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This being our first issue, a word of introduction is in order. The name of our publication, CINDERS, needs no introduction to many of you. And maybe many of the news items are familiar to you. But we hope to bring a little something in the way of news to everyone. With this admission we invite news any reader cares to send, TO: W.R. Durrwachter, 200 W. Jefferson St., Media, Pa., 19063.

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SHORT LINE NEWS

The Washington and Old Dominion, a one time interurban has applied for permission to abandon its entire 48 mile line. A projected highway will destroy the economic usefulness of the road. Still another section of the Rutland Railway has been saved. The Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority has purchased the 25 mile line between Ogdensburg and Norwood, N.Y. The road will be operated by the newly formed Ogdensburg and Norwood Railway.

California's Sacramento Northern, once booming interurban, has abandoned its 4.3 mile East Nichols Branch. Meanwhile the state seeks total abandonment of the Feather River Railroad. The line, which will be flooded by the Oroville Dam project, objects; but the state dislikes paying some \$6M to relocate the line. At last report the diesel and Shay operation continues awaiting court action. The Buffalo Creek and Gauley has received formal approval to end its operation. The 2-8-0's are reported to be in safe hands. Also abandoned is the 8 mile Birmingham and Southern.

NEW STEAM SHORT LINE

The 1/7/65 announcement by the Reading Co. that agreement had been reached for the sale of the RDG's New Hope branch between Ivyland, Pa. and New Hope to the New Hope and Ivyland Railroad Co. added a third steam power, railfan operated railroad to the Philadelphia area.

Unlike the WK&S, but in concert with the Strasburg, the NH&I plans to operate as a common carrier for freight service. Lawrence H. Myers, a director of the NH&I said that the new company believes it can operate the line "at a cost substantially less than that presently incurred by the Reading."

In it's application to the ICC for permission to issue stock, the NH&I indicated that approx. 2900 shares would be delivered to its parent organization, Steam Trains, Inc., for the purchase of equipment which includes CNR 4-6-0 #1533. The balance will be sold to the general public for working capital. Shares carry a \$50 par value.

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HART'S HAVEN

George Hart's long proposed steam operated "York Southern" will definitely operate over the Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The equipment will include two CP 4-6-2's, a BEDT 0-6-OT, as well as the RDG's famed 1251. The 4-6-2's were reported moving through Harrisburg early this year.

Operation is planned for summer. No indication is made of the disposition of 4-6-0 #32 from the Hampton and Branchville RR (SC) which was purchased for operation over the M&P by Byron Andrew, Jr. of Washington, D.C.

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TRACTION TERMINAL

A new trolley collection in the Bloomsburg area is reported to include the private car "Loretto" of steel magnet Charles A. Schwab. Also included are Hershey Transit's #4 -former Ephrata & Lebanon and a North Branch Transit RR roof combine. A Rochester 4 wheeler, a Scranton Master Unit & Sweeper, presently at Rail City, may be

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The West Virginia Northern, however, is
building a new 9.4 mile line to serve a re-
cently opened coal mine.

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A vestige of the one time railroad
controlled Baltimore Steam Packet Company,
The Old Bay Line, will resume operations
on an irregular cruise basis, with the
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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE MARCH 8, 1965.

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The New York Transit Authority re-
jected all bids on their latest order
of 200 subway cars, claiming the bidders
did not understand the NYCTA bid eval-
uation procedures.

San Francisco famed cable cars are
going to stop running this April to per-
mit a major overhaul of the system.
Among the improvements in the \$2 million
overhaul are new trackage, cable equip-
ment, and perhaps new cars.