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Postal Service Presents Stamp Reproduction

On February 7th, at our regular monthly meeting, the Unadilla Valley Railway Society was greatly honored when Mrs. Sally DeRidder, COO, and Mr. Richard Lindsay of the New Berlin Post Office presented us with a large framed reproduction of a stamp from a recently-released series entitled "All Aboard." The stamp chosen

for this presentation was the 20th Century Limited. That train has been called a "national institution" and "the most famous train in the world." With its super-fast 16-hour schedule between Chicago and New York, it catered to business travelers. In 1938, designer Henry Dreyfuss redesigned its J-3a steam locomotive and Pullman cars.

Such a presentation is provided for by the United States Postal



Service. This presentation would not have taken place, however, had it not been for the efforts of Mrs. DeRidder and Mr. Lindsay from the New Berlin post office.

Also at that meeting, Scoutmaster Jim Moseley and members of Boy Scout Troop 61 were in attendance. The young men were making preparation for acquiring a merit badge on railroading.

News & Notes

Membership Report

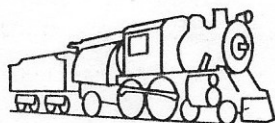
Membership now totals 83.

Meeting Schedule

Spring meetings of the UV Railway Society are scheduled for April 3, May 1, and June 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the New Berlin Village Library.

Items for Publication

Articles and photos for publication may be sent to The Editor, UV Railway Society and Museum, PO Box 791, New Berlin NY 13411.



The Pendragon's next scheduled stop at your station is June 2000.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's Time To Start Rolling

Today we have an opportunity. Today we have the chance to get under way. Today we can step out and begin to establish our museum in such a way and such a form as we dreamt of five years ago. Tomorrow may be too late.

We have in our hands the U.V. enginehouse maintenance stall, the grounds on which the rest of the enginehouse stood, and some of the adjacent yard. We also have in our hands a draft copy of a contract to purchase the large O&W freight depot which is ideally laid out to house our collection of railroad artifacts with room for office space and a meeting hall, and close enough to eventually be linked by rail with the enginehouse. But we have a problem. We have in our number some who say that we don't have the money in-hand to pay for what we must do

to accomplish this task and so should sit back and wait until such a time as we do.

I say this is nonsense. Today we have the opportunity. Tomorrow that opportunity may disappear. The current owner of the depot has said that we can purchase the depot, but if we don't, he will do something else with it—perhaps even demolish it. Do we dare take the chance that we may miss our one last opportunity? I think not.

We are resubmitting our request for funds from one foundation. We are looking into filing an application with another foundation. We are seeking out more local businesses for their support. We also look to you.

What can I say? I am willing to bend over backwards to get this done. Will you do your part? Think about it. I look for your response.

GEORGE WOLFANGLE