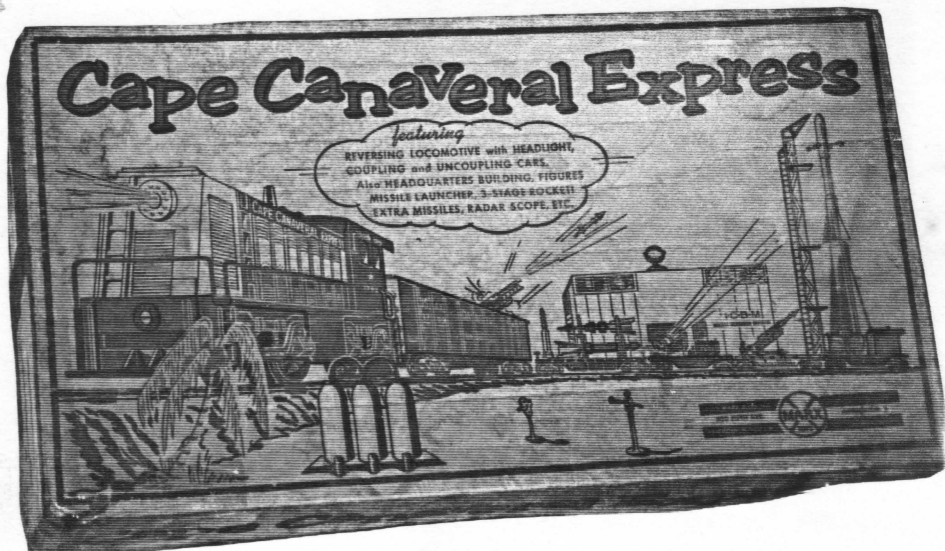
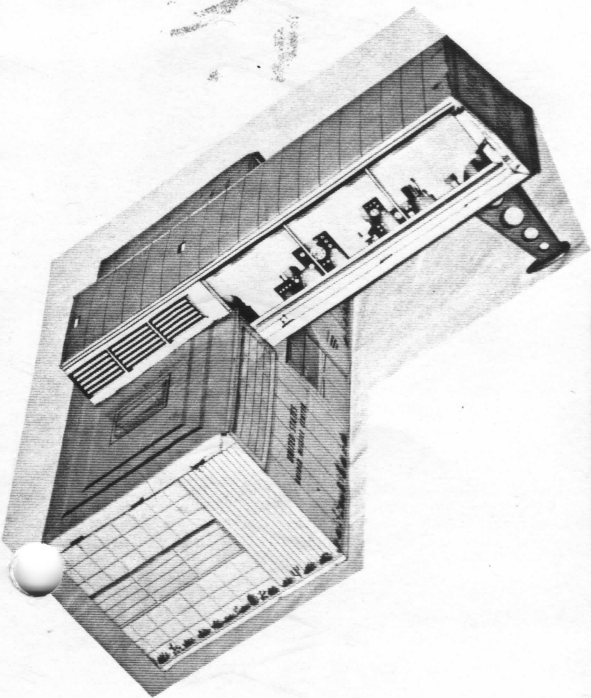
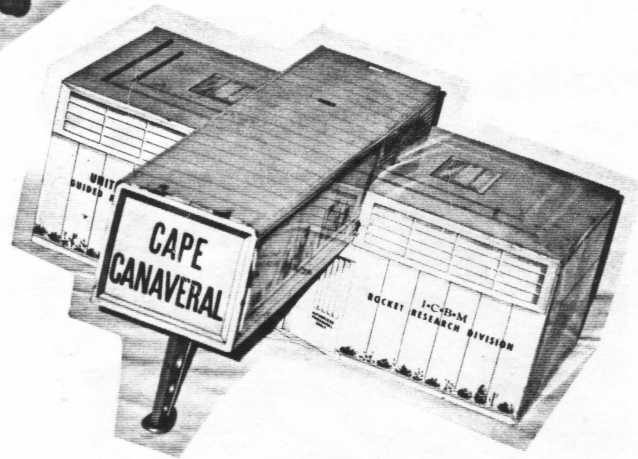
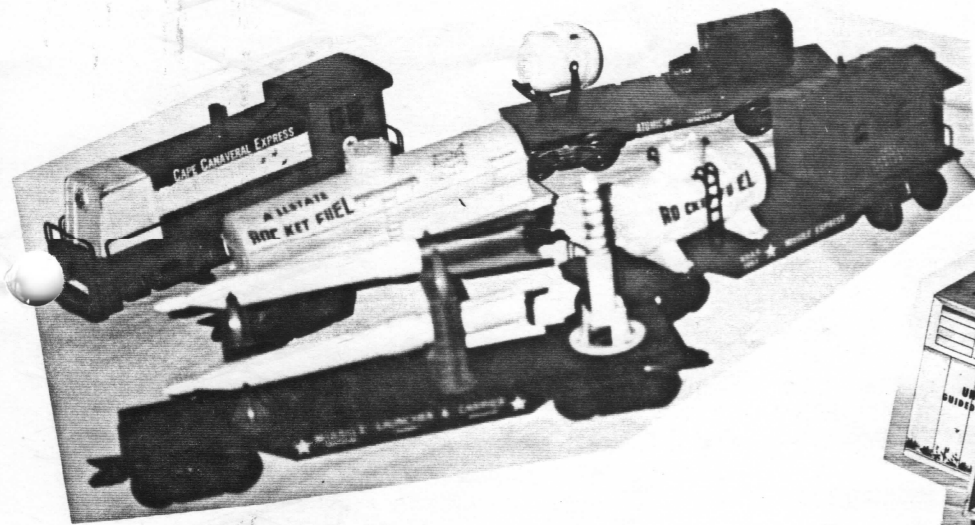


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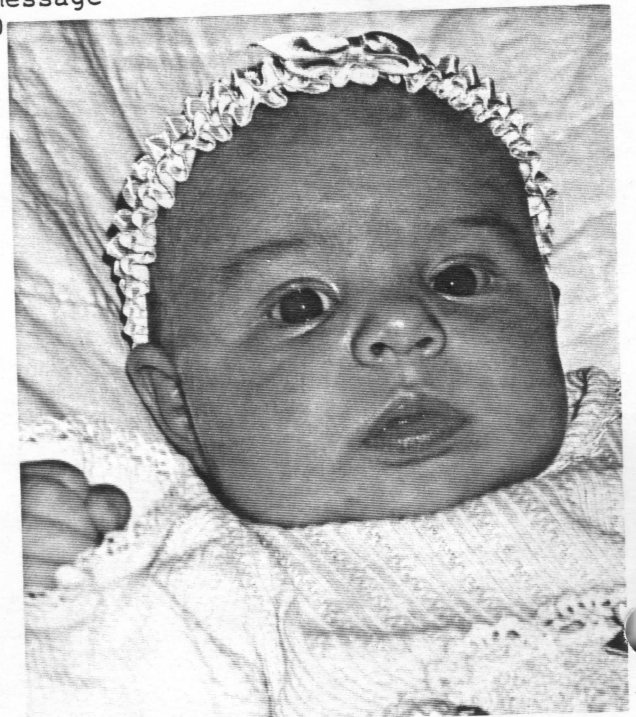
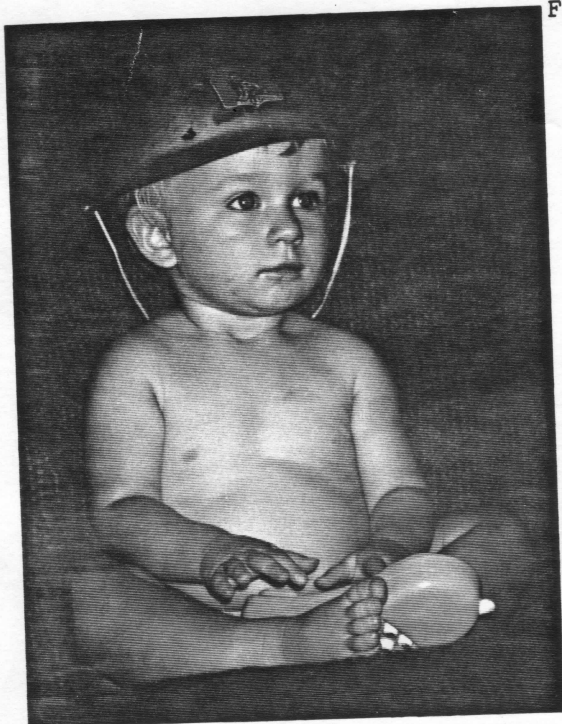
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Hey guys, look out at Christmas this year Louis Marx is 20 months old and into everything he can put his hands on!
 Here is our new daughter Lauren Micah. She will be 3 months old on Christmas day. Growing like a weed! A real sweetheart.

