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SHAKESPEARE COMMENTS ON A BROAD STREET BUS

Compiled by Joe Parlett, Loyola
College, Evergreen.

"It started like a guilty thing upon
a fearful summons."

Hamlet-Act I, 1
"Creeping like snail unwilling to
school."

As You Like It-II, 7
"To climb steep hills requires slow
pace at first."

Henry VIII- I, 1
"This will shake your shaking, I can
tell you."

Tempest-II, 2
"Fellows, stand fast; I see a pass-
enger."

Two Gentlemen of Verona-IV, 1
"Either get thee from the door or
sit down."

Comedy of Errors-III, 1
"A horse! a horse! my kingdom for a
horse."

Richard III-V, 4
(With apologies to Baltimore Transit
Read As You Ride publication.)

CHRISTMAS PARTY HUGE SUCCESS

The Chapter Christmas Party held
on Dec. 18 was a great success due
to the efforts of several of our
members. Everyone enjoyed the show
put on by our fellow member Lloyd
Glass. Al Pfeiffer's leading of
the singing of Christmas Carols was
also enthusiastically received.
We were indebted to Milt Priskett
for his rendering of the carols
on the piano and his expert syn-
chronization of phonograph records
with his excellent movies. Gifts
were exchanged by the members and
many laughs resulted from the
presents. The party was brought
to a close with something dear to
all Chapter members' hearts-----
REFRESHMENTS.----- Ice cream and
cake were served to the guests
with tepid Schuylkill punch flow-
ing freely from the tap.

READING BRIEFS

Engine # 653, camelback L8sb,
now supplies steam at Allentown
Station. Concrete platforms have
just been installed at the Hunting-
don Street coach yards.

1948 DUES NOW PAYABLE

A few of our members have forgot-
ten that their yearly dues in the
Chapter expired on Dec. 31st. The
sum of \$3.50 covering both the loc-
al chapter and the national Society
dues should be sent today to our
Treasurer, William E. Blakslee,
1441 N. 16th St., Phila. 21, Pa.
Don't miss any of the many events
planned in '48...get your remit-
tance in the mail now.

FUTURE EVENTS

In March - Our Annual Banquet,
always a bang-up night.

In March - If your trip commit-
tee can complete arrangements, a
trip over a nearby private, indus-
trial railroad.

On May 2nd - Our first large-
scale rail trip over branch lines
of the Reading, including an "in-
spection tour" of the Reading's
freight facilities.

And between now and the spring,
another trip of interest to the
electric railfan.

More later; CINDERS will keep
you posted.

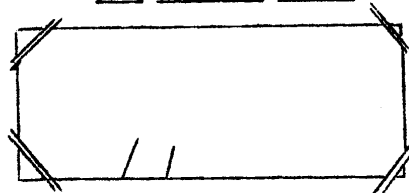
NEW PRR STATION IN BALTIMORE

Probably the newest station on
the Pennsy has replaced the oldest.
A new Calvert Station in Baltimore
has replaced the old Northern Cen-
tral station at Calvert & Centre
Sts. This was formerly the Balto.
and Susquehanna RR Station. The
new station is on Davis St. near
the site of the old station and
serves five daily except Sunday
trains from Parkton. It is of
brick construction and has car
level platforms.

LEHIGH VALLEY TRANSIT ROLLS AGAIN

We are pleased to report that
the LVT is again giving service on
all divisions.

OUR PICTURE ALBUM



Rare photo taken about 1893
showing New York & New England RR
(now New Haven RR) famous "Ghost
Train" ploughing through a snow
bank near Willimantic, Conn.
From an old print.

