

## DONATIONS

Visitors to the museum have found the donation box, depositing nearly 500 dollars during the past two months. Members donations, with there dues, have fallen off to the extent we recieved only \$55 dollars from 74 members who have renewed during the same period. We are keeping our dues as low as possible to keep as many members as possible on the membership rolls realizing many cannot afford a higher membership fee. We have a large number of projects we would like to complete but we lack the funds to do so. If you can help with a little extra along with your dues or send in an additional donation, our projects would appreciate it.

We wish to thank Marion Crumpacker for the donation of a set of wiring diagrams for WP GE locomotives. Her late husband, Bob, was the roundhouse forman in Portola for many years. James Connell donated a large amount of paper and plastic products to our Food Division. We appreciate the thoughtfulness. Errol Spangler donated a large generator used on Santa Fe cabooses. George Wentworth donated a McCloud River Railroad copper headlight, SP ash tray stand, Pullman blanket and a number of railroad magazines. Bob Larson donated two tender back up headlights, a SP&S marker light and some old train register books. Wayne Monger printed a pamphlet with a list of equipment to be used as a visitor guide and it is being sold in the Gift Shop. Matt Parker printed our new rule book and forms used to keep operating department records. A very nice job Matt and at no cost to us. Thanks.

DIESEL HOUSE ROLL-UP DOORS  
by Norman Holmes

When we inherited the diesel shop building the two east end doors were inoperative. One had been run into and bent so that it would not go up, the other had, probably a broken spring allowing it to drop tearing it off the roller and crushing the lower segments. Estimates to repair ranged from \$2500 to \$6000. Realizing our need for door repair and our lack of funding for the same, the Portola Rotary Club put on a benefit breakfast on Memorial Day, 1987, which raised \$1422. This year the Rotary again put on a breakfast which netted \$773. A replacement door was located in Sacramento which was used on the old WP shops, although it was 18 feet wide (ours are 16 feet) it could be cut down and the parts used to repair our doors. The price was quite reasonable. Norman Holmes went along with Jim Ley in his pickup with a long horse trailer to pick up the door. The door was lifted with a portable hoist and "horsed" (sic) into the trailer. It was HEAVY. More parts and considerable labor will be needed to repair the doors and it is hoped we can start to work on this project before fall.

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Five special school children tours were conducted through the museum in May and several in June and July. The children are conducted through the museum by Hap Mani and then are given a train ride around the balloon track. Jim Ley or Norm Holmes usually operate the locomotive with Ned Crary, Hank Stiles, Gordon Wolleson, Hap Mani or anyone else who happen to be on hand to assist on the train. Upwards of 500 children have been shown through our facility this year and the tour has become an annual event for several schools in the area. We are happy to participate and teach the children something about railroading.