

TRIPS PHILADELPHIA IN '50

Let the above be your watchword for this year's Labor Day weekend. When there are other conventions to be held, Phila. Chapter will hold them! Plans do not make it a "must" attendance for all, so budget your time accordingly to include everything.

APRIL MEETING

We had an excellent meeting highlighted by the showing of movies by Charles Elston. Mr. Elston's movies were a colorful panorama of scenes and trains on the D&N and PRR, obviously spotted with great care and photographed over a long period of time.

ANNUAL BANQUET

This year's banquet, held at Hollands, was enjoyed by everyone present. After a tasty meal our speaker, Mr. E. P. Gangwere gave an excellent speech on the Reading Co., letting us in on many interesting facts about the Co.

COMING FIELD TRIPS

Don't forget our coming PRR trip scheduled for Sunday June 11th featuring the Camden & Amboy to S. Amboy, Greenville Yard, LW to Phillipsburg, and the picturesque Sol-Del.

ELECTRIC NEWS

PTC's Rt. 59 is tentatively scheduled for conversion sometime in June. Trolley coach wire is up except Bells Corner Loop where sub-station work is in progress. Also underway is the track and street work on 33rd St. for soon-to-be-rerouted 13's and 42's. During the month the co. applied to put busses on Rt. 30. New rail is being laid on 5th St. between Luzerne and Wyoming Avenues. PCC 2536 is one of the first cars repainted without the red band under the window. We understand this is to be standard.

Baltimore Transit has applied to put buses on Line 30 to Lorraine. No. 4 Line is to be extended to a new loop at Westchester Road.

Red Arrow shopmen are proud as punch of new flatcar O4, she sports MU couplers, headlight bracket, pilot, and underslung markers. The $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of double track between Aronimink and Drexelbrook is now in redoubt and tie stage, rails will be laid shortly. Take a gander at the new easy-to-read destination signs on the Brilliners and lightweights on your next visit to 59th Street.

LVT is now but a segment of the Cinn., Newport & Covington Ry. No green paint on the cars yet.

International Ry., now the Niagara Frontier, is to go all bus by October.

LIBRARY NOTES

The book of the month is entitled "Railroads of Edg." by S. Kip Farrington, Jr. It was presented to the Chapter by the Baltimore & Ohio at the banquet last month. This modern and up-to-date volume is a companion to Mr. Farrington's book "Railroading from the Rear End" and is comparable to his "Railroads at War," which had the largest sale of any railroad book ever published. It contains 72 pages of fine action photos of the many new trains now in operation.

RAILROAD NOTES

ET & WNC has applied to abandon its 22.5 mile narrow-gauge line, one of the few left in the country.

Virginia & Truckee, scheduled to go off May 31st, lost engine 26 in a roundhouse fire at Reno. Service is limping along behind the one remaining iron horse, ex NCB #5.

We note in passing on the new April schedules that B&O New York-Wash. trains 509/510 were dropped. The Reading offered several drastic cuts. Newtown now has only two trains while one round trip to N.Y. was dropped. Trenton Branch is now down to one train while the Bound Brook locals were also reduced. The CRP's Scranton Flyer has flown its last although the Bethlehem connection still runs. Oddly enough, there were no noticeable cuts on the Pennsy while service on several of the named trains was speeded up.

Congratulations to the Erie on their new Pittsburgh-Cleveland, The Steel King, and the L & N on their 100th birthday.

Third rail is now removed to Millville on the PRR. Their six diesels are now in service, and will pull AC cars Sunday only to South Jersey points.

"SCOOT"-The Norristown-New Boston Jct. portion of the new Susquehanna Div. PRR, was a "Division For A Day" as this portion was reassigned to the Philadelphia Terminal Div. just one day later!

Douglasville Tower on the Readings "Main Line" has recently been closed. Valley Forge station is something to behold in its new paint job. New electrical wiring and platform lengthening are other features. Those Boy Scouts really rate!

Little known is B&O's overhead electrically operated portion on the waterfront in the Fell's Point section of Baltimore.

Sorry, no engines at Modena!

The Ma & Pa now has a new 2-8-0, ex US Govt., to supplement its diesels.

Adrain and Sturgis, Mich. turned out on May 1st to welcome back its NYC