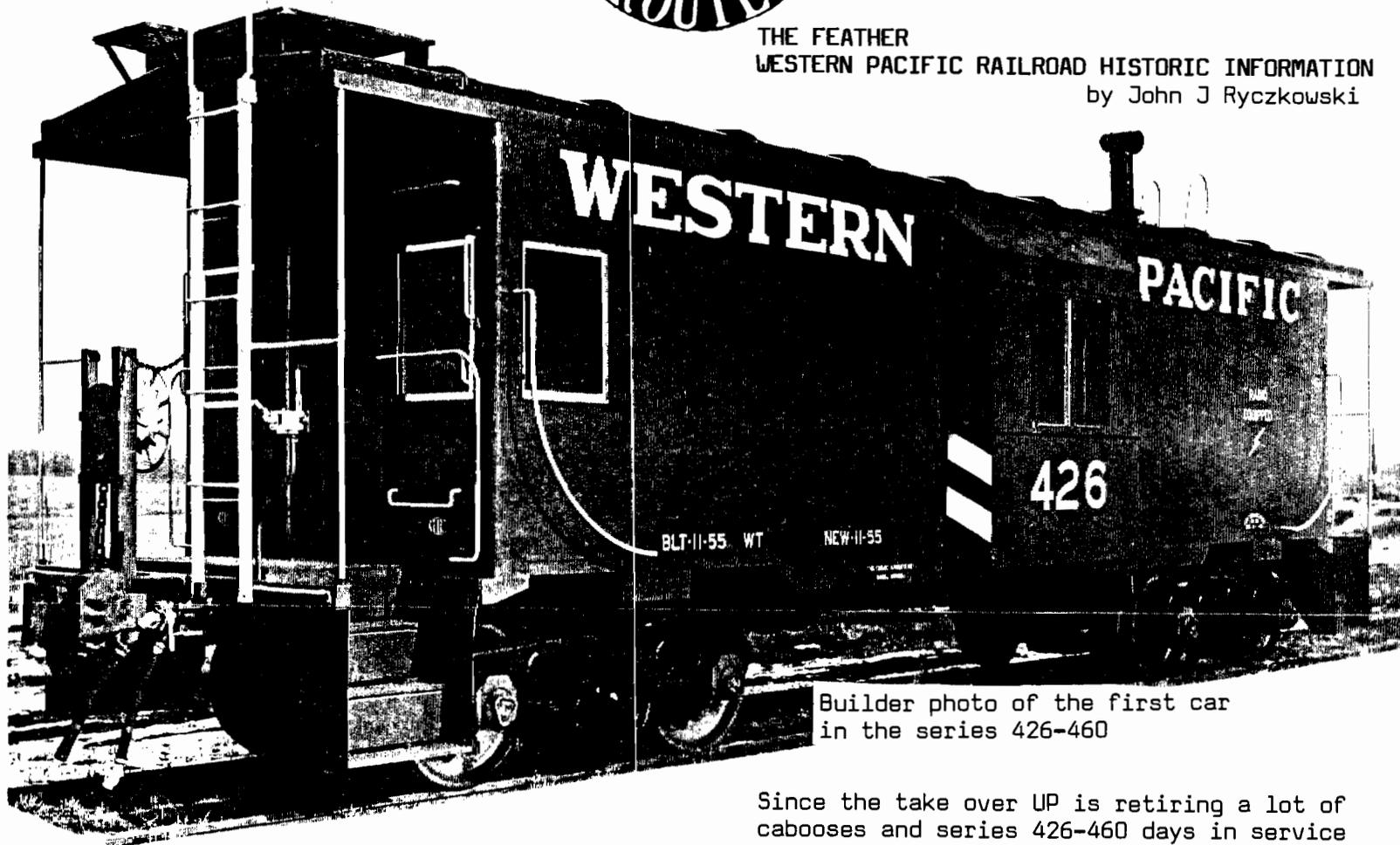




THE FEATHER
WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD HISTORIC INFORMATION
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Builder photo of the first car
in the series 426-460

WP STEEL CABOOSE 428

Blt in 1955 by International Railway Car Co. was the first steel bay window cabooses on the WP. before WP used the fleet of exbox car converts and the old wood cupola style. 428 came to us repainted and with the roof walks and windows intact. The series 426-460 have under gone many chages and we are lucky that the example we have is in original form. Most have had the roof walks removed and windows plated over. Delivered with yellow lettering and a mineral brown color they were repainted into red with white lettering later in their career. Just before the UP take over a major rebuilding program was started. 430, 440, 441, 442, 443, 446, 448, 451, & 452 went thru the program and were rebuilt completely and painted red, with white roof and got the 45x40" "Feather River Route" Medallion applied. 428 was set to go thru the program but the program was stopped, 457 and 447 were started but never completed. 457 was shopped in Oroville and finished and painted silver put ^{on} the Oroville wrecker train. Does anyone have the whereabouts of 447?

Since the take over UP is retiring a lot of cabooses and series 426-460 days in service are numbered, specially the ones not rebuilt. The 428 is painted box car red with white lettering and is correct as several cabs were painted this way before red was used. A time in the future we'll paint it as delivered but for now since Chris painted the inside and reinstalled the equipment inside it's like a new caboose.



428 at Portola