Gary A. Braun, 8 Monza Rd., Nashua NH 03060, TCA # 91-34148
November, 1996 List

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Expect the usual rust/oxidation on exposed metal parts unless otherwise noted.

O/W = otherwise
PKC = plastic knuckle couplers
MFC = metal fork couplers
IS = instr. sheet
PFC = plastic fork couplers
T&S - tab and slot couplers

1. 4571 searchlight w/ generator, unbroken and complete except for small chip of plastic on flat at edge of rivet "well", G trks., should clean to VG plus, \$15
- 1A. same as #1 except missing brakewheels, o/w VG to VG plus, \$9
2. 8 wheel single dome Allstate tanker, F. trks., some fading to top, o/w/ unbroken and VG to VG plus, \$3

3. 2532 CS green tanker, F trks., one nub on dome broken and lettering a bit weak in spots, o/w VG to VG plus, \$3
4. medium dark blue Erie drop end gondola, G trks., small areas of lt. tape residue to remove from base, Ex. plus - LN, \$25
5. blue Erie log dump car w/ 5 orig. dark logs, one end tab broken off, o/w Ex. plus, \$5
6. maroon Erie electric 8 wheel log dump car, no load, VG plus or better, G trks., \$27
7. same as #6, \$27
8. blue 51100 SOU auto carrier w/ grey rack, no load, Ex. except small amount of rust to one side of one truck, \$50
9. non-smoker 1829 w/ one broken tab on side of boiler, o/w looks Ex., \$32
10. 357 Joyline coach w/ red roof, litho. is VG to VG plus, roof is VG, scarce, \$90
11. tuscan 4427 ATSF large type caboose, G trks., Ex., \$15
12. white 8 wheel NYC Pacemaker caboose w/ black stripes, broken stack and chip from roof corner, G trks., \$4
13. tri-color 1977 ATSF caboose, G trks., broken stack and mold defect at one end of roof, o/w VG plus, \$2
14. brown 18236 PC caboose, G trks., broken stack, VG, \$2
15. 17858 SP type caboose, F trks. w/ PKC, broken and drilled out stack w/ roof corner repair, o/w VG or bit better and not that common, \$10
16. 95030 8 wheel LV caboose, G trks. w/ PKC, short stack, slight chip in plastic in base of body above truck, o/w VG plus, \$13
17. 180628 UP "The Streamliner" boxcar, G trks., doorrails are a bit rough but car is strong VG plus or better, \$60
18. brown 8 wheel SP caboose, broken stack, G trks., VG, \$3
19. no # SF light brown 8 wheel caboose, G trks., short stack, Ex. minus, \$7
20. pr. of red 4427 ATSF cabooses, both w/ G trks. and some damage or modifications, call for details, \$10 for both
21. 3900 black and orange UP caboose w/ G trks. and intact stack, Ex., \$3
22. white oper. 43461 PFE reefer, G trks., complete and works, some discoloration and scratches to door guides, dirty VG or better, \$8
23. off-white 249319 Marlines oper. boxcar w/ non-orig. (?) man, F trks. w/ cast wheels, white door guides (some rust), one door is white while other more off-white, should clean to VG plus or better except for doorguides, \$10
24. same as #38 except red w/ better door rails, mechanism spring replaced with rubber band and 2 replacement screws/nuts used in oper. mechanism, o/w VG or so, as is, \$6
25. red non-oper. 54099 MP stockcar, G trks., some texture to door guides, sides and ends grade Ex. to Ex. plus, roof VG plus to Ex. minus, \$6
26. same as #40 except F trks. in oper. version w/ bull in the door, Ex. to Ex. plus w/ super clean door guides, one door a bit dirty or darkened in color, \$25
27. illuminated 556 caboose in pristine Ex. plus to LN condition, one small rub and couple of nicks on roof, probably will clean up some, \$175

28. 666 smoker w/ white stripe and # board, w/ UP slope back tender, loco is VG plus, tender close to Ex. w/ tiny splatter of red paint to coal load, \$28
29. 8 wheel brown 13978 ATSF stockcar, F trks. w/ cast wheels, Ex. or better w/ dirty roof, \$6
30. 8 wheel dark blue 467110 B&O boxcar, G trks., Ex. to Ex. plus w/dirty roof, \$5
31. brown 56 flat for Wm. Crooks freight set, yellow side rails but no load, PKC, dirty Ex. minus, \$18
32. 18236 green PC caboose, stack OK, G trks., VG plus, \$3
33. 3152 illum. SF coach, clean VG plus to Ex. minus w/ one long scratch to roof, \$20
34. 3152 illum. SF short vista dome, same cond. as #33 except fewer scratches, \$25
35. same as #34 except VG to VG minus, \$15
36. 3197 illum. SF obs., VG plus or better, \$20
37. black 21913 LV 8 wheel hopper w/ G trks. and orange lettering, Ex. to Ex. minus \$6
38. Allstate 5532 turquoise gondola w/ F trks. and cast wheels, Ex. minus w/ some inconsistency in color throughout car, \$4
39. same as #38 in medium blue, VG or bit better, \$8
40. same as #38 in medium dark blue and Ex. minus, \$15
41. same as #38 except G trks. w/more uniform turq. color, some scuffs along parts of edge of hopper bin, o/w VG plus, \$5
42. red w/u CV set w/loco (one wheel missing, o/w very clean Ex. minus w/ perfectly working motor), matching red NYC tender (fair), Montclair coach and obs. w/ brass rail (both fair to good) all w/ sliding T&S, loco makes the set, \$100
43. black Erie 51170 drop end gondola, F trks. w/ cast wheels, dirty VG plus w/ some lt. rust to one truck, \$5
44. 2731 SF tender w/ handrails and F trks., few small chips near ladder and along tender body, call for details, o/w Ex., \$7
45. empty orange Allstate set box #9624 w/ track and 30 watt transf., missing int. dividers, VG, \$10
46. NYC 8 wheel slope back tender, G trks., Ex., \$5
47. 4 wheel NYC wedge tender, T&S, VG to VG plus, \$5
48. SP lines plastic tender on low scale trucks (black), PFC, unbroken and dirty Ex. or so, \$5
49. 4 wheel SF 552 tanker, missing one sliding T&S, VG to VG minus, \$3
50. blue Erie 8 wheel log dump car, very dirty and rust to G trks and dump mechanism, as is, \$5
51. 18326 brown NYC 8 wheel caboose, G trks, full stack, Ex. or better, \$3
52. grey 1666 SF loco w/ matching Sound of Power tender, 3 stanchions partially broken on loco w/ some scuffs to steam chests, striping is strong, overall loco is dirty Ex. to Ex. minus, tender very clean Ex., \$60
53. 5590 crane w/ searchlight, usual break in cab from boom hitting, some lt. rust to trks. and metal plate for pulley assembly on boom, overall VG plus to Ex. minus, \$55
54. black 1998 SF switcher, small hole drilled in rear door of cab and has caused crack that runs from base of door (i.e not from base of shell) up appx. 2/3 of way through cab roof,

- crack has not separated completely or been repaired, some paint off side rails at front of frame, o/w Ex. w/ sharp lettering, scarce, \$50
55. prewar boxed M10005 elec. set #10000W, in large box w/ blue lettering and crisp interior-display type divider, includes pr. of RC switches w/ controller, track and 50 wt. transfr., train has some problems w/ surface rust (mostly to one side) as follows: loco is worst of lot w/ appx. 10-15% of one side w/ rust damage, 3 LA coaches (2 have minor rust toward front of one side only, other has more widespread damage on one side), Omaha and Denver coaches and Squaw Bonnet obs. all have varying degrees of damage to one side, box grades VG to VG plus w/ divider close to Ex., \$275
 56. 4 wheel 6 inch double searchlight flat w/ brass deck and black light housings, T&S, VG minus, \$30
 57. all black NYC plastic 8 wheel crane, F trks. w/cast wheels, handle broken but brakewheel and hook are there, dirty VG or better, \$7
 58. red 551 tender w/ black NYC markings, some litho. flaked off and couple of small drops of paint to remove, some slight dents, sliding T&S, Good to Good plus, \$25
 59. 552 green/red 4 wheel gondola, T&S, Ex., \$3
 60. elec. CV w/ nickel nose, VG or better except paint missing from about 1/2 of cab roof, SALE \$25.
 61. 3824 UP caboose w/ brown frame, sliding T&S and plastic wheels, dirty but should clean to VG plus or so, \$25.
 62. "Emergency Services 5" friction truck/vehicle, also marked "N.Y. 12" on front, very colorful litho. including driver and passenger, gas and oxygen tanks, etc., includes red plastic crane that sits on rear of truck and is similar to boom of scale, red train crane except has metal clicker to keep reel from un-winding, near mint though has one ding to front bumper, OB w/ single flap remaining, \$200
 63. CP 8 wheel tender w/ silver and red boards, auto. couplers, shiny VG or better, \$38
 64. same as #63 except dirty good or so, missing spring from coupler, \$20.
 65. lt. green GN 34178 box, G trks. VG w/ some rust to wheels, \$2
 66. same as #65 except dark green and Ex. or better, \$6
 67. same as #65 except darker green and Vg plus, \$5
 68. 417 grey plastic bell ringing signal, c. 1957, dirty Ex., \$15
 69. Cities Service double green plastic tank car, G trks., Ex. except 2 ladders are rusty and small chip out of step on top of one tank, \$18
 70. same as #69 except unbroken, no rust and F trks., \$40
 71. 45 Wm. Crooks caboose, Ex to Ex. minus, \$40
 72. CP style 0-4-0 loco w/ black and red boards, VG to VG minus, motor is sticking, \$10
 73. Allstate triple dome tanker in med. blue, F trks. w/ cast wheels, unbroken and dirty Ex. to Ex. minus., \$10
 74. black SP 39520 flat w/ generator w/ broken ring that is not re-glued nor seemingly separated all the way, o/w complete, unbroken and Ex. w/ G trks, \$45

