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NEW DUTIES FOR MEMBERS

At the last meeting Jim Dillon was elected Director to represent Philadelphia Chapter. Congrats Jim.

Also at the last meeting Bob Abrams was appointed to the Room Committee.

ANOTHER BIRNEY TRIP ON OCT. 16th

We are pleased to announce that on Oct. 16th we will operate another Birney car trip to cover Rts. 12, 25 and 38A. Special car will leave Woodland Depot at 1 PM and will pick up passengers at Broad and Spruce at 1:10 PM. Fare will be 75¢ payable on car but reservations must be sent to H. Dickinson, 109 W. Ashland Ave. Glenolden, Pa. before the trip. No money accepted on car unless reservation has been made. Come out for another pleasant Saturday afternoon of street car rambling.

RAMBLINGS ABOUT

By Miles O. Travel

Quite a novel surprise was provided by the Jersey-Central RR with a traveling movie theater on our recent trip. Those of you who thought pencils come from Penna. learned differently when the kind townsfolk of Bloomsbury, NJ contributed an arm load of the hometown product for distribution on our special. The CNJ showed excellent right-of-way shots and accomplished the neat trick of not including a single camel-back locomotive in any scene. Our Trip Committee, headed by the modest Editor deserve a vote of thanks for the excellent planning and operation.... Recent news articles relating to abandonment of PTC Rte 25 tell of terrific cost, over \$100,000, for rail renewal within next 5 yrs. What a false report! Every inch of track used by Rte 25 is in good condition and needs no replacement....And the Long Island RR reports its latest delay occurred near Babylon Sta. last week when a swan, coming in for a landing in a nearby pond, tangled with electric cables, shorted the signal system, and necessitated manual block operation at 11 signals.... From Atlantic City comes word that most of the old interurban Shore Fast line cars remain in storage in operating condition at the Inlet, awaiting shipment to South America... The Pennsy's new schedules issued Sept. 26th are missing two old favorites of branch line fans. These are the York-Frederick line and the Hagerstown-Winchester line. Apparently service came to a halt with the change of Schedules.

ELECTRIC ITEMS

Sept. 12th saw many operating and equipment changes on PTC, the first of which was the installation of PCC's on Rte 5. This route and its nearby north-south nabor, Rte 65, went one-man operation but Rte 65 riders only gained 8000's over former 6000's cars. Callowhill and Luzerne swapped many cars including most of the 2700's which are now seen on Rte 47. Woodland received the 5200's formerly at Southern for use on Rte. 46 and it looks like the 5000's are off Rte 37 for good. Rte 33 is again operating with mixed equipment and Rte 18 lost its modernized cars. At the present time the company is scrapping about 100 near-sides and 15 double-end 5000's. Rail has been renewed on 20th St. from Johnston to Ritner and work is progressing on Rising Sun Ave. north of Godfrey. For progress underground we refer you to the large amount of steel work completed at 34th & Ludlow or the pretty new tiles in the City Hall concourse. Now, starting out to gather next month's news, goes Ernie Mozer, Merv Borgnis and Joe Mannix.

EXPANDING THE EDVILLE RR

In a recent statement Ellis D. Atwood, owner of the Edville RR said that he is very interested in an offer by the town of Plymouth, Mass., (famous for the well-known rock) to go halves on extending the Edville to Plymouth. The old Plymouth-Boston via Greenbush right-of-way of the NYNH&H would be used. Mr. Atwood, encouraged by the fact that his entire investment in the Edville will be returned by next summer through the heavy tourist trade, considers it a good business investment if the original outlay for the 28 mile route will not be too great.

BALTIMORE CONVENTION

Looking back to the Balto. Convention over Labor Day week-end, we were glad to have seen the following chapter members present: Ben Burkholder, Jim Dillon, Henry Dickinson, Hugh Gibb, Henry Harper, Joe Mannix, Ray Miller, Ernie Mozer, Jim Myers, Lew Pardee, Karl Then, Harry Thomson, and Charley Rowland. A fine program was presented by our host, the Balto. Chapter and everyone agreed that the 1948 Convention was great. NATIONAL MEETING - R. Franklin Hotel Sunday, October 17th - All Welcome.. Come out and vote for Nat'l Pres.