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APRIL 13TH P.R.R. EXCURSION

In our March issue we printed details of our April 13th "Off the Beaten Track" trip over branches of the Pennsy. Additional flyers giving full details are available, and can be obtained upon request from the trip committee.

We expect every member of the Phila. Chapter to act in the capacity of Publicity Agent for the trip. Remember we need everyone's support to put this over successfully. Your families, wives, girl friends, mothers-in-law etc. are all welcome.

We call your attention to the low excursion fare of \$3.75 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12 years.

ELECTRIC ITEMS

(By Joseph M. Mannix, Jr.)

Scranton Transit co. will seek PUC approval to convert Laurel Hill line to bus operation; Dunmore suburban route is expected to be next. ... By May 15th all street-cars are expected to be off the streets of Memphis, Tenn....Following delivery of PTC's first hundred PCC's, St. Louis Car Co. will begin work on a 200 car order for Chicago....No decision has yet been reached on conversion plans for Shore Fast Lines "Ocean City Div."....Indianapolis Rvys will operate only 3 rail lines if approval is granted to convert West Washington and East Michigan lines to bus....Trolley coaches are planned for 3 Columbus trolley lines the High, Whittier and Long-Livingston according to Columbus & So. Ohio Elec Co. officials....Pullman-Standard began delivery of Birmingham Electric's PCC's, shipping 11 in Feb. from Worcester, Mass. following completion of a 110 car Chicago order....Cincinnati, Newport & Covington Rwy. Co. has been given permission to substitute buses for street cars on the Green Line's Ft. Thomas route....Additional PCC's are arriving daily and "student" cars are now running on Route 23. (Ptc)

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members;

Alan G. Hunn

5713 N. Camac St.

Philadelphia 41, Penna.

and

Ernest A. Mozer

648 S. Yewdell St.,

Philadelphia 43, Penna.

HAWAII PICTURES SHOWN

AT LAST MEETING

Members present at the last meeting held on Thursday, March 20 were treated to a narrative from Milt Pricskett on the subject of the Oahu Railway in Hawaii. In addition to excellent Kodachrome movies, Milton gave a short preliminary talk to give us background.

All of us appreciate the fact that Milton made a special trip from Lancaster to present the program, and also the help of his father in assisting with the motion pictures.

READING COMPANY NOTES

A review of the improvements now completed, or expected to be ready late this year follows:.... of 30 Class T-1 locos authorized, 23 are now inservice, the other 7 to be completed in '47....10 of the Class C passenger locos will be improved by installing 1 piece cast steel bed sections and cast steel trucks....During the past 2 years 159 obsolete steam engines were retired or sold....8 new multiple-unit cars have been ordered, and conversion of 8 trailers authorized for electrified service....A new turntable is being installed at rutherford and an extension added to the engine house....A new 986 ft. bridge for the Lebanon Valley Branch is being completed at Reading over the Schuylkill river....4 all-steel 14-car capacity car floats for Phila. harbor are expected early in 1947....52 track miles on the Catawissa, Lebanon Valley, and Bethlehem brchs. have the Hall banjo signals replaced by color light sigs.

BIRNEY TRIP MEMORIES

Our Birney trip on Mar. 16 ran successfully with a capacity load; the weather was pleasant, and photo fans able to obtain shots of the 4 wheel trolley at interesting spots. The poor drunk at 3rd & Snyder who had the pleasure of seeing the car still doesn't believe it--and his amazed, wide open mouth friend is still a bit doubtful.

The Trip Committee wishes to express thanks to all participants for their whole-hearted cooperation of remaining seated and not crowding the front of the car. We believe this enabled everyone to have a more enjoyable trip.

INFORMAL MEETING: Tues. April 1st

*PUC of N.J.
Hearings now in progress (6-5-47)
at Atlantic City*