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MEETINGS

The program for the October 21 meeting will consist of two films -- "Snow on the Run", courtesy of Southern Pacific Lines, repeat by popular demand, and "225,000-Mile Proving Ground", courtesy of the Association of American Railroads, featuring railroad modernization.

In connection with the NRHS annual meeting, to be held on Sunday, November 14, there will be a special meeting on Saturday evening, November 13. The program for this has not as yet been set, but will be sent out to members in the form of an announcement.

Both meetings will be held at the usual place -- Assembly Room, B&O Station, 24th and Chestnut.

TRIP NEWS

The trip on October 10 to Mount Hope, Dover, and Green Pond Junction was a great success, in spite of the weather not being all it might have been, both financially and artistically. For the first time the editor can remember, some people had to be turned away because the trip was filled to capacity. We therefore urge that on future trips our readers send for their tickets as early as possible.

A "Trip of the Month", using regular passenger trains as usual, has been planned for Saturday, November 6. The trip will operate to Millville, N. J., on the PRSL. Sorry, you'll have to return by a means of transportation we will not mention here. Announcements will be sent out by the Trip Committee shortly.

On the October 10 trip, an informal poll was taken among all passengers as to their choice for trips for the coming year. We have been informed that the overwhelming choice of the several offered was a trip on the Pennsy to Wilkes-Barre. However, we have nothing definite on any of next year's trips yet.

LIBRARY

The cost of taking books from the chapter library has been reduced from 25 to 10 cents. The library contains information on many railroad and transit topics. See Willard Hart or Bill Blacklee, co-librarians, for details. We urge all members to use the facilities. This is an opportunity to learn more about railroading at very small cost.

ANNUAL MEETING

As you can see from the left-hand column, the annual meeting of the NRHS will be held at the B&O station on November 14, instead of November 7, as stated elsewhere. The hour will be 11 a.m. All members are invited.

NEWS FROM PTC

PTC has been putting a lot of new rail in on the subway-surface lines, giving rise to rumors -- we repeat, only rumors -- that these routes would be equipped soon with PCC's. There are also unconfirmed stories that the company is interested in buying excess PCC cars from Detroit; these, in conjunction with excess cars now available, would be sufficient to equip the lines.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Hurricane Hazel has come and gone, fouling up rail schedules temporarily in the process. We learn that Red Arrow suspended trolley service for several hours on October 15, using busses during this time, and PRR had to use diesels in place of GG-1's on several east-west passenger trains.

The ferry terminal in Camden was destroyed by a fire. We understand the place is a total loss.

Proposed sharp slashes in service by the Reading and the Seashore Lines affecting suburban service have been bitterly fought by various civic groups and the cuts have been suspended pending PUC decisions. Warning: The B&O system timetable, showing Philadelphia-New York service includes these cuts, and trains are not following this schedule.

The miniature railroad at Willow Grove may be saved after all. There are plans to use it to connect the proposed new shopping center and the parking lot, for transportation of shoppers and their packages.

Pennsy's Indianapolis Limited is back on the schedules. During the summer the work is handled by other trains.

The news out of Cleveland the past month hasn't exactly made the inhabitants jump with joy, but things are looking up. The city's rapid transit cars are now arriving.

Observed on the October 10 trip: In an eastbound LV freight, a Nickel Plate flat car carrying a truck trailer lettered "Nickel Plate Road".