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NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome the following new members to the Philadelphia Chapter.

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The above list is a good example of the work being done by our membership committee headed by Jim Dillon.

READING COMPANY NOTES

The Reading is enlarging the Green St. turntable. Does this mean that new, larger passenger motive-power is forecast? The new \$1,000,000 bridge over Schuylkill River at Reading was opened to traffic on July 7th with the passing of The Harrisburger, reports the Reading Railroad Magazine. The old bridge will be demolished. The Reading became the "Standing Railroad of the World" on Wed. Aug. 13 when a maboring road had an unfortunate incident with a coal train.

ELECTRIC ITEMS

(by Joseph M. Mammix, Jr.)

RAMBLING ROUND PTC....that Rt. 29 switch to buses on Aug. 10 almost caught the "last ride" boys napping, it came so fast. Street repairs are the reason and the Tassker-Morris tracks are coming up with trolley coaches to be substituted later....and speaking of repairs, 42nd St. is sporting new rail from Chester Ave. to Spruce St. after they took off the Birney - but it was so planned for Rt. 13and speaking of Birneys, have you seen the little city-owned cars lately?...They are all coming out of Kensington completely renewed and repainted....City Council has an ordinance to convert and split Rt. 59 into a trackless and bus combination....Rt. 25 operates via Cramps now due to removal of a facing switch at E. Girard and

Norris in the now completed track renewal of 15's eastern end....The company still expects to substitute buses on 25....and keep your eye on Rt. 5, the city wants to repair and repave Amber St. from Front to Lehigh....they'll soon be working at 7th & Walnut to eliminate that bad turn of Rt. 65 and other traffic by cutting off a slice of Washington Square and speaking of 65, the rickety rails now carry modernized 8000's on Sundays and Holidays.... they're renewing rail on Bainbridge St. east from 23rd for Rt. 18 operation.

Outside the city limits there has been no news as yet on the Shore Fast Lines fate....LVT has announced its intention to convert all the rail lines (some 60 miles) in the Allentown area to bus by 1950

AUGUST MEETING

Our regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21st will be featured with a return of our "Auction Night". If you will remember our mid-winter auction was beset by a bad snow storm and so to give those fellows that were unable to attend another chance we are having a repeat performance. Mr. Sam Worthington has kindly consented to do the honors as auctioneer, if he can possibly make it. Come out and bring the items you no longer want and go home with a pocketful of cash. Railroad items only, please.

RED ARROW FIRST AGAIN

The PST is planning on installing radio-telephone in their fast cars operating out of 69th St. A 100 ft. tower has been erected at Brookthorp Hills for the antenna. When installation is complete, the dispatcher will be able to talk with any car on the line and the cars will be able to communicate with one another. This system is already operating on some buses but your Editors believe this is the first installation on any rail cars of this type.

TUESDAY MEETINGS

Now that summer is on the short end and the fall season is rushing towards us, may we remind you of our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. Come out and make it a regular club fest.