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COMING EVENTS

MARCH 12 * 1:00 PM * OAKRIDGE AUDITORIUM
ADMISSION FREE

A two stage Clinic on RUBBER MOLDS for ROCK MAKING and WORKING WITH STYRENE * "PLUS" * A SILENT AUCTION.

The first Clinic will show you how rubber molds are made from natural rock and coal samples and how these can be reproduced in plaster. Rubber molded plaster rocks are extremely effective scenery items and this will show you how easily they can be made.

The second Clinic will show you how to cut and form styrene and demonstrate some simple but extremely useful tools for cutting and forming styrene. These same methods can be used on brass with small alterations to the tools and methods.

THE SILENT AUCTION will be an opportunity for you to "silently" dispose of your "don't want" while the clinics and coffee break are underway. Simply bring those items which are surplus and enter them on a bid sheet with your minimum expected price (reserve) and let the market take care of the rest. An identical auction was run at last years Spring Meet and EVERYTHING that was offered was sold. The biggest complaint at that event was that there was not enough of anything for sale. So be sure you bring those items you don't want and keep your euss open for those items you've been looking for.

APRIL 16 - Oakridge Auditorium - Film and Slide Show.

MAY 7 - Royal Towers Hotel, New Westminster - Annual Spring Meet and Banquet.

"CLINICS" 'DISPLAYS' 'SILENT AUCTION' 'RAFFLES' 'RAILLETES'
'DOOR PRIZES' 'BULL SESSIONS' 'PNR DRAW' 'BANQUET'

Don't miss this one - it'll warm you up for the National Convention in Seattle this summer. See or call your nearest committee member for details on this one. Mark your calender now for concentrated model railroading, MAY 7...

AUGUST 9 - 13 - SEATTLE, WASH. - N.M.R.A. NATIONAL CONVENTION

You can start your planning for this one now. A good turnout from the 7th Division is mandatory and so too is enjoyment and good railroading fun at this years National Convention. SEE YOU THERE!!!

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EDITORS COLUMN

We are approaching a spring and summer which should be the best in many years as far as model railroading is concerned. This will mark the first time in seven years that the National Convention has been within 949 miles of south-western BC (San Francisco is 950 miles from the Washington border). This is an opportunity which will not be repeated for at least seven years and it is up to you to take advantage of it by attending this EVERGREEN NATIONAL CONVENTION in SEATTLE this AUGUST 9 - 13 at the OLYMPIC HOTEL.

If you have never attended a National Convention before then you are in for a double treat and surprise. There will be contests of every description and I should point out that 7th Division and P.N.R. members have fared extremely well in contests in past years. These contests bring together the work of all the best craftsmen for you to see and appreciate first hand.

The layout tours, prototype tours, clinics and films, manufacturers displays are all first rate and allow you to talk to people who until that time had only been a name in a magazine.

There are some fine upcoming events within the 7th Division this spring as well. This years Spring Meet and Banquet promises to be the best of what you members yourselves have shown that you like the best. This years event will emphasize MODEL RAILROADING so mark May 7 on your calender so you can enjoy the best in Model Railroading.

Keep an eye on your mail too for notices of Clinics, Film shows and, rain Gods willing, a picnic coming up this spring and early summer.

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A MODEL RAILROAD QUIZ by GEORGE BOYKO

During these long winter evenings in Ottawa, with 11 engines, 34 assorted pieces of rolling stock and 3 feet of track, one has lots of time to devote to the NMRA data sheets, standards, etc., and to keep up pass exchanging etc. I figured out a little Quiz for all to try when not working on your layouts. If you have the time, dig out the old pencil and try it. Answers are on page 9 of this BULLETIN BOARD. Correct answers are validated by the NMRA Glossary of Model Railroad terms and words.

