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ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual election for Chapter officers will be held this month in the same manner as last year. Ballots will be mailed to all members and members may vote either in person at the April meeting or by mail.

It is urgently requested that all members return their ballots as soon as possible with their choice marked thereon.

FUTURE TRIPS

- APRIL 9 - Last trip of trains on two Reading Co. branches. Details on enclosed notice.
- MAY 1 - Trip over The B&O and B&A to Annapolis with a sidetrip over the Landenburg Branch. Fare \$5.25 incl. tax. Details available in the near future.
- MAY 8 - Trip over last two Wilkes-Barre trolley lines.*
- JUNE 26 - PRR trip around the town* Details on trips marked with an asterisk are available from the Trip Committee.

NEW RAILFANETTE

ARRIVES AT COPE'S

Sir Stork presented Dave Cope and his charming wife on Feb. 9th last with little Linda Cope. Photographer Dad's pictures show little one and Mother doing well. Congratulations.

STREAM RAILROAD NEWS

The Canadian National has opened a new 36 mile branch in Bell River Valley, north of Quebec, primarily to serve clay and forest industries.

The Reading Co. received permission to abandon the Rausch Gap branch on Feb. 22.

The C & O is asking bids on ten 2-6-6-2 freight engines.

The Reading Co. will abandon passenger service on its Schuylkill & Lehigh Branch and its Wilmington Branch on Saturday, April 9.

CHAPTER LIBRARY

The Chapter Librarian informs us that the Chapter Library is still in operation. From the use members are making of it, it might as well be in Timbuctoo. There are some very fine books on the shelves just waiting to be borrowed. Now is your chance to read those books that you cannot afford. Get behind our Library and put it over the top.

ELECTRIC ITEMS

Bob Abrams & Joe Mannix

The second phase of the wheel is now turning; the fare rise hearings. 'Round and round we go.

We hear around town that PTC is contemplating a new Bridge St. Terminal setup for Rt. 66 with a loop via the north side of the car yard, Penn St. and Cheltenham Ave.

Rt. 59 new vehicles' manufacturer will be decided by the Dept. of City Transit very shortly. Close bids were received by the city for the 30 trolley coaches from Brills and Marmon-Harrington. It is hoped to have the coaches running to Cottman St. this year.

Under a new plan the PTC hopes to drop Rt. 38A by having bus Rt. 85 divert to 52nd & Jefferson on its Strawberry Mansion run. The PUC will decide after a hearing.

The Spruce & Pine bus will be Rt. 90 after Rt. 12 is placed on Lombard & South Sts.

Car 8254, a remodeled car, is equipped with an experimental composition floor on its entire front platform.

Notices are now appearing in Rt. 31 cars of the cut back of the line to 46th & Market. This means double end cars will soon start operation on this route.

The Laurel Line (Wilkes Barre to Scranton) is reported to have painted one of its cars in a new exterior color of brilliant red and blue.

In Camden, the PRSL wooden MU's are now being burnt, a junk dealer having purchased them for scrap.

LVT has notified Bethlehem city officials that it will slowly remove all trolleys from that place and replace the lines with buses.

The West Penn Rys. said it is asking permission to place buses on 3 lines extending south from Uniontown, Pa. The buses will be used for a trial period of 6 months to a year. If they are successful the entire system will be converted to bus operation. If they are not successful the system will be abandoned with no bus substitution. The three lines involved (Brownsville, Masontown & Fairchance) make up 33 miles of the 123 mile system.

EDITORIAL

The Philadelphia Chapter had its start about fourteen years ago with a handful of men meeting in each others homes. As time progressed the chapter grew and became not only the nucleus of the NEWS but the foremost Chapter of the same. We need team work to keep it so. Let us see this year more fellows taking an active part in their Society's affairs.