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PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER LIBRARY
 The Library of the Chapter is now operating at our meeting room. Thirteen good books are already in the collection. Members may borrow the books under the following rules.

1. Any member of the Philadelphia Chapter in good standing may borrow a book from the Chapter Library.
2. Borrower agrees to return books in good condition "one month" or period from date of signing-out book.
3. Borrower agrees to reimburse Chapter cost of replacement for any book lost or damaged.
4. A book cannot be renewed beyond due date, unless no other borrower desires the book. Books that bear red notices under their pockets can not be renewed under any condition.
5. Charges shall be 25¢ per period or fraction thereof, a period being the length of time between any given meeting to the same meeting the following month.

SALEM TRIP ON SAT. FEB. 19
 Our trip to Penns Grove was so well enjoyed by the members that we have planned the same type of trip to Salem for Saturday, Feb. 19. Group will meet at Market St. Wharf 12:30 PM. Tickets at \$2.24, tax incl. must be purchased before boarding train. Ask for two-day excursion ticket to Salem. Trip will be made by electric and gas-electric trains.

ANNUAL BANQUET AT HOLLAND'S ON THURS. MARCH 3rd
 Hungry? The Annual Banquet of the Chapter will be held on Thursday March 3rd, at Holland's, 114 N. 19th St. Tickets are \$3.50 each and may be procured from Robert Abrams, 5480 Morse St., Phila. 31, Pa. Guest of honor will be Mr. M. B. Van Pelt, Terminal Superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio RR in Philadelphia.

ZACKON GOES HOLLYWOOD PROVIDES JANUARY MOVIES
 Producer Zackon, ably assisted by E.L.P., gave the Chapter an enjoyable evening of movies at the January meeting. The pictures were very well done, especially the shots of the Easton Limited in action. Thank you, Walter, and thanks to Ray Muller for the loan of the projector.
 By the way, Walt, when do we take some more of the excellent views as seen through your camera?

1949 DEADLINE FOR DUES NEARS
 Your Chapter and National dues are payable now to Treasurer Bill Blakslee at 1441 N. 16th St., Phila. 21, Pa. The sum of \$3.50 will pay for the year and insure your name being included in the Chapter Membership Roster to be printed March 1st.

ELECTRIC ITEMS
 by J. Mannix
 Our beloved little Birney cars are no more. The Erie Steel Co. informed us that the 5 cars which rested in their 19th & Cambria Sts. yard for several weeks since their removal from the PTC system have been out up for scrap. There were no takers on their offer for sale of the 4 wheel dinkies.

The burners torch has also removed the last remnants of the Penny-pack Creek bridge of Rt. 59.
 PTC will shortly begin construction of a temporary track westbound in Filbert St. from 38th to 41st St. for Rt. 40 and Rt. 30 from 40th St. The switch at 40th & Market where Rt. 14 car used to turn has been re-installed and Rt. 31 now turns south on 40th to Spruce, to Woodland and then Market and its regular route. Westbound Rt. 31 travels on Woodland to Spruce, to 38th to Market then its route. Required equipment for Rt. 31 operators is a compass and a knowledge of the stars so they don't get lost.

RAMBLINGS ABOUT
 By Miles O. Travel
 Delivery of 16 MU cars to the Reading is expected in the spring. Order to ACF at Berwick is for 8 two-car power-trailer combinations. ...Like a page from yesterday was news item of Rt. 57 trolley hitting a boy on horseback on Jefferson St. ...The PRSL is operating G-5's with Reading suburban coaches to Millville to replace retired wooden MU cars. Off-peak Millville trains and rush-hour Glassboro trippers still are operated with electric cars....Don't miss Alan Ladd in 'Whispering Smith' coming Feb 16th to the Goldman Theatre. It's all about old days on the Nebraska Pacific RR....PTC is going to install zippers on certain streets, they take the rail out and put it in so often.