TERMS OFTEN CONFUSED:

1. BLOCK
 - A. A place where my parents or I live on?
 - B. A piece of wood 4" x 4" x 4"?
 - C. A length of track isolated by gaps or insulated breaks from all adjoining track. A block may be further sub-divided into sub-blocks?
 - D. The shape of a M.R.'s head.
2. SCALE
 - A. Those things on a fish that stick to my hands?
 - B. The reduction of prototype proportions as used in model R.R.'ing?
 - C. That thing in my bathroom that always indicates the wrong weight?
 - D. The action taken in climbing a cliff?
3. TURNOUT
 - A. The separation of one set of rails into two or more tracks?
 - B. The action taken by the bouncer to throw me out of the 'pub'?
 - C. The number of people that came to your party?
 - D. The action my wife uses when she points to the doghouse?
4. EQUALIZED TRUCKS
 - A. Two semi-trailers that appear to be the same?
 - B. Have side frames loosely fastened to the truck bolsters allowing equal downward pressure on all wheels regardless of changes in track elevation. They may or may not be sprung?
 - C. Two trucks that belong to Dairyland Milk?

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M.R. QUIZ cont.

5. SPRUNG TRUCKS
 - A. Two trucks that have just got out of gaol?
 - B. Have the side frames separated from the bolster by springs providing a cushioning effect. They may or may not be equalized?
6. SPUR
 - A. Something that cowboys, R.C.M.P. and other horsemen wear?
 - B. Any stub ended track leaving the main line with a single turnout?
7. STAINING THE SCENERY
 - A. Spilling a cup of coffee on the layout?
 - B. The art of coloring the final plaster base by brushing or spraying full strength coats of either water or oil base paints?
 - C. Throwing garbage out of our cars in the countryside?
 - D. A stinky dirty steam engine spewing smelly smoke for miles in all directions?
8. SET-UP
 - A. Is an improper noun for a model railroad, unless it consists of no more than a train set put together in a non-permanent location?
 - B. A Frame as in, "He did it"?
9. CROSSOVER
 - A. A place where two or more turnouts connect parallel tracks?
 - B. The area between Oakridge Auditorium and Van Hobbies?
 - C. The area between Van Hobbies and Mike's Kaboose and their barbers?

BENCHWORK

1. BALLAST BOARD
 - A. A board with ballast on it?
 - B. A board with bevelled edges, which is laid above the sub-roadbed to represent the ballast of a real railroad right-of-way. Ballast boards are often omitted in yard areas?
 - C. A board you "ballast" your kid's rear end with?
2. DUCK UNDER
 - A. A place under the bench work where it is possible to pass from one operating space to another?
 - B. What someone says to you when you have banged your head?
3. GRADE
 - A. A passing mark?
 - B. The rise and fall of the track work as it progresses through the scenery?
4. GRID PANEL
 - A. A place where you control grids?
 - B. A rectangular section of grid built as a unit. Several grid panels may be combined to support the entire railroad?
 - C. A panel of grids?
5. STRINGERS
 - A. A body of people who make string?
 - B. The longitudinal members that make up a grid. Refers to the longer members as opposed to the shorter members which are called joists?
 - C. The fellows that supply the most lading for bull shipping cars?

CONTROL

1. CAB
 - A. A vehicle that is used to transport people? (A London taxi?)
 - B. An engineer's control facilities?
2. CAB CONTROL
 - A. A method of control wherein facilities are provided (usually for two or more enginemen) so attrain can be controlled within the limits of track connected to each cab?
 - B. The office of the vehicles that are used to transport people?
3. DIVISION
 - A. The line between North and South?
 - B. The Berlin wall?
 - C. That portion of a railway assigned to supervision of a superintendent?

M.R. QUIZ - cont.

4. INITIAL STATION
 - A. The building in Chilliwack I wrote my initials on?
 - B. Any station at which a scheduled or extra train originates?
 - C. The building in Chilliwack that George B--L took the plank off - (it has the initials CN and GB on it)?
5. MOTOR CAR
 - A. A Ford or Volkswagen?
 - B. A car propelled by any form of energy and used in train or yard service?
6. PERMISSIVE BLOCK
 - A. The pad used when a female is in her motorcycle?
 - B. A block in which two or more trains are permitted at the same time when travelling in the same direction?
7. RADIO CONTROL
 - A. The time when the radio station tells you not to go outside because of very bad weather conditions?
 - B. The starting, stopping, changing direction and/or speed of trains using radio waves passing through the air to the train?
8. SCHEDULE
 - A. The book or newspaper column that tells you when the horses are running at Lansdowne Park?
 - B. That part of a timetable which prescribes class, direction, number and movement for a regular train?
9. SPEED
 - A. Something that 'hippies' use at times?
 - B. SEE THE NMRA GLOSSARY!
 - C. That point of the law that the police tell you about. It costs about 3 points on your driving record?

