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OARP MIDSUMMER MEETING

" OARP WORKSHOP "

SATURDAY -- JULY 19th

12:30pm - 4:00pm

in COLUMBUS, OHIO, at the

HOLIDAY INN / CITY CENTRE

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ALL THIS... AND MORE!

OARP WILL BE SEVEN YEARS OLD July 29th. In seven years we have grown in...

- ...numbers--from 24 at our first meeting to slightly over 600 today--as one of the largest state/regional ARPs;
- ...knowledge and experience--by trying to be professional in all dealings with the public and with public officials--always learning from successes and from setbacks;
- ...effectiveness--in leading the push for more and better rail passenger transportation services for Ohioans.

We've come a long way! We've a long way to go! Our focus for action will soon shift from Washington to Columbus. The more we, individually, can do for OARP, the more we, as an Association, can do for our cause. It matters not that some of us support OARP with just our dues while others get almost totally involved as transportation activists. What does matter is that we're ALL MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER into the Eighties!



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PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE! MAKE PHONE CALLS TO OTHERS AT REASONABLE HOURS! THANK YOU!



Robert J. Casey, a former executive of Amtrak and the Westinghouse Air Brake Co. (WABCO) has been named Executive Director of the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority (ORTA).

Thomas Pulsifer of Xenia, Ohio, Chairman of the Authority, made the announcement May 8th after the Board met to vote for Casey's selection.

"We are very excited about the credentials that Mr. Casey is bringing to ORTA," said Pulsifer. "His 32 years of professional experience have afforded him considerable expertise in corporate management including railroad public relations, financial management and employee relations." "Mr. Casey comes to ORTA at a very important stage in the development of Ohio's high speed intercity rail passenger project and the Authority's freight programs," Pulsifer said. "The ORTA Board feels his expertise will be vital as the Authority moves forward toward achieving its goals."

Casey, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, served with Amtrak as a public affairs director from 1975 until early this year. Previously, he was executive director of the National Association of Railroad Passengers in Washington, and public relations director of WABCO in Pittsburgh.

"I am very pleased to join the staff of ORTA," Casey said. "Of all the states, Ohio has the most exciting proposal for developing railroad passenger service. Because of the need to conserve gasoline, passenger trains have become a real necessity."

In 1974, Casey authored and promoted a plan to develop high-speed service between Cleveland, Youngstown and Pittsburgh. He has been interested in the ORTA project since its inception. For almost a

decade, while working full-time with Pittsburgh-based corporations, Casey was chairman of the board of the Morristown Bank, Morristown, Ohio. He also served briefly as assistant to the president of Central National Bank of Cleveland.

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BOB CASEY (continued)

Casey began his career as a reporter at the Youngstown Vindicator, while attending Kent State University to obtain his B.A. degree. Subsequently he obtained a law degree from Youngstown University and attended Ohio State University for advanced law study. Casey was born in Youngstown. Before entering college, Casey worked in the machine shop of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company. He is a member of the National Press Club in Washington, a former director of the Pittsburgh Press Club and former president of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism society. Casey is married to the former Phyllis Lewis, also a Youngstown native. They have three children and one grandchild. Casey also served as manager of the Corporate Special Services Department of PPG Industries, formerly Pittsburgh Plate Glass; and as president of Casey, Newton & Company, a Washington-based public relations firm. Bob Casey officially took over the duties as Executive Director at ORTA on June 16th. He succeeds Nat Simons, Jr. who left ORTA in July of 1979, and Mark Randall who served since that time as Acting Executive Director.

AMTRAK's NEW TRAIN, the PENNSYLVANIAN, didn't make it into the current Amtrak Nationwide Timetable.

As a service to rail travelers, OARP is printing its schedule in "the 6:53" as we do have Ohioans who might choose to use this train. Bus connections at Pittsburgh are convenient as the bus and Amtrak stations are very close.

The PENNSYLVANIAN is normally assigned an Amcafe plus one or two Amcoaches. The seats are unreserved and no checked baggage is handled. The train runs daily.

Watch for start-up of the FORT PITT between Pittsburgh and Altoona sometime this summer.

SCHEDULE OF "THE PENNSYLVANIAN"

| WESTBOUND TRAIN #47 (READ DOWN) | STATIONS | EASTBOUND TRAIN #46 (READ UP) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 9:00 am (EDT) | Lv. Philadelphia —30th St. Sta. | Ar. 8:15 pm (EDT) |
| R 9:23 | Lv. Paoli | Lv. D 7:50 |
| 10:10 | Lv. Lancaster | Lv. 7:00 |
| 10:50 | Lv. Harrisburg | Lv. 6:20 |
| 12:05 pm | Lv. Lewistown | Lv. 5:05 |
| 12:45 | Lv. Huntingdon | Lv. 4:25 |
| 1:12 | Lv. Tyrone | Lv. 3:55 |
| 1:33 | Lv. Altoona | Lv. 3:32 |
| 2:39 | Lv. Johnstown | Lv. 2:31 |
| 3:23 | Lv. Latrobe | Lv. 1:47 |
| 3:40 | Lv. Greensburg | Lv. 1:30 |
| 4:25 pm | Ar. Pittsburgh | Lv. 12:45 pm |

R—Stops only to receive passengers.
D—Stops only to discharge passengers.



RECOMMEND DEDICATED LINE FOR HI-SPEED

At its April 22nd Board Meeting the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority decided that the high-speed intercity rail passenger system being designed for Ohio must be operated on dedicated track and right-of-way. Thomas Pulsifer, Chairman of the ORTA Board said, "To provide the citizens of Ohio with a fast, safe and reliable rail passenger system that meets the travelers' needs, dedicated trackage and fenced right-of-way are essential to eliminate interference from freight operations and to guarantee safety."

"When looking at shared trackage and right-of-way versus dedicated trackage and right-of-way I foresee serious problems in sharing trackage with freight operations --- problems that would critically affect the operation and success of the passenger system. Interfacing freight and high-speed passenger operations would cause many operational, safety and maintenance problems.... We are building a system for the future and we want to do it right," he added.

