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### In Pursuit of No. 100...

Society member Ed Emery of Toronto, Canada, has brought us a step closer to tracking down the whereabouts of Engine No. 100 following its sale to Andrew Merilees Ltd. [Whatever Happened to No. 100?, March 1997].

The locomotive needed extensive repairs, according to Ed's contact at Merilees. It was rebuilt and then sold in 1972 to Canscjo, a company they believe is in Mexico. At the time of the sale, Mexican companies were buying GE-built locomotives.

Now, does anyone have an idea how to locate Canscjo in Mexico?

#### **New Members**

During the past three months we have welcomed aboard the following new members:

John Acker of Oneida; Grant W. Kern of Soulsbyville; Lillian (Meyers) Biviano of Norwich; Helene Bouck of West Winfield; John Lusins, M.D., of Oneonta; Robert E. Babbey and family of Penfield; Charlene E. Winchell of Norwich; and Wilbur D. Bigelow of Hamilton.

During that same quarter no members failed to renew; membership now stands at 64.



The Pendragon's next scheduled stop at your station is December 1997.

# Society President Lists Prospective Museum Sites

The depot at South Edmeston, the depot at Leonardsville, the entire former O&W yard in New Berlin, and possibly a parcel of land in the former UV yard in New Berlin are among the railroad properties available for purchase by the Unadilla Valley Railway Society, said George Wolfangle, president, during remarks at the society's second annual meeting on Monday, September 8, in the New Berlin Village Library.

The society is moving forward toward accomplishing its goals, Wolfangle said. He underlined the importance of obtaining a provisional charter in order to be able to raise the funds necessary for purchasing a museum site.

During the meeting Bill Fliedner, vice president and secretary, reported that the society's charter application will be submitted to the New York State Board of Regents with a recommendation that it be approved.

Fliedner also reported that membership is now up to 64 and that many new items were received into the museum's collection during the past year. On behalf of Carl Carpenter, treasurer, Fliedner also delivered the treasurer's report, which showed an opening checkbook balance of \$184 and a closing balance of \$829 for the fiscal year.

William F. Moore of Conklin excited the audience by showing the throttle from Engine No. 1, The Pendragon, beautifully mounted with a photo of the engine taken in Bridgewater. Moore promised that eventually the throttle will be donated to the Unadilla Valley Railway Museum. Later in the meeting he joined the society.

Moore is the nephew of Milton Moore, one of the few living former employees of the Unadilla Valley Railway. Milton lives in New Berlin.

In other annual meeting business, officers elected for three-year terms were Bob Simmons of Edmeston, vice president; Curtis Ackerman of West Burlington, trustee; and Bill Fliedner of Pittsfield, treasurer.

The proposed amendment to the society's constitution was approved by the voters.

### A Bibliography of UV Railway History

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