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OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November Meeting featured our annual auction night. Auctioneer Lloyd Glass, complete with derby and pajama tops kept the bidding going in a spirited tempo.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Due to the Christmas Holidays our Dec. Meeting will be moved up to the second Thursday instead of the third Thursday. See you on December 13th. Bring a friend!

AT THE LOOP

PTC continues to experiment with color schemes and other minor features on 5200 and 8000 series cars. Several non-modernized variety (example 8192, Woodland Depot) are featuring exterior colors like that of their modernized types; dark green being replaced with more colorful light green. Modernized 8254, Luzerne Depot, has a new homemade window guards mounted inside the car in place of the usual exterior types. Hand grips are mounted at the top of the window frames so that windows may be raised without interference.

The change in routes of 3/43/47/65 was smoothly worked out over three weekends and crews have nearly finished the odds and ends remaining of the extensive special trackwork. Now track has been laid on 41st St., Lancaster to Ogden, and on 12th St. from Susquehanna to Montgomery. PTC has purchased two LVT frt. cars, C-15 and C-16 (Converted 800 cars) for the Broad St. Subway for work service.

LVT plans to abandon all trolley operations in 1952. All cars have been sold and a special siding has been built into Bethlehem Steel on the Hellertown Line where the cars will be scrapped. 7th St. Loop and Albrights-Greenawalds are slated first to go. On the Phila. Div. much rail has been removed and all stations closed. Signals and catenary are, as yet, still up. Quebec Ry., Lt. & Pr. Co. became a part of the CNR in October. Chapter members in Quebec this summer noted "Yattman" on the caps of Q. R. L. & P motormen!

Every Chapter member should, by all means, keep abreast of every development regarding the Red Arrow Lines as strong efforts are being waged to remove this excellent system from its rightful place in our suburban transit scheme.

OUR RED ARROW RAMBLE

A beautiful fall day greeted those who assembled at 10 A.M., Nov. 4th at 69th St. Terminal for a trip over all divisions of the Red Arrow. In the group of forty-seven were fans from Washington, Baltimore, West Jersey, New York and New England. Car 83 was used to West Chester, returning to Llanarch Barn where car 25 took over for a round trip on the Ardmore Div. After lunch car 14 toured the Media and Sharon Hill Divisions at a good clip. Those not present missed a really fine outing.

OUT ON THE HIGH IRON

"Happy Birthday" was in order this month aboard the Pennsylvania Limited of the PRR. Candles were glimmering in the diner when this train passed thru North Phila. celebrating, enroute, it's 70th Birthday. Many Happy Returns!

Some alert members have noted the neon flashing sign atop the B&O Station (and our clubroom!) now flashes "Go B&O." Quite a few Chapter members went to Washington to ride the special trip of our Washington Chapter to Strasburg Jct., Va. and are now "qualified" on the B&O's Valley Branch. One highlight of the trip was Winchester & Western RR's new blue and orange diesel locomotive, no. 1952, at Winchester, Va. Quite an array of pass. and frt. cars were noted in the CPR yards, near Park Ave. Sta., Montreal, being lettered "Quebec, North Shore & Labrador" and destined for the new ore road now being built.

The Green Mountain Flyer of the Rutland has been cut back at Burlington, Vt. The night run, The Mt. Royal, still goes thru to Montreal.

Morrisville Yard, PRR, is being rebuilt to serve the new steel plant nearby.

The Lancaster & Chester has added another VP to its growing list. Gypsy Rose Lee is now "Vice President in Charge of Unveiling."

Ma & Pa fans will be interested to know that engines 6, 27 to 30, 41 to 43 and the two gas cars are still retained along with the newer diesels. The USA engine has been returned after its loan from the Army. Two more diesels are expected shortly.

Our Chapter is now receiving the New York Chapters "Newshoot" and all copies will be posted on our bulletin board as received. They are most interesting.

OUR BEST WISHES GO TO THE PROGRESSIVE MISSOURI PACIFIC 100 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR