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RAILFAN SPECIAL OVER READING LINES
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st
Under the co-sponsorship of the
N. R. H. S. and Penn-Jersey R.R.
Club, the last major trip of 1947
will be the Reading's Railfan Special covering Perkicmen, East Penn
and W. & N. Branches. Feature of
trip is one hour stop at Reading
Shops for inspection tour. Are
you coming? Fare \$4.25 round trip.
This is the first fan trip from
Reading Terminal on the Reading
and it is planned especially for
YOU. Bring your camera, in addition to Reading Shops we will stop
20 minutes at 3 different picture

but a few will be on sale at the train gate to the limit of the equipment available.

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points enroute. All tickets should

have been purchased by Sept. 17th,

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AT AUGUST MEETING

The Charter regrets disturbing the peaceful rest of Auctioneer Sam Worthington on the eve of Thursday, Aug. 21st. True to the tradition of an actor, Sam appeared clad only in his pajamas and slippers to conduct our mid-summer sale of railroadiana collected from attics and cellars of members. So to Sam, our thanks and appreciation for an enjoyable evening. (Congrats too, from Ye Editors.)

\$64.00 QUESTION?
Which two Chapter officials have pleaded guilty of "locking-in" the score of members remaining after last meeting by walking off with the room keys?

MEMBER'S LETTER FEATURED

IN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSPAPER
Your Editors noted with interest an article appearing in the
Frankford News Gleaner of Aug. 21st
by Joe Mannix, who writes as a
"transit observer" advising streamlined cars instead of trackless
coaches on Route 59 line. Points
included greater carrying capacity,
greater transit permanence to area
and retention of city's investment
in existing rail facilities.

SIDELIGHT OF BOSTON CONVENTION
There is one question that came up at the recent Boston Convention that is still unanswered.
"Who is Mrs. Baker?"

Ask the occupants of room 534. They should know.

A special Convention Souvenier
A special Convention Issue of
the Boston Chapter's "Turnout" was
prepared as an excellent souvenier.
Those unable to attend the Convention can still purchase a copy at
25¢ each. Booklet contains 27
pages with 59 excellent photos of
Boston El, Boston, Revere Beach &
Lynn, Edaville, New Haven and B &
M RRs. It is well worth while.
Send your quarters to Henry Dickinson or Jim Myers and a bulk order
will be sent direct to Boston,

SPARKS FROM MANNIX
If you haven t all your pictures of Rtes. 59 & 75, you had better get them quick; buses will probably be substituted on these routes temporarily, quite soon...and while you're at it, take a look at the improvements in progress on the El at Margaret-Orthodox....Rt. 48 is the latest to be temporarily rerouted, cars now turn off Fair-mount at 23rd and follow 7 and 9 to 27th and Girard, a new sewer under construction is the reason. ...and all 3 routes run on brand new rail on Aspen from 23rd to 25ththat "booby trap" traffic setup on 58th St. below Baltimore Ave. has been eliminated for Rt. 46 by widening the east side of the highway, at last....and speaking of 46, have you seen the sand house builtbefore-the-loop? It stands neatly on a little lot off of 58th, just north of Woodland, waiting for a street car...and you'll hear of plans soon to revise 31 during subway work on W. Market ... and while the Brill-built Broad St. subway cars go thru the shops, you can now see quite often, one or more Bridge cars coupled into a Broad St. train Have you seen any of those leaf lets apologizing for the noises that particular set of new buses make?... .they're clever, but we note that the new PCC's are getting quieter, don't require such literature and while we are talking about PCC's, take a look over the center doors in the Rt. 23 2700's....it says "Step down on treadle, etc."....yes, it's to keep the folks in practice, that's all.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Chapter is held on the 3rd. Thursday of each month. A social get-together on the first Tuesday.