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1947 CONVENTION NEWS

Your Editors have delayed this issue until mid-month to enable distribution of the tentative program to be offered at our Annual Convention in Boston, over the Labor Day weekend.

A well-rounded program has been planned and we urge everyone to try to attend. The proposed program is attached as a supplement.

THOUGHTS AT RANDOM

Ever notice on a passing diner the employee always leaning out of the little kitchen door. Anyone know how the men are chosen for this interesting assignment?..... Glad to see that Don Fairbairn in his daily Bulletin column, "In Our Town" reports that our transit is a model for the world.....Have you seen the summer Long Branch PRR schedule which states that Wharf trains terminate at Barneget Pier. Does this mean the mile long trestle destroyed last year by fire is not to be replaced?....Speaking of timetables, watch for the new Rare Marquette District of the Chesapeake & Ohio schedules in the racks.....The PRR put on a grand show for the benefit of a score of NRHS members at North Phila. on Sunday, July 6th.....Wonder how many Philadelphians miss the Park Trolley these warm summer evenings.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended the following new members who have recently joined the Chapter:

William I. Gilpin
211 - 8th Street
Upland, Chester, Pa.

Bert Pennypacker
Box 341
Coatesville, Pa.
(formerly a NRHS Associate Member)

William D. Warner
218 Harrison Street
Bristol, Pa.

ALL-ELECTRIC TRIP ON READING

The Quaker Division of E.R.A. is sponsoring an all-electric trip over suburban lines of the Reading Co. on August 24th. Even the Stoney Creek Branch (by jet propulsion) is scheduled. Fare \$4.00. Details from Edw. P. Haines, 110 E. Durham St., Mt. Airy, Phila. 19, Pa.

UNUSUAL PROGRAM FOR JULY MEETING

In keeping with the policy the Chapter adopted for the month of July of "Keeping Cool", our regular meeting for the month will be held aboard an old Jewett built car of the Red Arrow Lines. The cool breezes will be furnished by the country air of Delaware and Chester Counties enroute to and from West Chester, Pa. Special car leaves 69th St. Terminal at 8.00 P.M., returns about 10.00 P. M. on July 17th

This line was first opened on May 1st, 1896 as the Philadelphia & West Chester Traction Co. and completed to West Chester, August 1, 1899. Passenger equipment in 1927 numbered 53 cars. At present 50 passenger cars are on the roster with 14 more coming from St. Louis. The company leased the Ardmore and Llanerch Railway Co. and Phila. & Garrettford Street Ry. to form the Phila. Suburban Trans. Co. as we know it today.

Meeting will be restricted to members of the Phila. Chapter due to the limited capacity of the car. Admittance by membership card.

CHAPTER TOURS "BROAD" TOWER

Following the business meeting in June, Jim Dillon presented an interesting summary of our city's transit plans for the future, particularly the extension of the Market St. subway west to 46th St.

The entire group then proceeded to the PRR Suburban Station where a visit to the "Broad" tower had been arranged by Harry Albrecht. In small groups, the members were shown the operation of this busy nerve-center of operations. Unique feature is that the tower, located below the surface, cannot see any of the train movements, except by colored lights on the panel-board.

FUTURE TRIPS

Aug. 30-31, Sept. 1....Annual Convention in Boston. See supplement.

Sept. 21.....Reading Railroad fan trip covering both Perkiomen and Wilmington & Northern Branches. Full details will be published later.

MA & PA TRIP SUCCESSFUL

Although we were very much surprised at the type of motive power offered by the M&P Railroad the recent trip over the line turned out to be very successful.