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REVIEW OF RAIL TRANSIT IN PHILA. DURING 1947

Affecting every PTC rider was the increase in token fares from $7\frac{1}{2}\phi$ to $10\frac{1}{4}\phi$ effective on Feb. 18. The busy day for #23 riders was May 11, date of inauguration of new all electric PCC's between Oregon Ave. & Bethlehem Pike. Gloomiest day was June 22, date of abandonment of #14 (42nd St. line) and #78 (Darby to Lansdowne) both Birney-equipped routes. Following week new rail was laid in 42nd St. from Chester to Spruce Sts. for future service by #13. Also on June 22nd, #2 route discontinued service north of Glenwood Ave., #20 terminated at 11th & Erie, and #65 returned to its former terminal at Olney Ave. Quite suddenly on Aug. 10th #29 was bus-ted preparatory to operation of trackless coaches on Dec. 14th. During August, #25 was rerouted via Richmond St. eastbound only. In September new sewer construction necessitated a detour for #48 on Fairmount Ave. west of 23rd St. and on 25th St. And in December, sewer construction detoured #42 on 33rd St. to Woodland Ave. During the fall, rail was laid in Lancaster Ave. between 32nd & 33rd Sts. and in 36th St. between Lancaster & Market Sts. On Dec. 16th, #10, #31, and #38 commenced operation of the Lancaster Ave. portion and the same date #31 began using 36th St. as the first step in connection with extension of the Market St. Subway.

NOTES OF THE READING COMPANY DURING 1947

A total of 30 class T-1 engines (2100's) have now been constructed at Reading Shops-159 obsolete locomotives, mostly camel-backs, were retired...8 new MU cars were ordered from A.C.F. Berwick Plant and 8 existing coaches are to be converted to MU trailers for units with the new power cars...On April 26th, Gettysburg lost its last passenger train when rail service was discontinued between Harrisburg and Gettysburg for passengers... On July 27th the new 986 ft. bridge of the Lebanon Valley Branch over the Schuylkill was completed...During the year, Green St. turntable was lengthened and Rutherford engine-house enlarged...In December the company announced plans and started construction on large scale modernization of Reading Terminal to be completed within seven months.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR PLANNED BY THE TRIP COMMITTEE

- Jan. 18...Budd "Red Lion" plant inspection tour.
- Jan. 31...Inspection of Delaware, Susquehanna & Western RR, an "O" gauge model pike operated by our neighboring West Jersey Chapter.
- Mar. 16...P.T.C. Birney Tour of Philadelphia.
- Apr. 13...P.R.R. "Off the Beaten Track" covering branch lines in Eastern Penna. and New Jersey.
- Jun. 29...Ma & Pa and P.R.R. trip in Penna. and Maryland.
- Jul. 17...Red Arrow special car to West Chester in conjunction with July regular meeting.
- Sep. 21...Reading R.R. "Railfan Special" covering branch lines.
- Nov. 30...P.T.C. trip covering "Unused Rails in Old Philadelphia".

MONTHLY PROGRAMS OFFERED CHAPTER MEMBERS

- January...Mr. Van De Beemt of Budd Co. speaking on stainless-steel trains.
- February...Auction Sale
- March...Movies of Hawaiian Railroads presented by Milt Prickett.
- April...Quiz Contest and Annual Election of Chapter Officers.
- May...Mr. Ward delivering lecture of Fruit Growers Express.
- June...James Dillon telling of city's future transit plans; followed by inspection visit to PRR "Broad" tower.
- July...Meeting held aboard special Red Arrow car enroute to West Chester and return.
- August...Auction Sale
- September...Talk of Mr. Wiand of PRR Publicity and Advertising Departments.
- October...Rail movies presented by Chas. Elston and Bert Penny-packer.
- November...Red Arrow Night, discussed by Joseph Mannix.
- December...Annual Christmas Party lead by Lloyd Glass, with Al Pfeiffer cooperating and rail movies by Milton Prickett.

NOTES OF THE RED ARROW LINES DURING 1947

The Red Arrow Lines relaid most of their West Chester Div. with new rail this past year. New curves were installed on the Ardmore line at Llanerch. New cars were ordered for delivery in Aug. 1948.