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BANQUET

Our annual banquet will be held on Thursday, April 13th at 7 PM. Holland's Restaurant, 114 North 19th Street. Tickets are \$3.50, so bring your wives and sweethearts and enjoy a night of good entertainment. Our speaker will be Mr. E. P. Gangwere, Ass't. Vice President, Reading Co.

WANDERING WITH WALT

Chapter member Walt Zackon, known locally as Metro-Goldwyn-Zackon for his excellent productions, did it again at the February meeting with his tip-top movies from last summer, plus some PE films for good measure. Canada, Baltimore, the West Coast - all were represented in Walt's pictures, viewed by an excellent turnout.

LOOKING FORWARD

Clean the dust off your goggles and put some starch in your cap, because plans are now being completed for the first steam trip of the season, to be run early in May. The trip will operate over devious routes to the Pennsy's Greenville yard and return via the Jersey Central and the Flemington Branch. Watch CINDERS for further news.

D., L. & W. SAFARI

Those who joined the West Jersey Chapter aboard the Crusader, Feb. 18th were rewarded by a fine tour of the DL&W facilities at Hoboken, including a visit to the terminal tower, thru the Phoebe Snow, MU shops, and the roundhouse, led by the trainmaster. In the afternoon the party visited the model show followed by a trip thru the new "Century" at Grand Central. Others enjoyed a ride to Branchville behind oil-burning pacific 1119.

ELECTRIC NOTES

PTC #25 finally wended its way to oblivion - poles, rails, and all. Rt. 26 is now being served by mixed straight & remodeled 8000's in weekday morning rush hour.

Present notes on LVT. Within recent weeks engineers arrived at Souderton barn and mapped out plans for bus conversion. LVT officials were also treated to a trip from Allentown to Norristown in a Elxble demonstrator. S'nuff said.

It is reported that Canada's N., ST. C. & T. abandoned the St. Catharines-Pt. Dalhousie line Feb. 28th. The Thorold-Pt. Colborne is soon to follow. In addition the L. & P. S., L. E. & N., and Grand River have applied to abandon service.

Without waiting to see how buses will work, West Penn has already applied to abandon Connellsville-Uniontown via Leisnering, and Dickerson Run lines.

LIBRARY

If you are interested in juice lines, we suggest you look over our Empire State Folder. This contains both "Ticonerilles of the Empire State" and "Interurbans of the Empire State" by Felix Reifschneider. (See 1st Quarter Bulletin, page 26). No need to go out and buy the books - you can rent both for 25¢ a month. Also in the electric list is "Fares, Please" by Miller. "Railroads of New York" has some electric interest. We are interested in hearing from our members about new books of rail interest that could be added to our library.

THANKS

The Editors would like to take this opportunity to thank the many contributors to this issue for their time and work in gathering material and sending it in - Keep 'em coming!

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a hearty welcome to our two new members, Mr. Ronald B. Munro and Mr. John L. Smith, both of Philadelphia.

RAILROAD NOTES

NYC is getting two of Budd's new rail cars for Boston, Worcester, and Springfield service on the B & A - delivery in April. W.P.'s new Budd rail car is to run between Sacramento and Salt Lake City three trips weekly replacing the Royal Gorge.

Pennsy is selling 136 steam engines to a Pittsburgh scrap firm. Pennsy E-6 68 and G-5 5718 remain at Modena. The following Rdg. engines are there also: 352, 1707, 1709, 1711-16, 1718-20, 1722-25, 1727, 1729.

All D&H Carbondale-Scranton trains are off. D. & H. has rented several NYO&W diesels for road freight. To release diesels for freight service many main-line trains have been consolidated, so we now have "The General Blazer" and "The Spirit of Jeffersonian!" A favorite with chapter members, B&O 35/36 is a victim of the coal strike - the Cincinnati likewise.

Jersey Central has ordered 24 new diesels. PRR's Harrisburg-Lewistown local is now off for good, the Bald Eagle train to follow if permission is granted.

Jamestown, Westfield & Northwestern received abandonment permission. Pennsy is now going "all out" for LCL freight. The "Little Royal Blue," ex-Singerly gas car is now seen between Rochester & Ferry. Hudson & Manhattan plans modernizing cars shortly. Wabash's new St. Louis-Chicago streamliner, the "Blue Bird," flew into service February 26th, complete with a set of dome cars.