the Veterans Affairs Office a total of 30 years, retiring in 1978 after 13 years as Veterans Affairs Officer. Mrs. Redstreake's husband John, born and raised in Johnsville, was undefeated longboard (ski) champion before joining up with the post office. He retired as Quincy Postmaster, and passed away six years ago.

Both women are proud of the friends they've made here, and the heritage of which they've been a part. While Mrs. Gronvold has been around railroading since her youngest days, Mrs. Redstreake said that coming from Winnemucca. "I've always been an admirer of the Iron Horse."

### RAILROAD DAYS THEME "LOCO MOTIVES, OR MEN WITH A DREAM"

**1987 THEME CHOSEN --** Portola High School teacher Gary Clayburg chose this year's parade theme. He was awarded a cash prize for doing so by parade chairperson Julie Burton in May.

**Randy's Restaurant** 

165 E. Sierra St. • Portola

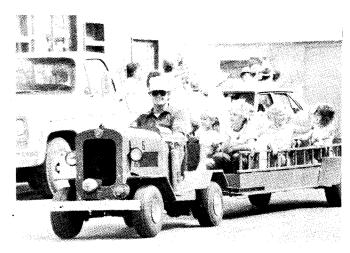
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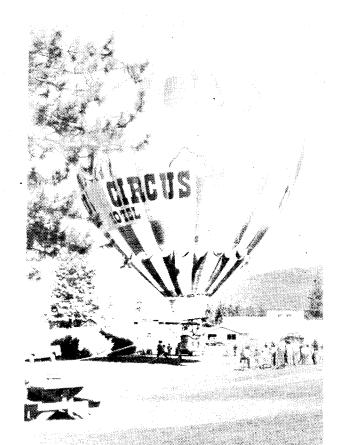


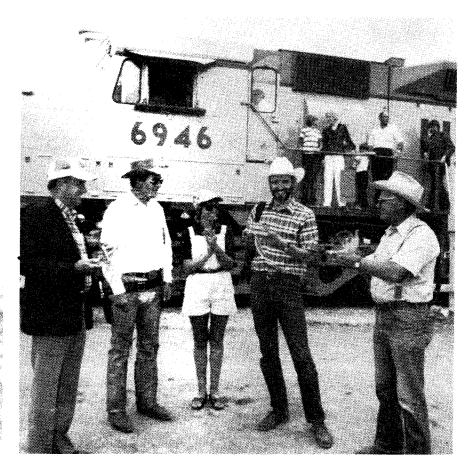
# Now celebrating our Fifth Railroad Days-A look back at a few of our earlier scenes . . .