OPERATION

1. FAST CLOCK
- A. A clock that gets you to work ahead of everybody else?
 - B. A speeded up clock which does away with the necessity of using seconds in time table operations and computations?
 - C. The clock that **you** kept looking at on your wedding day?
2. AGENT
- A. The fellow you gave your money to in the stands at Lansdowne Park?
 - B. One who reports trains to the dispatcher and performs duties similar to the agent of a real railroad?
3. OPERATOR
- A. The fellow who has the most girl friends?
 - B. The individual at a section control panel, who controls the movement of all trains through the section. The duties of engineer and towerman may be combined?

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A lady got on a "B" LINE commuter train one day last summer with seven or eight children in tow.

A man asked: "Are these all yours, lady, or is it a picnic?"

Replied the lady: "They're all mine, and it's no picnic! "

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A boss on the DOMINION STEEL RAILROAD was exasperated with his new secretary. She ignored the telephone when it rang, until finally he said irritably, "You must answer the phone!" "O.K.," she replied, "but it seems so silly. Nine times out of ten it's for you!"

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Some people are like blotters. They soak it all in but they get it all backward!

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIVISION

VANCOUVER HO MODEL RAILWAY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The following is the list of officers of the Vancouver HO Club for 1972:

President: Jack Aiple
Vice-President: Cliff Silverson
Secretary - Treasurer: Gordon Richardson

Visitors night continues to be the last Friday of each month at the club rooms on the fifth floor of the Canadian National Station located at 1150 Main St. in Vancouver, BC

Work nights are Mondays and Fridays. New members are welcome, as are all model railroaders and others interested.

Gordon T. Richardson

CUTE LINES DONE IN BY OLD MAN WINTER -

The last meeting was canceled and canceled and canceled, and I would not be a bit surprised to see snow sheds on every layout out this way. So we plan to have it on the 19. The Bunk lines are at a standstill due to some mudslides, but its traffic manager (C. Bradwin) assures trains will again run by Easter. The PGE, Rosedale division was very fortunate, that the contract with the UNION Steamship Lines had not yet expired. All rolling stock, personnel and traveling public got safely above flood level. The Typhoon Railroad (Roy Temple) ran out of funds right smack in the mountains and its financiers have hired a professional card shark to fill the coffers. Traveler beware. In Brazil, they haul trains in sections up a cliff in a giant elevator (from the port of Santos to Sao Paulo) our local CNR, Mountain Div. (Bill Graham) is building such a contraption to transport the Dandy Dancer to location. The Chilliwack to Huntington section of the B.C.E. is in its framing stage at Stan Garners. The Sussex, Londonderry and Devonshire RR is still accumulating material, it will be another of these precision built pikes like the South Sumas and Sardis (Fred Lambert) That above mentioned liney line is planned by Val. Smith. From the others I am unable to report as they are like the "B" Line, the silent type. Just as in the prototype first we hear rumors and then they become facts, so rumors have it, that a merger of two lines out here is being discussed. On the "B" Line, traffic and construction ground to a shivering halt, as the firemen were unable to keep steam in the boilers, even in the roundhouse. Diesels You say? NEVER.

George Boyko ex of Chilliwack now in Ottawa sent a letter indicating what he should be at the West Coast for two weeks in July before being posted probably to somewhere in the Near East. Hope he finds time to drop us the occasional note on how the Greek, Turkish, Iranian or whatever railways are run. - Ed.

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PROTOTYPE NEWS VIEWS & HISTORY

BRITONS TO VISIT P.N.R.

Tom Vardy sent along a few sheets which outline a planned tour to be run by the British Region of NMRA in conjunction with the Overseas Railway Study Group. The tour encompasses a lot of rail travel in the U.S. and Canada for a period of about 3½ weeks and passes through the P.N.R. at about the time of the National Convention in Seattle. NMRA members are thus given the option of leaving the tour to attend the Convention.