Alan Boyd, President of Amtrak, reiterated these same facts in a February 6th, 1980, speech addressed to the Transportation Club, Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania, stating, "There is no way we can run adequate passenger service on the existing track network designed to accomodate very heavy freight operations. And given the record of derailments and other accidents, there is no way we can run with a guarantee to our passengers of the reliability and safety which passenger services demand."

Continuing studies by ORTA consultants Dalton•Dalton•Newport and public input from a series of public meetings are being used in developing a high-speed passenger rail system for Ohio. The final recommended system design will be presented at a formal press conference to be held in Columbus on July 24, 1980.

PASSENGERS REPORT ENTHUSIASM OVER "NEW" BROADWAY LIMITED!!

Amtrak's Broadway Limited became the second long-distance train to be equipped with totally refurbished cars which have been converted from steam to all-electric power for heating, air-conditioning and other car functions. And from reports received to date by various OARP members, passengers are very pleased, both with the refurbished equipment and with the much-improved on-time performance of this train. The Lake Shore Limited, Amtrak's first long-distance train to be refurbished with all-electric equipment, continues to receive praise from passengers.

Both the Broadway and the Lake Shore will soon receive cafeteria/lounge cars, providing economy priced hot food service, in addition to the regular dining car. Passengers will be able to pick their cold foods as they pass a refrigerated display case. Hot entrees will be served by an on-board services attendant. After paying, passengers will carry their own trays to waiting tables.

OARP JOINS COALITION ON LOBBYING LAW REFORM

As approved at our Cleveland Meeting last November, we are in a coalition with the Sierra Club and 45 other organizations (including Friends of the Earth, the National Audubon Society, The Wilderness Society and others) with regard to lobbying reform legislation which, if not watchdogged, could make life miserable for small volunteer organizations like ours when it comes to speaking out on transportation, energy and environmental matters.

KEEP OARP
GOING STRONG
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
TELL OTHERS
ABOUT OARP
BRING IN
NEW MEMBERS
BECOME ACTIVE
IF YOU CAN

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INFLUENTIAL DEMOCRAT ASSAILS CARTER FOR LOSS OF NATIONAL LTD

Joe Shump, Chairman of the Montgomery County Democratic Party and influential party leader in Ohio, made available to the press a letter he recently wrote to Pres. Jimmy Carter. His letter accused the U.S. DOT of taking misleading action which resulted in the loss of Amtrak service to Dayton. He told Carter that unless he (Carter) took positive steps to restore the train (among other issues) he might lose the southwest Ohio vote in November. The other issues were the completion of I-675, highway improvements in the vicinity of the new Chevrolet Plant in Moraine, and loss of jobs at the Defense Electronics Supply Center in Dayton.

OARP's mailing list was made available to the RAILWAY EXPOSITION COMPANY in Cincinnati to help promote their 1980 revised schedule of tours on their private sleeper STUART KNOTT (ex-KCS). Several OARP members are officers of the Railway Exposition Company. Our mailing list is made available in instances such as this only with permission of your OARP president.

READERS OF PASSENGER TRAIN JOURNAL have noted the recent feature article by BOB CASEY on Amtrak's 12th Street Yard Facilities in Chicago and articles on Amtrak by JOE VRANICH. A feature article on ORTA and OHIO by Joe Vranich is tentatively slated for the August issue of PTJ. PTJ is a quality monthly and its circulation has topped 10,000. Quite a few OARP members are regular readers. You can subscribe to PTJ (\$19 for 12 issues, \$38 for 24 issues) by writing to PASSENGER TRAIN JOURNAL, P.O. BOX 397, PARK FOREST, IL 60466. Mastercard and Visa are accepted...Include card numbers, expiration date and signature.

PRESIDENT CARTER SIGNED THE INTERCITY RAIL PASSENGER BILL on May 30th. The Bill would complete renovation of the Northeast Corridor, bail out the Rock Island, and fund preliminary engineering work on the 13 "emerging corridors", including Cleveland-Chicago and Cincinnati-Chicago. No word yet on the Three-C Corridor study (along with four others) due out of USDOT/Amtrak.

OARP will hold a WORKSHOP MEETING on SATURDAY, JULY 19th, 1980, at the HOLIDAY INN / CITY CENTRE in downtown COLUMBUS starting at 12:30pm and ending approximately at 4:00pm.

The Holiday Inn is located at Fourth and Town Streets. Use the Fourth Street Exit off I-70 and I-71. The Holiday Inn is right across the street from the Greyhound Bus Depot.

This Meeting will NOT INCLUDE a luncheon. Lunch is ON YOUR OWN. We do recommend the Pipers Restaurant at the Holiday Inn. The food is good and the prices are reasonable.

We will collect \$2.00 per person at the door to help cover the costs of the meeting room rental. Everyone will be able to sit up to a table so you can write and participate more easily in the meeting. Handout materials will be available, including notepads. As usual, receipts will be available at the registration table if you need one. OARP regional coordinators and officers will assist in making carpool arrangements. We're hoping for a good turnout!

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PROPOSED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

- * Regional Vice Presidents
- * Regional Committees
- * Create OARP Lobbying Fund, finance legislative lobbyist
- * Improve communications among officers, etc.
- * Reassess duties and responsibilities of OARP officers
- * OARP Constitution update (including some of the above)
- * OARP/NARP Relations; organization name change(s)
- * Direction given to Region VI NARP Directors
- * Added benefits for OARP members to encourage membership
- * Establish \$7.50 membership rate for full-time students and "senior citizens"

This list is by no means complete. As this is to be a WORKSHOP MEETING, we will devote our time completely to organizational concerns. Contact your OARP President if you have a topic to add to the agenda. Howard Harding has offered to assist in preparing the agenda handout for this meeting. This meeting, as are all OARP meetings, will be an open meeting. Guests are most welcome!

BULLETIN! On June 13th Amtrak posted discontinuance notices for the ADIRONDACK (NY-Montreal via Albany) effective Aug. 3, 1980, as the New York DOT declined to renew their 403-b subsidy contract. An "eleventh-hour" reversal is possible. The Adirondack had been handling about 10,000 psgrs./month.

