

# CINDERS

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#### NEWS FROM THE P.T.C.

An interesting sidelight of the horse car appearing in the Transportation Parade mentioned last month was its unique construction. The open body was set on a single 8000 series "maximum traction" truck, equipped with a crude but workable brass hand brake. Interior appointments included wooden park benches. No builder's plate was noticed, but we suspect this newest piece of rail equipment was Kensington Shop - 1956.

The horse car was delivered to 23rd & Chestnut Sts. in advance of the parade by flat-bed trailer and moved under 2 horsepower to Front St to be lifted by fork-lift again to the flat-bed trailer. We wonder where the horses came from?

Our last issue failed to inform our readers that Route 62 (suburban Yeadon-Darby line) is now full-time 100% PCC equipped. The single car operating over the mile long line has grown from Birney cars prior to the war to 6000 Nearsides, then modernized 8000 series cars until finally PCC equipment.

#### CHAPTER NOTES

With a sell-out crowd and 14 cars, we hardly need remind our members of the coming Rail Tour to Maybrook, N.Y. on October 14th over the Reading, Jersey Central, Lehigh & Hudson River Ry. and Lehigh & New England RR. It's a natural for the off the beaten track fans.

The forward view of freight handling on the Pennsy will be featured at the October 18th meeting of the Chapter when we have the pleasure to introduce Mr. H. C. Kohout, Manager of PRR TrucTrain Service. Don't miss this interesting talk.

With pleasure we welcome Mr. Carl L. Landeck, 315 Harbison Rd., Wayne, Pa. to membership in the Chapter.

#### PROPOSED R.R. CONSOLIDATIONS

During the past year, news items regarding new railroad mergers have appeared in the press. At the present time, the following unifications of American railroads are under study:

Erie - Lackawanna - Delaware & Hudson  
No. Pacific - Great Northern - Spokane,  
Portland & Seattle - Burlington  
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis -  
Louisville & Nashville  
Union Pacific - Spokane International  
San Francisco - Central of Georgia

#### NEW SLUMBERCOACHES ON THE BURLINGTON

Of special interest to the rail fans are the new Budd-built Slumbercoaches being placed in service on the Denver Zephyr of the Burlington on Oct. 28th. For a coach ticket, plus a special service charge of \$7.50, a passenger can obtain a reservation for a private room (single or double occupancy), equipped with toilet and washing facilities. Congratulations to the Burlington for being the first road to place this new economy equipment in service.

Same date, the Denver Zephyr will operate thru to Colorado Springs via the D. & R.G.W. and feature Vista-Domes.

#### RAIL NOTES

The New York Central RR is attempting to abandon all passenger service on the Putnam Div. from Sedgwick Ave. in the Bronx to Brewster, N.Y....Beginning Oct. 13th, all non-rush hour commuter and all long distance trains of the Erie will use the Lackawanna's Hoboken Terminal.... The PRR has three L-1 locomotives working at Thorndale and the Reading Co. plans to operate their T-1 engines on the Williams Valley Branch this winter. ....The Baltimore & Ohio RR expects to place their new RDC day train between Phila. and Pittsburgh in service on Oct. 28th, after a week long exhibition at stations along the line. Two units of three cars each have been ordered from the Budd Co. including a diner seating 24 persons.

Last day for street car service on Church and MacDonald lines in Brooklyn is October 31st....Thru trains of the Independent Div. of the NYC Transit System now operate from 207th St. in Upper Manhattan (via 8th Ave.) to Wave Crest Sta. at Far Rockaway. The portion of the line across Jamaica Bay to the Rockaways is over former Long Island RR right-of-way.

#### MIDWAY 2-8319

The above number has many interesting listings in the Delaware County-Main Line telephone directory. For example, The Elmira & Williamsport RR; Phila., Balto. & Washington RR; Phila. & Trenton RR; Northern Central Rwy Co; Belvidere Delaware RR Co; Delaware River RR & Bridge Co; Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis RR Co; Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago RR Co; Pittsburgh, Youngstown & Ashtabula Rwy. Co; Cleveland & Pittsburgh RR Co; and Erie & Pittsburgh RR Co.

The address for all above companies is 43 Haverford Station Rd., Haverford, Pa. - the legal corporate address for each line, now a part of the huge PRR system.