

# MMR 93, William Dippert

personality profile/Tom Madden

**B**ill Dippert of Cedar Mill, Oregon, has become Master Model Railroader No. 93. Bill is a Plating Process Manager in the Electro-Chemical Division of Tektronix, Inc., for whom he has worked for over 15 years. He and his wife, Jean, are the parents of three daughters: Sami, Jennie, and Suzy.

A Lionel O-27 tinsplate set for Christmas, 1947, started Bill in the hobby. He went from there into O scale, back to O hi-rail, and finally, in 1959, into HO scale. His current layout (his seventh), models the fictional C&E system. The C&E is composed of the Crownville & Eastern RR (HO), the Nyack Creek Railway (HO traction), and the Fiddletown & Copperopolis Railway (HO<sub>n</sub>3).

The layout features three point-to-point systems (one for each line) and is in various stages of completion, from bare trackwork to fully scenicked modules. All trackwork is hand-laid on this

large layout with, as Bill puts it, "every size rail utilized".

Bill joined the NMRA in 1959 and the PNR in 1960. His participation began with the 1960 PNR convention. He has served 3 years as PNR Executive Vice-President, been News Editor of the PNR SWITCHLIST, chaired at least five convention committees, been a contest judge and AP judge, presented clinics, written columns and articles for the SWITCHLIST, and chaired the NMRA Narrow Gauge Weights Committee for Engineering. He earned his MMR award with Achievement Certificates for Cars, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Association Volunteer, Association Official, and Author.

Model railroaders are welcome at the Dippert's, says Bill, so if you find yourself in Cedar Mill (a suburb of Beaverton, near Portland), look him up.