75. boxed pre-war set #3987/12 consisting of 0-4-0 CP loco w/ 3 pc. pickup (missing one marker, strong VG plus - Ex. minus), NYC wedge tender, 59 UP solid side stockcar w/ red door rails, 552 RI gondola (green/red), 553 SF tanker and 556 caboose, all Ex. except loco and tender which are Ex. minus and stockcar which is Ex. plus, w/ pre-war transfr. and track, box is tan w/ blue lettering (faded on top), SALE \$70.
76. Mickey Mouse 7 inch caboose, litho. grades good or bit better w/ some crazing, flaking and darkening, frame has light surface rust to clean, \$60
77. English Marx 3978 blue loco w/ black and white trim, small hole drilled through pilot, o/w clean VG plus or better, Rare, \$245
78. matching English Marx maroon and cream 9 and 1/2 inch coach, 8 wheels, marked "LM Mar Lines", sides and ends close to Ex., roof only Good, \$120
79. same as #78 except sides VG to VG plus due to some crazing, roof better than #78 at VG to VG plus, \$135.
80. 586 RI work caboose, G trks., some nicks on one roof panel, o/w Ex. plus, \$20
81. NEW MARX CP 4 car pass. set #1, stock 5172, old time car versions which are mint in the set box, usually retail for \$145 to \$150, special BARGAIN price of \$115 per set,
82. NEW MARX: 7341 Amer. Beer Reefer, MOB, \$35.
83. 81F Monon AA pair, power unit VG plus, dummy missing wheels and axles, has 2 extra 1/8 inch holes drilled in frames near normal axle holes, one coupler broken and ground down so units will not couple, as is, \$40.
84. 556 illuminated caboose w/ repro. pick up and 3 panes of frosted plastic window material replaced, lots of fine scratches on roof (esp. toward front), w/ some larger scuffs and scrapes in litho. on parts of roof and cupula roof, frame has some crazing, overall grade of Good but sides grade better, call for more details, rare, \$85
85. Girard whistling station, LN w/ one small crinkle to roof, in OB w/ 2 of 4 flaps and some tape, \$50
86. 1460 illum. gantry crane, usual break in crane cab where boom hits, legs slightly bowed, in crisp OB w/ some writing and water staining to bottom half, \$135
87. set of silver SF scale pass. cars w/ 3152 coach (missing pick up, hole in one side of pass. strip and one small spot of corrosion on side of body), 3152 short vista dome (also missing pick up, needs cleaning and roof has a few nicks), and 3157 obs. (best of lot at VG plus), not nearly as bad as they sound, quite clean excepted as noted, \$50 for the set
88. slope back Allstate tender, F trks. w/ cast wheels, looks like frame was glued to base since no screw present, Ex. minus, \$5
89. 4581 depressed center double searchlight flat, small ring broken off generator, o/w dusty VG or bit better, \$25
90. 112 LV switcher, 2 sm. holes drilled through both front trk. truck facades, o/w unbroken, Ex. w/ white mold mark on cab roof, PKC, \$15

91. Allstate triple dome tanker w/ F trks. and cast wheels, one side is blue and the other is turquoise, not from fading, Ex. with a couple of broken stanchions, unusual, \$20
92. scale lot: 70311 Penn. boxcar, 174580 NYC boxcar and 20102 NYC caboose, MFC, caboose has some glue under one window, very dirty VG or so overall, should clean appreciably, \$15
93. scale lot: 256 NIAX tanker (VG to VG plus), 254000 B&O gondola (Ex. minus) and 35401 PFE reefer (VG plus), \$25
94. 8 wheel black and gray plastic NYC crane, unbroken crank, G trks., Ex. or better, \$18
95. no # brown NYC 8 wheel caboose w/ F trks. and cast wheels, broken stack, o/w/ Ex. and uncommon, \$15
96. white stripe 1666 w/ steam chest and regular smoke, striping weak on one side, looks like replacement screw holding on pony truck, o/w VG plus or better and scarce, \$65
97. unboxed Allstate set w/ 666 smoker w/ white stripe and # bds. (Ex. minus w/ couple of paint flakes from roof), square type Allstate tender (VG plus), 77003 B&M boxcar (clean Ex. in turquoise w/ minimal fading and some crazing to doorguides), 3 dome Allstate tanker (one broken stanchion and one brakewheel missing, ow/ Ex.), maroon SOU auto carrier (no autos, dirty Ex. w/ light rust on clips), 5545 maroon flat for girder load (no load, missing brakewheels, o/w Ex.), Erie short flat for trailer load (no load, o/w dirty VG plus to Ex. minus) and tuscan ATSF work caboose (LN), all w/ F trks., \$90
98. tuscan/dark red 147815 RI boxcar on E. trks., Ex. to Ex. minus w/ some very lt. crazing to doorguides, MFC, unusual, \$40
99. 1614/1615 auto. tin. litho. dump station (no car), clean Ex. to Ex. minus w/ usual fraying of wiring, \$115
100. 17858 RI bay window caboose, G trks., repro. stack and ant., small amount of glue to remove from rear step, o/w Ex., \$45
101. Komical Kop wind up toy, circa 1930, VG or bit better, works nicely, priced at low book at \$445
102. unboxed 8 wheel pre-war set w/ 2-4-2 CP type loco w/ copper boiler, blue/yellow sideboards & early 3 pc. piece pick up (missing both markers and # bd., some paint loss from pilot, o/w VG plus), matching blue/yellow CP tender (VG to VG plus w/ clean sides), lumber car (missing one eyelet to hold one stake, no load or clips, o/w VG), 552 green/red gondola (VG plus - Ex.) and 556 NYC caboose (VG to VG plus), auto. couplers, nice clean set, \$200
103. single white Burlington tin trailer, no tractor, complete w/ all wheels, one door cleaner than other door and door frame overall VG to VG plus, \$38
104. IC lift bridge, for parts, \$15
105. Noma talking station in OB, near mint w/ orig. phonograph record, unbroken speaker and IS, long flaps on box are warped, nice, \$135
106. illum. Joyline obs., missing pick up and drumhead, has light socket and jerry-rigged pickup, litho. and roof grade VG plus, \$135

107. 5590 crane, no light, smaller than usual break in cab where boom hits, restrung, dirty Ex. w/ one scratch to side of frame \$50
108. 12 pc. Right of Way plastic sign set in orig. red, yellow and black box w/ insert, complete, divider is Ex. though back corners of box are blown out, \$23
109. Allstate 8 wheel double white tank car, F trks., tanks are a bit dirty, o/w Ex. to Ex. minus w/ unbroken brakewheel, \$70
110. 2-4-2 CP loco w/ chrome cab and pilot (as pictured on front cover of Greenberg Vol. I, 1989 ed.), early 3 pc. pickup, missing headlight lens, clean VG to VG plus and quite scarce, think it came as part of 1939 Mont. Ward switch train, \$70
111. same as #110 except missing rear truck and both markers, has lens, \$60

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS LIST

CURRENT WANT ITEMS

- 6 inch NYC Pacemaker boxcars
- 6 inch FGEX reefers
- orange Erie flat w/ 2 green tractors
- 8 wheel OD 6 inch flat car (no tank nec.)
- Penn Central E7 AA set (preferably boxed)
- Silver and Green Comm. Vanderbilts
- OD 897 Army loco
- all English and Mexican Marx
- any flatcar with twin trailer loads or tractor/trailer loads
- 4 inch Delivery Van load w/ trailer(s)
- all Joyline
- Blue Merc. Pass. set (or loco and/or tender only)
- 4 wheel CP pass. set or cars
- 4 wheel Wm. Crooks pass. set or cars
- all 4 inch vehicle loads such as dump and stake trks., milk van, etc.
- all tin. litho. buildings such as airports, gas stations and bus terminals or stations

I will trade anything on this list or anything I can otherwise acquire for you to work a trade for the above items. I will also pay straight cash to obtain the above if we can agree on a price. Finally, I will consider offering items from my personal collection in trade for any of the above if the item you have to trade warrants such consideration. Please call and see if we can work out a deal. Thanks very much.