LOVELAND -- Amtrak has confirmed the selection of the suburban Cincinnati community of Loveland (on the Chessie/B&O) as a station stop for the Shenandoah. At our press time no date has been made official, however, we believe it may come about on August 3rd. Watch the local newspapers on this. Loveland is close to the I-275 beltway around greater Cincinnati. The stop here should help boost Shenandoah ridership on the "West End" of the route.

HAMILTON -- A trusted contact within Amtrak has told OARP that August 3rd is the date that Cardinal service will begin at Hamilton, Ohio! We've waited a long time for this. Again, watch local news media for developments on this. If the present Cardinal schedule is not changed (there are rumblings of slight changes to be made either August 3rd or in October) the westbound train will stop at 12:29pm and the eastbound train at 5:26pm.

OARP MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND (& RIDE THE TRAIN IF POSSIBLE) ANY "FIRST DAY OF SERVICE" EVENTS AT BOTH LOVELAND AND AT HAMILTON. WATCH LOCAL NEWS FOR DETAILS OR CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR.

CINCINNATI UNION TERMINAL -- Amtrak officials have been to visit C.U.T. recently, inspecting and making notes, but there's no word yet on whether they'll move out of River Road and back to the Terminal. Terminal Developer Steve Skilken has been in touch with Dave Lebold, Mike Weber, and with your OARP President both by mail and by phone. We have promised assistance to Mr. Skilken, when requested and to the best of our abilities, to help get Amtrak's station back into C.U.T. August 1st is the "Grand Opening" of the C.U.T. Redevelopment. OHIO Magazine's June issue had an excellent feature article, with photos, on the Terminal Project. OARP will stay on top of developments in this matter.

SOUTH PORTSMOUTH -- Amtrak quietly restored Cardinal service to and from South Portsmouth in April now that the repair work on the U.S. Grant Bridge across the Ohio River has been completed. It is still an unmanned stop.

CARDINAL STOPS IN INDIANA are now listed as regular stops for trains #50 and #51. Station stops at Richmond, Muncie, Marion and Peru were formerly designated as flag stops.

GET INVOLVED! Plan to attend OARP'S WORKSHOP MEETING in Columbus, SATURDAY, JULY 19.

WELCOME TO OHIO, GARY STUPKA!
Gary is the new Amtrak Sales Manager for Northern Ohio. His office is in the Toledo Amtrak Station and his phone number is 419-244-4140. Fred Frayer is the Amtrak Sales Manager for Southern Ohio and his office is in the Amtrak Station in Cincinnati. Fred may be reached by calling 513-921-5588.

A good time was had by the fifty OARP members and guests attending our OARP ANNUAL MEETING, Saturday, May 10th at Ichabod's Restaurant in Dayton. The luncheon featured choice of Breaded Filet of Sole or Chopped Sirloin Steak. Following the meal, OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer introduced Rick Carne who was our featured guest speaker of the day. Carne is chief legislative aide to U.S. Congressman Tony P. Hall (Dayton, Ohio/3rd Cong. Dist.). Carne reinforced hope that Amtrak service will some day soon return to Dayton and thanked OARP for being the driving force in attempting to block discontinuance of the National Limited and for keeping the Dayton Amtrak issues alive as ways are found to get service restored.

Following a mid-afternoon break, an entertaining film, "A New Age For Railways" (British Transport Service) was shown. This film was made available by ORTA for our meeting. Joe Vranich spoke briefly on several concerns, including the good choice ORTA had made in selecting Bob Casey as its new Director. The Annual Meeting concluded with the election of officers and the OARP business meeting.

OARP TREASURY AS OF MAY 10, 1980...
Previous balance (11-7-79) \$ 257.04
Deposits \$4872.22
Disbursements \$3131.44
Balance on Hand (05-10-80) \$1997.82

OARP OFFICERS RE-ELECTED FOR 80-81
Members in attendance at our Annual Meeting May 10th voted to re-elect the existing slate of officers for another year. See Directory page.

HARDING REPORTS ON NARP/WASHINGTON
Howard Harding gave a very detailed report on the Annual NARP Meeting which he attended in Washington in April. He also submitted a more extensive written report. OARP has extra copies of his written report which we will make available in return for a business letter size SASE with 41¢ postage affixed.

THANKS to Al Wolf, our Dayton Area Regional Coordinator, and to OARP Secretary Mike Fugate for handling most of the arrangements for the May 10th Dayton Meeting.

"6:53" CREW RECOGNIZED
Members of the crew of "the 6:53" in attendance at the Meeting were asked to stand and be recognized for their efforts to get our newsletter out to our members and our friends six times each year: Al Wolf, Malinda Wolf, Bob Schwenke, Cindy Schwenke, Linda Leas, Dan Benz, Sandy Edminson, John Edminson, Mike Fugate, Dave Marshall and Sue Marshall.

THANKS to Carl & Fran Planner for their help with the meeting and for providing the note pads imprinted with OARP's logo and Amtrak information numbers for each person who attended. They also provided the cloth stick-on OARP logo imprinted name badges for the meeting.

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URGENT "RECOGNITION" BETWEEN EASTBOUND CARDINAL / SHENANDOAH

OARP is again urging pressure to be brought upon Amtrak to end the negative thinking which has prevailed and make available once again a connection between the eastbound Cardinal and the eastbound Shenandoah at Cincinnati. The eastbound Shenandoah leaves Cincinnati at 6:00pm for Washington. The eastbound Cardinal arrives in Cincinnati from Chicago at 6:31pm, missing the Shenandoah by just 31 minutes. A good connection is possible for westbound train riders. OARP members who have ridden the Shenandoah say there seems to be a good hour of "padding" in that train's schedule, as it generally arrives early at many station stops and then just sits and waits for the clock to catch up. Apparently it would be possible for the Shenandoah to leave Cincinnati as late as 7:00pm and still make Washington by the current 9:03am arrival time.

Write: Ms. Rima Z. Parkhurst, Vice President/Passenger Services, Amtrak, 400 N. Capitol St., N.W., Washington, DC 20001.

