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PTC NITE A BIG SUCCESS

The chapter's thanks to Mr. Ried for his excellent talk, and to PTC for the showing of its new sound-color film "Life Steam of a Metropolis" at our March meeting.

APRIL EVENTS

ON THUR. APRIL 17..Our regular monthly meeting will feature a speaker from the Rock Island. Also on the program will be a showing of "Golden Journey," their 30 minute film. Come and bring a friend.
SAT. APRIL 19..The annual Banquet at the University Club.
SAT. APRIL 26..Last inspection and picture tour of Broad St. Station for NRHS members. Meet at 1.30 PM outside of the Station Masters Office, train concourse.
SUN. APRIL 27..The chapter will have its own coach on train 431-the last train to leave historic Broad Street Station.. leaving at 1.10 AM for those wishing to make the last ride to 30th Street Sta.
WED. APRIL 30..This is the deadline for tickets for our Railfan Special trip to Hershey on May 4th. Let's make this trip a success.

AT THE LOOP

PTC's new station signs on the Broad St. Subway are indeed a fine improvement. Modernized 5200 class cars on Rt 52 are now being shopped. Have you trained your camera on line car D38 recently? It has been repainted and sports a silver roof and has been working out of Luzerne on Rto. 6 and 26.

Out on PST car 23 was destroyed by fire at Bywood on Sat, March 8th when an overhead wire snapped and fell on the car.

On the Long Island new standards in interior lighting and decorations are promised. Two display coaches will be prepared and passengers will be invited to choose one as a model for future treatment. Twenty MU single deck cars have been ordered from Pullman Standard.

Public Service has removed the last trolley from Bloomfield and Orange Sts March 31st. The only trolley line left being No. 7 in the subway.

The fate of New York's deficit-plagued transit system is still muddled- the proposal that the transit facilities be taken over by the Triborough Bridge And Tunnel Authority seems unlikely to go thru.

Salt Lake, Garfield & Western has received a center cab diesel for freight and for passenger service a single-end rail car of semi-PCC design which they purchased from the Aberdeen & Rockfish. Overhead wires will be removed this summer.

OUT ON THE HIGH IRON

Spring has arrived on the B&O with the familiar announcement of its Spring Race Track Specials from Phila. to Laurel.

The new morning and afternoon Congressionals and the Senator, resplendant with new stainless steel equipment, went in service March 17th. If you haven't as yet seen these fine trains a visit to North Phila. Station is in order for you.

The New Haven has installed two new ticket machines in Grand Central. A steel plate with the destination thereon is placed in the machine, which prints the ticket on a blank roll of paper, while the customer waits. Forty-five more are on order.

Chapter steam fans were pleased to note an A5 switcher still at work in Atlantic City on the PRSL. The road's six new RDC's are now on the assembly line at Budds. Work on the new frt. spur to Coopers Pt. Yard from the main line near Camden Station should begin in almost 60 days. It is to be double tracked.

Streamling has been removed from Reading pacifics No's. 117 and 118.

The Lehigh Valley has announced that seven of its last steam locomotives will soon feel the torch. These are the T-2, 4-8-4 types. Gas-electric service between Flemington and Flemington Jct. has been replaced by buses and Flemington Station has been demolished.

Diesels will replace steam on the Pennsy Dolmarva Division this summer.

The progressive Chicago & North Western has been issuing token passes to babies born in the area it serves. Each pass contains the baby's name plus a reminder that all children under five ride free! Two roads have been reducing their fares- Central of Georgia has just made available a new five day round trip ticket for the Atlanta-Savannah run cheaper than bus or plane. In the north the Bangor & Aroostock carried over 600 persons on a weekend excursion rate from BAR points to Boston.

Rock Island will have dieselized its passenger service by the delivery of six new red and silver units. This road announces that by the use of frozen food, faster and more varied menus are now available on Rock Island diners.

Recent long CTC installations include the Hornopayne-Foley stretch on the CNR, and Atlanta-Birmingham on the SAL. The entire Clinchfield is now under the eye of the CTC panel with the extension from Erwin to Spartanburg. The C&O has added CTC to its James River Low Grade Line Balcony Falls to Lynchburg.

We understand the Pennsy's Toms River service faces an uncertain future.