THAT HOLIDAY FEELING

At holiday season what do you think of that really says Christmas? Da! Trains! And when I think of trains at Christmas time I think of trains present but mostly trains past. How many of us have heard the stories from relatives or friends about taking the train from where they lived to Grandmother's house or maybe taking the train from the farm area where they lived to spend the holidays with family in the big city? All of the lights, sights and sounds of Christmas in the big city!

When I hear these stories it really gives me that old-time train feeling. I think most of us know the feeling. Here in the town where we live we have a foot bridge that can be accessed from either end. To give you an idea of how long it is it has about 25 sets of track under it and it's about eight feet wide. As a small child I enjoyed watching freight trains working in the yards below. In the winter time it's all enhanced with ice and snow and at night the lights glow off the sides of the trains as they slowly cruise through town. It's a memory and it's a feeling. I don't know if kids today know the feeling or are even capable of knowing. They have so many other things to do. I hope train people attempt to give the new generation the gift of the feeling of trains. My son and I spend time together on that same bridge even today. I want him to be able to tell his children about the feeling you get from trains.

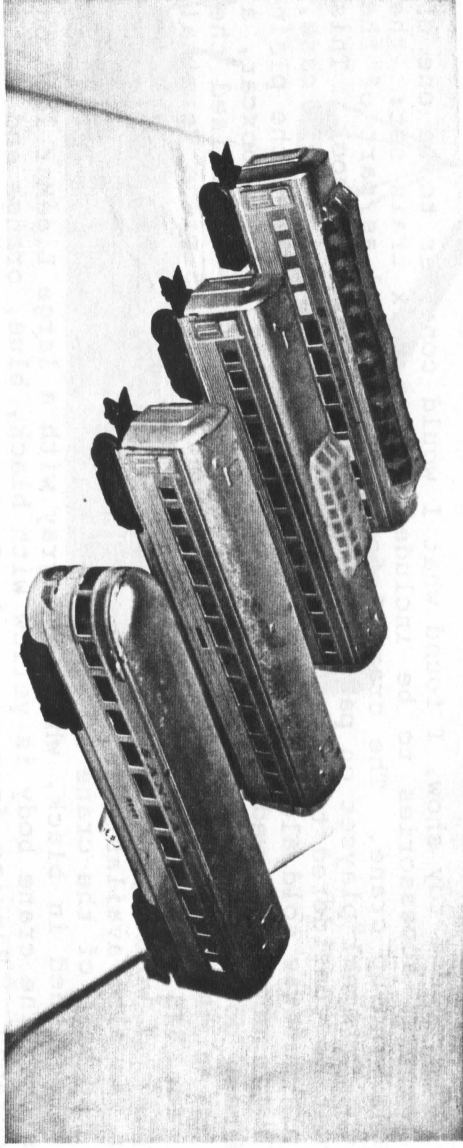
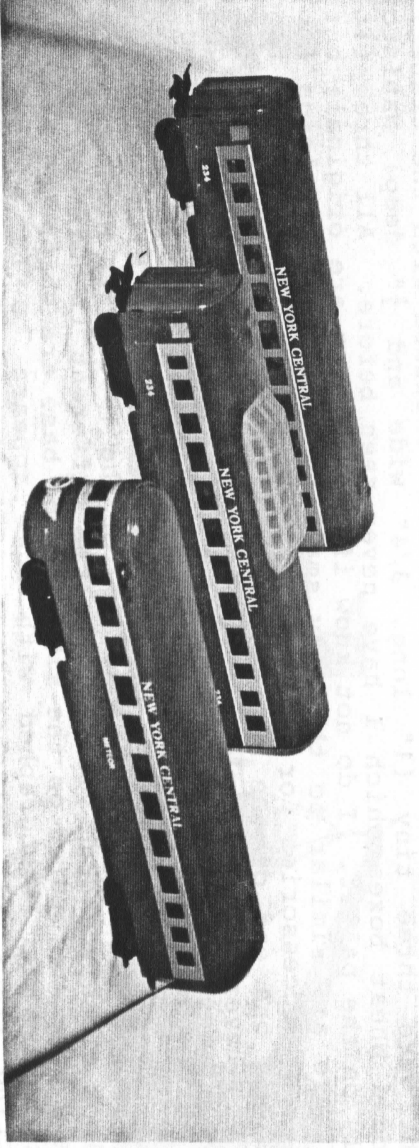
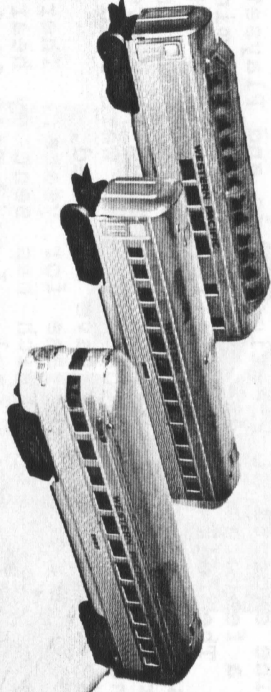
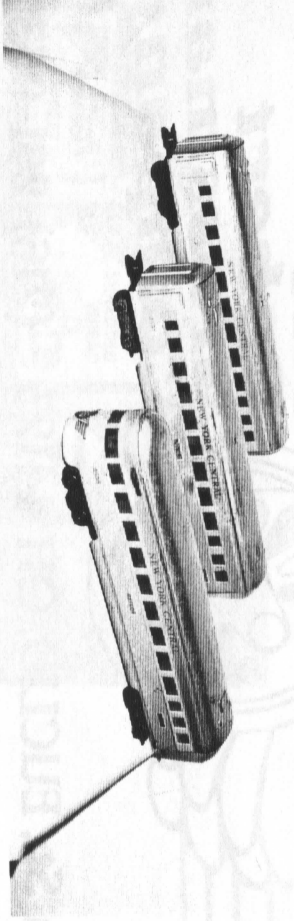
Especially at Christmas time I want to see passenger trains. They bring back all of those happy memories. Louis Marx manufactured many beautiful passenger sets but under the Christmas tree in every MARX collectors house should be a lighted passenger set like the ones shown here. First we have the Santa Fe "El Capitan" lighted set which was probably produced in larger numbers than any other road name of the same type. Next we have shown here the two tone gray passenger set with white New York Central lettering which was in my estimation next most common of this series. Marked on the observation drum head by the word MARX. The very desirable Western Pacific passenger set is the third picture shown here with the plain single level coach being the most sought after. And last but not least we are photographing here another New York Central set which is all silver with blue lettering and is the most desirable set in this series. A coach which only a very few people own that is a part of this set is a half dome coach. I know of only two of these anywhere.

Now keep in mind that these sets came in many combinations. Some with diesels and some with steam engines. Some were only passenger sets and others in combination passenger-freight sets. Some were large sets others with just engine, tender, and two coaches and observation. Some had full dome coaches others had half dome coaches and some had both.

There is nothing prettier running around under your Christmas tree than these lighted, as-close-to-scale as MARX made, coaches.

When I think about Christmas I think about trains, and when I think about trains I think about that old-time train feeling. And that old time feeling comes out most when I play with my streamlined and realistic passenger coaches made in the 50's and 60's by MARX trains.

Her'es hoping your trains bring you that old-time train feeling this Christmas, and all your Christmas memories are good ones.



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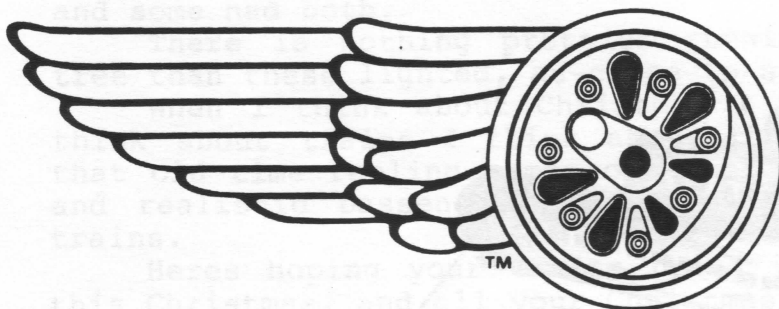
At a recent toy show, I found what I would consider to be one of the scarcest accessories to be included with a Marx train set: the Linemar wind-up crane. The crane I found is pictured as part of the Freight Terminal playset on page 259 of the 1957 Sears Wishbook. This playset is considered to be a Marx train accessory and, in this case, the playset was sold along with a train. The train included the plain black tin engine, a wedge tender, a 7" Merchandise Service boxcar, a 7" Wabash gondola and a 7" Pacemaker caboose. Sears advertised the set as an "Allstate 5-unit Freight Train PLUS big 45-piece Terminal Set" for \$15.50. What a great set!! Does anyone have a boxed example? I would guess it may have come in two separate boxes. The train was also available separately for \$9.97.