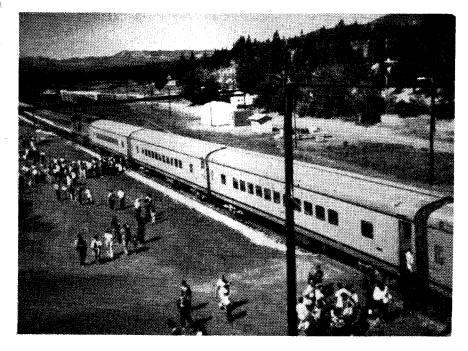


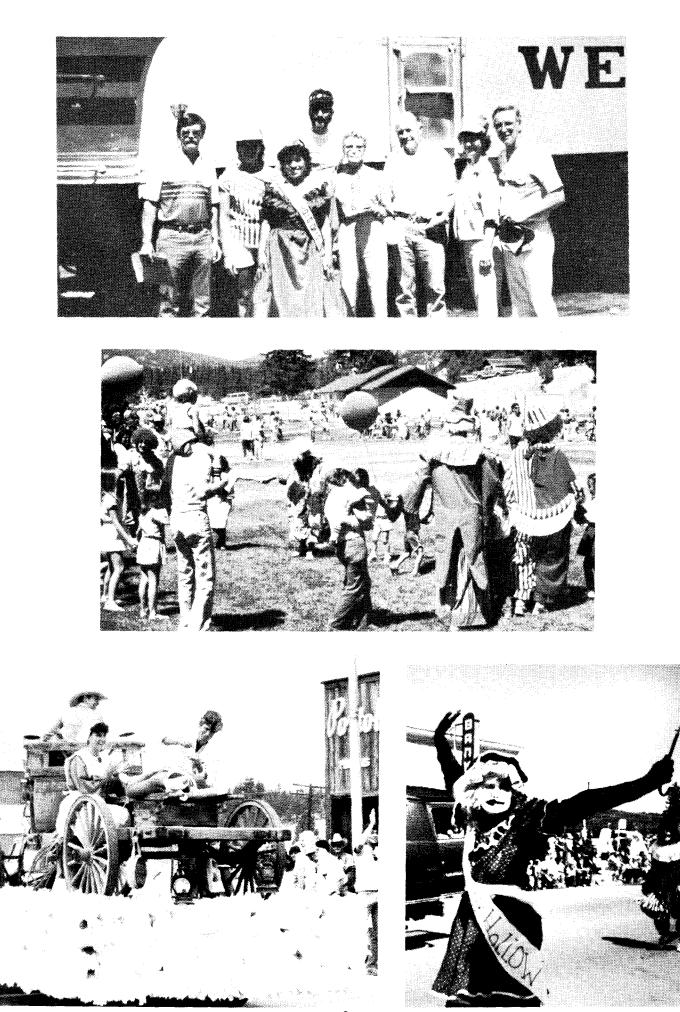




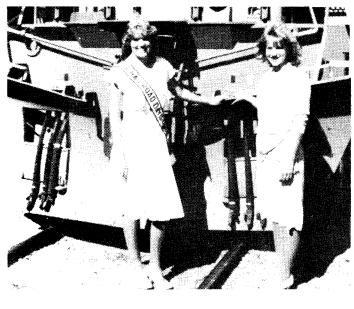




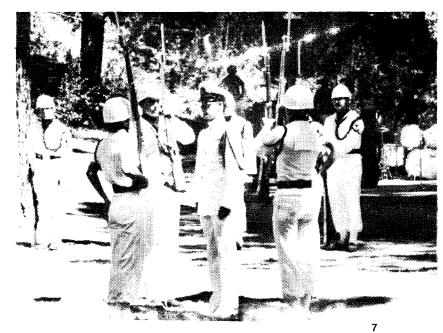














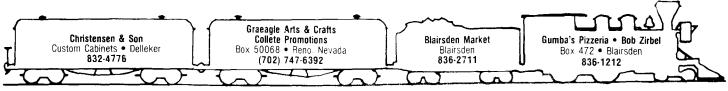
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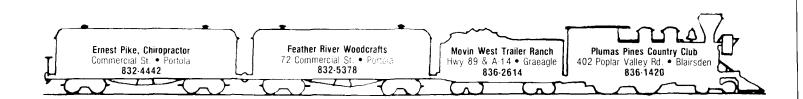


**QUINCY BIG BAND** -- Seventeen-member dance band, the Quincy Big Band specializes in the full, rich Big Band sound of the great swing era of the 30's and 40's. The band plays its first performance in Portola Friday night to kick off Railroad Days. Members include (from Quincy unless otherwise mentioned): Leon West; Jim Ross. Portola; Ed Brown. Hal Leigh, Johny McDonald, Meadow Valley; Kim Retallack; Bob Gilberti: Roger Lundegard, Taylorsville; Tim Retallack; Steve Eastwood; Al Herndon; Warren Grandall, Meadow Valley; Joan Herndon; Dorothy Baxter; John Larrieu, Portola; Ross Olmstead; and William Kelley.



**COWBOY POETRY AND MORE** -- Doug and Bob McCutcheon are brothers, the same, but different. Enjoying the love of the west. Doug, of Vinton, composes and recites cowboy poetry of all moods. Brother Bob enjoys more the musical vein, and even throws in some good ole cowboy "yodelin" for good measure! For those who haven't heard cowboy poetry, you're in for an imaginative treat!



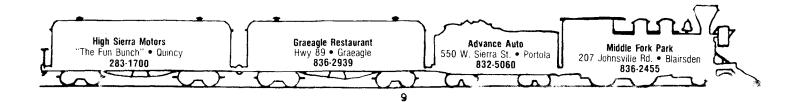


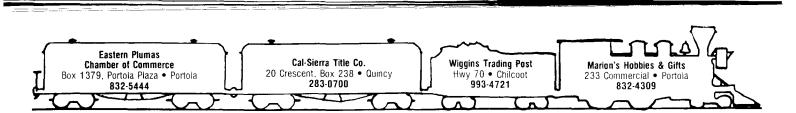


WHISTLER EXTRAORDINAIRE -- 1985 International Whistle-Off Grand Champion, Milton Briggs of Carmichael, has won critical acclaim for his bird-like tones. Briggs, a speech pathologist as well, composes specifically for whistling and accompanies himself on guitar. His "Opus in A Minor for a Whistler" received a perfect score from one of the judges (a world class whistler himself) in the classical division in September, 1985. Briggs has composed blues, waltzes, rags, contemporary and classical numbers for whistling.

**DOC AND JESSIE** -- Seen in last year's Railroad Days Parade, Doc and Jessie plan to perform again their lively country and cajun musical numbers. They hail from Lovelock, Nevada.



