

in the foreground. Norm Holmes and Jim Ley drove to the Bay Area to pick up the items. We thank Mr. Christy and Mrs. Blumberg for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Due to the efforts of Norm Holmes, Doug Jensen and Jim Ley and the generosity of Levin Metals, we now have 20 locomotive batteries to place in our diesel fleet. Doug got a 1½ ton truck from a friend and met Norm and Jim in Richmond. Norm brought seven bad order batteries from Portola as trade-ins for the 20. Doug arrived first and had the cables removed in prep for removal of the batteries from the soon-to-be scrapped SP U33C's. With the help of Levin's fork lift the 400+ lb batteries were loaded onto the two trucks. Also removed some misc. items including a water cooler, brake valves, and radio parts. Back in Portola, the batteries were charged and seem to be OK. Each locomotive needs eight batteries (8 volts each, for a 64 volt system) A new set of batteries cost about \$2000...

Retired WP Road Foreman of Engines Norman Roberts died in Oroville in December after a long illness. The family requested any donations to his memory be made to our Rail Society. All donations received are most appreciated.

In 1985, Norm Holmes advanced the money needed to purchase our Santa Fe diner. As funds never seemed to be available for repayment, Norm decided to donate the diner before years end. Norm also donated a 1957 PFE ice reefer car he also purchased in 1985. In addition he donated a steam boiler, a number of motor car wheels, along with many misc. parts.....

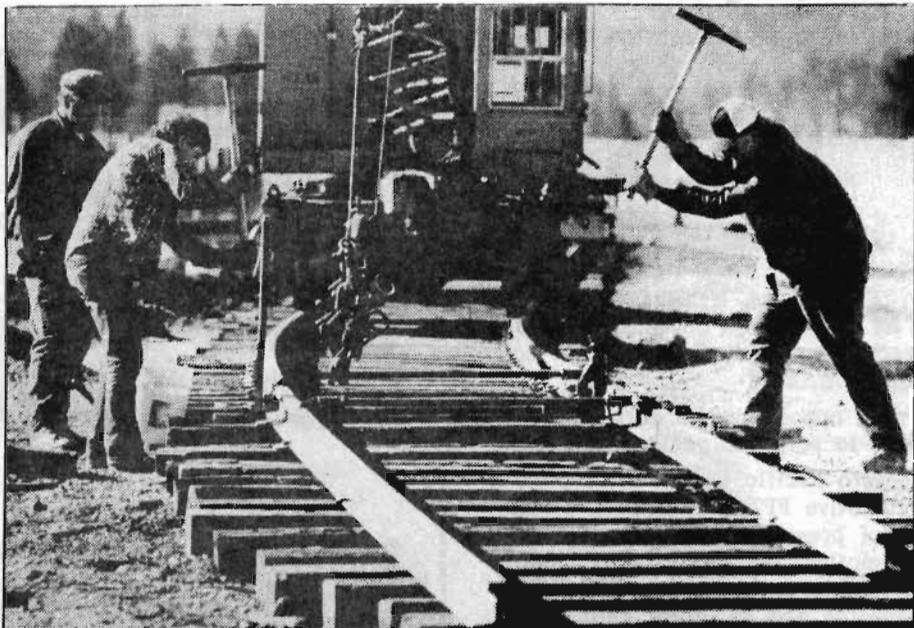
Bob Barlow & Associates, a Blairsden real estate firm, donated a good used IBM copy machine. This will be very useful and is most appreciated. Thanks all.....

Additional Donations.....

Thanks to the UP Portola Train-Master we now have a number of steel lockers to place in the diesel shop building. Once in place members will be able to keep a change of clothes, tools, etc. in their own locker.

Dr. Carl Bajema sent us a nice 24"X36" relief map of the High Sierra country. This will make an interesting display for our visitors.

John Hachey donated plexiglass for the missing window glass in



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WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD: Ken Rollins, left, Hank Stiles and Matt Parker, members of the Feather River Rail Society, put down new railroad ties and rails as they expand the tracks at the Portola Railroad Museum. The storage area also was expanded. Winter hours for the museum are Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

2001. The plexiglass will be installed as soon as weather permits. Restoration of this locomotive is our number one priority this year.

Norm Holmes added up the bills and found he had paid \$475 for long-distance phone calls made for the museum in 1986. Norm also put over 5,000 miles on his pickup doing museum business.

PORTOLA TRACK WORK

Track work continued through Dec with the unseasonable good weather. Ken Roller worked almost daily spiking, aligning and tamping our newest track connection to the old rip track. This track is now in service and as soon as switch parts are found construction of Rip #2 will begin. Also assisting in track work were Jim Ley, Mat Parker, Steve Hunter and others.....

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

The following 56 members have contributed \$2702 to our general fund with donations ranging from \$5 to \$500. We used this money to purchase 2000 gallons of diesel fuel for our operational diesel locomotives. With the price of fuel going up every day, we felt it was dollar-wise to purchase the fuel at this time and thanks to the generosity of our members we were able to do so. Those contributing in December and January were:

Mark Acuna	Mary McCullough
James Atkins	Rick Merle
Charles Bach	Tom Messer
R. J. Beall	Mayers Family
Ted Benson	Stanley Miller
Dallas Berry	John Noonan
Dennis Gilkey	Stanley Thompson
Charles Givens	Leland Thwaites
Steve Habeck	Steven Unger
Diane Hale	Robert Wilson
Robert Hamilton	Thomas Yagerhofer
Jim Harper	Drew Blanchar

John Bradley	Renee McComb
Richard Canino	Casey McCord
George Comer	Jack Palmer
John Cone	William Redding
Joel Cox	Larry Richards
Donald Davella	Gary Richardson
William Decker	Don Richmond
Robert Dobbins	Robert Rohwer
William Garner	Ralph Ross
James Gridley	Richard Rowe
Lyn Held	Richard Simonsen
Josiah Jenkins	Eric Simpson
Patrick Kennedy	David Tateosian
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Michael Knight	
Robert La Force	
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Thomas Lawler	
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