The base of the crane is 8½" long, 3 ¾" wide and 1" thick. It is lithographed in black, white and gray with a large LineMar logo on the side. The crane body is yellow with black, blue, orange and white lithography. Hanging from the end of the boom is a pallet made of tin in yellow with wire to attach it freely to the crane hook. The crane hook is T-shaped and made of steel. Included with the crane I bought were three tiny (1" long, ¾" wide and ½" deep) Nabisco Shredded Wheat boxes which I have never seen before. All three fit nicely on the pallet. I do not know if these boxes are original; but they sure are similar to the many small boxes included as loads for trains and accessories for the Freight Terminal. The crane has two levers on one end of the base and a wind-up key between the levers. The left lever raises and lowers the crane mechanically and the right lever rotates the crane cab left or right 360 degrees using the wind-up power.

There exists a second variation of the crane with different lithography. It is shown on page 237 of the 1956 Sears Wishbook. If you look closely enough you will see the different lithography on the crane's base. Pictured on the sides of the base are ships and the top of the base is lithographed with what appears to be a railyard depicting track and switches. In 1956 the terminal was offered separate from the train for \$6.79, the train alone was offered for \$9.69 and the combination set containing the train and the terminal was offered for \$15.49.

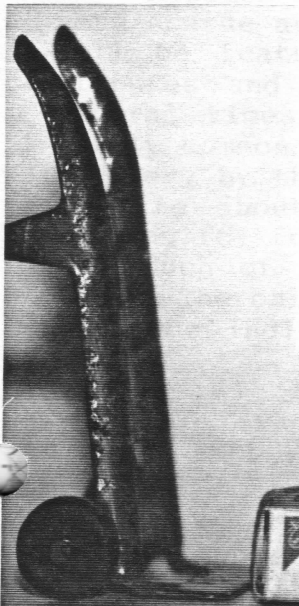
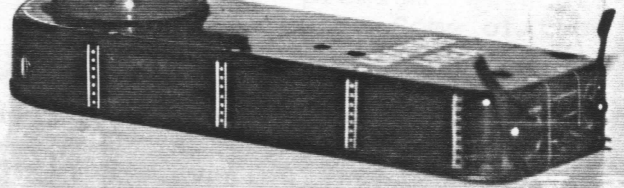
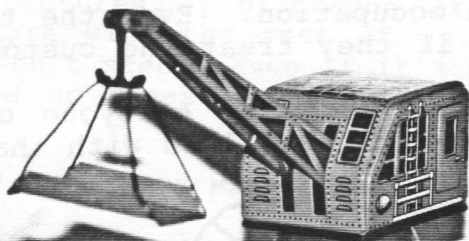
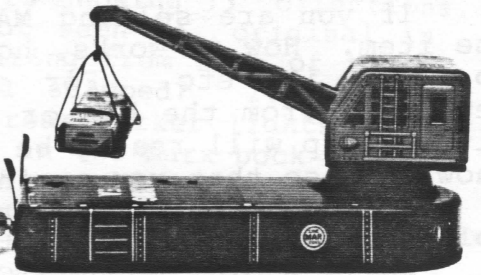
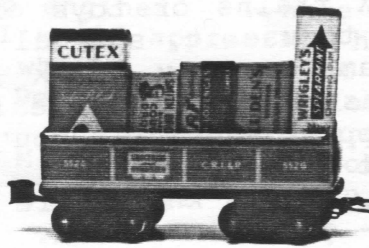
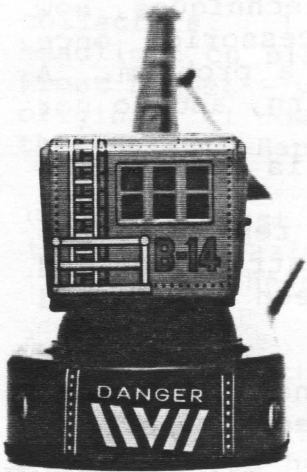
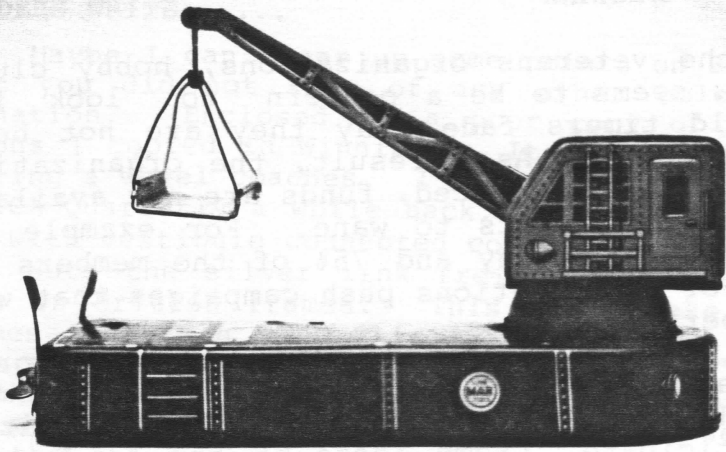
In 1956 and 1957 were the only years the crane appeared with the Freight Terminal. The experts at Plastic Figure and Playset Collector (PFPC) magazine did a feature article on the Freight Terminal playset in October of 1995. The folks at PFPC believe the crane with the ship lithography was also sold individually in stores. No one at PFPC has ever seen the crane I found in recent times and they presume it to be quite scarce. One reason may be that few sets were sold due to the high price and, of course, even fewer have survived.

I have been looking for this crane for years. There exists a very similar model made in Germany which has sent my heart racing a few times (thinking I finally found one). I paid \$110.00 for mine but to me it is worth much more.



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A common theme among the veterans organizations, hobby clubs, collectors associations, etc. seems to be a concern to look for new memberships. As the old timers fade away they are not being replaced by the younger generation. As a result, the organizations start to "turn gray" and services are reduced, funds are not available for activities and the enthusiasm starts to wane. For example The Circus Model Builders conducted a survey and 75% of the members are over 65 years of age. A lot of organizations push campaigns that want you to get "just one new member".

I realize that collecting MARX trains and toys is not a formal organization but rather an unofficial group that share a common interest. Still if the hobby is too continue we need to generate a desire in new comers to participate. Some ideas on how to do this are:

Share your knowledge with others. All of us that collect MARX have some unique or unusual bit of information or item. Show and tell at York displays some of this but each of us can do it on a "one-on-one" basis.

If you are selling MARX trains or toys offer information about the item. How it works, how to use it, special wiring techniques, how to clean it, etc. For example, many track side accessories once separated from the box or instructionsheet really pose a problem. A little help will really be appreciated. If you are buying, and do not know, ask so that you are not disappointed.

At shows and swap meets, if you know where an item is and another collector is looking for it - give him a hand.

While a lot of the TCA rules and requirements on repaints, rebuilds, reproduction parts and pieces etc. seem restrictive and unnecessary, they do generate a mutual respect between buyer and seller. Honesty seems to be the best policy.

In our dealings with each other, we should try to remember that this is a hobby, not an occupation. Even the true business people of the hobby will benefit if they treat the customer and each other, as they want to be treated.

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READERS WRITE.....

Maybe I can clear up some points on British Marx. You mentioned that you did not know of any other colors or different cars for cornation. Enclosed is a poor copy of fall and winter 1941-1942 Eatons I copied in Winnipeg. It shows a blue and silver Coronation pulling 4 wheel coaches. I've heard of a similar set in red mentioned in TCA Quarterly a while back. Other set on 2nd paper is boxed blue set with vestibule connected coaches.

Note the silver link freight set made for Canadian market. US cars on British frames. This would take special slots on British frames to attach to. This is a precedent for a caboose in a British made set, except that these were made for Canada (where cabooses were used). I too think that cabooses were not sold in post war British freight sets. As stated before, cabooses were not familiar in Britian and the 556 probably were not just sitting on a shelf. They would have had to be shipped overseas on a slow boat. It would have been much faster to crank out another batch of cattle cars. Also, if they went to the trouble of placing the 556 on a British frame prewar - why not also postwar?

I was very surprised by your survey results showing 13 collections with M10000 Green windup engines. I have not seen an original in looking for 20 years. I would appreciate hearing from some of these collectors. 1. Engine wheels. Die cast or stamped? 2. Battery headlight on blank? 3. Describe observation rear marker lights. 4. Front bumper - yes or no. The M10000 pictured in the Marx book is not original. I now have 20 M10000 sets and probably sold another 15 over the years. --Happy Collecting Gary Anderson.

