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COVER:

Seems as though the 12-inch gauge Wabash, Frisco & Pacific has taken "delivery" of a standard gauge Canadian Pacific GP-35 that was recently "deaccessioned" by the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis (TRRA). This unit was bereft of its prime mover and its traction motors and the TRRA was utilizing it as some sort of road slug in hump duty at the Madison, IL yards. Terry Respondek of Respondek Railroad Services was in the market to buy an SW-1200 from the TRRA. TRRA somehow coerced Terry into "dragging" this unit odd its property and it went about 2 miles over to Terry's base of operations at the former Granite City Army Depot. With Terry's permission, Ed Powers, who works for Terry repairing the locos and painting them (mostly into Illinois Terminal style colors) phoned me a couple of weeks ago and said as a lark why don't "we" adorn this red and white liveried diesel with the WF&P's sunset logo. I got the WF&P's Board of Governors permission and asked if at the same time we could paint over the TRRA and add "WFPRR.COM" on the sides? This was done and Ed, without Neubauer's knowing, also added the slogan developed by Neubauer which reads "The Uncommon Carrier". They also applied the phrase "Big Red" on it too. Due to a warm Sunday on January 27th, the day after Steve Marx assumed the presidency of the WF&P Assn, Inc., Ed applied all the adornment. I went over after church and phoned Marx to come over on a 5 minute drive from his home up next to Crown Candy to see the results of the Publicity Dept. It didn't take 24 hours and the photo was out on the Internet already. This photo with snow attached was taken by David J. Neubauer on Sunday, February 3rd.

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- DJN's notes and commentary.
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- A plug for "The Sapulpa and Tulsa Trolley Connection, a new book by Charles Devilbiss.