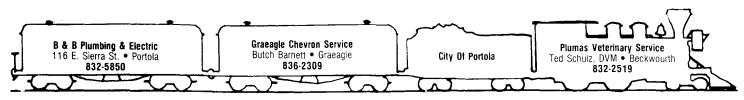




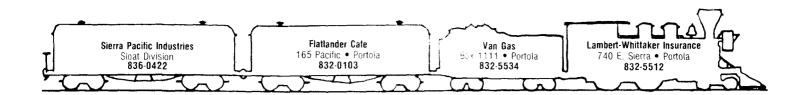


JOYCE VETTER AND THE PLUMAS COUNTY FOLK LOCALS -- Singer Joyce Vetter and her Plumas County friends recently released her first album, "Walkin' On The Sunnyside." Local friends joining to play upbeat tunes of a unique style include (clockwise from behind her), Bill Boggio, Quincy; Richard Firebaugh, Delleker; Roger Tew, Cromberg; and Larry Stites, formerly of Quincy.





**SAGEBRUSH STOMPERS** -- These lively clogging dancers, based in Nevada, put on a great show last year, and promise to do the same again!

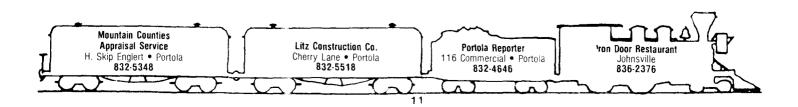




FEATHER RIVERBOAT DIXIE-LAND JAZZ BAND -- These men, most from Plumas County, have a diverse blend of careers, but a combination of many years of musical background. The band offers jazz fans servings of traditional jazz on a regular basis. The Feather River Jazz Society is the club orchestrated around them. Members include Herb Newell, leader, clarinet; Julie Cardoza, trombone: Al Bell, lead cornet (on leave due to illness); Mike Culbert, cornet; John Larrieu, tuba; John Malarkey, piano; Vern Van Lone, banjo; and Jack Taylor, drums.

"LONESOME COWBOY" -- Larry Hoelter lives out near Delleker with his young daughter. He's a local guy. Born in Missouri, Hoelter plays all the old time western-country songs in local restaurants. He'll now have the chance to delight all those Railroad Days goers in a larger audience.







# FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Golf Tournament Graeagle Golf Course Bar-B-Que Following Tournament Graeagle Picnic Grounds Quincy Big Band Dance 8:00 pm • Vets Hall, Portola

# SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

American Legion Flag Display - 6:00 am to 5:00 pm • Gulling St. Bridge **Booster Club Breakfast** - 7:00 am to 10:00 am • Elem. School Cafeteria **Railroad Days Run -** 8:00 am to 8:30 am • Designated Course Children's Fun Run - 10:00 am • Commercial St. over Bridge Larry Hoelter "Lonesome Cowboy" - 10:00 am to 11:00 am • Reviewing Stage (Ayoobs Let) Golden Spike Parade - Theme "Loco-Motives or Men With A Dream" 11:00 am • Hwy 70, Gulling St. to Commercial St. **Dedication of Stage - City Park** Tricvcle Races - 1:30 pm • Gulling St. off Commercial Bathtub Races - 1:30 pm • Gulling St. off Commercial U.S. Naval Drill Team - Gulling St., Commercial & First Sts. **Petting Zoo/Exotic Pheasants -** Following Parade to 4:00 pm • Pre-school Play Yard Art Show Sponsored by Mohawk Valley Artist Guild & Plumas County Arts Comm. Following Parade to 4:00 pm • 4th & Gulling Sts. **PVFD Mini Train Rides -** Following Parade to 4:00 pm • City Park **Trophy Presentation - 1:50 pm •** City Park Booths: Crafts, Food/Drink, games & souveniers Railroad Museum: Train rides, Exhibits, Gift Shop, Movies. Entertainment by: U.P. Quartet, Larry Hoelter, McCutcheon Bros. - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm • Museum Model Railroad Exhibit - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm • High School City Park Entertainment By: Milton Briggs, Feather Riverboat Jazz Band, Sagebrush Stompers, U.P. Quartet, Joyce Vetter and the Plumas County Folk Locals Noon to 7:30 pm • City Park **The Good Time Guys -** Noon to ?? • Roving Musicians **Car Show - 3 pm •** Pacific St. between Commercial & First Sts. **Bar-b-que Elem. School -** 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm • City Park Sheriff's Canine Unit Demo - 3:00 pm • City Park American Legion Bingo - 7:30 pm • Vets Hall PVFD Street Dance - 8:00 pm to 1:00 am • Ayoob's Parking Lot City Pool Open To The Public - 1:00 pm • City Park

