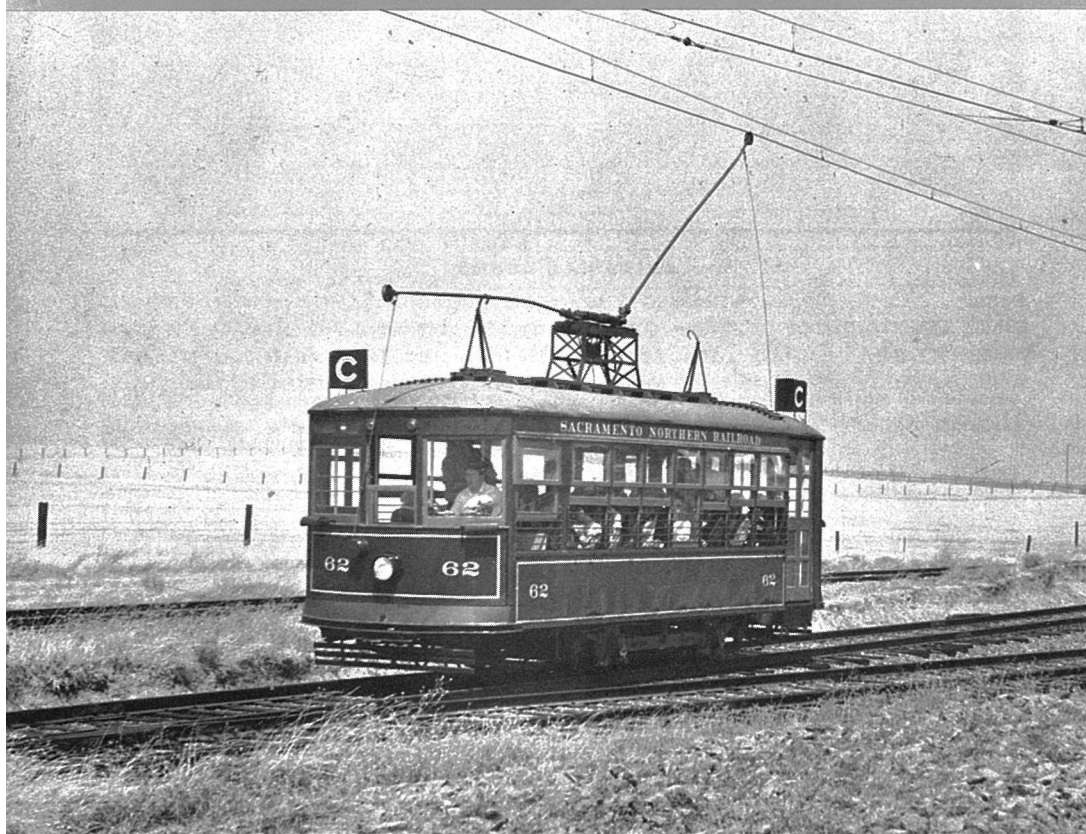


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COVER PHOTO: The 1974 Convention included a visit to the California Railway Museum at Rio Vista Junction, California. One of their restored cars is ex-Sacramento Northern Birney car 62. It was built in 1920 for the San Diego Electric Railway.

*F. G. Tatnall, Jr.*

OPPOSITE: With Cumbres & Toltec Mikado 487 supplying the forward motion, ex-Rio Grande rotary snowplow "OM" labors upgrade near Chama, N.M. February 1, 1957 on the annual C&TS winter excursion. The first narrow-gauge rotary built in the United States, "OM" was outshopped by Cooke Locomotive & Machine Company of Paterson, N.J. in 1889.

*C. M. Clegg*

REAR COVER: Tweetsie No. 12, a trim 4-6-0, raises a plume of smoke and her safety valve pops off beside the Cranberry, N.C. depot in June 1946. The iron mines have closed and the remaining years of the ET&WNC are few.

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