

# CINDERS

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#### PHOTO CONTEST

The Philadelphia Chapter NRHS announces a photo contest open to members. Any reasonable number of pictures may be entered, 3 x 4 or larger, black and white prints, containing member's name and address on reverse side. All pictures will be returned.

Subject may be anything dealing with rail interest - steam, diesel, electric lines, street cars, etc. with prizes to be awarded in two categories, railroad and trolley.

Send prints to Rodger W. Fredrick, 38 N. Keystone Ave., Upper Darby, Pa. or give them to Rodger at one of the chapter meetings. Deadline for entries is Third Thursday meeting in January (Jan. 17th), awards to be made at following month meet.

#### TRANSIT NOTES

No important news announcements came from P.T.C. during month of November. Next rail abandonment (Route 46 on 58th & 60th Sts) probably will be made shortly after beginning of the new year. Following the usual pattern, PTC will withhold bus conversions until after the holiday rush season.

Your Editor had expected to report in this issue that his local street car line (Route 20) would either be discontinued or converted to bus operation. The picture is brighter for the future of Route 20 (for the present time) and we are pleased to report that the line will be equipped with PCC cars on Sun. December 9th, leaving only two routes (Nos. 17 and 32) with old Brill equipment.

Track work on PTC has been noted along Hunting Park Ave. bet. 23rd and 22nd Sts. and on Marvine St. bet. Oregon & Bigler.

Brain-teaser: At what location in Philadelphia do 3 PTC rail lines operate in regular service over the same stretch of track?

Illinois Terminal RR Co., now owned jointly by ten major railroads, announced plans to abandon its street car line from St. Louis, Mo. to Granite City, Ill. and retire from local transit field entirely.

It has been reported that the double-end multiple-unit PCC cars will be purchased by Shaker Heights Rapid Transit for use on the suburban Cleveland lines.

London & Port Stanley Ry in Canada has discontinued passenger service.

#### RAIL NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

From "Sparks" the Topeka Chapter's fine publication, we learn that another movie, "Night Passage" starring Jimmy Stewart and Elaine Stewart is being filmed on the Silverton Branch of the Denver & Rio Grande RR.

A report from our Middle East correspondent informs us that Istanbul, Turkey is on the verge of losing its last street car line, but a new electric railway was recently completed in Turkey operating a distance of 37 miles.

The Union Pacific RR has borrowed the GM Aerotrain for daily service between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, to be known as "City of Las Vegas". Two cars will be converted to refreshment cars and the UP offers for regular coach fare, the train fare plus all the food you can eat.

The Southern Pacific Co. will replace the famous wooden trestle across Great Salt Lake with a solid, dry land roadbed. The new roadbed will split Great Salt Lake in two and is expected to take over 3 years to construct, parallel to the existing bridge, built in 1904. The new line will be 13 miles long, cost Four million dollars per mile to build and be 18 feet above water level. A navy of 33 boats will be used for construction and a new community, Little Valley, has already been established at water's edge to house the thousands to be engaged in the vast project.

The Mt. Washington Cog. Rwy. in New Hampshire will operate a new lightweight all-metal coach in the summer of 1957. Steam locomotives will continue to provide the motive power.

The Pennsylvania RR calendar for 1957 illustrates the new ore pier at Greenwich Point on the Delaware River in Phila.

Correction: In the November issue of Cinders, we stated that the New Haven's new train, The Daniel Webster went in service on Nov. 4th. We erred, the date was a bit premature. Watch for it any day now.

#### ARMY-NAVY GRID CLASSIC

Scoreboard for activity of the annual Army-Navy game on Dec. 1st showed 27 PRR special trains (incl. 3 Cadet specials from West Point) and 9 B & O specials (including 4 Middle specials from Baltimore). Oh yes, score of the game was 7 - 7.

PTC service to grid classic was almost 100% GM vehicles, with a meagre showing of Route 20 street cars.