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Any contributions from our members will be most welcome.

## CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chapter is quite fortunate in obtaining for meetings the Skyline Room on the roof of the Philadelphia Library at Logan Circle. A number of desirable meeting places were investigated, and this is the only one available.

Both ex-President Hooker and the new president have found that no meeting room would be free. The Pennsy has nothing available. The Library has several points to recommend it. Evening parking is possible in the vicinity. This is not possible elsewhere in the center of the city nor at 30th St. Station (except for a fee). For the non-drivers Rt 33 bus passes the Library door, and connects 3 blocks away at 19th & Market Subway-Surface trolley station. (Rt A on S. Broad St. also passes the Library Ed) Since its redecoration, the Library will easily be the most sumptuous meeting place for any railfan group.

Rental is only ten dollars per meeting. Our annual local chapter dues are only \$1.50. A Chapter dues increase of fifty cents a year is proposed, to take effect Jan. 1, 1960. This will make possible our use of the Library. This local dues increase of one cent per week will be submitted to the members for approval or disapproval, at one of the meetings this coming Autumn.

This year a former chapter custom of an annual dinner is being revived. ("Banquet" is the term, but that sounds too stiffly formal) This dinner will replace the regular Sept. meeting, and is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 19th at Schwarzwald Inn, 2nd and Olney Ave. After dinner Mr. Laurence Bowen will show movies of locomotive cab rides over many railroads, including many lines long abandoned. Full details later.

Advance notice of our inaugural Library meeting, Friday Oct. 16th: Mr. R. G. Lewis, publisher of RAILWAY AGE, and almost the only American permitted to freely inspect and ride Russian railways, will speak and show pictures which he took there, from Leningrad all the way across the Trans-Siberian Railway to the Pacific. This will be a most exceptionally interesting meeting.

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Did you timecard fans catch the one in the May Official Guide? The W. M. listed as Passenger Traffic Manager while their schedules below noted "freight service Only." Don't miss "north By Northwest."

## TRANSIT TOPICS

Norristown Division PST cars 170 and 167 are being renovated with new seats and floors. They will sport the new Red Arrow paint scheme. Wrecking crews are swiftly turning the PTC shops at Kensington & Cumberland into just another memory. PTC's renewal program is well under way. Work was recently completed on Rt. 15's track project on Girard Ave from B St to Corinthian Ave. New rail has also been laid in the Broad St. Subway which will provide express service between Erie Ave and Walnut-Locust Stations. This new service will start after Labor Day, and will save you 3 minutes and provide an extra 280 seats per hour, it is estimated... Watt fans! Try the Market St. Loop on a weekend. Go thru all the turnouts! They are replacing everything except the structure itself!

## TRIPS

The Chapter now has a regular Trip Committee. Agreeing to get it under way is veteran chapter member Jim Dillon as chairman. His able assistants will be Carl Landeck, Phil Rosenau and Harry Myers. They have just completed arrangements for a Pennsy trip for Oct. 18th. The 318 mile trip will traverse the Schuylkill Valley Branch to Laurel Jet, Lehigh Valley to Mt. Carmel, Pa. RR to Sunbury, Harrisburg and Philly. Trip will have a diner.

## HIGH IRON ITEMS

When PRR O-6-O, B6ab 5244 left New Egypt (where it formerly handled trains of the Union Transportation Co.) on July 14th it made only a one-way trip. With M. L. Borel engineer, handling the genuine honest-to-goodness throttle, and fireman E. Dickerson throwing coal on a shovel thru the firebox door, Extra 5244 came west to Cooper Tower, Camden. There NRHS President E. L. Pardee, and West Jersey Chapter member Leo Avis, watched it come in, cross over to the Camden & Amboy line and head for West Phila. Enginehouse. "Sic Transit" — CPR #29, 4-4-0, still spry at age 72, was recently dolled up for centennial celebration at Caribou, Me. this July and is now back in service on CPR's Chipman-Norton NB branch. A bridge limit keeps her alive... Pennsy diners now feature a fixed-menu meal at \$1.75 between 3 and 5 PM... they also have new low weekend family and group fares to N.Y... Ladies Days are now Wed. AND Thurs. The Rdg. Co. and city will start "Operation N.E." in Sept. with more service on Newtown Branch to Fox Chase.

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"Convention Time" is fast approaching and members and friends who have not as yet secured their tickets are urged to do so... Let Phila. entrain for Pgh!