DOOR PRIZES AWARDED AT DAYTON MEETING

Train Order Delivery Fork and Amtrak
NEC Train Order.... B. F. GEORGE
Amtrak Iron-On Patch.... H. HARDING
Cincinnati & Lake Erie 1931 Time-
table reprint.... WOODROW WILLIAMS
Stark Electric Railway 1934 Time-
table reprint.... BOB SCHWENKE
Cleveland S.W. & Columbus 1907 Time-
table reprint.... CINDY SCHWENKE
Lake Shore Electric 1937 Timetable
reprint.... PATTY HARDING
Monon Baggage Tag.... DAN BENZ
Amtrak Metroliner Thermo-Serv Mug
.... J. KROGER
Amtrak Superliner Thermo-Serv Mug
.... JAMES R. GRAY
Conrail System Map.... PAUL LAUREL
Conrail System Map.... LINDA LEAS
ORTA Ohio Railroads Map.... PAUL
BUNTING
1980 Amtrak Calendar... JOHN EDMIN-
SON
Amtrak Peel-n-stick logo.... JOHN
McCANN
Amtrak Peel-n-stick logo.... GARY
DILLON
Copy of Amtrak NEWS... MIKE FUGATE

ALL ITEMS WERE DONATED FOR USE AS
DOOR PRIZES.

Contrary to rumors flying around Ohio,
the CUYAHOGA VALLEY LINE IS OPERATING
their weekend trips this summer!

OARP has been asked by the OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. to consider donating our records and archives to the OHS. At this time we are making no commitment on this, but your OARP president is doing some investigating on this matter so we will have all the facts available for consideration.

WELCOME, TOM JENSEN!

Tom is the new Amtrak District Supervisor for Northern Ohio (replacing Mr. Sandy Cala) and will be headquartered in the Amtrak Station at Toledo instead of at Cleveland.

SUPERLINERS IN MICH!

#350 & #355 (Chi.-
Det.) and the MICH.
EXECUTIVE are now
running with Super-
liner Coaches.

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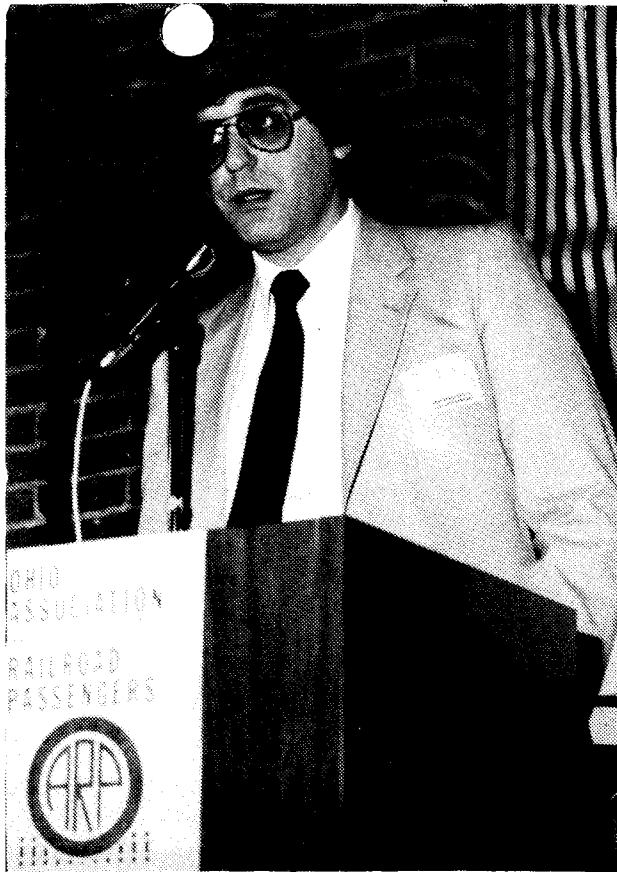
ALL PHOTOS IN THIS SECTION by NATE CLARK, JR.

Pictures are worth thousands of words. OARP is indebted to Nate Clark, Jr. of Columbus for attending our 1980 Annual Meeting in Dayton on May 10th and taking photos of the day's activities. Nate also presented a film provided by ORTA and produced by the British Transport Service, entitled "A New Age for the Railways". We thought you'd enjoy this "gallery" in this issue on our May 10th Meeting:

(below...) "I've got some great news I want to share with you today!" OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer opens our OARP Annual Meeting in Dayton by holding aloft a copy of the previous day's Columbus Dispatch and announcing that the new Executive Director of ORTA is Mr. Bob Casey. Casey's appointment was made official by ORTA's Board just two days prior to our Annual Meeting on May 10th, 1980.



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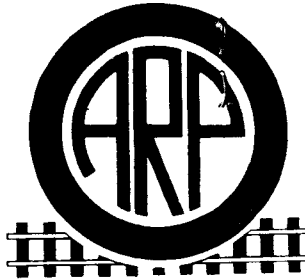


(above...) Joe Vranich, formerly of Amtrak's Public Affairs Department in Washington and former NARP executive, addresses our Dayton Meeting. A transportation professional, activist and writer; Vranich was in Ohio on business purposes and "stayed over" to be with us for our meeting.

(right...) A general view of a portion of our group attending the Dayton OARP Meeting. Most everyone was pleased with the arrangements at Ichabod's Restaurant on the edge of Dayton's historic Oregon Village District and close to downtown and public transportation. A steady parade of passing Conrail and Chessie freight trains added to the atmosphere, and an appropriate "salute" from a Chessie engineer made the day most complete! Our meeting was covered by two of Dayton's TV stations and by one radio station. Our meeting also generated several "follow-up" news articles and editorials in the two Dayton papers during the following week, appropriately NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK!

DAYTON

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(above...) We invited Congressman Tony P. Hall (D-Dayton, 3rd Dist.) to be our guest speaker of the day. While Congressman Hall was unable to attend, he did send his top legislative aide, RICK CARNE to address our Dayton Meeting.

