

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Thursday January 21 at the British Legion Hall, 14½ Monroe Avenue, at 8:00 p.m. sharp. There will be some discussion of trip possibilities for the year, as we should have some ideas formed before the proposed (as yet unscheduled) January meeting of the Joint Trip Committee, Western New York Chapters. The social program will be members' movies, so if you have some, bring them along. Films of past trips are especially desirable.

The December meeting was held on the 17th, at the British Legion Hall, and was called to order at 8:10 by President Caulkins. Minutes of the November meeting were read by Secretary Grover, and there being no additions or corrections stood approved as read. One guest was present, Mr. Gary Cox. Treasurer Van Hinchey reported a balance of \$814.00. It was moved and carried that the chapter present life memberships to Foster Wilson and Whit Crittenden. A membership application for Mr. J. Edward Jackson was placed before the meeting to be voted at the next meeting, and the application of Mr. Raymond Richards was voted and accepted.

Three Rochester members, Fred Merz, Bob Fox, and Jack Collins rode a Buffalo Chapter trip to Toronto on December 5 via special recliner coach on regular CNR trains and chartered buses. About 75 made the trip, using chartered buses of the Niagara Frontier Transit System to the Falls and return. A four-hour layover permitted shopping, sightseeing or a tour on a special ("PRIVATE") old-type streetcar, followed by dinner. The car, 2472, is one of a hundred or so cars of 1924 vintage used only in rush hours on weekdays. Its condition reflects the excellent standards of maintenance adhered to by the Toronto Transit Commission. As always, the CNR in general, and Mr. Harold E. Lee in particular were most cordial and conveyed the "glad to have you aboard" feeling that certain U.S. roads would do well to adopt. A full account of the day's activities was given to the meeting by Fred.

A letter has been received from Albert Derr (Binghamton, and member of Syracuse Chapter) with some interesting information concerning the attempts by the Delaware and Hudson to encourage both freight and passenger patronage.

Further discussion of the subject of a more permanent meeting location brought a suggestion from Ward Shafer of the Lehigh Valley Freight House. Pete Loveless mentioned the possibility of building small quarters on the Pennsylvania Railroad property in Scottsville Road and sharing them with the model railroad club. The president asked the members of the board to meet with the directors of the model club to explore the possibilities.

President Caulkins announced that copies of the RAILWAY DIGEST are available on request. He also mentioned some interesting items contained in the Los Angeles Chapter's "INTERCHANGE." Elmer Babbey was asked to contact the Buffalo Chapter in regard to the annual meeting of the Joint Trip Committee. Following adjournment of business, Fred Seymour showed his very interesting slides taken in Spain. Refreshments were by Horst Bruns and son.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Bob Gerling has a son, Charles. John Bacon, formerly of Pittsford and now living in Lewiston, Montana has two daughters and a son. How time flies! The Bath and Hammondsport has a new diesel, 25 tons by Plymouth of Ohio. An O-4-0 used when D-1 is in the shop, was in service for the first time last March. Some interesting records are available, 33 1/3 RPM: #SP-1, Silverton Train; #10, PRR steam; #7, N&W and IC steam; #7, Norfolk and Western and Illinois Central Steam (repeated by error) #8, Canadian National Railways; #5, D&RGW, #2, Iowa Interurban (Waterloo, Cedar Falls & Northern). Price is \$5.25 per each or 3 for \$12.00, from William A. Steventon, Railroad Record Club, Hawkins, Wisconsin. The New York, Ontario and Western Railroad is aptly described in a book titled "Ontario and Western" by a Professor Hemming; much history, many photos. Price \$5.00 at Schulz Book Store. A set of 20 or more postcards in color is available (free) from Mr. J. W. Barriger, President, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, Pittsburgh 19, Penna. The above notes from Bill Gordon.

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Here we go, tongue-in-cheek with a new department. Some have said that they have detected editorializing in the entire issue in some instances, so to remove the stigma of "slanted reporting" we are experimenting with this new format which will be divided into columns for each subject and we shall try to confine expression of opinions to one department...as in our big brethren, the INQUIRER, the HERALD-TRIBUNE, TIMES, etc. Needless to say, comment in this section reflects only the opinions of the editorial staff, not necessarily those of the chapter or its officers. At this writing, the only comment is in regard to the improved attendance at meetings. In December it was 25, which is about half the membership. The national average for all groups is much below that, according to those who know. Claude Winslow and Keith Doan work hard to provide the best programs and deserve the best in support. The only other comment we can think of is a sincere wish that the percentage of typographical error on this sheet will decrease in time. This issue was done in a bit of a rush, so our apologies for anything which may seem difficult to read. We'll try to do better.

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Those who have yearned for the feel of a real interurban ride can enjoy something pretty close to it on the New York Central main line near Jordan and Lyons these days, rail clicks and all.