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MEETINGS: Every 3rd Friday (Except July) in Skyline Room, Logan Square Library, Phila.

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

About 12 of our members went to Allentown March 26th for a joint movie-meeting of North Jersey, West Jersey, and Phila. Chapters, held in the Lehigh Valley Dairy Auditorium, with Lehigh Valley Chapter host.

At the April meeting, various reports from the outgoing officers were made. A slide program of UP gas turbines, SP in the bay area, Rio Grande narrow gage and the Santa Fe was presented by Dave Engman..... In May slides and movies of Don Riegel, John Francis, Willard Hart, climaxed by a wonderful reel on German trains by John I. Smith...Our June meeting featured films and slides by Jim Dillon and Walt Zackon...

The Chapter expresses its sympathy to Hugh Gibb in the passing of his Mother.

Congratulations to our West Jersey friends on their 25th Anniversary...Walt Zackon's new 'Phone no. is UL 8-2982 Collingwood NJ. We welcome new member Philip W. Blaze of 56 Laurel Place, Trenton 8, NJ.

On Sat. July 16th a motorcade is planned to visit the Strasburg RR and in Aug. a trip on the Warner Co. RR (plus a barge ride) is in store... Details to be mailed to you.

The East Broad Top will run "fan trains" over 3 miles of line Aug. 13th to 20th., during an Orbisonia-Rockhill Furnace Bicentennial Celebration.

THIRD RAIL AND OVERHEAD

As we go to press foundations for the Millbourne sub-station at last are being dug while on the Frankford end seven new cars have been trucked to Bridge St. and instruction trains run... "Cool and Green" is the summer slogan on the EL at Tioga, 56th, 60th and 63rd Sts. These stations are being painted in two shades of green and black. The EL pillars are light green with black cement bases, and the street is light green polka dot!... New rail now laid on the 46th St. curve also. Our local transit picture changes fast... Plans for a new 69th St. Terminal were dropped when PST did not purchase the PTC property. The city plans to merge all local transit lines of PRR, Rdg., and PTC including a tunnel under Filbert St. connecting a "new" Reading Term. with Suburban Sta. plus a new "union" sta. at North Phila... Also plans for the new extension of the subway from Hunting Park to the northeast appeared in the daily papers.

Pennsy electric locomotive #4 (ex GN) has been scrapped.

Watch for increased train service to Torresdale and Manayunk this coming fall.

MAIN LINE ACTIVITIES

As expected, Toledo service on the PRR failed to appear in the summer schedules. Thus ends the once famous Red Arrow that used to go to Detroit. Over twenty-two Sat.-Sunday runs, mostly MU's, were dropped by the PRR and Rdg. In the "Neat Trick Department" our Chapter "eagle eyes" have, no doubt, spotted how No. 148 has been used to serve as the 1 PM N.Y. "Clocker." This train is the combined Southerner and Silver Comet and carries no local passengers out of Washington. However, at 30th St., where it is due 12.51 PM, empty PRR coaches are opened up for NY passengers... Passenger trains now back in and out of Williamsport via Newberry instead of using the line out of Allens saving street crossings and bridge... That portion of the Delmarva District Easton to Oxford, Md. has been abandoned.

One of the most modernistic railroad buildings in the Phila. area is the new B&O Tower and Yard Office at East Side... it controls all interlockings Park Jct. to Darby... The B&O has asked permission to combine the National Limited and Diplomat.

At Budd's Red Lion plant twenty 44 seat leg rest coaches are under way-plus 25 baggage cars-all for UP. In Berwick 1350 freight cars are being built, also for UP.

Our Chapter members are being hard pressed these days to guess new names for the various mergers proposed-of which the papers are full... As to the latest-How does "The Chesapeake, Baltimore & Ohio sound?" Since the NYC wants "in" the matter is a bit more complicated!

...The CNJ has purchased that portion of the Lehigh & New England from Allentown and Bethlehem to Bath and Martins Creek and a small part at Catasauqua in addition to a segment from Hauto to Tanawqua. The LNE has requested permission to abandon balance.

Lehigh Valley has decided to keep the Maple Leaf and John Wilkes on the board but hopes to drop the Lehighon-Hazleton RDC.

On the Reading the full course meals in the Crusader and Wall St. diners were dropped and a footnote in the NY timetables advise that a "Continental" breakfast is available in the morning with refreshments served on the homebound runs... The election of Mr. E. Paul Gangewere as the Reading's new president recalls two annual banquets in the past when he was our guest speaker... One time being when the famous 2100 series 4-8-4 T-1 were placed in service, which he designed.

A frequent visitor to the various lines of the Reading in the Philadelphia area this spring and early summer has been the Speery rail detector car.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE CONVENTION IN BRISTOL OVER LABOR DAY