Carne is shown here accepting an OARP Plaque from OARP Pres. Tom Pulsifer. The Plaque was inscribed "To Congressman Tony P. Hall, In Appreciation, May 10, 1980" and presented to Hall in thanks for his unflinching interest and concern for saving and improving rail passenger service, not just for Dayton, but for all of us. It was with Congressman Hall that OARP worked so frantically last year in attempts to save the National Limited in those last days of September. Hall wants to bring service back to Dayton and Columbus.



(right...)

OARP member B. F. George wins the authentic train order delivery fork and the attached authentic "flimsy" and Clearance Form A off Amtrak's Northeast Corridor Region. OARP's Door Prizes have become a popular feature of our meetings. Some of the items are real collector's gems. All Door Prize materials are donated to the cause by members and friends of OARP. Winners' names are drawn from the registration forms filled in for each meeting.



(below...) OARP President Tom Pulsifer and OARP Secretary Mike Fugate present another Door Prize, an Amtrak mug, to OARP member Jim Gray. A complete listing of the Door Prizes and winners appears elsewhere in this issue of "the 6:53".



RICK CARNE SHARES INFORMATION ON NATIONAL LIMITED ROUTE RESTORATION WITH OARP AT DAYTON MEETING

Rick Carne, chief legislative aide to Cong. Tony P. Hall of Dayton (Ohio 3rd District), shared some information with OARP at our Annual Meeting in Dayton. Hall has by no means given up his efforts to restore Amtrak service to Dayton, and to Columbus. Hall is pressuring to have Ohio's 3-C Corridor become eligible for consideration as an "emerging corridor" and thus provide even additional Amtrak service over the Dayton - Columbus portion of the National Limited's route and reduce fixed costs for the stations and servicing facilities at those cities. Among the various states, Carne told us, four proposals have been drawn up and sent to Amtrak for evaluation. Plan A calls for departure of a train from New York at 4:45pm with major stops at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Columbus, Indianapolis, St. Louis, and finally arriving at Kansas City at 10:00pm the following day. Plan B would have two trains along the route -- the one mentioned in Plan A with the addition of an 8:00am departure from New York. Thus there would be a morning and evening train along the route and providing more convenient schedules. Plan C would run from New York to Indianapolis, with a 10:00pm departure and a 4:25pm arrival the next day. Plan D would have two daylight trains, with an overnight layover in Columbus. The train would depart New York at 8:00am, arriving in Columbus at 10:25pm. The next morning the train would leave Columbus at 7:25am and arrive Kansas City at 10:05pm. Carne cautioned that these were only proposals. Carne told us that we, as OARP members, can be of help to get Amtrak service back to Columbus and Dayton. First, he advised letters to Secretary of Transportation Neil Goldschmidt supporting the Three-C Corridor as an "emerging corridor". Then, he suggested expressing concern to the Chairman of the House Interstate Commerce Committee and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation. Finally, he suggested expressing strong support to our own Ohio Legislators for State participation in the 403-b program.

NARP ESTABLISHES PRERECORDED INFORMATION LINE 202/546-1551

For up-to-date information on the rail passenger business and how you can help, dial NARP's prerecorded information line, 202/546-1551. The 60-second tape will be updated at least weekly, but will not operate during business hours (8:30am-5:30pm, ET, Monday thru Friday). Note that this is NOT a toll-free line. You pay for the call.

It is reported that Greyhound will soon move into Cleveland's Terminal Tower and that Trailways may soon follow. With the rapid transit already there, along with RTA buses converging upon Public Square, it makes for a truly intermodal transportation facility. That will leave Amtrak off by itself down on the Lakefront. Hmmm.

ROSS CAPON SUGGESTS POSSIBLE STRATEGY FOR RESTORING THE NATIONAL LIMITED -- VIA CRESTLINE, OHIO

NARP's Executive Director Ross Capon, in a May 15th memo circulated among various NARP Directors, Congressional staffers and Amtrak officials, suggested the cheapest and most efficient way to restore "National Limited" service would be to switch cars to and from the "Broadway Limited" at either Pittsburgh or at Crestline, or even some intermediate point. The Columbus - Crestline ex-NYC mainline would be used, eliminating need for the backup move at Columbus to reach the Swan Street Amtrak Depot.

Ross, in his proposal, suggested the "National" could thus take advantage of the popular "Broadway" schedule east of Pittsburgh. Once the "Broadway" is running in two sections daily (by 1983 according to Amtrak, possibly earlier), capacity squeeze should not be a problem. Train miles would be reduced by doing the switching at Crestline. Passengers could ride from Columbus to Chicago by changing trains at Crestline. Ross proposes too that no sleeping car operate on the "National" section. This plan will also make attractive start-up of service at Delaware, a college town, and at Mansfield.

One OARP member has pointed out that it is doubtful that Conrail would ever permit an Amtrak train to sit at Crestline while cars are cut in and out from one train to another. There is simply too much heavy freight traffic on both main lines that cross each other at Crestline depot.

OARP member Paul Bunting suggests that a train operate between Chicago and Pittsburgh (via Indianapolis-Dayton-Columbus) connecting with the "Broadway Limited" at Pittsburgh. Westbound, the proposed train would leave Pittsburgh at 1:00am, Columbus at 5:20am, Dayton at 7:05am, Indianapolis at 9:30am and arrive in Chicago at 1:00pm. Eastbound the train would leave Chicago at 5:00pm, Indianapolis at 9:40pm, Dayton at 11:59pm, Columbus at 2:00am and arrive Pittsburgh at 6:00am. With the exception of a through sleeper, there would be no through cars to or from the "Broadway" at Pittsburgh. Therefore, the consist of the "Broadway" between New York/Washington - Pittsburgh would not be swollen and the capacity of that train west of Pittsburgh would not be reduced. Coach passengers could transfer at Pittsburgh. The main market for this train would undoubtedly be Columbus - Chicago as the train would make connections with the Western trains at Chicago.

NARP PROMOTES RENTAL CARS! ---- NARP members holding a special NARP/Hertz card are entitled to discounts up to 20% on Hertz car rentals worldwide, effective July 1st. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to NARP (417 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20003) to get your card. Hertz, which provides this service on their own initiative at no cost to NARP, says the NARP office will have a supply of cards by July 1st. Do not send these requests to OARP, but directly to NARP.