This means of course that there may be a fair number from the British Region at this years Evergreen Convention and an opportunity for you to make contact with railroaders from across the drink. They will be in Vancouver for about 2½ days, arriving August 13 and

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PROTOTYPE NEWS, VIEWS & HISTORY cont.

departing August 15, following the convention and it behooves us to roll out the welcome mat and make sure they see what there is to see around Vancouver while they can.

BRITISH RAIL TO USE SNAP TRACK SWITCHES

Another bit of information plucked from the pages of "Rail News" shows that BRITISH RAIL is experimenting with the type of switch which has the closed frog feature similar to that of Atlas Snap Track switches. In this type of switch the frog nose swings back and forth and butts against the wing rails to eliminate the gap that all fixed frog switches have. For Model Railroaders this can be important to help eliminate derailments but for the prototype it eliminates the constant hammering of the frog nose with the resultant high wear and maintenance. Hey! Maybe I can sell them a bunch of my old brass flex track.

B.C.H. 381 TO BE JOINED BY A SECOND SD-38

The most recent RAILWAY AGE indicated that BC Hydro has a second SD-38 on order from EMD. This is EMD's 6 wheel trucked 2000 HP unit which comes on the long SD 45 frame. An article and drawings appeared in the Railroad Model Craftsman a year ago on how to convert an Athearn SDP 40 and a GP 35 into an SD 40 or GP 40 (RMC - Jan.'71) and an SD 38 is basically the same as an SD 40. I have obtained one of each of the SDP 40 and GP 35 shells and am currently converting them to an SD 38 a la B.C. Hydro. Anyone interested in doing the same can contact me to see what I'm doing. - Ken Griffiths.

MODEL RAILROADING AND STAMPS by Geo. Boyko

In my pass exchanging portion of the hobby, I received a letter, a 2 page stamp description, a pass and a supply of stamps from Joseph J. Jiranek, President Golden Spike Centennial Railroad, 5032 West 25th St., Cicero, Illinois, 60650, U.S.A. He was the chap that introduced me to another portion of model railroading: stamp collecting. A stamp collector before that I was not. Now I collect railroad stamps from all over the world. My sources are: Stamp collectors that do exchange stamps, other railroad stamp collectors. Canada Had until recently, a stamp bearing a turboliner on it adjacent to Her Majesty. With a collection of Canadian stamps you are armed for trading with other railroad stamp collectors in the world. If you want a little bit of a start in this hobby write to J.J. Jiranek. (Don't forget to send down some turboliner stamps).

