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News & Notes

Historical Marker

We have been fully funded for the placement of the historical marker on the highway in sight of the O&W depot to be commemorated. It should be in place by the end of the summer. The following contributors made it possible:

- Stewarts Shops
- New York Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company
- Golden Artist Colors Inc.
- NBT Bank of New Berlin
- Mrs. Dale Storms, Chenango County Historian
- Preferred Mutual Insurance Company.

Membership Cards

We have assigned a number to each member according to when you first joined. Your personal number will be included on new membership cards that will be issued soon.

July Speaker

A special guest at our July meeting will be Clyde Conrow, speaking on "My Memories of 'POP.'" The meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8 in the O&W depot beginning at 7 p.m. Don't miss it!

The Ties We Find

My name is "Tex" Travers. I'm retired now, but I do odd jobs for folks from time to time just to keep myself busy.

A couple of weeks ago, a fellow had me help clean out a shed where he had this large compressor mounted on two railroad ties. With the compressor removed, I asked him what he was going to do with the ties. He said I could have them so I took them to the museum.

The ties are like new. Just what we need for laying track. I don't often get my hands on ties, especially good ones, and these are good. It made me wonder if any of the rest of you ever get your hands on any. If you do, we really could use them here at the museum. Two ties from me, then two ties from you, then you, and you, and you... If we each bring our two ties we soon will have all we need and maybe more. But right now we just have two.

See what you can come up with. We've got mine now, but we need yours too.

—"TEX"

The 'Old UV' Roster: A Memorial in Verse

[Note: A Pittsfield resident found this wonderful bit of poetry in an old, unidentified newspaper clipping, probably from the 1930s. — Ed.]

THE OLD U.V.

The boys asked me, when I had time,
To put in the paper a nice little rhyme.
I said, "I will do it—what shall it be?"
They answered, "Write something about the old U.V."

I said, "I will do the best that I can."
They answered, "That's right, don't skip any man."
So if I make a good rhyme I know it must be
About the employees of the old U.V.

There is Brome, the manager, who is some boy;
Jenkins, Sage, Clara, Ruth and Roy.
There is Risley, with Anderson and Patrick I see,
All doing duty on the old U.V.

There is Church and Beadle and little Bill;
Our regular fireman is the Swede on the hill.
There is Hollis and O'Connell and Howard I see
Using a pick and shovel on the old U.V.

There is Cadwell and Stillman, who work up the line;
H. Matteson, Ray Dawson and B. Adams so fine;
Andrew Eddy and another Eddie signed as E.G.—
All doing their bit on the old U.V.

There is Williams, fireman, on the work train and track;
Chet Breslin the watchman that wipes up the jack.
Others are working, who are strangers to me
Yet drawing a salary on the old U.V.

Now if this is not good I did the best I can
I tried to be honest and not skip a man.
I tried to give service as you plainly can see
For SERVICE is our motto on the old U.V.

—EDDIE G. GREGORY