

**BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

P.O. BOX 302, READING, MASS. 01867

SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear B & M Fans:

The February meeting of the Society was attended by sixty-two members and guests who enjoyed a very fine evening of entertainment. Mr. Douglas Kydd showed a number of slides from his collection, and then Mr. Ken Patton gave an excellent slide program that was presented in a most unique and refreshing way. The entertainment concluded with Mr. Stanley Genthner showing a World War II New Haven Railroad public-relations movie.

The March meeting of the Society will be held at the Reading Depot at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 10, 1973. The evening's entertainment will be provided by Mr. Ralph Phillips, who will present a slide program that will certainly be enjoyed by all.

The Woolworth's store in Lawrence is offering a 10% discount on purchases in excess of \$10 to B&MRRHS members who show their membership cards when purchasing railroad items.

Future plans of the Society include a repeat tour of the Billerica Shops of the B & M, and a dinner meeting. You will be informed well in advance of the dates of these affairs.

The next issue of the B & M Bulletin will be out shortly. There is a possibility that it will be distributed at the March meeting of the Society.

Mr. Patrick B. McGinnis, former president of both the New Haven Railroad (until 1956) and the Boston & Maine Railroad until his "retirement" in 1962, died in Cincinnati on February 21 at the age of 68. In 1963, after Mr. McGinnis had left the B & M, a Federal grand jury indicted him and three other officers of the railroad on charges of obtaining approximately \$71,500 in personal profit from business dealings of the railroad in violation of antitrust laws. The men were eventually convicted on the count of converting the funds for their own use.

Mr. Clark Gabriel, 508 Lebanon Street, Melrose, Mass. 02176, has recently reprinted three books that were published by the Essex Institute of Salem, Mass. between 1917 and 1921. The books, authored by Mr. Francis B.C. Bradlee, are titled as follows: 1. The Boston & Lowell Railroad, The Nashua & Lowell Railroad, and the Salem & Lowell Railroad; 2. The Boston & Maine Railroad; 3. The Eastern Railroad. Members of the B&MRRHS may purchase these three books at the discount price of \$12.00 for the set. Please contact Mr. Gabriel directly if you are interested.

Best wishes,

David R. Squires

David R. Squires, Secretary