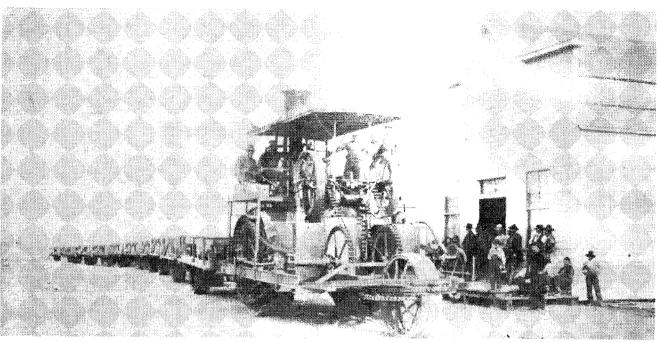
# SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

American Legion Flag Display - 6:00 am to 5:00 pm • Gulling St. Bridge Booster Club Breakfast - 7:00 am to 10:00 am • Elem. School Cafeteria **Interfaith Worship Service -** 9:00 am • City Park Horseshoe Tournament - 10:00 am • City Park Art Show Sponsored by Mohawk Valley Artists Guild & Plumas County Arts Comm. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm • 4th & Gulling Sts. **PVFD Mini Train Rides -** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm • City Park Petting Zoo & Exotic Birds - 11:00 am • Pre-school Play Yard Booths: Crafts, Food/Drink, Games & Souveniers -Railroad Museum: Train rides, Exhibits, Gift shop, Movies. Entertainment by: Larry Hoelter, U.P. Quartet, McCutcheon Bros. - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm • Museum Model Railroad Exhibit - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm • High School Stage Entertainment: U.P. Quartet, Doc & Jessie - 11:00 am to 1 pm • City Park **Doc & Jessie -** 2:00 pm to ?? • Roving Musicians Railroad Days Olympics - Sunday - 12 noon to 2 pm • Games & fun races for kids 3-11 12 noon: meet at "Olympics" sign by City Pool for kids parade 12:30 • 3, 4 & 5 year olds 1:00 • 6, 7 & 8 year olds 1:30 • 9, 10 & 11 year olds

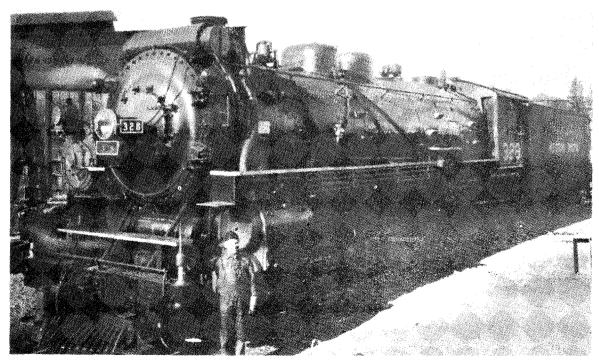
**Chopping and A-Chugging Lumberjack Competition** - 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm • City Park **City Pool Open To The Public** - 1:00 pm • City Park



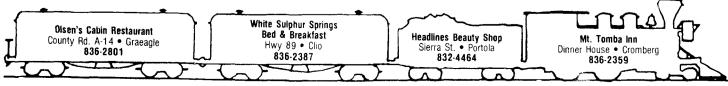
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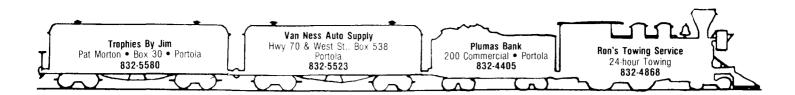


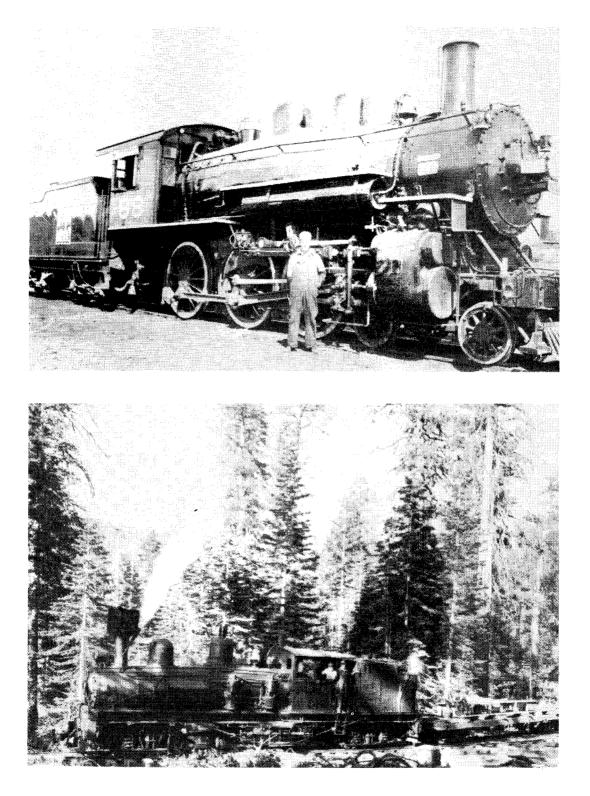
**TRACTION ENGINE** -- hauled logs out of the woods. Near Beckwith, this once hauled from Horton's Mill, above the Mapes Ranch.