NEWS FROM AMTRAK . . .

AMTRAK RIDERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW ---- With increased new and refurbished Amtrak equipment in service, more and more Americans are leaving their driving behind and choosing the rail alternative. During March 1980 some 1,754,715 travelers rode Amtrak trains, an increase of 7.1% over comparable routes of last March. One of Amtrak's Ohio trains, the Shenandoah, led the growth pattern with a 124.6% increase! Other Amtrak trains serving Ohio also showed increases; The Broadway Limited up 24%, the Lake Shore Limited up 20.5%, and the Cardinal up 16.2%. Amtrak's own Northeast Corridor posted an overall .3% decline.

Amtrak's Board of Directors has approved expenditures totalling nearly \$1 million to upgrade maintenance facilities in Chicago (12th St. & 16th St.) and New Haven, CT, and to construct a central office for On-Board Services at Washington Union Station.

AMTRAK APPOINTS VICE PRESIDENT, TWO OTHERS ---- Amtrak announced on May 29th several key appointments. Rima Z. Parkhurst has been appointed Vice President, Passenger Services. Parkhurst will be responsible for all passenger-related functions, including on-board and station services, customer relations, and quality assurance. Two senior directors have also been added to Amtrak's headquarters staff. Timothy P. Gardner has been appointed Senior Director, Government Affairs. William McPhatter has been appointed Managing Director, Public Affairs.

M. Athalie Range has joined Amtrak's Board of Directors as a consumer representative for a term that expires in July 1981. Her nomination by President Carter was recently confirmed by the Senate. Range replaces Mary Head who was also a consumer representative appointed to the Board by Nixon in 1974. Ms. Range, a native Floridian, has served as a Commissioner for the City of Miami and is on the Executive Board of the N.A.A.C.P. Two current Board Members, James R. Mills and Frank Neel, have been reappointed to the Board for terms that will expire in July 1982.

AMTRAK WILL INTRODUCE NEW CRESCENT IN FALL ---- Amtrak will upgrade its New York - New Orleans service this fall by introducing a totally refurbished, all-electric Crescent passenger train in September. The all new train is the product of a massive recycling program to modernize the best of Amtrak's conventional passenger car fleet. The Crescent will become Amtrak's third long-distance train to operate with the newly refurbished conventional equipment. Until early 1981, Amdinettes will operate on the Crescent until the rebuilt cafeteria-lounge cars are ready for service.

MAKE YOUR VACATION TRIP A RAIL TRIP THIS YEAR... ON AMTRAK

HAVE YOU SEEN THE EIGHT-PAGE AMTRAK ADVERTISING SECTION IN THE JUNE 1980 ISSUE OF READER'S DIGEST?

Beginning June 30th, Amtrak will operate new bi-level Superliner coaches on its Los Angeles - Las Vegas - Ogden train, the Desert Wind. Starting in August, sleeping car service will be offered on the Desert Wind for the first time since this new train went into service last October.

STUDY SHOWS AMTRAK PERFORMANCE IMPROVING ---- Amtrak, in its first semi-annual Performance Evaluation Report to Congress in mid-May, cited performance improvements in a number of key areas:

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES, including a new Passenger Services Department, have led to improved accountability and have placed more responsibility for service in the field instead of at centralized national headquarters. ON-TIME PERFORMANCE IS UP, with January's systemwide total up 35.5% from the previous January and February's performance up 71.6% from the previous February.

INCREASED SPEEDS EMPHASIZED as the Amtrak Reorganization Act of 1979 has set Amtrak the goal of raising its systemwide average speed to 55 mph.

COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVEMENTS through the Consumer Relations Department and a toll-free employee "hot line".

RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION - additional reservations agents have been hired and new, greater capacity computers are being phased into service.

IMPROVED EQUIPMENT means fewer passenger complaints. 150 new cars are on order from Budd. Older cars are being converted to all-electric heating and air-conditioning. There has been a 66% reduction in passenger complaints since the all-electric equipment went into service on the Lake Shore Limited, for example.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY efforts have resulted to date in avoidance of \$4.1 million in energy-related costs, by conserving energy in both train operation and at fixed facilities systemwide.

SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM has been initiated. This is a formal program of periodic train and facility inspections by management personnel.

Amtrak Pres. Alan Boyd, on May 13th, made an appeal to U.S. Senator Ernest F. Hollings to restore the Amtrak budget cuts contained in the Senate Budget Resolution.

AMTRAK SPONSORS UNION STATION STUDY ---- Amtrak announced in mid-May that it will sponsor a special panel of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to study the commercial development potential at Washington's Union Station, Amtrak Pres. Alan Boyd termed the initiative, "the beginning of a national effort by Amtrak to forge new partnerships with the private sector and state and local governments to improve service and community use of rail passenger stations."

Amtrak's Montrealer began offering Slumbercoach service to its passengers on June 1 northward and June 2 southward.

NEW STATION FOR ALBANY-RENSSELAER ---- Amtrak and New York State have agreed to jointly fund the construction of new rail passenger facilities at the site of the present Albany - Rensselaer passenger station. The program calls for construction of a \$1.47 million station, funded by Amtrak, and development of a 400-space parking lot, to be funded by New York for \$600,000. More than 950 passengers per day use the present station facility which has been termed inadequate to handle present and future projected travel demand. Construction will begin this fall.

Amtrak recently received its 1000th formal request for private car travel on its routes. Amtrak began keeping records on private car movements in 1974. Currently there are over 150 privately-owned cars of which as many as 50 are available for charter purposes. Most of these cars are one-of-a-kind. The cost of renting a private car from an individual owner varies but the charge for its movement on Amtrak trains is established at 20 one-way fares between the two points of travel.

RIDERSHIP & ON-TIME PERFORMANCE UP IN FEBRUARY ---- Amtrak's systemwide on-time performance showed significant gains in February, registering a 72% increase over the same period last year. Of Amtrak's Ohio trains in February 1980, the Boston section of the Lake Shore was on-time 89.7% of the time, the New York section 79.3%, the Shenandoah 75.9%, the Cardinal 70.7%, the Washington section of the Broadway 65.5% and the New York section 60.3%. Ridership systemwide posted a 7.5% increase over the same period last year. The Shenandoah led the growth with a 109% ridership increase. The Broadway Limited ridership was up 25.5%, the Cardinal ridership went up by 13.2%, and the Lake Shore Limited posted a 49.6% increase.

