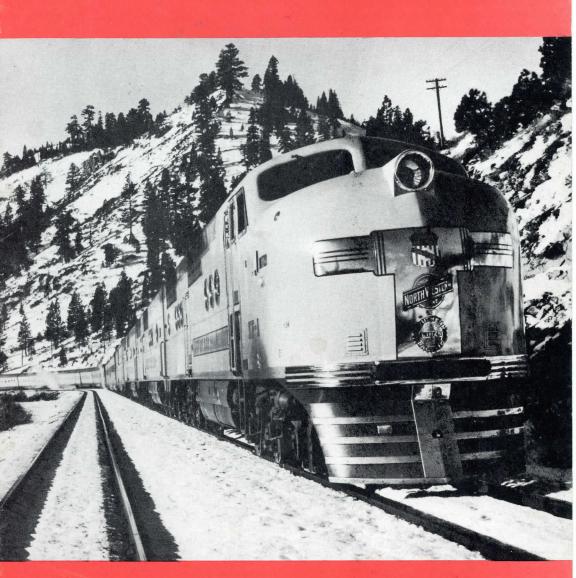
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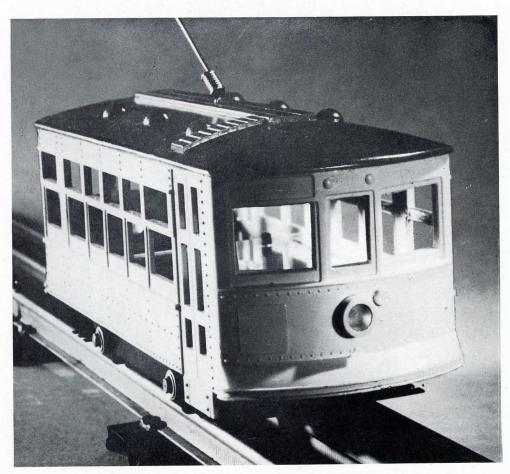




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EDITORIAL

THE RESULTS of the GMC "88" Contest will be found on pages six and seven of this issue. The response to this contest was so overwhelming that we were totally unprepared to process the over 6,000 entries received. It took a great deal longer than we had anticipated, but each qualified entry was given careful consideration by the judges. Sincerity and aptness of subject matter were the main points of judgment. Frankly speaking, some of the winners disliked our Sales Policy, but their criticism was sincere and constructive.

As in a sporting event, "The Best Man Won" and our sincere congratulations to him and to the other 87 winners. Our warmest thanks to the thousands of others who entered the contest but who were not quite fortunate to win.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE of the O-Gager will carry one of the most outstanding articles on Model Railroading ever published. It will aid the Model Railroader in understanding the complexities of the business which brings to them the equipment and materials for their chosen hobby. This article will display some of the heartaches encountered by those who attempt to furnish the hobbyist with fine equipment at fair and reasonable prices. It will also contain the TRUE STORY of the price structure in the Model Railroad field. This will be an article that no Model Railroader, particularly in O Gage, should miss.

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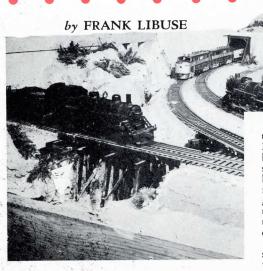


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"City Of San Francisco" in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Calif.

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AND ALL IN 10' x 1



The final touch to our 10 x 10 layout of course is the foliage-and your own personality expressed by the additional detail that will make this layout all your own.

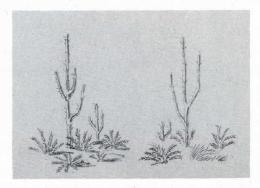
The basic geographical locale of the GMC layout was the Southwest which dictated certain types of foliage found in semi-arid sections. Figure No. 1 shows a sketch of an adaptation of the lycopodium to a desert type plant. Take the heavier sections of the plant to simulate the cactus and break off the branches at random lengths. The small leaves of the plant now simulate the spines of the cactus. The effect of the larger plant can then be further aided by using the small short bits remaining, by surrounding the base with these pieces as in Sketch No. 2.



Our method to simplify these groups was to mix a small batch of plaster to a fairly firm consistency and then spot a few lumps of plaster wherever we were going to want a group. Shape the lumps in such a manner that they are about ½" in the center, then taper off to about 1/4" at the edges, thus making an irregular shaped patch which can then be painted over with the background or land color while it is still wet. The color we used was Texolite tinting colors, mixed with a light gray and spread generally throughout the layout. We also used various other earthy colors to get the entire effect. With the Texolite tint colors initially laid out in patches on a small piece of Masonite, which served as our palette, these colors being gray, yellow, yellow ochre, sienna, burnt sienna, umber, raw umber, green and blue, we blended these colors into the plaster to give the full effect throughout the entire layout of the ground desert area. It is possible by working in this method to create very beautiful effects and thus truly express our hidden desires for the great

outdoors and the golden areas of the Southwest.

Into the small plaster lumps, previously described, we inserted the foliage. Also at this point we added a few small (14" diameter or less) stones or rocks. After the plaster set, we sprinkled some gray ballast among the groups of plants.



One other type of plant which we simulated was the yucca which sometimes looks like a porcupine. This plant was duplicated by using a dry thistle bud dipped into a gray-green Texolite watercolor mixture. The thistle bud was cut in half and added to the overall desert vegetation, and of course smaller pieces than halves are used to give variation and different sized plants. Some of these were glued down, and some were pressed into soft plaster.

The location of these foliage groups are what helps "make" the layout. Remember this, a few well-done pieces are more effective than a poorly-

made group of plants.