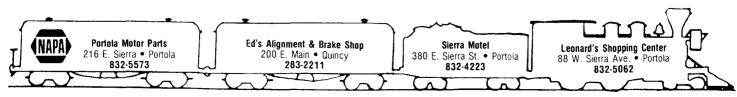


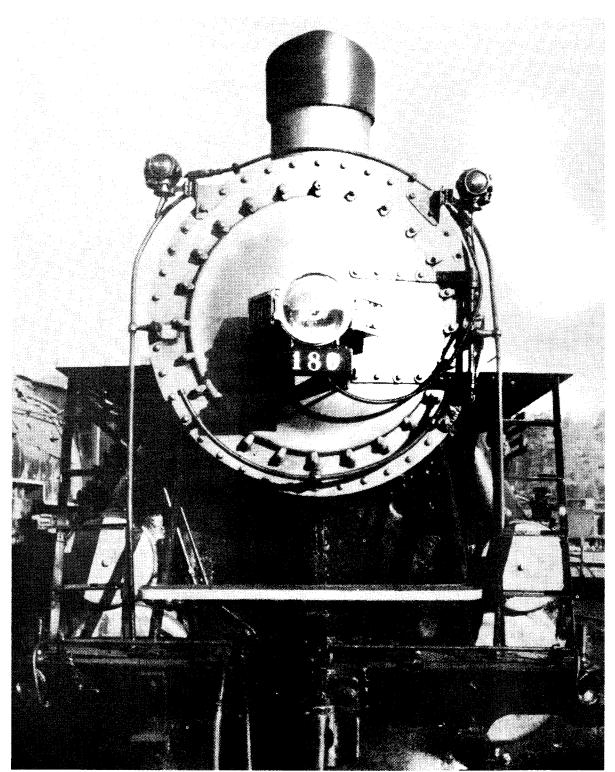
**SOME DAY --** a future engineer....



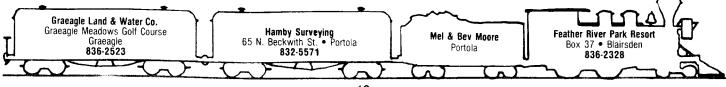


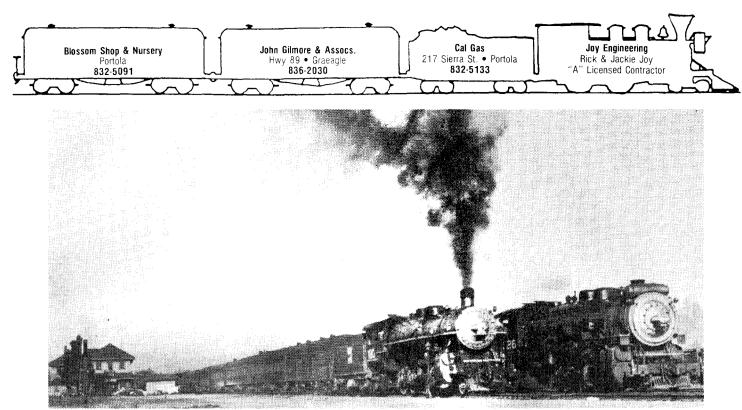




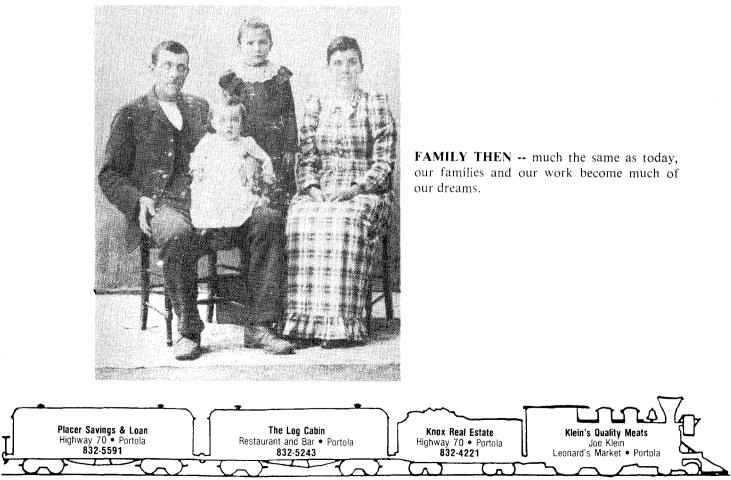


**HEAD END VIEW** -- Western Pacific R.R. locomotive 180 is shown basking in the early morning sun on the garden track at the Portola roundhouse on Sept. 3, 1939. This class  $1^{-1}$  (4-8-2) locomotive was originally owned by the Florida East Coast Railway and once hauled fast passenger trains to the Key West. Idled by the great depression when the tourist traffic failed. Western Pacific bought the stored locomotives, moved them to the west coast and rebuilt them. Engine 180 was built by the American Loco. Wks. in 1924 and spent most of its service years hauling passenger trains out of Portola. **Photo by J.E. Boynton** 

