

Historical/Archive Department Report

5/8/2024

The WP Convention on April 11<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup> was a great success. With a full slate of presentations, a great venue and a good time was had by all.

We started off Thursday afternoon with presentations, followed by a full day Friday and Saturday, and the closing of the convention with a tour of the Oroville Dam.

Saturday night banquet was outstanding with a great buffet and Chris Skow as our dinner speaker. Door prize raffle had several prizes with most of them given as two items per raffle prize, this may have been one of the times that we were able to do this. Thank You to all the raffle donors.

Please watch for a full report as it becomes available.

The *Headlight* magazine that was published just before the convention appeared to be a great issue.

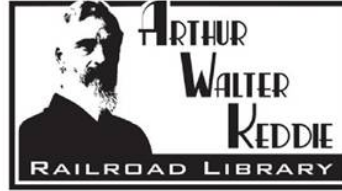
It was packed with several articles on the Sacramento Northern. This worked right into the convention theme being in Oroville.

This issue has had a tremendous amount of work done on the articles by the authors and the *Headlight* staff to bring it out just prior to the convention.

Something new this year? I am thinking about holding a “Behind the Scenes” open house for the archives. I need to be able to select a date that will work with all the other events going on at the museum this year.

Please let me know what you think and your suggestions for this event.

This is just a start as to what we envision on releasing to our members and public. Please understand this is a “**Work in Progress**” and several collections have not been inventoried or processed as of yet.



We have been very fortunate to have Dale Sanders help us in scanning several parts of our collection. As these get scanned we will be adding them to the on-line galleries so that they become available to be viewed.

These and some of the other documents are starting to show how much WP materials we have and are making available to our members and the public.

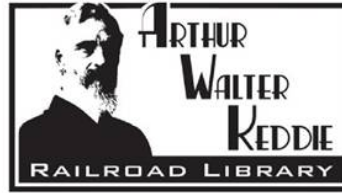
Each month we release new materials to the archives pages. Please be on the lookout for these new items. The new material is announced in the Latest Museum News column on the website.

If you have not visited the Historical/Archive Department web page recently, please consider looking at them to see "What's New" in the Western Pacific Documents page.

[https://wplives.org/wphistory\\_wp\\_documents.html](https://wplives.org/wphistory_wp_documents.html)

As I point out in each of my reports every month, we still need some donation help with the materials needed to keep the archives moving forward and protecting them.

We still need help in getting funding and storage materials for the archive department. Should you be able to help out, please let us know!



### **Needs for the Archives:**

We are always looking for help in getting materials properly stored and we need the support of the membership with helping supply storage materials for the archives.

Items listed below are still needed to help keep our collection stored properly and should you wish to help us out, we certainly would like your donation and help.

- Computer program to track all the Historical/Archive items
- Original copy of Windows 10 to be used in the Archive Department
- Archive storage boxes for 35mm slides. (We need more, as we have over 20,000 + slides and counting!)
- Large archival storage boxes

Should any member receive any donation and/or get an inquiry about a donation, please get in touch with one of the archive staff or the archive committee to make sure we properly address the donation or inquiry.

Thank you to all the members of the FRRS/WPRM who contribute to the society and the archives.

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