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AN EDITORIAL

In the past this Chapter has always stood solidly behind the railroads and encouraged "rail" transportation whenever and wherever possible. This is one of the principles upon which the Society was organized.

However, we now feel that the railroads have cut their own throats by increasing passenger fares. Very quietly on July 19, the eastern roads again raised basic rates to close to 4¢ per mile, including tax, for coach travel; 5¢ for Pullman trips.

With competition and motor traffic on the increase, the rails should do everything in their power to attract more customers by offering safe, quick and economical travel. Higher fares may mean more revenue per person, but also a decline in the number of passengers carried.

COMING EVENTS

TUES. AUG 3 - Regular monthly gabfest. Come out and swap stories on your favorite subject.

SUN. AUG 15 - PTC PCC trip as outlined in accompanying leaflet.

THURS. AUG 19 - Annual Auction and regular business meeting. Come out and make it a real oldtime sellout.

SEPT. 4, 5, 6. - Annual Convention at Baltimore. Plan to spend as much time as possible at our annual conclave. Supplementary program included herewith.

SEPT 7 - Regular monthly gabfest.

SEPT 16 - Regular monthly business meeting.

SEPT 19 - Fan trip over Reading Co. lines to Allentown thence CNJ to Elizabethport and on to Port Reading. Return via Port Reading Br. to Weston-Manville and Phila. via Cheltenham. Stops at Bethlehem Engine House and Port Reading for fan pictures and on the CNJ main line for the flower pickers. Fare \$4.50, which is only a little more than the present one way fare.

LEHIGH VALLEY RR NOTES

New July 11th schedule cut the Black Diamond and the Star's running time 45 mins. Other trains cut 10 to 15 mins. New Diesel power is the reason.

TRENTON TRANSIT NOTES

From Ocean City comes word that Atlantic City Trasn. is using leased Trenton Transit busses and your staff reports nine trolleys in a community several miles south of Trenton. Cars are in fair condition with destination signs and original paint. The first electric car in Trenton is in the collection.

ELECTRIC ITEMS

Lucky people, these Spring Gardenites, what with 43 receiving streamliners to follow in the footsteps of 6 and we agree that the New Market to Parkside run is very nice for the speedsters. #6 now has its full quota of 2100's. The equipment on the system generally is being shuffled. 6000's have gone into storage (some at Germantown Depot) 8000's from 6 have appeared in Frankford and Woodland Depots and 5200's have been sent to Southern for 79 & 81, while some of the 4000's from those routes have gone to Woodland. Well, they are going to try to convert 25 again, we suspect they will have better luck this time and no word has been forthcoming on 12. A new cut back for northbound 20 has been installed thru Wallace St., rail has been removed from the street between 15th & 13th and 12th & 10th. For versatility in equipment these days we give you route 57 - 6000's Mondays to Fridays, 8000's Saturdays and PCC's Sundays. The Market-Frankford Sub-El is at last operating T-14 the differential air dump car acquired from Reading. It is a trailer the motor equipment only operates the dumping mechanism. The Broad St. system is using pooled equipment lately. All types of cars are now seen during rush hours in one train. It might make your heart happy to know they removed some trackless trolley wire from Allegheny Ave, 26th to 35th St.

READING NOTES

Reading Co. #351 & #352 are still wheezing around the Ocean City area. The Frankford Local has come into its own with a class G1 loco. Still plenty of 600 camelbacks left as six were seen at New town last week.

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PTC has applied for permission to abandon shuttle route 38A.

WHARTON & NORTHERN RR

The Wharton & Northern was incorporated in 1905 as a consolidation of the Morris County Conn. Ry. and the Port Orange RR. It runs between Wharton and Green Pond Jct. and Wharton and Wharton Jct., N. J., 17 miles, owns 22 cars and employs about 15 people. It was acquired by the CRROfNJ in 1930.

THIS AND THAT

Syd Walker of our Chapter still has some of those good looking NRHS members buttons for sale. Contact him by mail for prompt service.

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