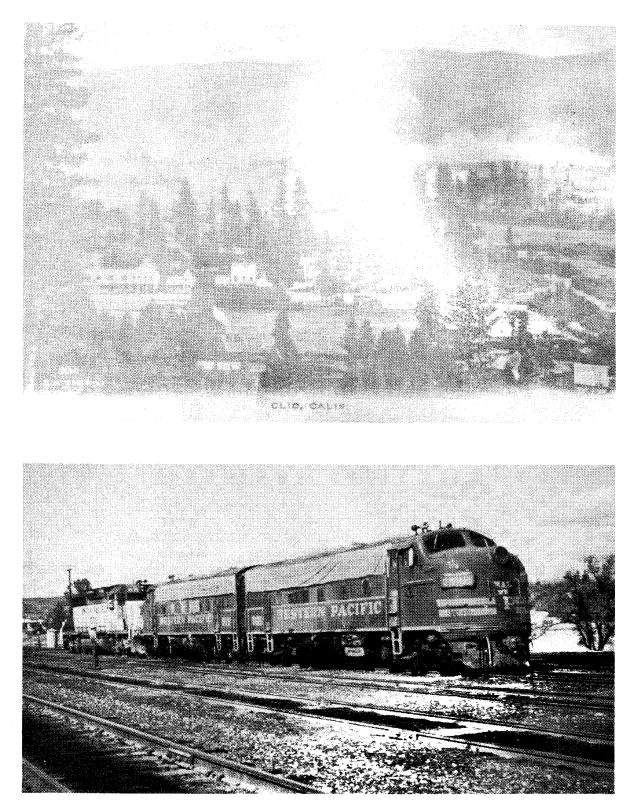


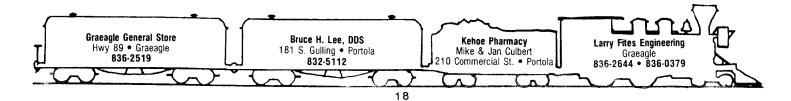


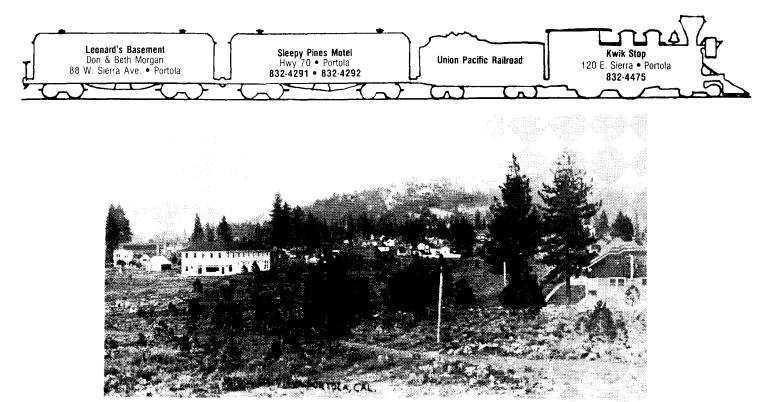
**MORNING RITUAL** -- Not the changing of the guard, the changing of power and crews. Eastbound "Exposition Flyer" train No. 40 is shown leaving Portola depot with Eng. 180, a high driver 4-8-2 type used on the desert run to Salt Lake City. Engine 326 shown at right has brought the train up the Feather River Canyon to Portola and is relieved along with its crew. Old Western Pacific depot is shown at far left and was a local landmark since 1909. Photo taken July 2, 1939. **Photo by J.E. Boynton** 



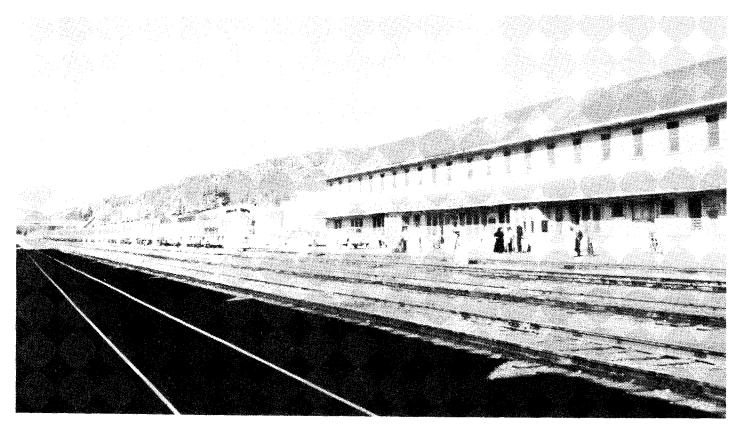
# We've all grown and changed . . .



