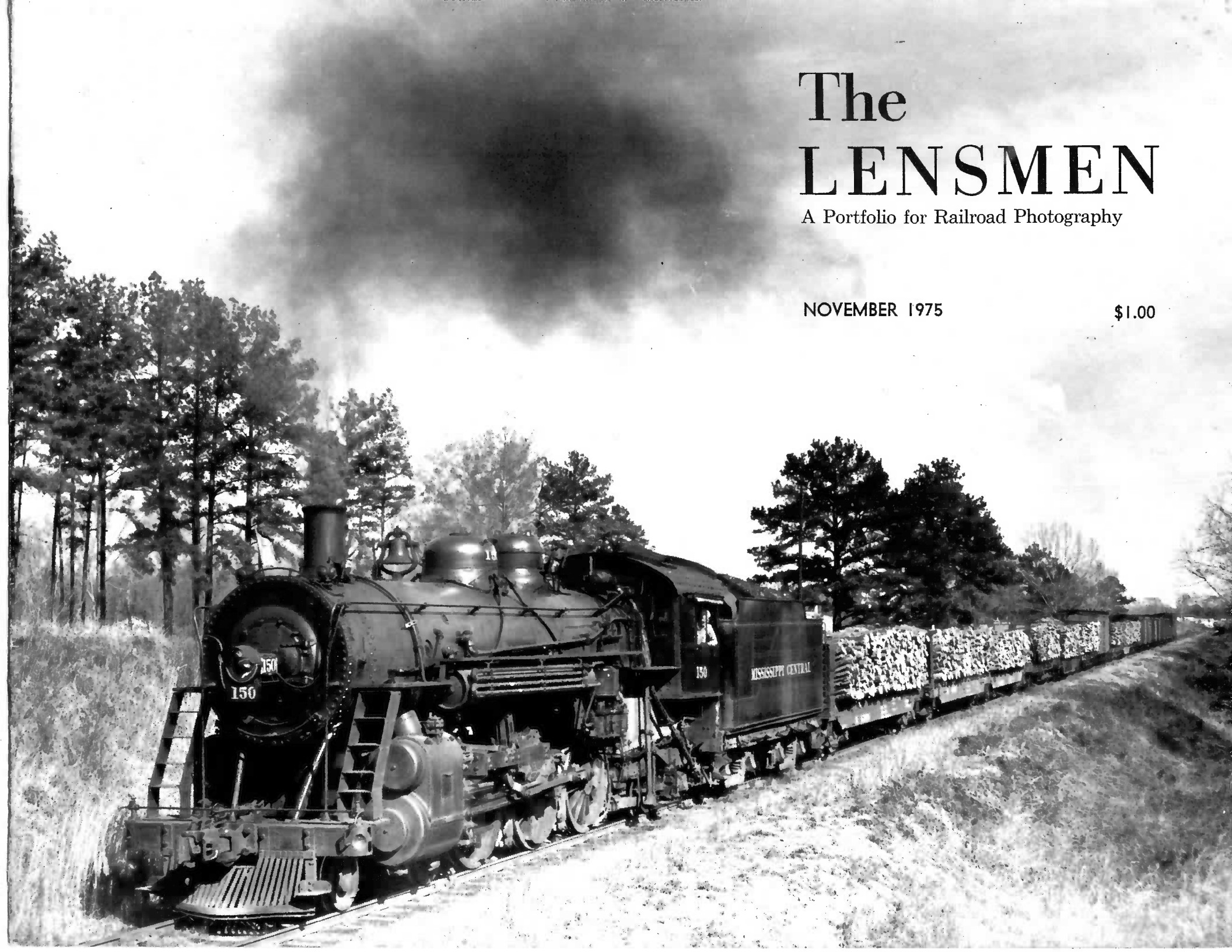


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The Kansas City Southern's main line from Kansas City to New Orleans is 865 miles long, the last 311 miles being run over subsidiary Louisiana & Arkansas Ry. The division point is Deramus yard at Shreveport, La., which separates the mountainous line up through Texas, Okla., and Ark., and the rolling hills and level terrain of Louisiana. Motive power assignments were easily determined. White SD-40's went North to the mountains while red F units and GP-30's went down the L. & A. Presented here is a sampling of what the L. & A. looked like in early 1969 when "covered wagons" and B-trucked geeps were the rule.

Above left—A-B F's and an SW-7 curve into Shreveport from Minden, La., here using Cotton Belt trackage. Left—F3A #85, with unidentical number boards, poses for its portrait on the mainline just north of Mansura, La. The KCS-L. & A. originally owned 79 F units. Today just barely a dozen remain.



Left—Shreveport bound mixed tonnage gets underway behind 4 F's at Colfax, La. The A-B-B-B F units switched the lumber mill here as all mainline freights did local switching as needed.

Below—GP-30 #106 leads two F boosters and southbound freight over the Red River Bridge into Alexandria, La. Alexandria being the division point between Shreveport and New Orleans. All photos by John R. Taibi.

