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COMING EVENTS

- Feb 21 - Monthly meeting will feature the Cincinnati & Lake Erie RR with Dr. Thomas Conway, Jr. as guest.
- Mar 9 - Trip of the Month to Baltimore visiting B & O Transportation Museum; riding over new Baltimore Transit trackage in Sparrows Point and attending open-house at clubroom and layout of Baltimore Soc. of Model Engineers.
- Apr 6 - Another "Dinner in the Diner" gala evening of food and entertainment at 30th St. Sta. of PRR.
- May 5 - A 441 mile "Off the Beaten Track Trip" via Penna. RR and Western Maryland Ry. to Baltimore, Hagerstown, Winchester; returning via Harrisburg, arranged to coincide with Shenandoah Valley Apple Blossom Festival.

RAIL NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

The Reading RR is now operating T-1 class steam locomotives in vicinity of St. Clair, Tamaqua and Gordon...One of the country's newest railroads has ceased operation - Saratoga & Schuylerville in upper New York State; also the portion of the present Barre & Chelsea RR in Vermont formerly operated as Montpelier & Wells River RR....Association of American Railroads reports that Class I roads put 1453 new locomotives in service during year 1956, of which 1443 were diesel and 10 electric....The cover of Feb. 2nd issue of Sat. Eve Post illustrates a Reading MU train at North Wales Station...Ever wonder what purpose the control number (like H-105702) is meant on each ham sandwich sold by the PRR.

NAMES OF FAMOUS TRAINS

There are three trains operating in the U.S.A. named after living women - The Ann Rutledge (G.M. & O.), the Nellie Bly (P.R.R.) and the Pocohontas (N. & W). Don't be fooled by the Phoebe Snow (D.L. & W.) a fictitious name dreamed-up for advertising purposes many years ago, or the Nancy Hanks II (C. of Ga.) named for a famous race horse and a companion of Man O'War (also a C. of Ga. streamliner).

WELCOME SAN JOAQUIN

Phila. Chapter welcomes the thirtieth chapter, San Joaquin in Bakersfield, Cal. to the N.R.H.S.

ELECTRIC ITEMS

The month of January, 1957 is noteworthy in the transit world since it is first time in many a year that no street railway abandonments took place anywhere in the U.S.A....From the "Interchange", publication of Los Angeles Chapter, NRHS, we learn that the famous Angels Flight Incline Rwy has raised its fares in keeping with the trend in local transit. Instead of two rides for a nickel the fare has been raised to three rides for a dime....Interesting comparison between rail cars and buses can be had in notices appearing in PTC Route 20 prior to the changeover from old type cars to PCC type equipment. Notices stated that "modern streamlined street cars" would replace existing cars. The "modern" PCC cars used on Route 20 were built in 1940 and are already 16 years old - but still considered modern. Wonder what a 16 year old bus replacement would have been like....Queensboro Bridge trolleys will continue to operate for at least another month. When this line quits, it will mark the end of street cars in the Empire State....San Francisco expects to lease PCC type street cars from St. Louis, Mo. since it is easier to lease equipment than purchase. Since 'Frisco is a Municipal Rwy. it is necessary to obtain the voter's approval of a bond issue, if the cars are purchased....At present time, Philadelphia is the only city in the country operating rapid transit trains which does not have new equipment on order. Car builders have orders on hand from Boston, New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Hudson Tubes - but Philadelphia remains silent.

CHAPTER NEWS

Our chapter Librarian informs us that two new books have been acquired, "The Slim Princess" (story of S.P. narrow-gauge) and "Narrow Gauge to Silverton" (D & R G W), both written by John B. Hungerford.

The Membership Committee reports that four new members have recently joined the Phila. Chapter. We welcome:

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