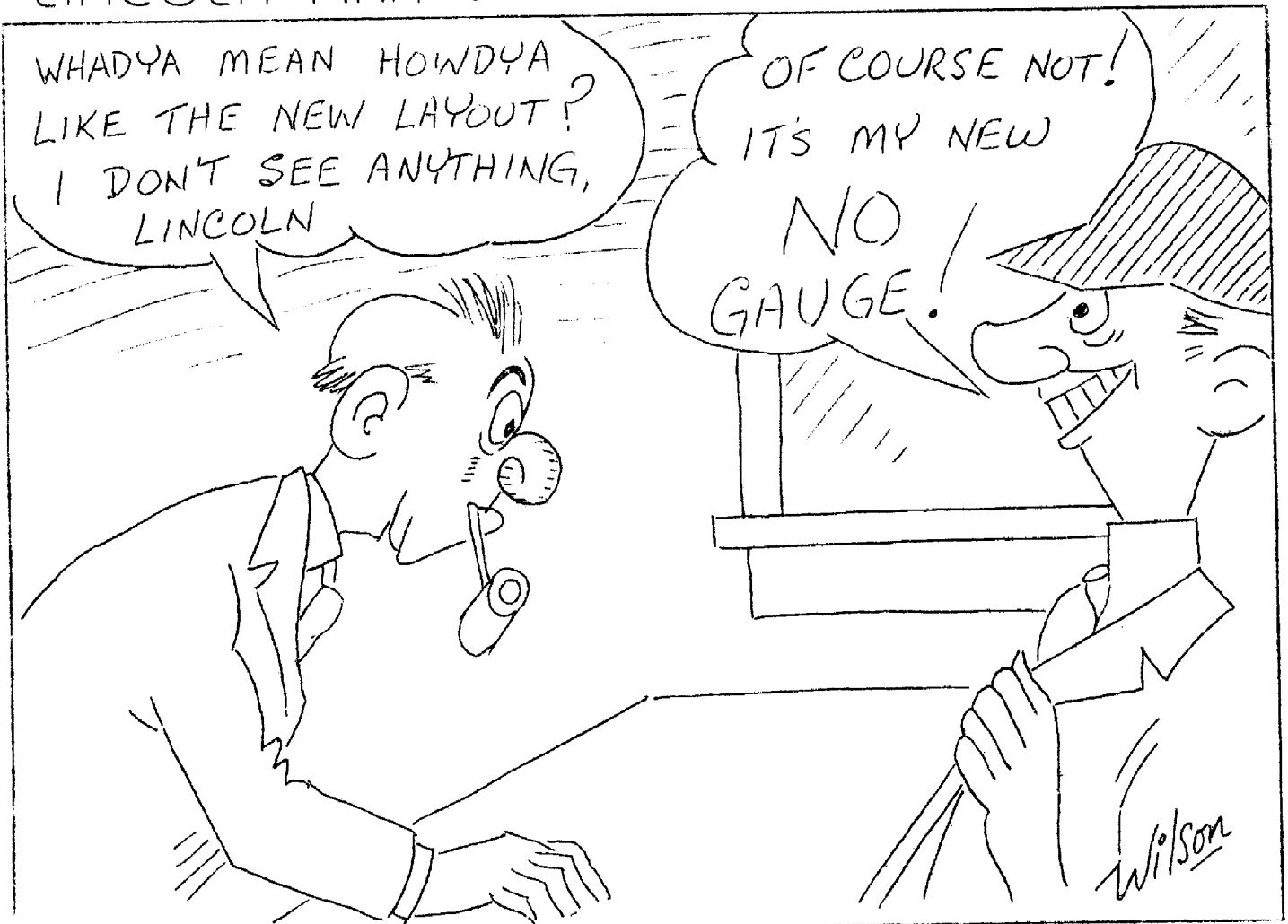
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FOR SALE OR TRADE

TRADE OR SELL PFM SD24 in old CNR colors FOR new Red Ball Trainmaster. Will sell: back issues of MR, RMC, MT, Railroad Magazine & Dispatcher. Will buy Canadian diesel negatives. Contact: HARRY SCHIMM, 869 - 164th ST., WHITE ROCK, B.C.
Phone: 531.4778 Phone 531.4778

- FOR SALE 1. A number of die cast HO locomotives - Penn Line, Mantua, Varney. These locos are all painted and run extremely well. Priced from \$15.00 - \$25.00
2. Japanese brass 1.6.0 - painted \$25.00
3. Buildings - Kit and Scratch built. \$1.25 - \$4.00 These buildings are all extremely well built and most have lights installed. Houses, Store, Freight Bldgs.
4. Tenshodo switch machine on bracket for vertical mounting under the table - \$1.75 ea.
Power packs - \$5.00 - \$10.00
2 light signal stands (with lights) 95¢ each
2 light dwarves " " 75¢ "
2 track signal bridges with signals \$2.25
Transformers - take your pick \$2.50 each
5. Complete set of 'Dispatchers' (32 issues) \$16.00
6. Unbuilt Silver Streak & Other Kits: 90% current American list.
- For complete details contact:
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LINCOLN PINN by F. WILSON



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BRAIN BUSTER

THE CASE OF THE PANICKY BUMBLEBEE

Two trains, A and B, start simultaneously toward each other from stations 100 miles apart, both travelling at 50 miles per hour. A bumblebee starts the same instant from train A's cowcatcher and flies along the track at 70 miles per hour toward train B. On encountering train B's engine, it becomes frightened and turns back, flying along the track to train A. But meeting up with it, it is again frightened and turns back toward B. So it flies back and forth between the two trains in panicky fashion until the engines rush by each other. Engulfed in the swirl of air between them, and by now exhausted, the bee falls dead. What is the total distance it flew?

First correct answer (explain how you arrived at it) received by Doug. Stevenson, 7036 Hillview St., Burnaby 2, BC will receive a valuable (?) collectors prize. Correct answer will be in the next issue of the BULLTEIN BOARD.