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G.M.C. REPAIR DEPARTMENT SPEAKS

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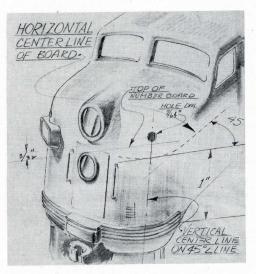
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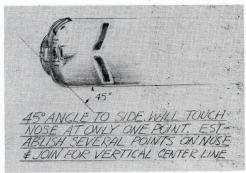
by CLARK JACOBS

The location and installation of the 45° number boards is as follows:-First, file the flat or side type number board completely off with a wide, fairly fine file. This is done on both sides. Use a 45° angle to find the tangent point anywhere along the nose on the cylindrical section as in Sketch No. 1. By scraping the 45° angle protractor or template up and down the nose, it will leave a line along the 45° tangent point.

Along this centerline measure 1" up from the top anti-climber rails. This will be the horizontal centerline of the number board. Repeat process

on the other side.





The simplest method of mounting these lights was found to be cementing them into place with household cement after removing the cast bosses on the inside of the number board casting. rear indicator or jewel above the number board is located 3/32" above the top of the board. The hole itself should be about a scale 5" diameter, which would be about 7/64".

To illuminate the number board itself, merely open up the nose after fitting the board and scribe the location of the opening on the nose. Fit the acetate "glass" carefully, then paint the inside black and use white number decals on the outside. Scratch the paint from behind the numbers so the light will illuminate them.

Remember—the color indicators are both red when the rear end of the locomotive is a trailing "A" unit. The forward "A" unit displays two white or green color indicators, depending upon the railroad that you are modeling.

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The material furnished in the foliage kit offered by GMC was basically the material used in the 10' x 10' layout. This included such pieces as the famous Norwegian lichen, lycopodium, etc. You will find that it is also possible to obtain additional varieties for the layout of your choosing by visiting your florist and looking over the various types of sprigs and sprays that he has.

In the case of lichen, this plant can be easily

used as small shrubbery and undergrowth. It needs only to be glued in place. This moss is a natural in low spots or in gullies and is generally

found where water might be, for the moisture promotes the growth of this parasite.

Larger trees for 0 gage can likewise be made with lichen and lycopodium by glueing pieces of these plants to small branches and twigs of approximate 12 to 18 inch lengths. With proper care and a sincere effort, any individual can do a creditable job and find great pride in his personal accomplishment.

As a final reminder, add your foliage judiciously, add it with care. Create each piece in a sincere

effort to duplicate nature's own reality.

GMC "88" CONTEST RESULTS



After several weeks of judging, rejudging, comparison, gallons of midnight oil and more gallons of coffee, we are happy to announce the winners in the GMC "88" Con-

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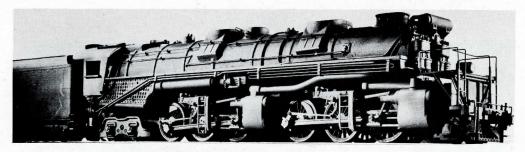
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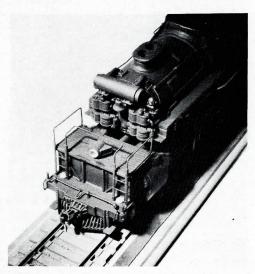
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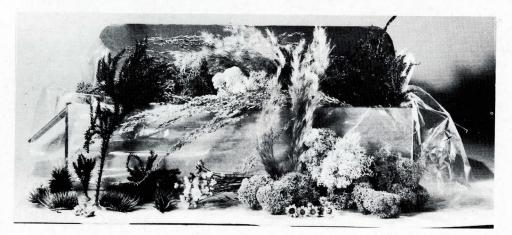
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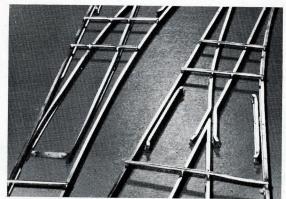
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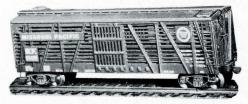


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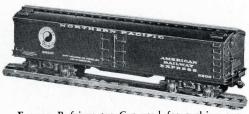
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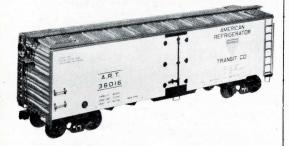
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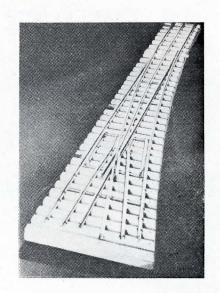
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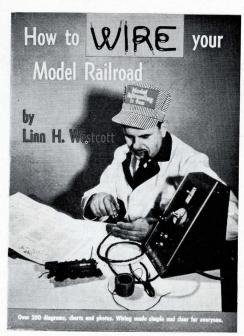
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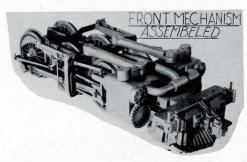


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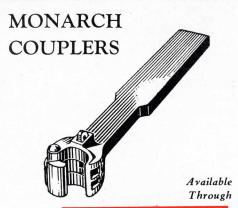
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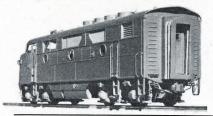
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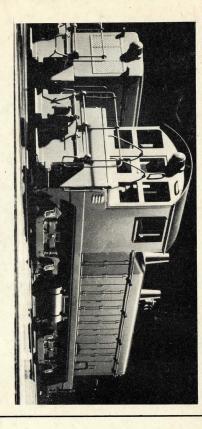
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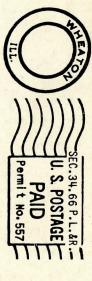
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