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The final meeting for the current chapter year will be held on Thursday June 18 at 8:00P sharp, in the clubroom. Reverend Thornton (our guest speaker at the banquet) will present "Railroads in Transition", which promises to be well worth seeing, if the fine quality of the banquet program is any indication.

President Winslow called the May 21 meeting to order at 8:20. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Treasurer Van Hinchey reported a favourable balance in the treasury; also read a letter from National Treasurer Kovacs outlining new regulations regarding dues, for new national members. The letter is on file with the secretary, if anyone has questions.

Several guests were present, including Messrs. Charles Rosengreen, John V. Caine, Louis Brozey; all have applied for membership. Also present was Miss Arlene Koscianski, of the Buffalo Chapter, who has been an active railfan for many years. The application of Mr. Joseph Nicoli was presented, voted upon and accepted. Mr. Nicoli has been interested in our organization for several years and ridden the trips whenever possible. Welcome to the Rochester Chapter.

The annual election of officers was held at this meeting; the secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the slate, there being no contenders.

The matter of trip insurance was again discussed, as we do not carry it at present and the chances of injury are always there. The president instructed the treasurer to investigate the possibility of obtaining a one-day coverage for each trip.

So many favourable comments have been received regarding the banquet, that a motion was made and carried to the effect that the last Sunday in April be made a "standing date" for this affair, at the LOGAN'S. We commented most highly and so did many others and it is hoped this can be arranged. Next year, Mr. Gordon Davis of the Central New York Chapter will be the guest and will have another of his excellent programs.

Two gentlemen were present from the newly-formed LIVONIA, AVON and LAKE-VILLE Railroad. This is to be a common-carrier with tourist attractions, of the type operated by the Arcade & Attica. They outlined their preliminary plans and reported that they have contacted several railroads in search of suitable steam locomotives; so far, they have been unable to locate one large enough for their plans. Stock in the company is being offered at ten dollars per share. The members discussed the feasibility of the chapter purchasing a share or two; the matter was tabled, pending the outcome of the June 7 trip.

The annual picnic will be a Arcade, August 22, 1964. Bring your own picnic lunch and meet in the town park at 11:30 AM. From there, we will ride the 2:30 PM trip on the Arcade & Attica (all times Daylight Saving).

Program Chairman Rand Warner requested members to notify him of any material, speakers, films, etc. that can be made available for programs at the meetings during the next season.

Following adjournment of the business session at 8:55 PM, Wallace Bradley showed color films of trolleys, from Maine to California; they were well made and are now real collector's items. An enjoyable program.

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THE EDITOR'S DESK

This office (and desk) are enjoying (?) one of the quietest days in the short but lively history of this paper. Erratic pecking of the typewriter is interrupted only by the frequent rustle of Kleenex tissues....the editor has a cold. In fact, it is in its most advanced stages about how dull my senses (!). So, for lack of any real ambition today, I would merely like to end up the year by stating that I have enjoyed the privilege of publishing this journal and with the warm weather upon us, will suspend publication for the summer. Wherever you go for your holidays, have a safe and pleasant time and come back to see us in the Fall.

John F. Collins, Jr.