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MAIN LINE NEWS

Burlington's 2-8-2 #4960 will pull an old fashioned circus train into Milwaukee July 1 to open festivities at the Schlitz Brewery's Old Fashioned Circus Week.

George M. Hart filed suit against the Reading concerning a five acre tract of land in Northampton Twp. south of Doylestown owned by Hart. The Reading has run through this tract for 74 years, but Hart has filed his suit to show that the railroad has to have either a right-of-way across Hart's land, or buy it. The track in question will probably be used as part of the New Hope & Ivyland of Lawrence Myers. Myers and Hart competed for the purchase of this track last June and the ICC approved its sale to Myers. Hart now wants to stop them from trespassing across his land.

Mike #11 is either moving or has moved from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. to Ft. Eustis, Va. on its own wheels. Loco is ex Ky-Tenn.

The ICC has denied pleas, including one by the Soo Line, for further postponement of proceedings of the proposed C&NW and CGW merger. In denying the pleas, the ICC stated no Milwaukee-C&NW merger proposal is before them.

Poles are up from Fox Chase to Cheltenham. Improvement on the rail is taking place, but no wire was up as of 6/18, on this Rdg. Line.

Watch for shipment of a Pan. Canal elec. mile from Norfolk, Va. to American Museum of Electricity, Niskayuna, N.Y. Loco is reported to be 32'2" in length and 47 tons in weight.

Train watchers from the Susquehanna Valley Chapter report seeing engines bearing the following roads' insignia in the Sayre-Waverly area: Erie, DL&W, EL, LV, D&H, NKP, N&W, DT&I, PRR. This is all the more remarkable when one considers the area is served by only the EL and the LV.

Directors of the Katy have authorized 1,000 new freight cars of various types and 25 new cabooses. Car rebuilding and repair will be started at company shops at Parsons, Kan. and Denison, Tex. to turn out five or six cars a day. Pass. service ended 6/30.

Rock Island has ordered 2,094 new freight cars at a cost of \$26 million. ACL has placed a \$33 million order for 2,275 new large-capacity freight cars. Builders will be Pullman

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Standard, Bethlehem Steel, and General Steel Industries.

The PRR and the CNJ, co-owners of the NY&LB, have asked the ICC to approve their Aldene Plan concerned with commuter service on the Long Branch. This would entail trackage rights by the Jersey Central over the LV between Aldene and the PRR junction at Newark, N.J., and use of the PRR from Newark to New York City. By transporting commuters directly by rail, the CNJ could discontinue use of ferries and bring about substantial savings.

The AAR is proposing a case for amending more than 50 of the ICC's rules for inspecting and testing non-steam locomotives. Included are bids to extend the 30 day general inspection period to 91 days and to extend the 6 month period for compulsory disassembly of locomotive brake components to 12 and 24 months. All the AAR proposals are opposed by the railway organizations and the staff of the ICC's Section of Locomotive Inspection.

Official listing of the Reading Co. rolling stock, dated Jan. 1, 1965, lists 3 class T-1 4-3-4 locos. Last reports from the Road Foreman of Engines, however, was four. Anybody been in the roundhouse lately?

Steam once again has been operating on the Burlington, this time to pull trains over flooded track in the Mississippi Valley during the recent floods. #5632 is being rebuilt.

The City of Philadelphia has awarded a contract to St. Louis Car for 20 all-stainless steel commuter cars for Philadelphia area service.

CP's 38-story Le Chateau Champlain is now under construction in Montreal. It will be Canada's tallest hotel.

Oral arguments have been heard on the proposed merger of GN, NP, & CB&Q. For: 230 Northwest shippers, UP, and states of Mo., Neb., and N.D. Against: An NP Committee, Depts. of Justice and Agriculture, RLEA, and states of Minn., Mont., Org., and Wash.

Reading Company will abandon that part of Perkiomen Branch from Emmaus to East Greenville on July 1.

The ICC has set hearings on the Santa Fe request to reduce passenger schedules between Los Angeles and San Diego from 4 to 2 roundtrips per day.

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ICC will appeal to Supreme Court a district court order returning ACL-SAL merger to the commission for restudy.

Lumber trains are rolling again over the NWP. A California congressional delegation and top SP officials attended the golden spike ceremony.

The Federal Government has approved a \$3 million grant to keep the NH running for at least 18 more months.

B&M will begin subsidized increased train service to 8 communities outside the Mass. Bay Trans. Authority on June 28.

Up the Schuylkill Valley, the Pottsville PRR freight station is closed, while at Delano, near Laurel Jct., the LV enginehouse is closed. Park Place above Delano is no longer in use.

NEW ARRIVALS

To Mark and Maureen Bennett, a new "fireman" on the first day of summer. All are fine, except last reports had the new one crying because Daddy wouldn't take him to EBT this weekend.

SHORT LINE NEWS

Steam returns to the Ma & Pa this summer every Sunday from the 4th of July through Labor Day weekend. In addition to the Sunday trips, runs will be made Sat., July 3, Mon., July 5, Sat., Sept. 4, and Mon., Sept. 6. Trains are headed by former CP #1286 and/or former Rdg. #1251. Trains leave M&P York depot at 490 E. Market St. at 1:30, 3:00, and 4:30 PM, and run 14 miles roundtrip to Yoe and back.

Seen on the New Hope & Ivyland at New Hope: Vest. Baggage Car and a 1942 wood caboos, both ex-Rdg. At Buckingham: A steel caboos, an open platform M of W coach, and an old P&R wood milk express car - all ex-Rdg.

The 20 mile, 4 diesel Minnesota, Dakota & Western is now controlled by the Boise Cascade Corp. No reported change in rail operation.

In addition to the Cal. Western adding a 2-8-2 from an Org. logging pike to its roster, the coaches behind it will be coming from the EL.

Arcade & Attica carried 50,000 passengers in 1964.

NH&I will sell shares at \$50.00 a share. More details will soon be released.

Ex IC 2-8-0 #790, now owned by an Iowa railfan, was in service recently at Clinton, Ia. when flooding restricted use of diesels at the plant of the Clinton Corn Products Co.

LATE NEWS: For the first time in six years, the Reading Co. will end up the first half of this year in the black.

TRACTION TERMINAL

Cleveland, O.: 20 cars will be ordered. The cars, which will be 70 ft. long, will combine the best features from the latest Toronto cars and from the Phila. Bridge cars. The Cleveland equipment order was originally planned as part of the Bridge order but delays on the Kirkwood Line may prompt Cleveland to place its order earlier.

The Dept. of Commerce is sponsoring a design contest among the car builders. The prize is the order for 50 cars. Deadline for entries is 8/1/65 with the cars due in service by Oct. '67. A balancing speed of 160 mph is one of the main requirements.

\$12,000 has been donated to the Illinois Ry. Museum Assoc. at Union, Ill. for the construction of a mile of track. The only requirement is that the museum allow the operation of a Shay owned by the donor.

Pole setting is well along on the Railways to Yesterday Shade Gap Extension. The line which will include a turnout is expected in operation this fall.

The trolley era ended in Milwaukee 6/21 when the Milwaukee Transport Co. converted the last of its trackless trolley routes to diesel buses.

Phila. low-floor 5326 was the first car to test Arden's new solid state rectifier since it presented the lightest load.

Red Arrow is constructing a new station at Conshohocken Rd. on the P&W.

Atlanta voted 4 to 1 in favor of creating an area wide rapid transit authority.

Phila. will modernize its 15th St. subway station on a \$2.9 million grant.

A \$7 million grant will enable Cleveland to extend its rapid transit system from its present western terminus at West Park Station four miles to Hopkins International Airport.

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