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READERS OF "the 6:53" MAY ORDER THE FOLLOWING AMTRAK ITEMS DIRECT FROM: AMTRAK, P.O. Box 311, Addison, IL 60101 ---- Items are sent postpaid. Make check payable to Amtrak.

- #10110104 \$1.50 Amtrak FRISBEE, stamped with colorful, stylized version of an Amtrak diesel.
- #10110039 \$10.00 Amtrak BEACH TOWEL, 36" x 60", 90% cotton and 10% polyester, reading "Amtrak Puts The Beach Within Reach" plus illustration of a "sun-loving" train.
- #10110101 \$4.00 Amtrak COFFEE MUG, white china cup holds 10oz. of java (or Kava), "Amtrak" spelled out in red and blue.
- #10110179 \$7.00 SET OF FOUR "THERMO-SERV" MUGS available individually below:
- #10110139 \$2.00 Rohr Turboliner mug
- #10110149 \$2.00 Amfleet (electric) mug
- #10110159 \$2.00 Metroliner mug
- #10110169 \$2.00 Superliner mug

RESEARCH PACKET ON 403-b SERVICES DEVELOPED BY OARP MEMBER OARP member and transportation activist Howard Harding of Akron, with some assistance, has put together a research packet of information gathered from states operating Amtrak 403-b (subsidized) passenger train service. NARP has hailed this effort as an outstanding piece of work, one of the best to come out of a state/regional ARP. Copies of the packet were made available at our Dayton Meeting. Those interested in a copy should contact Howard directly.

OARP member Mike Weber was fortunate enough to be able to meet with Amtrak's Vice President/Marketing Wm. S. Norman in Cincinnati on April 24 to discuss suggested improvements in Cardinal and Shenandoah service.

OARP Membership Chairman John Kempton reports there have only been a handful of "complaints" about our alphabetical system of membership renewals. Kempton says most all of our members are accepting it as the rate of renewals has remained high. Kempton adds that even the few who "complained" did renew after further explanation was offered them.

OARP member David Stanforth from Cincinnati writes; "I just wanted to express my gratitude for the two recent meetings of the OARP in Toledo and Dayton. Both meetings were well organized, informative, concise, entertaining and cordial. You made each individual feel sincerely welcome. The professionalism of all the many and varied printed materials available is impressive, and the handouts that accompany the talks are most useful. For my part I will be sending selected inter-office memos on the OARP notepads I picked up in Dayton. And my OARP coffee mug sits conspicuously on the top of my desk throughout the day."

Updated OARP membership lists (in alphabet order and Zipcode order) will be distributed to officers and regional coordinators at the July 19th meeting to save on postage. Those who can't attend will get their copies by mail after the 19th.

It appears there is some valid interest in having OARP decals and/or OARP bumper stickers printed up professionally. We can do it but it will involve an initial outlay of \$\$\$\$\$. Contact your OARP Pres. with your thoughts on this proposal.

"America does not need the MX missile; America needs Amtrak and mass transit systems."

--Wm. W. Winpisinger, Pres. Int. Assn. of Machinists & Aerospace Workers in Commencement Address June 8, 1980 at Wilmington College (Ohio)

Harry T. Edwards, former chairman of Amtrak's Board, was sworn in as judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on February 27, 1980.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND
OARP's WORKSHOP MEETING IN COLUMBUS ON SATURDAY, JULY 19th AT HOLIDAY INN/ CITY CENTRE, 12:30pm.

JOIN the OHIO ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD PASSENGERS and help support our volunteer efforts to bring more and better rail passenger services to OHIO! We're 600 strong and growing! We're moving forward together for better trains in the 80's! Climb on board today!

Name _____ NEW MEMBERSHIP IS STILL JUST \$5.00 for your first year in OARP. Extra donations are appreciated.
Address _____
City _____ Check here () if you can spare some time and/or talent to participate actively in the ongoing work of OARP above and beyond your annual dues.
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Mail with your remittance to: OARP/Membership Services
P.O. Box 653
Xenia, OH 45385

Please allow 4 - 6 weeks for your membership to be processed. Thank you!

NEW OARP MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE READY BY MID-JULY! -----

That's right! A completely NEW OARP brochure is being prepared and our printer assures us it WILL be ready in plenty of time for initial availability and distribution at the July 19th OARP Meeting in Columbus. The size of the new brochure will be the same as the current one, with eight panels and folded to "timetable rack" size. OARP members John McCann, Dan Benz, Mike Fugate and Tom Pulsifer are doing the work on this new brochure. The cover panels will feature the work of Dayton artist David Bryant. The inside panels will feature all-new photos submitted by Mike Weber, Nate Clark, Jr. and Tom Pulsifer. We're having 20,000 brochures printed up. In an all-out effort to get them out and into the hands of members and through them into the hands of persons who might JOIN OARP, from now through the month of September, OARP WILL PAY ALL POSTAGE COSTS ON SINGLE OR QUANTITY REQUESTS FOR THE NEW OARP BROCHURES! We hope this will encourage you to request the new brochures for local distribution. Remember to keep your local Amtrak station supplied with OARP brochures! Leave a supply with the lead agent. Don't put them into the timetable rack yourself without asking permission first. Use our brochures anywhere where transportation and personal mobility are concerns. You must help spread the word that there IS an organization working statewide in Ohio for more and better trains as the energy-efficient way to go.

NOTE: TO MORE EFFICIENTLY HANDLE REQUESTS FOR BROCHURES SEND YOUR REQUEST TO: OARP BROCHURE, P.O. BOX 653, XENIA, OH 45385. This will expedite handling.