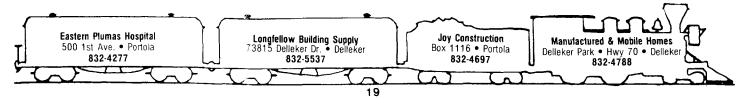


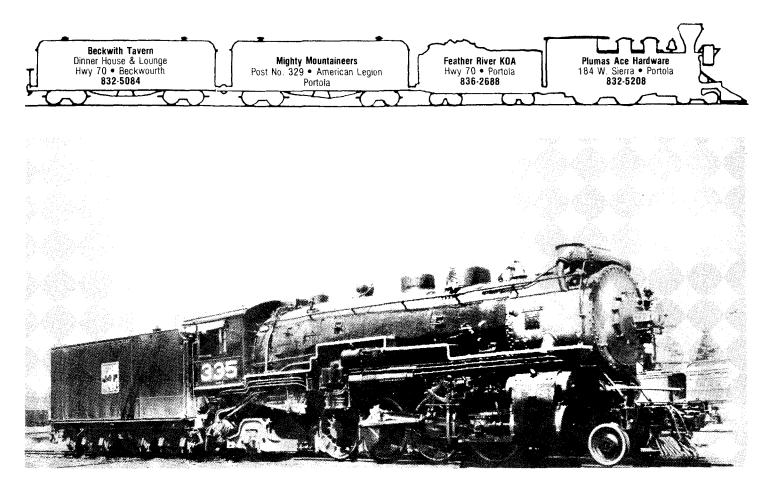


**PORTOLA'S BEGINNINGS** -- first started with the advent of Western Pacific Railroad during the early 1900's. This scene of the now much larger town, shows the Portola Hotel and environs around 1911.



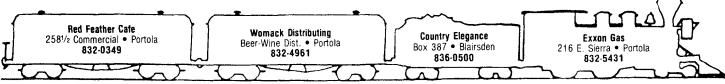
OLD PORTOLA DEPOT -- Western Pacific 804D, California Zephry No. 17, July 3, 1966.



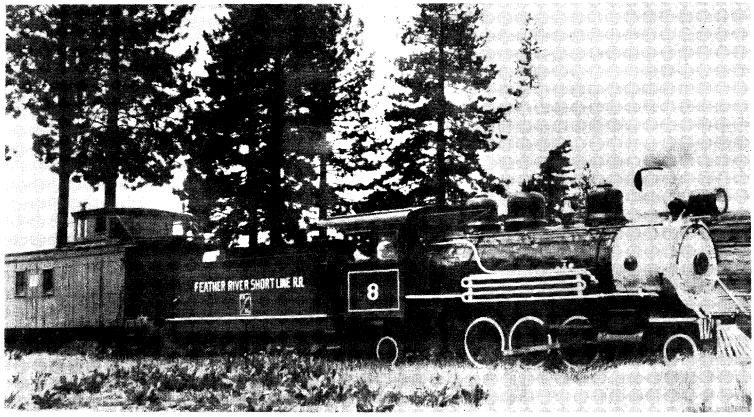


**PORTRAIT OF A DESERT MIKE** -- Western Pacific R.R. (2-8-2) type locomotives were "Mikes", a short name for Mikado. These freight engines numbered 327 to 336 were used exclusively on the desert run to Winnemucca and Elko. The large capacity tenders were needed because of the few water stations on the long run. Photo taken at Portola, California on June 25, 1939. **Photo by J.E. Boynton** 



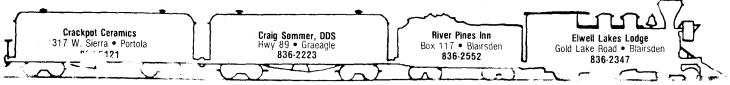


# We still have dreams . . .



**FEATHER RIVER SHORT LINE R.R. 8 AND CABOOSE 99** -- The 1907 Baldwin built 2-6-2 "Prairie" is shown on the Quincy Railroad mainline at the Meadow Valley Lumber Co. mill at East Quincy in 1958. The engine sports the original Shortline logo which is similar to the one used by the Plumas Bank. This location is across Lee Road from the Plumas County Fairgrounds. This equipment is now in the final phases of complete restoration by volunteer members of the Feather River Shortline Railroad. Photo, Plumas County Museum.

