

CINDERS

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ERRATUM

We wish to humbly apologize for an error of fact which crept into CINDERS last month. We said PST fares had been increased to 15 cents, or 3 tokens for 50 cents. It should have read "18 cents, 3 tokens for 50 cents". We should add that transfers are issued on payment of a cash fare only. We'll try to do better next time.

We also wish to apologize for the lack of clearness on many copies of the July issue. We attribute it to the fact that the temperature of the room at the time we ran off the stencil was about a hundred and forty-five.

CONVENTION

We have learned that, in connection with the convention trip to Shenandoah, Va., a limited number of visitors may visit the Shenandoah Central Railroad, located near by. There is an extra charge for this trip. For further details, write to the Convention Chairman, Mr. G. Ross Popkins, 7406 14th St N.W., Washington 12, D. C. Plans for this jaunt were completed only recently, and the announcement did not go out with some of the tickets.

TRIP NEWS

The annual picnic at Willow Grove (by chartered PCC) was very successful. Henry Dickinson was acclaimed miniature golf champion of the Philadelphia Chapter at this event. Also, the prediction was made that should National City Lines ever gain control of PTC, their first action would be to replace the miniature railroad at Willow Grove with a miniature bus, but this is still unconfirmed.

A trip by private automobile to Bay Head Junction (to see PRR K-4's lined up) and South Amboy (to see Raritan River power), originally scheduled for August 7, has been postponed until August 14. The number is limited -- see Walt Zackon for details and reservations.

MEETING NEWS

There will be no formal program at the August meeting; but beginning in September the winter series of formal programs will begin. More details next month.

THE POETS' CORNER

THE MOTOR BUS

What is this that roareth thus?
Can it be a Motor Bus?
Yes, the smell and hideous hum
Indicat Motoren Bum!
Implet in the Corn and High
Terror ne Motores Bi:
Bo Motori clamitabo
Ne Motore caedar a Bo --
Dative be or Ablative
So thou only let us live: --
Whither shall thy victims flee?
Spare us, spare us, Motor Be!
Thus I sang; and still anigh
Came in hordes Motores Bi,
Et complebat omne forum
Copia Motorum Borum.
How shall wretches live like us
Cincti Bis Motoribus?
Domine, defende nos
Contra hos Motores Bos!

-- A. D. Godley
(1856-1925)

NEWS

Altoona and Logan Valley Electric Railway will end rail operations on Saturday, August 7. The system has been on its annual bus-only vacation since August 1, but there will be a grand last ride on Saturday afternoon. A number of members have indicated a desire to go to Altoona for the purpose; this is the reason the Jersey steam trip was postponed.

PTC has indicated a desire to buy 300 diesel busses. The promise to buy 130 PCC's has apparently been forgotten, at least temporarily.

Elsewhere: Chesapeake Western, a short-line road in Virginia, wants to be taken over by Norfolk & Western. The short line is completely dieselized.

New York's Third Avenue elevated is due to quit on December 31. The line has been on a five-day week now for some time.

Illinois Territorial wants to end all passenger service except St. Louis-Granite City, presently PCC-operated.

Pacific Great Western, in British Columbia, plans to build south to Vancouver and north to Dawson Creek, on the Alaska Highway.