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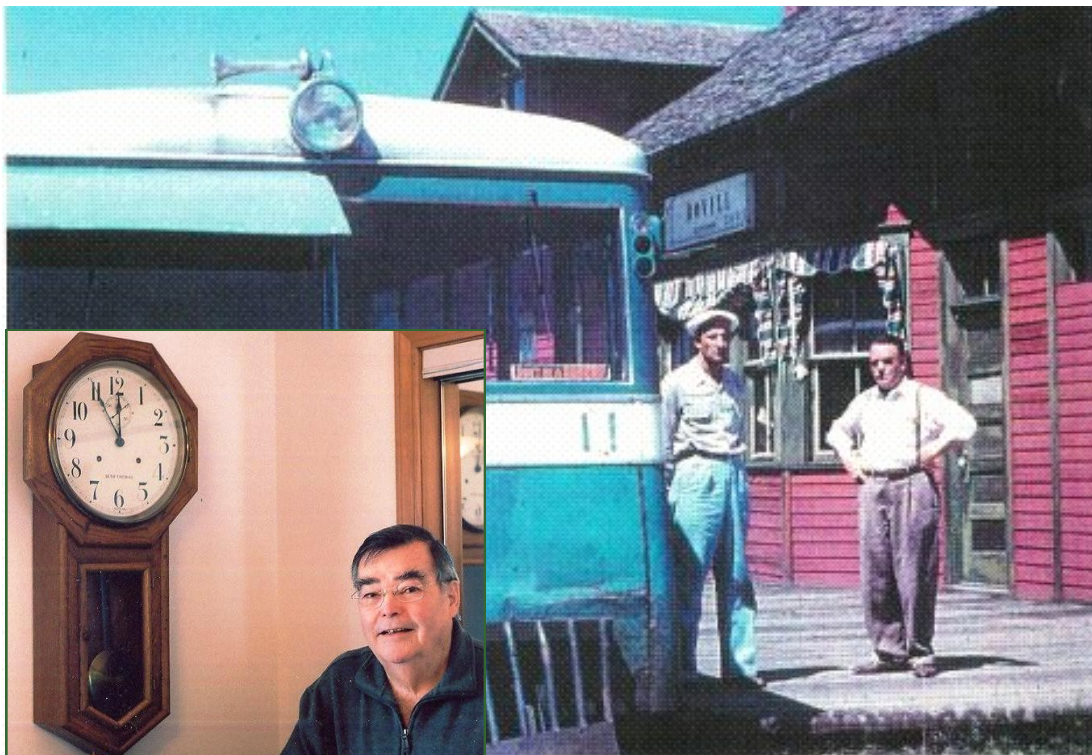
The newsletter of the non-profit WI&M Ry HPG. Organized for railroad historians, enthusiasts, and modelers interested in the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway, from its origins in 1905 through its ownership of today.

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Bovill depot agent Joe Holland (far right) poses for a photo with Potlatcher motorman Al Cowger on the platform of the depot where he served for over 40 years. Joe's son John (inset) counts among his prized possessions the Seth Thomas clock that once hung on the wall of the Bovill depot. Joe and John are the only two to have ever wound the clock!
Bovill photo by John Anderson, Inset photo by Tom Burg

Mission Statement of the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway History Preservation Group:

"To locate, preserve, and archive all items of a historical nature relating to the history of the WI&MRy; to issue publications on this and related subjects; to encourage public interest in the history of the WI&M and the Potlatch Lumber Company; and, to acquire objects and property appropriate for a museum and/or any of the purposes listed above."

John Holland Remembers:

Growing Up in the Bovill Depot

His Interview with Tom Burg

In every small town just a few individuals made a huge difference in their community. At Bovill, Idaho, one of those "hometown heroes" was Joe Holland, joint station agent for the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway (WI&M) and Milwaukee Road from 1925 until 1966.

Joseph J. Holland was born in South Dakota and raised on his family's homestead at Shounovon, Saskatchewan,

Canada. In the summer of 1919, he worked in South Dakota for several months then traveled to Spokane, arriving on December 26. There, he learned railroad telegraphy and went to work as a relief operator for the Great Northern. In June 1921, Joe took a similar position with the Spokane & Inland Empire, where he served at several of the Inland's depots. One of his relief locations was Palouse, Washington, where he met and