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**NEW ADMINISTRATION INSTALLED ON APRIL 18
BILL HOOKER TAKES OVER CHAPTER THROTTLE**

The April meeting was the scene of what was perhaps the most vigorous nomination and election of officers Phila. Chapter has seen in many years. Many fine and well-known men of the Chapter were nominated and each ran a close race over his opponent. The result was a new look in the administrative offices headed by former president William D. Hooker, III again in the "engineer's" seat. Two long term officers, Milt Fricskett and Harry S. Myers were unseated by their rivals, Theodore Meyers and Donald R. Riegel for the posts of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Another new face was added as Historian, Carl F. Landeck. Our former Historian, William S. Gorton, Jr. refused renomination as he will soon be relocated to Pittsburgh, Pa. No change was made in the office of Vice President to allow Rodger W. Fredrick to continue his well planned in advance series of fine programs for regular meetings. Our Director and representative to National Organizational meetings, Lloyd Glass was also unopposed for another term in office. The Secretary was directed to cast one unanimous ballot to elect Messrs. Glass and Fredrick. The retiring officers extend to their successors every good wish for success and prosperity during their administration of the affairs of Philadelphia Chapter, and hope that they will continue to maintain the fine reputation and tradition enjoyed by the Chapter.

CLICKINGS OFF THE RAILS

A reliable source has reported to CINDERS that boomer equipment will soon be seen in South Jersey. The Penna.-Rdg. Seashore lines have entered into negotiations to purchase two RDC cars from the N.Y., Susquehanna, & Western which is currently in the market to dispose of its RDC fleet. These two cars will again restore the 2 destroyed in a disastrous shops fire a few months back and bring the fleet back to the original number of twelve.

The PUC in Harrisburg will be holding a public hearing on June 4th on the question of whether paying passengers should be given seat preference over free riders on crowded trains. It would seem to the Editor that this question is self-answerable.

Hopes of increased revenue for the Pittsburgh Railways were set aside for a six months period by the PUC in Harrisburg. The suspension came after protests from the city fathers protested that the transit firm had ordered further cuts in

service. Looks like has been reading the Philadelphia papers.

The PTC has approached Philadelphia Chapter with an invitation to visit their new shops at 3rd and Wyoming. These are the new electric rail equipment shops that replace the outmoded Kensington Shops. Philadelphia Chapter is indeed honored to receive this invitation and full details will be announced at the May meeting. The visit to the shops has been set for Thurs. May 22nd when it is expected that the shops will be under full operation. This should be a must for all Phila. Chapter members.

With the change to Daylight Saving Time the P.R.R. has returned two trains to N.Y. service formerly originating or terminating in Philadelphia. These are the Juniata between Harrisburg and N.Y., and The Duquesne between New York and Pittsburgh. No other major changes were recorded on the Philadelphia-Lancaster-Harrisburg run.

The P.R.R. scuttled three Bryn Mawr shuttles with the change to Daylight Time. New York-Philadelphia service was reduced from 63 to 59 trains, while the N.Y. to Washington line saw a reduction from 40 to 37 daily trains. This is not to mention the dozen daily trains between Phila. and Washington dropped when the B & O service became just a memory. The rail traveler can no longer select his routing from our area to the nation's Capital--it's P.R.R. straight down the line now.

**REGULAR MAY MEETING OF CHAPTER TO BE HELD
ON FRIDAY MAY 16th AT B & O STATION**

The regular May meeting of Philadelphia Chapter will be held in the Assembly Room of B&O Station, 24th & Chestnut Sts. on Friday, May 16th at 8:15 P.M. Secretary Ted Meyers' meeting notice will carry a full listing of the program arranged by V.F. Rodger Fredrick. Several Chapter members will be presenting 8 m.m. and 35 m.m. films and slides. Your attendance is urged at the May, as well as all regular Chapter meetings and events. Be an "actively attending" member and support your officers.

SECRETARY BECOMES EDITOR IN ONE NIGHT

One of the first appointments to be made by incoming president Bill Hooker was the appointment of Milt Fricskett as Editor for Cinders. Cinders will begin publication on a regular basis starting with the June 1st issue, and each succeeding issue should arrive in your mailbox about the fifth of each month. Anyone having news of interest should forward same to The Editor of Cinders, 346 Driscoll Ave., Woodbury, N.J.

**ANNUAL BANQUET BECOMES THRILLER NIGHT
WITH ALL ACCENT ON COLORADO NARROW GAUGE**

Some 40 persons attending the Annual Banquet at the Casa Centi in Glenside were treated to a fine film program "Ticket to Tokehawk"--the 20th Century Fox production featuring the building of the