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Entry to Claytons' Dartmouth Works

In view of recent thefts of the Company's property, there has been a general tightening of the security arrangements. This is advantageous to both the Trust and the Company, and the following should be strictly adhered to. A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD must be carried by all members on any visits to these premises, and should be shown to an employee of Claytons', Factoryguards, or an officer of the Trust. If visiting during an evening, members should report on arrival and departure to the night Foreman in the works. If you have no current membership card you are strongly advised to get one, or keep away, in order to avoid any misunderstanding concerning the purpose of your visit.

Duplicate membership cards can be obtained price 5p each from:

Brian Ashurst, 18 Inglewood Drive, Otley.

Loco Progress

Henry de Lacy II was steamed on 1st May, after having a firebox crack welded. The loco., now in running order, will be used again for Sunday visitors' service.

Carroll has out of service recently for gearbox repairs and for replacement of injectors which had been damaged by dirty fuel. Freight traffic was worked meanwhile by "Sweet Pea". Carroll is also minus its front panel, removed for repainting, which leads us to:-

If it moves, paint it !

And if it doesn't move, still paint it ! And so, in accordance with this excellent motto, in the past couple of months large patches of Swansea have turned bright orange; several panels on Windle have turned a sort of pinkish-yellow colour; large areas of the Fowler have turned the same colour, on top of which the pits and scratches in the metal surface have been filled with a grey filler, making the engine look as if it had caught measles; and the Bagnall, with the exception of the new smokebox which still requires some finishing-off work, and of the boiler which is awaiting a hydraulic test, is now immaculate in maroon lined out in yellow, with a black underframe and scarlet buffer beams. Our thanks to Bill Holliday and Chris Jepson for their splendid work on the Bagnall; helpers will be more than welcome with the other engines. Contact Robin Brogden or David Broom for Swansea, and Peter Nettleton for the Fowler.

Civil Engineering

As any members who have been near the line within the last month or so will be all too well aware, the Motorway contractors have arrived at last. Preliminary work started early in March, with the laying of a concrete level crossing between the headshunt and the tram crossing, and work started in earnest on March 22nd with the arrival of piledrivers to construct the foundations for the bridge which is to carry the motorway over the line, and a fleet of huge earthmoving machines, the largest of them more than twice the size of a bus, which proceeded to remove about the top six feet of Calytons' field and the Moor. Shovels for digging out the level crossing before running trains became the order of the day. Also work started on the construction of the pedestrian underpass, which is parallel to the present line from the tram crossing to the headshunt, and barely inches clear of the loading gauge.

Finally, on April 1st (we hope the date is not significant) the line up to the Colliery was cut, and about 300 yds. of track was removed and dumped by the Moor Road platform. Work is now in progress on the construction of the bridge, and we hope to have our line back in a couple of months or so.



One very annoying result of this is that, with the colliery inaccessible by rail, scrap metal thieves have taken the opportunity to steal a number of chairs from sleepers which were at the top end of the line. An official Permanent Way Engineer's curse has been laid upon them, and the Police have been informed, but so far nothing further has happened.

### Appeal

This is still very much open, and is accumulating funds for the depot which we intend to build when a site has been fixed. Please contribute in cash or kind through the following:

Actual money (of any sort): John Carr, 2 Hollin Drive, Leeds 16  
Old newspapers in bulk: Mrs Susan Youell, 5 N. Grange Mount, Leeds 6  
(may be able to collect locally)  
Postage stamps: Roger Bareham, 1 Hillcrest, Harrogate Road,  
Old Bramhope, Leeds LS16 9HX  
Trading stamps and gift coupons: John Edwards, 11 Drummond Court, Leeds LS16 5QE  
John Carr will also be very pleased to hear from anyone willing to help in the "Round Robin" scheme (address above).

### Also Wanted

A plea from the publications manager, to all the Trust's photographers and collectors of photographs: good pictures are wanted of the Alton diesel, the Fowler, Henry de Lacy, Carroll and the various wagons, for use in illustrating the new stockbook, and also good general shots which would be suitable for use on the covers. Fairly contrasty prints are required, preferably of at least half plate size, and if the loan of the negatives could be arranged this would help us to get the best results. Could anybody able to assist please get in touch with AJ. Cowling at 114 Otley Road, Leeds LS16 5JX. Copyright would be acknowledged.

### Exhibition News

The MRT was represented at the Harrogate Easter Model Railway Exhibition, and much useful publicity has been gained from it. Thanks re due to all who helped to prepare and man the stand, despite the short notice of our decision to exhibit the new layout. Considerable interest was shown in our model of Henry de Lacy II, even though it was displayed as a static exhibit. During the three days over Easter weekend, the value of sales at the stand was about £20.

The next exhibition in which the MRT will appear is a display at the Batley College of Art from 26th April to 7th May. This display of hobbies has been organised by the Rotary Club and will need no manning.