

NEWS OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CORNER

SAN DIEGO & ARIZONA EASTERN

The 7pm roustabout was taken off on March 12. Locomotives currently assigned to the SD&AE are 5101, 5108, 5114, 5115 and 5119. Also assigned to the local area is the 4605. Engine 1207 has been used by the Plaster City switcher recently.

April fools day, but no joke! 6 cars of train 452 were derailed four miles east of Campo on April 1. The road was closed the following day and reopened on April 3. Three of the derailed cars remain in the ditch and will be cut up for scrap.

41,000 tons of alfalfa pellets moved over the road in early April.

Scheduled days of service for branch lines remain as follows: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for the La Mesa branch, with service on other days as needed. Tuesday and Thursday for the Coronado line. Roustabout service is provided on Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the main line as far as Agua Caliente. Monday through Friday service is generally provided to Rohr and Salt Works and to Palm City on the main line.

SANTA FE

The installation of crossing gates was recently completed on the Broadway crossing in San Diego. So ends another era, the crossing watchman is on the way out.

Diesel unit 51-C is to be scrapped. It was one of the units in the ill fated gravel truck crash in Anaheim... (K. Anderson)

Coming soon. GE road switcher units in passenger colors.

San Diegans are once again back to short trains. During the week the runs average 3 to 7 cars with 1 unit. Weekend traffic usually demands 8 to 12 cars with 2 units. Motive power for the San Diegans usually consists of Alco "A" units.

SAN DIEGO ELECTRIC

Looks as though some of the last traces of San Diego's street car days are going fast. The realignment of Park Blvd. is forcing the removal of the old passenger shelter at Naval Hospital. Also going is the once busy Exposition Terminal.

RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Assemblyman James Mills has suggested that use of local rail-road right of ways be studied. This would indicate that the SD&AE right of way might eventually be used to speed passengers from the South Bay and areas served by the La Mesa branch. The Santa Fe's right of way would be right in line to serve the beach areas. (SDUnion)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Still stored in the Vernon Street Yard are the following street cars, as of March 27: 3002, 3016, 3018, 3024, 3026, 3029, 3030, 3031, 3044, 3047, 3055, 3084, 3128, 3129, 3127 and 3143.. (G. Geyer).

ROCK ISLAND

New equipment ordered by RI includes 25 diesels and 1200 freight cars. The locomotive order includes 10 General Electric 2800 HP, U-28-B's, to be numbered 240-249; 10 EMD 1500HP, SW-1500 switchers, to be numbered 940-949; and 5 Alco 1500HP, Century 415 switchers, to be numbered 415-419. All of the new equipment will be equipped with roller bearings. (The Rockets)..