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AUTUMN RAIL TOUR

Our fall rail trip will be held on Sun. Oct. 14th to Maybrook, N.Y. While the town may not be much on any map, it is of major importance as a railroad center. Five lines, the New Haven, New York, Ont. & Western, Erie, Lehigh & Hudson River and Lehigh & New England serve the area. A stop of over one hour has been scheduled at Maybrook Yards.

Special train will operate over the Reading RR and Jersey Central Lines and Lehigh & Hudson River RR, returning via Lehigh & New England and Reading RR.

A special dining car will serve a delicious full course dinner enroute, but reservations must be obtained in advance with your purchase of transportation.

Watch for your flyer in the mail!

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Toronto has been taking test borings along Bloor St. to determine construction methods for the new East-West subway..... On Sept. 2nd, Montreal replaced street cars with buses on St. Catherine St. in midcity but reports reach your Editor that the famous observation car will again operate in 1957 along an abbreviated route..... Aug. 20th was last day for service on Broadway line in St. Louis for street cars.In Boston, MTA has ordered 50 new cars from Pullman-Standard Car Mfg. Co. at a cost of \$80,000. each for the Everett-Forest Hills line.

RAIL NOTES

After October 1st, the PRR will assume operation of all Parlor Cars over their lines.....The Lackawanna seeks to acquire the 19 mile Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley RR (Laurel Line) between Scranton & Wilkes Barre.....On Aug. 24th, the Reading R.R. operated their first "Show Train", a 5 car special to New Hope for a performance of the Lambertville Music Circus.....PRR's 4-8-4 electric motor No. 4999 was seen at Lewistown, Pa. in a freight train, presumably enroute to Altoona for scrap.....Recent deliveries from Budd Co's. Red Lion plant have been RDC's for Dominion Atlantic, Canadian Pacific and Pacific Great Eastern. This may be the end of such deliveries, since Budd has licensed the Canadian Car & Fdry. Co. to manufacture their stainless steel cars to save excise taxes for Canadian roads.

CLEVELAND MEMORIES

Who could forget the sight of the huge lake ore-freighters straining around the twisting curves of the Cuyahoga River.....or the thrill of riding in a special Cleveland Rapid Transit train on an express run from the East side terminal (Windermere) to the West side station at 117th St. And come to think of it, have you ever ridden in a chartered rapid transit vehicle before?or was it the sight of soot and smoke made by the B & O engine during the movie run at the Turnpike stop.....or maybe it was the sight of the Nickel Plate's locomotives hauling long freights through town.....or was it listening to Matt Crawford relate his experiences with the Pittsburg & Shawmut RR after the banquet.

Yes, there were many other pleasant times for 33 persons from the Phila. area who attended the convention. If you missed it, you missed one of the greatest. P.S. It's Roanoke, Va. in '57.

NEWS OF THE P.T.C.

On Sept. 6th the City and PTC formally dedicated the new Fern Rock Sta. of the Broad St. Subway. A magnesium ribbon was burned by pressing an electrical contact and a six car train of newly painted cars carried guests for the inaugural run thru the tube to Olney Ave. Sta. Regular service commenced Sept 9th but the real test during rush hour on Sept. 10th was marred by signal trouble which delayed trains entering the new terminal station.

Street Cars on Rt. 42 along Chestnut & Walnut Sts. were replaced by buses on Sept. 9th, while Rt 13 was rerouted to subway-surface tunnel. Following day a Transportation Parade was held at midday on Chestnut St. with a hastily-made horse car (built to 5' 2½" gauge) leading the last trolley (a PCC, of course) on Chestnut St.

Same date, two other changes in rail service took place very quietly, without usual newspaper publicity. Rt 40 (Lombard & South to Parkside Loop) was changed to bus operation and the "suburban" end of Rt 36 was cut at 94th St. Loop with a shuttle bus to Lester Loop. This line was formerly part of Rt 37, the "Chester Short Line". New Terminus of Rt 36 is in middle of marshland, not reached by a public highway.

NEW MEMBER

We take pleasure in welcoming:
Frederick Mills
1614 W. Tioga Street
Philadelphia, Pa.