QUIZ ANSWERS

TERMS OFTEN CONFUSED: 1C, 2B, 3A, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8A & 9A

BENCHMARK: 1B, 2A, 3B, 4B & 5B

CONTROL: 1B, 2A, 3C, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8B & 9B

OPERATION: 1B, 2B, 3B

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THOUGHTS THIS COULD BE FUNNY, IF IT WASN'T TRUE !!!....

A budget is a device for going into debt in an orderly manner.

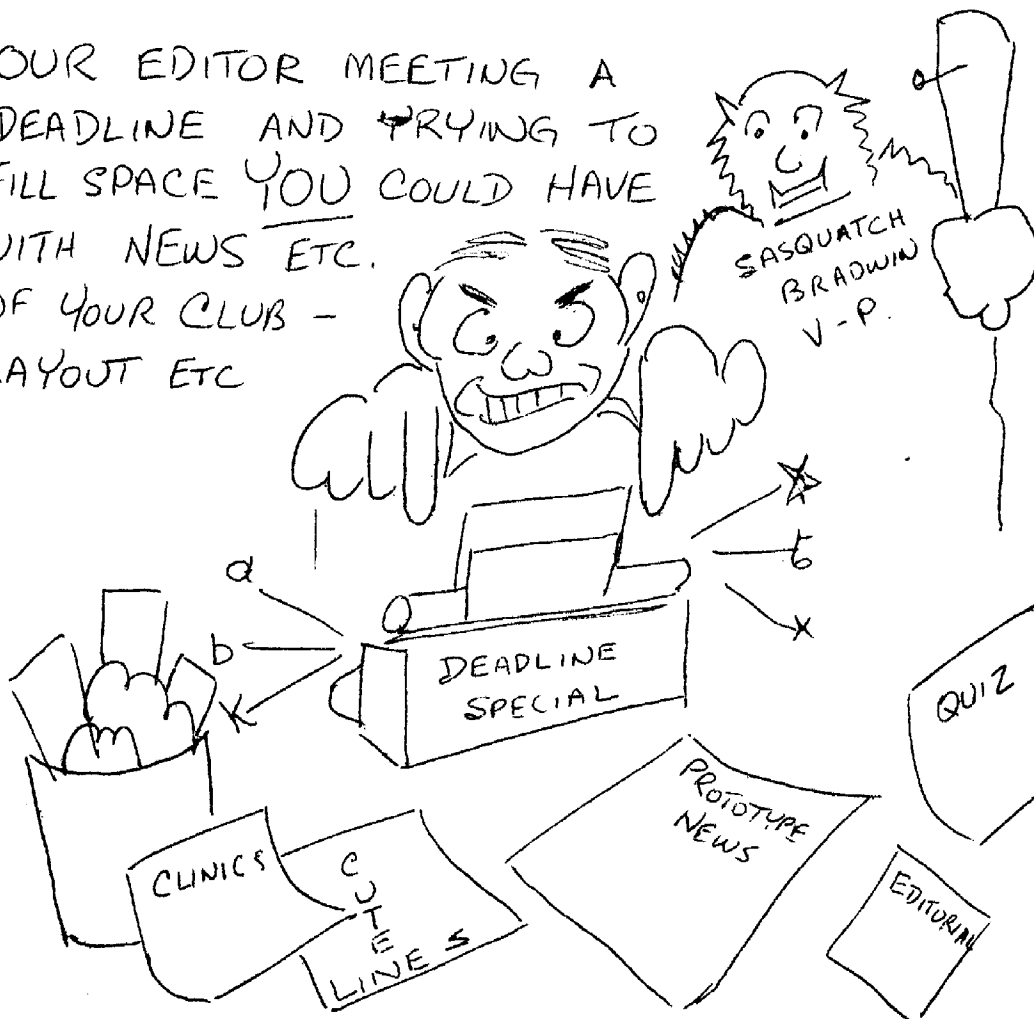
Why is it that a person who has nothing to do always thinks he needs a busy person to help him do it?????

He who puts head on train track ends up with splitting headache!... Chairman Mao

A lot of the trouble in this world is caused by combining a narrow mind with a wide mouth.

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OUR EDITOR MEETING A
DEADLINE AND TRYING TO
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WITH NEWS ETC.
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LAYOUT ETC



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