Gary -- I just remembered the engine Ian Paterson had on the back of the TTOS magazine. There is also a green version of the blue engine that pulls the coaches with vestibules.

Anybody that has pictures, photographs or any paper showing English trains please share with the rest of us. We are trying to learn about things we haven't seen. Even if it's not English and it's something you have picked up please send it in. We always want to hear from you!

What's The MARX Market Doing?

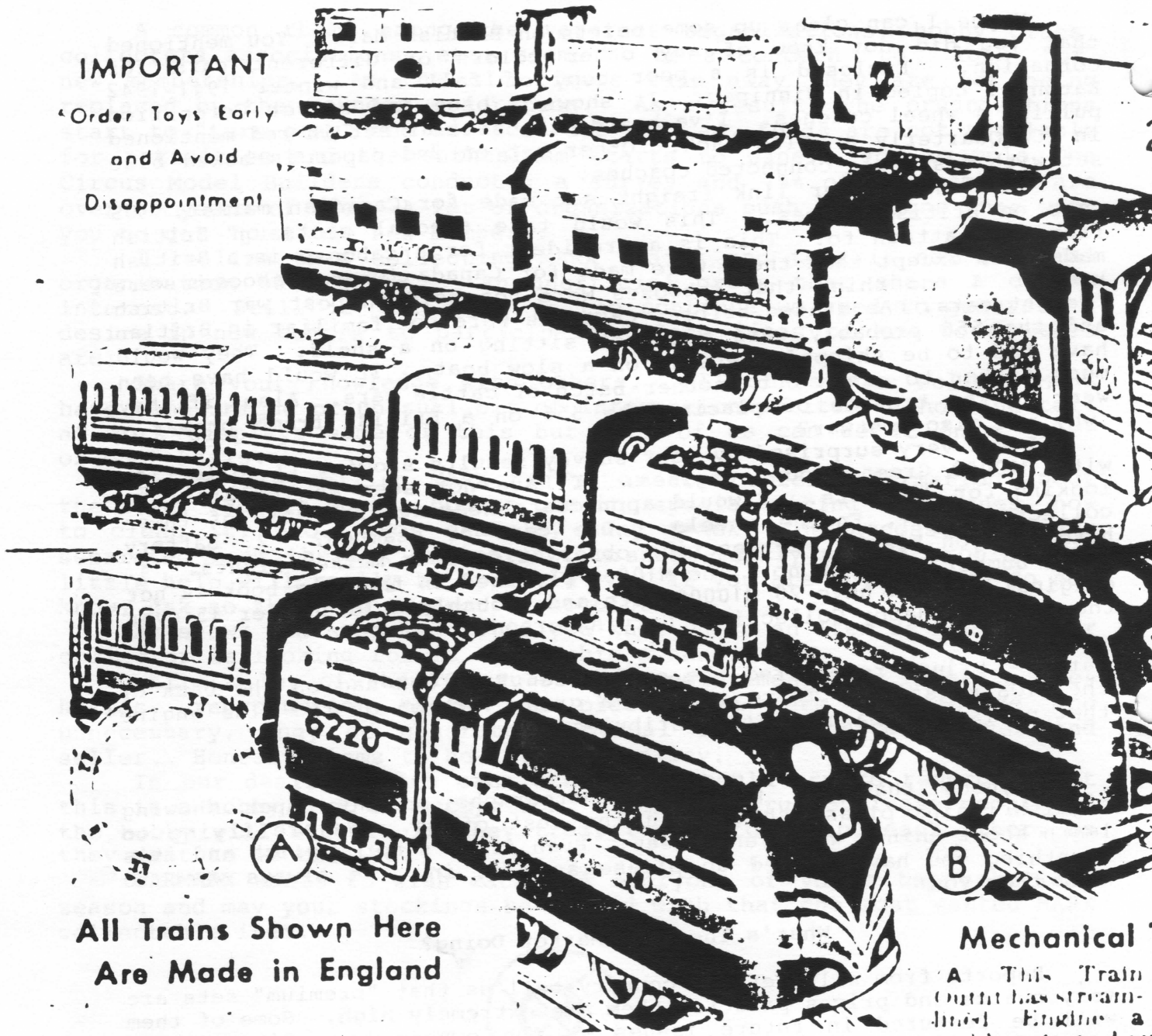
Reports from all over the country tell us that "premium" sets are very scarce and prices paid for them are extremely high. Some of them will be featured in future issues as the owners have time to get pictures and articles written. Prices at York have been reported several times as being very high and most items offered were in the fairly common section for even newer collectors. Don't be discourage, however, by the report of high prices and low availability. Just when you are about to give up you'll run on to something you've been looking for for years. I know from personal experience.

Much of the pristine more common sets are being snatched up as well. The only thing that either isn't selling or prices may be going down are individual more common pieces. They are sometimes hard to sell.

Overall I guess it is as it should be, the good stuff is very desirable and prices seem to be escalating and the more common stuff isn't! Keep your eyes peeled.

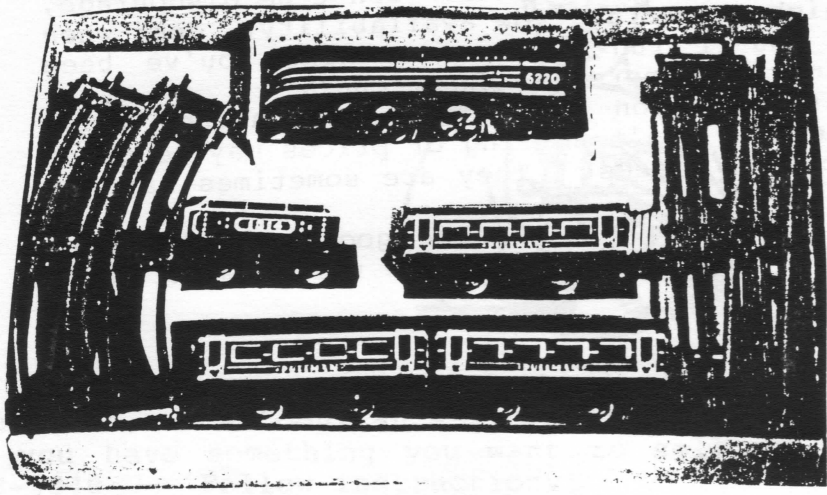
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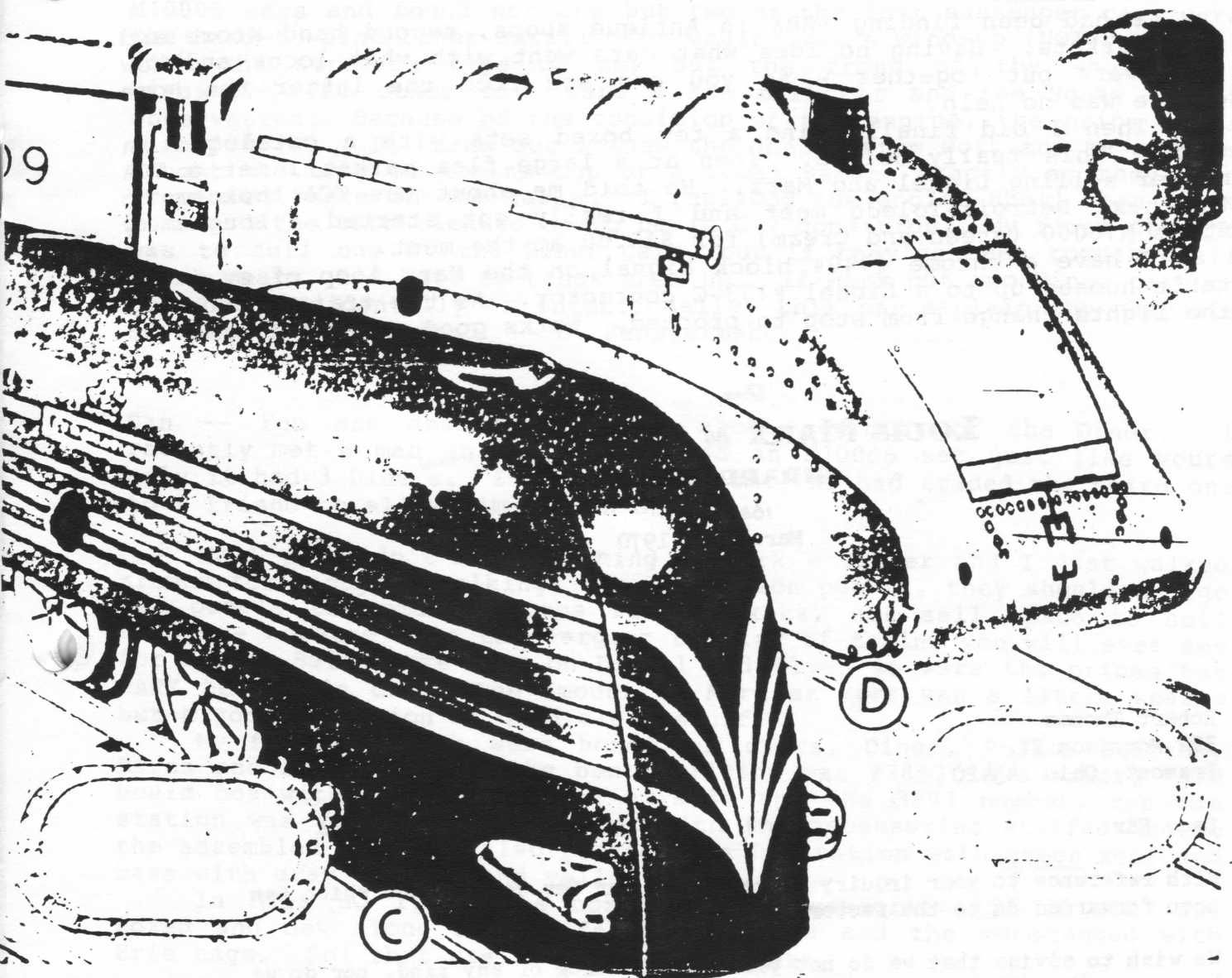


