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## OBITUARY

It is with the deepest regret we record the passing of our friend and fellow member, Mr. Benjamin C. Burlholder. Mr. Burlholder, long an active supporter of all N.R.H.S. events, will be missed by many.

## PAGE FROM THE PAST

If you are a steam fan, and don't have all the photos you want of camelbacks in action, opportunity is knocking at your door if you hurry. The seasonal rush has brought most of the Reading's five remaining camelbacks (1593-97) clanking back into service. They work out of Erie Ave. enginehouse and, if operating, can usually be found between N. Broad St. and the Terminal.

## DUES DUE

About this time every year our chapter treasurer, like a streetcar conductor, must say "Fares, please" if we are to keep supplying you with the type of trips and events you want. Bob Abrams will be most happy to take your money and punch out one of his blue and white "continuation tickets" good for passage throughout the entire year.

## BETHLEHEM VISITED

Twenty-two members and their friends enjoyed a trip to Bethlehem to see the Christmas lights. The trip was made on regular runs, using a 1000 to Allentown and then to Bethlehem via South Side. A very fast Minsi Trail car provided the return to Allentown where one of the little-used 700's was waiting for Phila.

## ALLEGANY NOTES

Rt. 31 now sports 5200's gleaned from various parts of the system, replacing the 4000's now resting at Southern....After disposing of numerous Nearsides and 4000's, PTC's scrapping spree appears to be over for awhile. LVT's 1100's have disappeared - two to the torch and two to Speedrail. Fairview cars were recently cut back at Hamilton St., no longer going out to 17th St.... West Penn official abandonment dates - Brownsville-Jan. 29th; Martin-Feb. 5th; Fairchance-March 26th. Seven of the eleven buses have been delivered.... PST now runs rush-hour Media cars express to Springfield, but one can look in vain most of the time for W.C. IU's. Baltimore Transit recently received permission to abandon the "el." Denver trolleys will be past history by July of this year....New Minneapolis management promises large conversions.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

The staff of Cinders and the officers of the Phila. Chapter extend to all of you wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

## FROM CENTRAL AMERICA NORTH

Dr. Roland Holroyd, one of our own members, gave us an excellent word picture of his rail trip thru northern Central America at our Dec. meeting. One could imagine themselves riding the same trains, visiting the same places, and being frustrated by the same customs officials as Dr. Holroyd.

## BALTIMORE & ANNAPOLIS TO QUIT

The Balt. & Annapolis R.R., over which the Chapter ran a very successful trip last year, has been given permission to replace passenger service with diesel buses. The changeover will be around Feb. 1st. Freight service will continue with one diesel engine. Baltimore Chapter has planned a trip over the line for Sunday January 22nd, connecting with B. & O. train #35.

## RAILROAD NOTES

The Pennsy has just completed a new station at Burlington, N. J. Most of the tracks have been dug out of the street and now sport curbing on either side....PRSL's 6 new diesel will be 1500 HP road switchers, ready from Baldwin early this Spring.... The B. & O. will modernize all unrebuilt President series engines.... The Long Island will abandon the Manc branch shortly....Have you seen those New Haven parlor cars in tuscan red? B. & O. train #44 is now making stops at Childs, Belcamp, Whitemarsh, and Bradshaw, replacing the Singerly loco PRR has one of those elusive D-16's hidden away in a dark corner of Wilmington roundhouse....Baldwin will build 91 of the Pennsy's new order of 226 diesels....A Reading pass. tender and a 4-4-2 framework were recently seen at Modena - one of the 350's? The Wheeling & Lake Erie became a part of the Nickel Plate the 1st week of Dec....The D., L. & W. put its new Phoebe Snow, eight cars of luxury replacing the Lack, Limited, into service on Nov. 15th, the same day the last train on the same road chuffed from Sunbury to Scranton.... What has happened to the ex-Susquehanna gas car and trailer recently seen at Bridgeport...Interesting sight at the Army-Navy game was the old double-deck sleeper, Eventide. Western Maryland is bidding on 12' 1/2' and 3 switching diesels.... Teniscouata Ry. was just sold to C.N.