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SCOOP!

Philadelphia's bid for annual convention accepted. A gala round of activities now being planned for Labor Day weekend. Plan to attend all events. More details to follow.

BANQUET

DON'T forget our annual banquet to be held April 13th, 7PM, at Hollands Restaurant, 114 N. 19th St. Tickets from Bob Abrams, for \$3.50. Our speaker is Mr. E. P. Gangewere, Ass't Vice President, Rdg. Co.

COMING TRIPS

We regret that the trip announced in March CINDERS for May 7th over PRR and CNJ has been postponed, with modifications, until June 4th. The PRR did not approve the rt. via Flemington Br., and in its place we've chosen LVR between Greenville & Phillipsburg, thence PRR Bel-Del line to Trenton. The rt. to Greenville Yard via Camden and Amboy and NY & LB remains unchanged.

Our L. V. Chapter will operate a 2-car train composed of cars 701 and 812 over the LVT Phila. Div. on May 14th. Trip leaves 8th & Hamilton at 9:15 AM DST. Contact R. L. Kulp, 602 St. John St., Allentown for information and tickets.

TRAIN AND TROLLEY SLIDES

The March meeting was composed of steam and electric color slides presented by Dave Cope and member Joe Collins. Subjects covered were the Burlington, Colo. narrow gauges, and an assortment of trolley lines.

PAST PTC TRIP

The Chapter ran a very successful trolley trip on March 5th. So many showed up that two cars, 5062 & 5067, were needed. The weather was perfect. A real highlight was the visit to the PTC pier.

ELECTRIC NOTES

PTC cars 6462, 6723, & 7188 were withdrawn from service at Woodland and sent to storage at Gormantown. Ill-fated Brillinors 2021, 2022 were towed to storage at Ridge leaving only 2023 operating. New rail is being laid on Bainbridge, 5th to 13th; 7th, Poplar to Girard; Huntinton St., Kensington to Richmond Sts.

Brooklyn Bridge service ended 12:09 AM March 6th... New glass-topped cars are now on Chattanooga's incline up Lookout Mtn... Portland, Ore. dropped last three lines early Feb. 26th... Balt. Transit recently converted rts. 30 & 34. B. & A. now has their new GE diesel. Scranton Transit has applied to abandon G.R. Peoples & South Side.

LIBRARY NOTES

Since new rail books are slow in coming out, we have imported a book for this month's addition to our list. From Canada comes "Across Canada-Pacific to Atlantic via 'The National Way.'" This book describes the cities and points of interest along the Canadian National Railway. It is illustrated and has a map of the system.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a hearty welcome to new members:

Jack W. Boorse Geo. L. Bohannon
William Folger Arthur Furner
Richard Tilghman, Jr.

RAILROAD NOTES

The B. & O. has installed a chime whistle on one of the diesels running thru Philadelphia. Listen for it. They have also received permission to drop the Indianapolis-Decatur passenger train. A new LCL frt. train between Phila. and Cincinnati via Washington, known as "Y2", was inaugurated March 20th, making the run in less than 24 hrs. with passenger power.

The Reading has placed orders for six 1500 HP passenger units along with 24 1500 HP freight units. 36 steam locomotives were scrapped during 1949, reducing their steam engines to 295. Abandonments effected or authorized in 1949 were: Fickering Valley Br., Kimberton to Byers; S. & L. Br., Best to Little Run Jct.; S & S Br., Pine Grove to Rausch Gap; Crane Br., Crane Jct. to Wallner.

The Pennsy has reequipped the Cincinnati Limited. A low fare Sunday excursion to Baltimore and Washington was operated successfully on Palm Sunday in 14 well-filled cars. The Sunday-only Stroudsburg train is back - as a gas-car. G-5 5704 is now supplying steam for Trenton Station.

Three Budd rail cars are due to be received by the C&N this month. They are to operate in 2 and 3 car trains... An Atomic Engineer has been added to the Lancaster & Chester's growing official family.

The "San Juan" is back and was so popular on its first trip that 25 people were turned away. RGS, with recent loss of mail contract, plus closing of mines, faces a dismal future.

L. V. wants to abandon Bowman's Creek Br., Noxen to Splash Dam. Permission has been granted to abandon 1 ml. of Slatedale Br. Several LV diesels now sport chime whistles which are being well received. Sou. resumes E. St. Louis pass. service.