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18-403. Delivered 3.25

READERS WRITE CONTINUED.....

Enjoyed reading issue #12 and thought you would appreciate this letter (copy of) I have from just about the time I really got hooked on MARX trains.

I had been finding MARX in Antique shops, second hand store and flea markets. Having no idea what cars went with what locos and how sets were put together - as you can see from the letter the home office was no help.

Then I did finally find a few boxed sets with a catalogue in them. This really helped. Then at a large flea market I met a TCA member selling Lionel and Marx. He told me about the TCA took me to the next Detroit-Toledo meet and I really got started. Bought my first M10000 (green and cream) for \$15.00 at the meet.

I have a chrome #1404 block signal on the Marx loop of my train table hooked up to a Lionel #153-C contactor. As the train approaches the lights change from stop to proceed. Works good. -- Bob Thomas.

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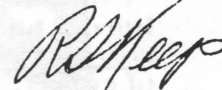
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Did MARX ever make a blue Commodore Vanderbilts? I saw a picture of one in the November Issue 1996 of Classic Toy Trains, page 77. I really like the Collecting With MARX magazine. --Bill Javik.

Bill-- I have not seen an original blue Commodore Vanderbilt engine. I own one that is steel blue but most likely in not original. I know people who have told me they have one. I would never say MARX didn't make something!

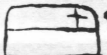
I recently found at a small local toy show with maybe 50 dealers. I go to these occasionally but I seldom find anything exciting. Three quarters of the dealers sell new toys such as NASCAR die-cast or Ertl banks. On one table I spotted a tray full of dirty, old Marx trains. It contained a partial Canadian Pacific 8-wheel freight set in need of help and a 5 piece M10005 set in yellow and brown. I examined the M10005 cars and found not one but two of the four passenger cars were the hard-to-find Diner cars!! The engine was a wind-up (NOT reversible) with the screw-in type of key but the front of the engine was missing. The other cars were a REA mail car and the Squaw Bonnet observation. Because of the condition of the engine, the price was a firm \$100.00. It turns out I knew the dealer from work and he said he bought the tray of trains out of a local estate exactly as they were presented there on the table. I replaced the engine shell when I got home and the cars cleaned up to be in C-7 condition. My first thought was to sell one of the Diner cars, but if they've been together all these years, I'd hate to break them up. If Marx put two Diner cars in one set (accidentally or intentionally) this may explain why they are so hard to find today!! -- D. Fenstermaker.

Dan -- You are absolutely right about scarcity of the Diner. I recently met a man in Canada who had an M10005 set just like yours only it had 3 Diners. I saw two of them. He had traded the third one to a friend to allow him to own one.

Well you didn't miss anything at York - Tasker and I just walked around for 4 days - talking! As one person put it, they should charge the people to come into the flea markets, not sell space to sell things - because it's the largest display of trains you will ever see for Free! Sales were down on Lionel and Flyer so were the prices but MARX held it's own. The amount of Marx at York was a little sparse but a good selection of good clean stuff.

My finds at York were boxed buildings, Diner, Police Station, Barns and Factorys, but the best building was #3893 in a square card board box with Service station on side and the 3893 number, the gas station was factory put together with the accessories stuffed inside the assembled station, also picked up a RR station with green roof and base with gray (light) and yellow trim.

In Marx HO I found a box full of accessories, 26 in all, all boxed and new along with 3 factory samples and the weretagged with Erie tags. So: that was York!-- Stan Troski.

Just would like to tell you how much I enjoy Collecting With MARX. I am new to the world of MARX train collecting so I get much from each issue. Recently at a train show in Des Moines. I picked up a couple of ordinary 556 cabooses in excellent condition to replace some I had that were not so good. When I got home I noticed one of them has a small black cross or x lithoed on each end of the roof. I have 30 or so other 556's but none have these lines. Maybe it's common but I would like to know. Here is how it looks.  It has this on both ends. -- Robert Teeple.

Robert -- This is another one I have to throw out the the experts that read our magazine. It's one I haven't seen.

For your convenience and ease we have purchased a FAX machine. Please use it! It will save you time and money. If you have a question or something to submit send it. Anything! Just call 417-833-3840. When machine picks up wait for instructions. Hopefully it will make it easier for you to contribute.

At a train meet on Saturday the tenth of October, Salem, Oregon. I purchased a revolving beacon assembly, new in the original box. FB707 for my 1324 truss metal bridge which is in near new condition, except missing the beacon unit.

I got home installed it, fit perfect, hooked it up to my 1859AS transformer, plugged it in and it lit up and the beacon soon started revolving. I was a happy camper, I let it operate about ten minutes then unplugged and shut down for the night. What an impressive light it puts out.

Next day I was admiring my new found then horror set in, a total melt down of the beacon lenses, and the body that holds the socket. I cried, what a heart breaker.

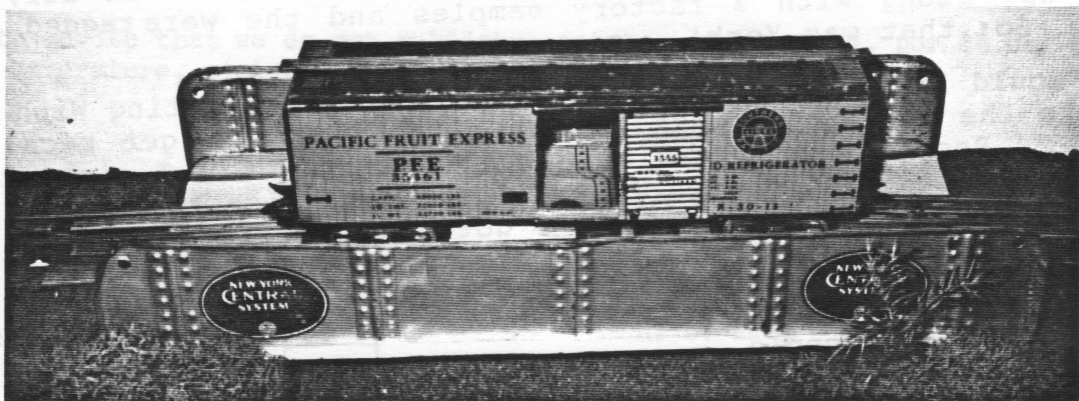
Obviously this was caused by too much heat from the bulb to many volts, and or amps? 150 watts? Have you had any experience with this problem? Or, have you heard of any other MARX people having thermal melt downs? -- David Meyers.

While I have a lot of the items, I have been collecting MARX since 1952. Some of the items that I do not have are very elusive as I have been searching for them for years. Others I was not aware of or did not realize were scarce and have not looked for. Some items I am just not sure of, such as how do you positively tell a prewar from a post war British set. If one believes the stories that all of the M10000 dies were sunk by the Germans during the war, then all of the Green and Silver Links, the Coronation Specials and the Pullman Streamlines must be prewar items. That doesn't leave much for postwar British Marx. Motors are not positive identifiers, because the Marx Service Division installed a lot of postwar motors in prewar Marx locomotives (this I know from personal experience when I was about 10 years old.) I will have to review my British MARX again for other clues. Anyway, great survey. -- Al Osterud.

An interesting item I picked up was a 3/16 PFE reefer that had the frame and ends stamped out of an old litho sheet of M10005 silver and red power units. This is the first "inside out" scale car I've seen. Not super rare but still an interesting piece.

