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OUR DECEMBER MEETING

One of the most enjoyable meetings that our chapter has had was held Dec. 14th. Our guests were Mr. Ragland from New York and Mr. Froelick from Washington who represented the Monon Railroad. Mr. Ragland gave us an interesting talk on present and future plans of the Monon. Members also enjoyed the Monon's new film "Hoosier Holiday" followed by General Electric's "Life Stream of our Cities."

PAST AND FUTURE TRIPS

Nearly 40 members of the Chapter, after several postponements, were finally able to enjoy a days outing in LVT's 1030 on Jan. 14th. The ex-Indiana RR car was used to cover Phila. Div., while #220 was used to make the Minsi Trail-S. Bethlehem circle.

On the board for the near future is a PTC trip starting out of Richmond Depot. Several steam trips are also in the offing if the international situation doesn't complicate things.

ELECTRIC NOTES

Somewhat clearing the air of mystery surrounding it, the LVT formally applied to abandon Phila. Div. on Dec. 11th. Terming the line "mostly local in nature" the statement went on to say that the needs of the thru passengers could be best served by the present express buses, and those of local passengers by a local bus to closely follow the present car line. Substitution will be made "as soon as possible" following permission from the PUC.

Do you have your new tidetable for Rt. 37? Ever since the storm damaged the dikes in the area the line has been under water as much as out. Consequently, service is now actually based on the river tides - trolleys at low tide, buses at high tide. The daily schedule of tides to govern operations is now posed at Woodland Depot.

P&W's Wynnewood Rd. project, designed to make this station similar to Bryn Mawr, has been vigorously renewed with an aim toward being open for operation Feb. 9th. As yet there is nothing definite on the new schedule, but it will be interesting to see just how service is rearranged.

On Dec. 29th, the West Penn announced that the Dickerson Run and Connellsville-Oliver-Uniontown lines would be "bussed" Jan. 21st, and that application has been filed to abandon the rest of the system.

Pittsburgh Rys., emerging into solvency Jan 1st, began on a hopeful note by announcing there would be no conversions in the near future. Elsewhere car lines are not fairing so well, with Cincinnati planning to be out of the picture by next January, and Birmingham planning to convert most lines by the same date.

LIBRARY NOTES

Our Librarian reports that the late Mr. E. D. Atwood presented to our Library a copy "The Edaville Railroad" by Linwood W. Moody. This book should be a "must" for our members, recalling as it does, our fine Edaville trip on our Boston Convention. "Rails That Climb" by Bollinger is another excellent book that will soon be on our shelves for your winter reading.

"A GENTLE HINT"

The New Year is now well under way and with its advent comes the need to replenish the local and national treasuries. When you see Bob Abrams with a hopeful look on his face, won't you relieve his anxiety by making a sound investment for the year - your NRHS membership.

STEAM NOTES

Orders for 58 diesel locos have been booked by Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton from the Rdg., W.M., P & V. Va., Soo, Savannah & Atlantic, M.P., Oliver Iron Mining, Weyerhaeuser Timber, Sharon Steel, and Tann. Coal, Iron & R.R. company.

Our chapter has now been receiving "The Local," the monthly publication of our Kansas City Chapter. These will be posted on our bulletin board as received.

Northern Michigan lost another pass. run when the Pennsy's Grand Rapids-Mackinaw Oy. line was cut back from Petoskey to Cadillac Dec. 4th. The big red subway has also cut off the Sunday Oil City-Pitts. train to reduce service to weekdays only. In a vice versa move the Norristown-Rdg. line will become a Sunday only run when the gas car has its last trip Feb. 3rd. Permission to remove the Sunday only Trenton-Stroudsburg run has been refused. During the recent Holiday rush RF&P cabooses and Southern combines were noted being used as riders on mail & express trains, even on some bound West. Rdg. 131 was also seen working several Atlantic City trains out of Broad St.

On Dec. 30th passenger service ended on PR&L's Salem and Newfield branches. Although little notice was given to the passing of the latter line, the Salem train was well filled for both trips up and back. The Rdg. car last used on this train was last seen crossing the Delaware on a car float.

The B&O has constructed a new cut-off between Elk Mills and Singerly Tower eliminating a bad curve.

The Reading is constructing a new spur to reach oil tanks located at 58th St. on the Chester Branch.

The Akron, Canton & Youngstown lost its mail contract recently. Their lone passenger run now starts at Delphos enginehouse passengers being driven to this point in the agency's cars.