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## RETROSPECTION

As we look back on the year 1948, find a year filled with plenty of activity for the Philadelphia Chapter members.

Numerous trolley trips were run, including our first PCC trip and our last trip with the single truck Birney cars.

Two steam trips were operated, both on the Reading Railroad. In the spring we traveled to Rutherford, Pa. and in the fall we made the run to Port Reading, N. J. Movies were shown on this trip and so another first was chalked up for the Chapter.

In the late fall we also took advantage of a gas car trip to Penns Grove, N. J.

The year was rounded out for the Chapter when the B & O so kindly refinished the meeting room and made it such a pleasant place to gather.

## RAILROAD NOTES

The Pennsylvania RR has announced that by March 15, complete Dieselization of the Delmarva Div. is expected.

The Reading Co. is proceeding with the modernization of the Terminal and fans can now get a general idea of what the 'New Look' will be when the program is completed. One of the new gate signs may be seen installed over the entrance to track one.

Have you heard the "Railroad Hour" sponsored by the AAR over radio station WFIL on Mondays at 8? The program features operettas and musical comedy hits. It is well worth listening for.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new tracks under 30th St. Station. Rail is being laid and ramps built for baggage trucks. The new platform space acquired will release some tracks in Broad St. Station so that part of the Chinese Wall may be demolished. This will in turn permit construction of more tracks in the Suburban Station.

The latest innovation in the Suburban Station is roller type destination signs over the steps leading down to the train platforms. A very good idea, we say.

## COMING EVENTS

Looking into our crystal ball at the future we find many interesting events planned.

In February we hope to ride the PRSL gas train to Salem.

March 3rd is the date of our annual banquet. Place is Hollands on north 19th St. Price to be announced.

Many other trips are being planned and will be announced when we are sure

## ELECTRIC NOTES

The PTC has had their recent fare rise application delayed until July 21st to permit the Penna. PUC to investigate the need for said rise.

PTC has been given permission to substitute busses for cars on Rt. 25. The poles, wire and rail have all been removed from the PRW sections of former trolley route 59. The farmers are slowly making off with the ties and soon the bridge over the Pennypack will be just a memory. In Bustleton the wire is down but the rail will probably remain in the street. The City has asked for bids for poles for the trackless section of Rt. 59 but as yet no bids have been asked for the coaches.

Pittsburgh is receiving their latest order of 100 PCC cars. This brings the total number to 666.

Shaker Heights Rapid Transit with 25 new PCC cars now makes a 6 mile express run in nine minutes. Cars are single end, M U and can be operated intrains up to six cars. Builder of the equipment was Pullman and they are capable of seating 62 persons. The new cars replace half of the SHRT's old equipment.

The Red Arrow's new cars are still among the missing and not expected before the end of February.

PTC Rt. 65 now cuts back at 6th & Walnut via Walnut, 9th, Spring Garden to 7th. Rt. 31 will soon use double end cars and end at 46th & Market eastbound on account of Subway construction.

## MESSAGE FROM BLAKSLIE

Our silent Treasurer has reached the time of the year when he becomes not so silent. Your annual dues are now due and Bill is receiving at any time. If you did not get down to the meeting and see Bill why not sit right down and drop him a line. He is waiting for word from you. A check in the mail tonight will insure you receiving the Bulletin this year and open the door to many nights of enjoyable entertainment. The friends made in NRHS are well worth the \$3.50 per year dues. Incidentally Bill still lives at 1441 N. 16th St. Philadelphia 21, Pa.

## NOTES ON RAILS

The Mount Hood RR reports a gross revenue from passenger business in 1948 of 20 cents compared with a gross of \$45.20 for 1945. Needless to say passenger business has been suspended. (Possibly the passenger moved away)