I enjoyed Larry Chernow's video very much and I'd like to see more collectors with larger collections doing something similar. I never tire of seeing other people's trains and toys. --Duane Ogan.

Duane -- I have never seen a 3/16 car with an "inside out". Very interesting. My guess is that this is a prewar car?



Recently saw a 54 KCS AA at a show. What caught my eye, it appeared to have a double reduction motor. How common was this? -R. Peterson.

Bob -- Double reduction motors show up in almost all of the MARX engines at one time or another. Scarce no -- but not so common in most. I don't know how they decided when to place one in an engine.

Arnie Dowd had this question

1. Why and how was the 1935 US Mail car lithographed in yellow and green at a time when Marx only had lithograph presses that could make black and one other color lithographs? According to Greenberg's book production of this car started in 1935, but Marx did not get lithograph presses with the capability to more than one color and black until 1937. If Marx did have this capability prior to 1937 why is this the only pre 1937 car that is not black one other color?

Arnie it's my opinion that MARX had capability or at least presses available to him to lithograph as many as five colors. Your question came to mind recently at a toy show. I was looking at a very early "Honeymoon Express" toy which was made in the late 1920's. This particular piece had 4 different colors. When I got home I was examining the same piece in my own collection but with a different color scheme. I think the reason for the simplicity in the first train colors may be just as simple. At the time it is my belief that toys were more important to MARX than trains. I think that the lack of multiple colors in the early toy trains is simple because they were still fairly new and it involved less work to make them simply.

2. In Greenberg's book the Fruit Growers Express boxcar series is listed as prewar and post war where as all of the other "serves cars" are only post war. Are these cars really only post war? Was only one number prewar and the rest postwar? Was Marx planning to bring out multi number car series in the prewar period, but the Fruit Growers Express was the only one that made it out before the war?

Arnie, It is my opinion that you may have this one pegged just about right. Fruit Growers and Pacemaker 6" boxcars are the two I believe could have come out prior to the war. Also Arnie keep in mind that MARX trains have many vague or gray areas. Greenberg's books have a lot of information that can't be confirmed. The Eric Matzke books are my favorites, but the two yellow issues have much incorrect information. Possibly the best book in my opinion is Robert Whitacre's set book.

Hey guys! Many of you know much more than I do. How about a note to help with these questions. Also, don't hesitate to send more questions. We'll do the best we can!



Marx Trains

Here is a picture of a sign I recently found on one of my trips. I have it also photographed with Louis in the front of last issue. The story behind this sign goes like this: The man I bought it from had it for 20 years. He got it from a man who had it in his shop window from just after WWII. It is my belief that the sign was not issued by MARX but rather was made up by someone local to the train shop. On the other hand I have a wooden based windup track store display oval that has the exact same red color on it as the red frame around this back lighted MARX Trains sign. Who knows? It's anybody's guess, nevertheless it is a very unique sign and it is my pleasure to add it to my collection!

YORK SHOW REPORT

Well, another Fall York is over! Weather for the motel parking lots flea markets was perfect; the rain held off until late Friday so the Fairgrounds was fine for most of the day. It did rain Friday night!

Lots of folks at York once again and good crowd of MARX friends found the location okay for the Thursday evening show and tell. As always, there were GREAT R&D and rare items displayed. Also had a really neat modular clockwork layout on display (and working). We all missed you and some others like Marty and Tom but this did cut down the number of MARX competitors there!

Generally, there was not a lot of good MARX for sale although lots of common stuff with exceptionally high prices were "displayed". Bob bought a neat pre-war Army train in the Army box printed in red and black colors (not red and green). It had the 897 OD electric loco and common 4 wheel cars. Fred brought a great 553 tank car in very definite gray (not silver). Tasker only bought a couple of boxed sets one of which was a Rock Island A-B-A with dozens of cars. Larry purchased a very nice Joy Line passenger set in original box with a red transformer. Hansford had his usual high end truck assortment notably the blue Coronation set (Great Britain) and a complete 8 car, 8 wheel CP passenger set. He also had a tray of the 6" to 3/16" transition cars for sale but that was out of my price capability.

My own MARX picking was somewhat slim with only a 5 unit Silver link (exc +) to really show for the time and money spent in getting to York. (Yes, I had to pay well for this set). Even my dimestore soldier finds were way down this year although I did buy a fairly rare BARCLAY rocket ship from Phil.

Marilyn and I hit all the antique malls towards Reading, PA on Saturday with not much luck until our very last stop: bought a like-new Joy Line 350 loco for \$65.00. Dealer had it marked \$85.00 but dropped price on her own. Thought about asking if she would take \$50.00 but there are limits even to my greed! -- B. D. MacNary

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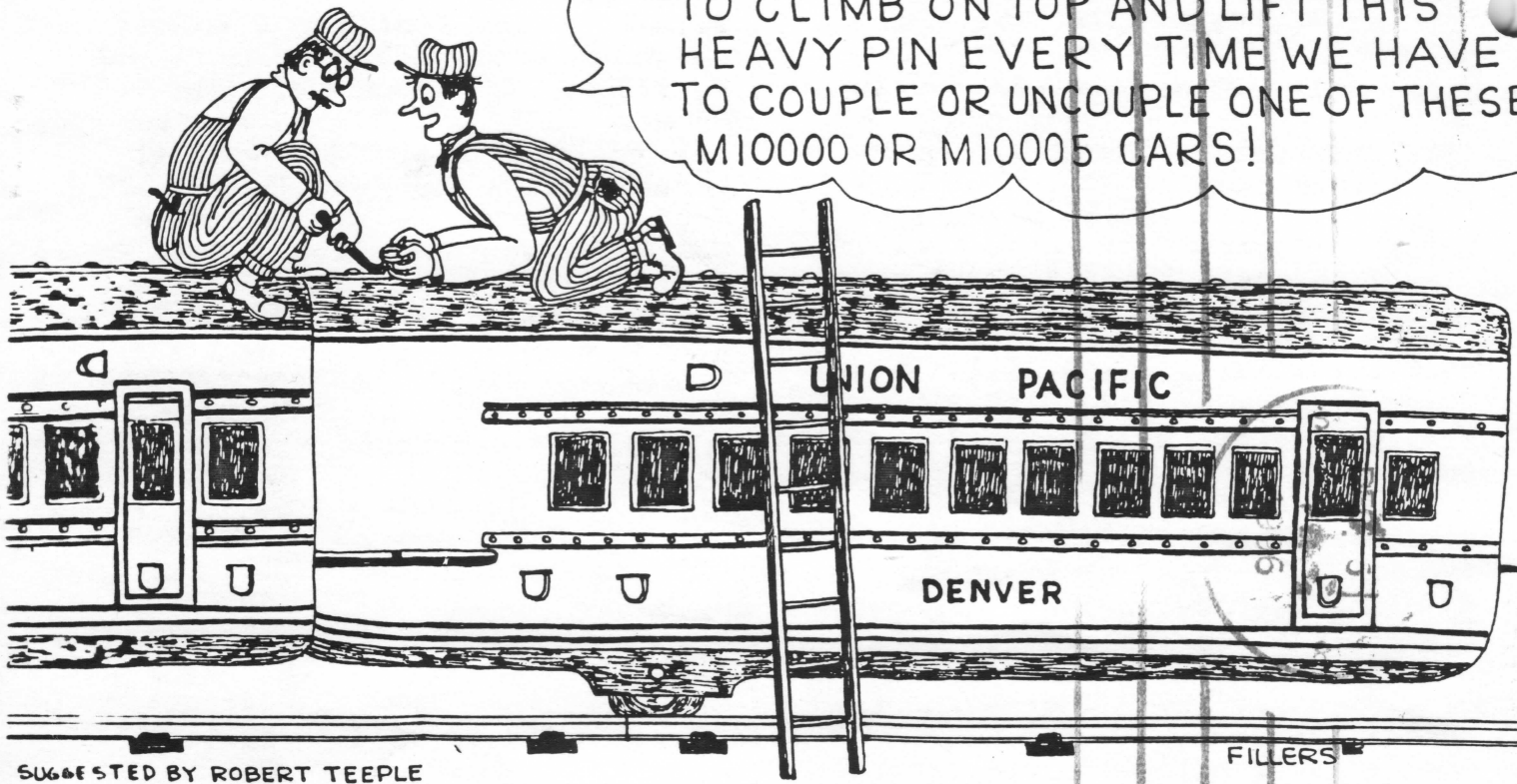
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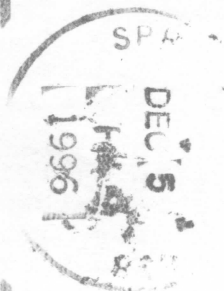


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