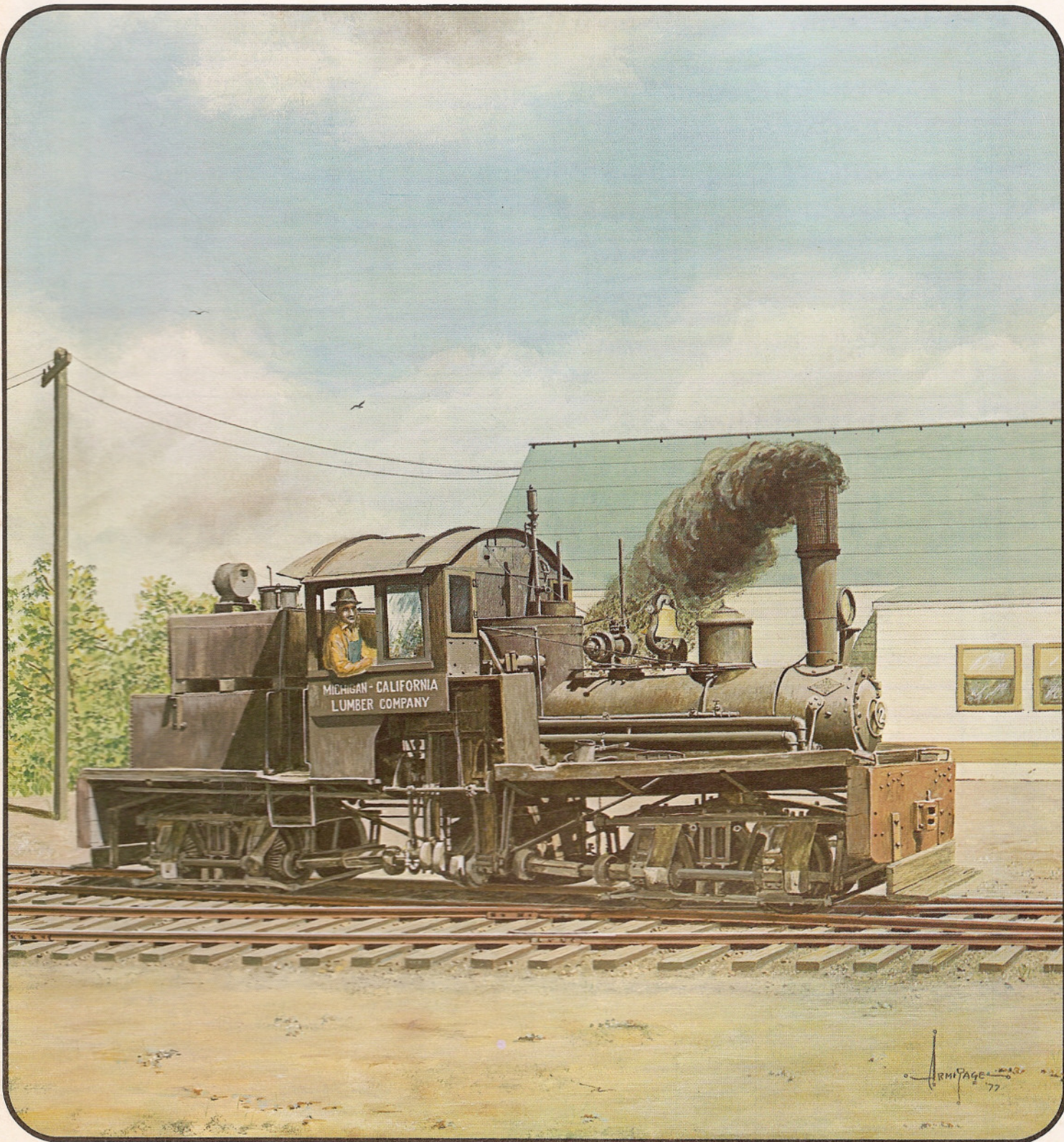


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This is my last issue as publisher and partner in the **Gazette**. Due to a series of problems I have elected to withdraw from the partnership and will leave Bob to carry on.

However, I'll still be around. *Straight Talk About Bent Pipes* will continue to appear in the **Gazette** and I will be active in the Model Railroad industry.

To all of you out there—a sad goodbye; it's been fun and hard work! Keep up your support to keep the **Gazette** the most interesting model railroading magazine!

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The old master Al Armitage painted this outstanding picture of Michigan California Lumber Company Shay #2. The painting was taken from a photograph. Al says he used a water color process called "goache". This process uses designers colors which are opaque water colors. Whatever the medium, the results are outstanding.