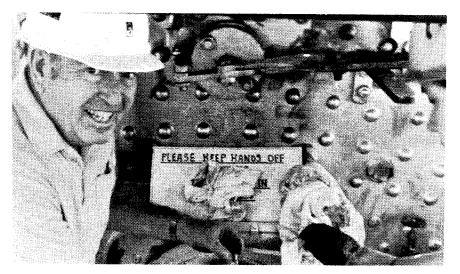


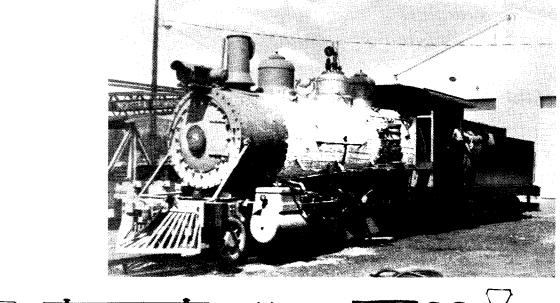


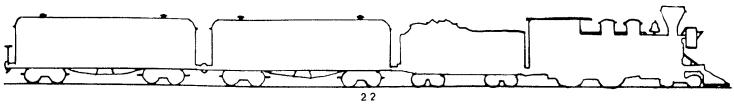


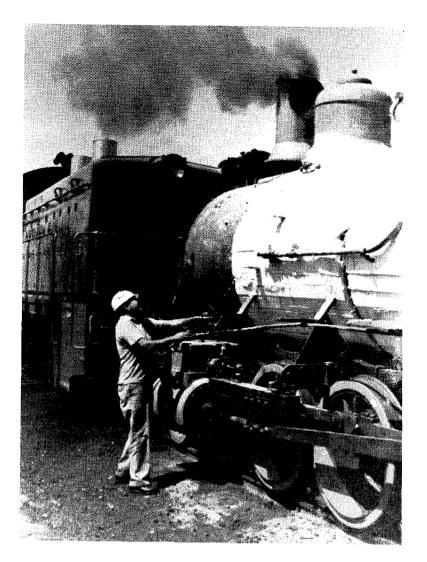
Many hours of hard work . . . and . . .

**WHILE WORK WENT ON --** Boynton had a real close encounter with his favorite steamer -- inside No. 8's boiler.









# She's well on her way . . .



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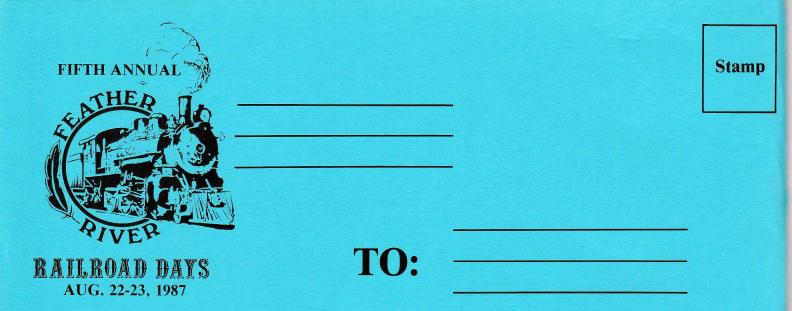
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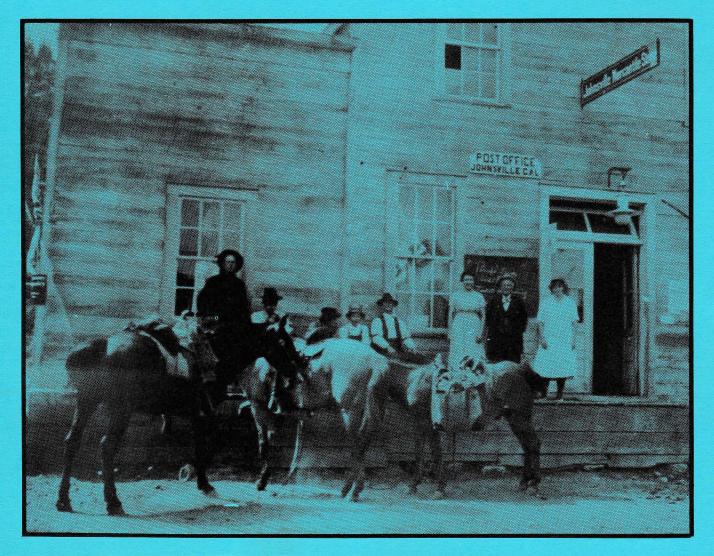
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