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OCTOBER MEETING FEATURED MR. PAUL OF READING RAILROAD

Mr. C.A. Paul entertained the regular October meeting of the Chapter with a multitude of facts pertaining to locomotive operation and maintenance. A step-by-step description of the annual engine inspection at Reading Shops was reviewed.

INSPECTION TOUR OF P.T.C. HIGH SPEED LINE SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT

On November 24th an inspection tour of both Bridge St. elevated and Grange St. subway shops is scheduled. In addition, a short stop has been arranged at the 3rd & Wyoming Ave. surface lines Way Shop and student training track. All members interested in the mechanical and electrical operation of our "third-rail" lines will welcome this unusual opportunity. Members invited to bring guests. For complete information, consult separate notice giving complete details.

HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND PHILA.

The Fairmount Park Transit Co. (now Phila. Park Amusement Co.) will auction the complete assets, excepting the cars, on Nov. 6th at the car-barn site. It will be offered first as an entirety, then in individual lots. Interesting to note is the fact that removal of purchase must be completed by Apr 1, 1947 - and not later than Apr 20, 1947 if bought in lots - dates of which coincide with 1947 Woodside Park reopening. Latest news of rolling stock comes from a scrap dealer who reports open cars already destroyed for scrap.

The P.T.C. has discontinued operation of the 3 cars of Route 37 mulooned between Baldwins and Chester. Bus operation has been substituted between Wanamaker Ave in Essington and 3rd & Market St. in Chester. Thus another line becomes a streak of rust. Cause of the sudden discontinuance of rail service was damaged fender under one vehicle and impossibility to replace worn brake shoes at their present location--Baldwin's Siding.

FUTURE EVENTS

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, November 28th. Watch for meeting notice.

ABOUT CINDERS

For the information of new members who have joined the Chapter in recent months, and also for a few of the older members who may have forgotten, CINDERS is the little publication published by and for the members of Phila. Chapter of the N.R.H.S. Through the medium of CINDERS, your Chapter officers hope to keep everyone posted on news of meetings, trips, and what's going on in the Phila. area. Your editors would appreciate news items for publication in future issues. It is our earnest hope that we will be able to continue regularly each month.

RUSSELL SHAPLEY PASSES AWAY

It is with deep sorrow that we inform our members of the sudden and untimely death of Russell H. Shapley, President and Director of Buffalo Chapter. Success of the recent Labor Day national convention was mainly due to his interest and enthusiasm of the N.R.H.S. The Society has lost a real friend.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Results of the National Election of Officers and Board of Directors held in Philadelphia on Oct. 20, 1946 were as follows:
President-Edward G. Hooper, Baltimore
Vice Pres-Howard Johnston, No. Jersey
Vice Pres-E. Lewis Perdue, West Jer.
Vice Pres- (to be open until 1947)
Treasurer-Harry N. Thomson, Phila.
Secretary-James S. Myers, Phila.
Editor -Leon R. Franks, Lancaster
Historian-John G. Smith, New York
Historian-Hugh R. Gibb, Phila.
Director -Harry P. Albrecht
(Representing Phila. Chapter)

PERMANENT MEETING-ROOM ACQUIRED

Through the co-operation of the B. & O. Railroad the Chapter has been given unlimited use of the Assembly Room at the B. & O. Station. Our plans call for renovation of the quarters and more frequent meetings in the future. Details

NEW MEMBERS

We take pleasure in welcoming four new members into the Society during the past month, including the President of the Mid-Eastern Region of the N.M.R.A.

To further the drive for new members, the Board of Directors of the National Society has offered free membership for the remainder of the year to all new members paying a full year's dues which will cover the year 1947.