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JANUARY TRAVELOGUE

An unusually large crowd was present at the January meeting at which movies by the New York Central and Union Pacific were shown by Milton Prickslett who also featured one of his lively comedies. There were some good pre-diesel Hudson River shots for the steam enthusiasts and even the juice fans were made happy when a Third Avenue Railway car suddenly appeared in the New York Central film.

BALTIMORE & ANNAPOLIS FAREWELL TRIP

Over twenty members of the Philadelphia Chapter enjoyed a farewell trip over the Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad on Sunday January 22nd. The train consisted of four cars southbound but only three cars northbound due to faulty brake equipment on one of the cars. Ample photo stops were made along the line and an added attraction was a rollicking ride over the Parole Branch. It was learned that rail passenger service will be "bussed" at 4 A.M. February 5th.

P. T. C. TROLLEY TOUR

Do you have something to do on Sunday March 5th? If you do, put it aside and join the Philadelphia Chapter on its first trolley trip of the year. Guaranteed to get you places you've never been before, this trip was designed as a sequel to our successful North Philadelphia "Off The Beaten Track" trip. Although Columbia Avenue won't be crossed umpteen times this trip, we're sure a ride over South Seventh Street, among many other pieces of unused trackage, and a visit to the PTC pier will be well worth the price of \$1.75. One of the very scarce cross-seated 5000's will be used. Rain date is March 12th.

ELECTRIC NOTES

Two important P. T. C. hearings are coming up shortly - the one on Overbrook Park and the other on the large rerouting scheme involving Route 65 primarily. The Overbrook Park hearing should settle for once and for all the fate of Route 31, while the rerouting hearing will determine whether most of Route 65 will be abandoned.

Recent accidents on Red Arrow's West Chester Division have resulted in several organized moves to have the cars removed from the Pike. Far from decreasing, these efforts have become more determined in recent weeks.

Baltimore has recently undergone two abandonments - the "E1" on Dec. 31st, and the No. 24, Lakeside Shuttle on Jan. 28th. No. 8 car formerly using the "e1" has reverted to its old route on Greenmount Ave.

CHAPTER LIBRARY

Latest books include "Railroads of New York," and excellent pictorial on both steam and electric lines in the New York zone... In "Working on the Railroad," the author reaches back into the gay nineties and sketches his experiences in chapters that are rich in railroad romance.... Thompson's "Short History of American Railroads," dated 1925, and "The Iron Trail" by Rex Beach are also "on tap."

WELCOME

We extend a hearty welcome to our two newest members, Mr. James B. Aird of Glasgow Scotland, and George W. Lippincott of Collirwood.

RAILROAD NOTES

The Lackawanna has reduced fares now good going and returning on weekdays at approximately two cents per mile.... It is rumored that the Pennsy's Sunday Only "Bel-Del" train to Stroudsburg will not go back after the coal strike.... Recent reports from Stroudsburg find that a two-unit diesel has replaced the steam locomotive as the Tobyhan pusher. The Stroudsburg roundhouse now boasts no tracks inside, but four autos!.... Lehigh Valley, upon delivery of eleven road-switched diesels will have 95% tonnage freight service dieselized.... Many familiar runs are missing from latest B&O schedules, among them are "The Valley Run," the Mt. Airy local, The Erick-Hagerstown gas car plus the Galeton-Addison steam train on the former B&S. B&O and CNR have applied to abandon the Cobourg Car Ferry.... Western Maryland plans to use diesels exclusively on all freight east of Hagerstown by early 1951.... Recent consolidation of the PRR's Williamsport and Wilkes-barre Divisions now places Norristown, Wilkes-barre, Renovo, and Sodus Point under one operating division known as the Susquehanna Division.... The Reading's Newberry Jct. to Shamokin passenger train is rumored to go off officially February 1st.... Four Reading gas cars now out of service can be seen in Prospect St. Yard, Trenton.... Recent victims of the "Modena Torch" are Reading's P-7 class No's 350-353 and Pennsy G-5's 833, 5718, 5782, 1880, E-6 68, and B-6 4148.... A pleasing sight for any railfan are the new streamlined N&W Budd-built sleepers seen now on the Pelican.. D&RG's delux narrow-gauge San Juan was taken off due to the coal strike and hearings now being held may result in its permanent discontinuance.

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