MATERIAL AVAILABLE FROM YOUR OARP "OFFICE"

- ___ AMTRAK NATIONAL TIMETABLE (Apr 27 - Aug 2). We have a large quantity on hand. Send us a business-letter size SASE with 41¢ in postage.
- ___ AMTRAK EAST-MIDWEST TIMETABLE (Apr 27 - Aug 2). Has schedules for the trains serving Ohio. Send a business letter size SASE with 15¢ postage.
- ___ AMTRAK PHILADELPHIA-PITTSBURGH CARD TIMETABLE (Apr 27 - Aug 2). Details "Pennsylvanian" schedule plus the "Broadway" schedule. Send a business letter size SASE with 15¢ postage. While they last we'll throw in a copy of "The Pennsylvanian" promotional folder.
- ___ AMTRAK / THE FUTURE OF RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE. Remarks by Amtrak Pres. Boyd before the Transportation Club, Wharton School of Finance, Univ. of Penna., 02-06-80. Printed up in a nice pamphlet. Those attending the May 10th Dayton Meeting received a copy. We have only two dozen copies left over. First come, first served. Send a business letter size SASE with 28¢ postage.
- ___ OARP BROCHURES. See news item elsewhere in this issue.
- ___ NARP BROCHURES. We now have a new supply and can provide these in quantities. Send a business letter size SASE with 15¢ postage for one copy. For quantities, a donation towards postage will be appreciated.
- ___ OARP RAIL TRIP REPORT FORM. We'll send four if you send us a business letter size SASE with 15¢ postage, eight forms for 27¢, etc.
- ___ OARP RAIL TRAVEL GUIDE (How-to-find-the-station maps) #1 covers the Lake Shore and Broadway routes, #2 covers the Shenandoah and Cardinal routes. For single copies send a business letter size SASE with 15¢ postage, two copies (or one of each) make it 28¢ in postage. Quantities (sent flat - you fold in 3rds), a donation for postage will be appreciated.
- ___ OARP CARD FLYER & 1980 CALENDAR printed up for EARTH DAY events. Six flyers in a business-letter size SASE will go for a 15¢ stamp. We can supply quantities on this item. Good handout.
- ___ OARP COFFEE MUGS. We won't be offering these much longer. Then they'll be collector's items. \$3.00 donation each by mail includes postage. We have only three dozen left. When they're gone, they're gone!
- ___ OARP WALL PLAQUE. You saw this LIMITED EDITION ITEM at the Dayton Meeting. Plaque measures 8½" square and features the OARP logo and name set in rich, dark green against a deep yellow background on a tile set into the solid walnut frame. Elegant. We had just 12 made up. We will have additional plaques made up IF we get definite orders in multiples of 12. We have 8 to sell now for \$15.00 each at an OARP meeting or \$17.50 each if we must send one by mail or UPS.

AS WE GO TO PRESS

No word yet on implementation of Lake Shore Limited service at BRYAN, OHIO.

Start-up of Amtrak service between DETROIT and TOLEDO, once set for June 15th, has been postponed.

Karl Gelfer was interviewed on OHIO JOURNAL (ETV) regarding ORTA's High-Speed Plan.

U.S. Congressman Elwood H. "Bud" Hillis, 5th Dist. of Indiana, rode Amtrak's Cardinal one day in mid-April and found the train "comfortable and well-maintained, but the courtesy and ability of staff were what made it an especially nice trip."

OARP member Mark Adamcik was subject of a short feature article in the H. K. Ferguson NEWS, published by his Cleveland based employer.

NRHS Special Train from Washington, DC, to Toronto for the NRHS Convention will pass thru Ohio July 22 eastbound and on July 28 westbound. The train will operate over N&W lines and will feature Southern F7 "covered wagons" and the July 28th portion will utilize NKP "Berkshire" 765 between Bellevue and Muncie. Tentative schedule and stops: July 22nd, Lv. Kenova 1:00am, servicing stop in Columbus, Lv. Bellevue 10:00am, stop in Lorain, Rocky River, Euclid, Painesville, Conneaut, Erie, North East, Dunkirk, with Buffalo arrival at 6:00pm. July 28th; overnight run to Bellevue from Toronto, Lv. Bellevue 8:00am, stop in Fostoria, Findlay, Lima, Celina, Portland, Muncie, New Castle, Richmond, and Ar. Cincinnati 8:00pm. Night run to Roanoke and DC. Coach seats available between intermediate points. Contact nearest NRHS chapter.

BAGGAGE & EXPRESS

The BROADWAY LIMITED is to become Amtrak's premier train. Champion Screen Printing of Cincinnati, owned and operated by OARP member Mike Weber, got a 160,000 piece decal order from Amtrak as part of the promotion of the Broadway Limited.

OARP member R. Gordon Black arranged for OARP Pres. and ORTA Chairman Tom Pulsifer to speak at a Mansfield Chamber of Commerce luncheon on June 18th.

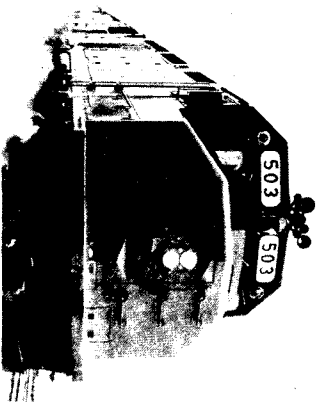
On June 11th, Tom Pulsifer, Mike Fugate, Dave Lebold and Karl Gelfer met with Ohio EPA attorney Mark Stanga in Columbus. Stanga is interested in pushing for 403-b and interim service in Ohio, also in reinstating the National Limited route.

John Kempton arranged for three Sandusky-Toledo Amtrak trips on the Lake Shore for school groups and gained some publicity for Amtrak and OARP as a result. All trips were a success, reports John.

Ohio H.B. 1050, the controversial "Test Track" measure, is reportedly drawing fire from an increasing number of state legislators. Passage is uncertain at this time.

MEMBERS ARE PUBLISHED: Letters by Karl Gelfer on Amtrak and by Bob Van Wormer and Jim Stevenson on the High-Speed Plan were published in the Cleveland Plain Dealer... Doug Hudson's guest editorial on Amtrak for N.E. Ohio appeared in the Warren Tribune-Chronicle on May 30th.

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