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### COME AND SEE LOCAL HISTORY

*A press release from Louisa Vessell*

The West Sacramento Historical Society Museum and Visitors Center is celebrating their First Year Anniversary of the Museum opening with a comprehensive display on the Sacramento Northern Electric Railroad. The exhibition reviews the first public transportation in northern California with the Northern Electric Railroad, Sacramento Northern Railroad and others that traveled through West Sacramento from the early 1900s. The railroad ran from San Francisco to Sacramento and up north to Chico as a high-speed electric interurban railway. It was constructed primarily for passenger traffic. Historic items from the Northern Electric Railroad are displayed. Paul Trimble's book, "Northern Electric Railroad" details this particular railroad and the book is for sale at the museum. The exhibition runs through May 31, 2006 and was made possible by the Western Railway Museum, Pacific Gas and Electric and the Cameron Foundation, Cameron Construction and University Park. The museum is located at 324 Third Street in the Broderick district of West Sacramento and open Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4:00 p.m. For further information on the exhibition or get directions to the museum, call 3741849.



This photo is of the Mikon Station as it looked when the Sacramento Northern Railroad ran through the town of Bryte. The old timers remember the train station's attendant named Mike Knealy, an Irish bachelor who would invite local folks up to visit with him and learn to dance the Irish jig. The switching station is now automated and still standing behind the old Tile factory on Micon Street. In the exhibit at the West Sacramento Historical Society Museum and Visitors' Center, the above photo is displayed with a photo taken recently showing the change in the building sixty years later.

***Drop by to see for yourself!***

The West Sacramento Historical Society members who worked on the SNR train exhibit (shown left to right) included Archivist Jeri Wingfield and Past President Thom Lewis.

Interim Director Lana Paulhamus made arrangements for the First Birthday celebration of the Museum showcasing the speaker Paul Trimble whose book on the "Northern Electric Railroad" will be available to purchase at the Museum.

