

JAMAICA, N. Y., TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1937.

FLUSHING TROLLEY LINE SCRAPPED

ELECTRIC CAR MAKES FINAL RUN AT DAWN

Buses Begin Service on 164th Street With Temporary Detour

At 5:30 A. M. today the last of the orange and blue trolley cars of the New York and Queens Transit Corporation rumbled on its way from Jamaica to Flushing, and brought to a close almost 40 years of service of the "Toonerville Express."

A half hour later a shiny new orange bus—seating 41—left the same terminus at 164th street and Jamaica avenue, officially replacing street car service with a motorized transit system.

The new bus line is operated by the Queens-Nassau Transit Lines, Inc., a subsidiary of the trolley company, which was granted the franchise several months ago.

The first bus this morning was driven by James Herbage of 122-13 11th avenue, College Point.

Edward A. Roberts, president of the bus line, hailed the motorization of the trolley line, not only for lowering the running time between Jamaica and Flushing but also for ending the congestion at 164th street caused by loading and unloading trolleys in the center of that street.

Route Temporarily Changed

Although the buses will use the same Jamaica and Flushing terminals as the trolley line, which was franchised by the Village of Jamaica on Dec. 31, 1907, the day before it became part of the City of New York, the buses will not follow the same route for the present time.

This is due to the fact that the trolley cars ran for a part of the route on a private right-of-way, which was recently decided to be under the terms of the franchise.

The buses start at 164th street and Jamaica avenue, proceed west on Jamaica avenue to Parsons boulevard, thence along Parsons to Hillside avenue to 164th street. Turning north, the route follows the trolley tracks along 164th street as far as Horace Harding (Nassau boulevard).

From this point to Flushing, a temporary detour will be made via Kissena boulevard and Bowne avenue, because the right-of-way is now impassable through Kissena Park.

The Flushing terminal is at the subway station at Main street and Roosevelt avenue.

Contract Rushed

A contract for the grading and paving of 164th street for the entire distance between Jamaica and Flushing is expected to be passed at the next meeting of the Board of Estimate. As soon as this work is completed, the bus route will follow the present street car line for the entire length of 164th street, including Kissena Park.

This improvement is the result of an agreement between the city and the bus line which requires the company to cede to the city without charge the 50-foot strip of right-of-way on what is now 164th street.

According to Roberts, buses will operate under the same headway as the trolley cars, six minutes during rush hours and seven and a half minutes during other times. However, the running time will be cut from 32 minutes taken by the trolleys to 24 minutes by the buses, a speedup of 25 per cent.

Because of the necessary detour around Kissena Park until 164th is paved, shuttle trolleys will be run on the old right-of-way from Flushing to Horace Harding boulevard to prevent any inconvenience to users of the line.

The "Toonerville" was the second oldest trolley line in Queens and has had a stormy career. For years the trolley line charged a six cent fare and was the target of many attacks. It received its nickname because of its winding route through what appeared to be backyards and over the Flushing meadows.

Although the trolley line had a number of the same motormen for many years, most of them have learned to drive the new buses, Roberts said.

"A few of the old-timers who don't want to operate the new 'fangled buses' will be missing," Roberts said sadly.

The motorization of the oldest connecting link between Jamaica and Flushing is the culmination of a campaign which had been carried on by the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, North Shore Civic Alliance, Flushing-Hillcrest Civic Association, and other civic groups, for a number of years.

Queens 'Cabin' at Camp Alexander



The summer crew of the "U. S. Texas," landship at the Junior Naval Reserve's Camp Alexander, Kingston, include, left to right, Warren Benz of Hollis, Frank Jansen of Queens Village, Robert Gleason and Roger Umbach of Hollis, William Necker and Walter Nydeger of Queens Village and Arthur Toole of Hollis.

Play Plea

Maspeth Boy, 9, Writes Mayor for Aid

Maspeth youngsters can't wait until civic organizations and Mothers' clubs take up their fight for a playground.

As Alphonse Normandia says: "Well, you know, if we only had a playground, we wouldn't be chased from place to place, and we could play all together."

Alphonse, whose mother, Mrs. Caroline Normandia of 60-82 Fresh Pond road, is president of the Parent-Teacher Association of Public School 233, decided to act.

He wrote a petition to Mayor LaGuardia pleading for a place for "his kid" to play in and the mayor responded with the information that the Park Department would take care of the matter.

Alphonse, 9, is in the 6A grade. His mother has promised to have her club "go to bat" for the children if nothing is accomplished by fall.

Other youthful petitioners were Albert Blumlein, Nicholine Baldi, Eleanor Coran, Charles Holtzbach, Eugene Naspor, Thomas and Fred Yauvono, Elizabeth Grady, Herbert Stolein, Kenneth Raab and Robert Normandia, Alphonse's little brother.

NAVAL JUNIORS FINISH 'CRUISE'

A detail of 20 boys of Akron Battalion, Junior Naval Reserve, of Hollis, today recounted their experiences at Camp Alexander on the West bank of the Hudson at Flatbush Point, Kingston, where they learned from the shore some of the intricacies of navigation and life on the sea.

The camp is the summer training station of the Junior Naval Reserve and the Hollis boys had just completed their period of training and returned home. A training ship moored at the dock and a row of six bungalows in which the boys sleep comprise the camp.

As steamers ply up and down the river the boys are taught to distinguish the flags of different nations and to interpret the whistle signals and lights on the craft. On their own training ship they are taught seamanship, the art of launching and handling boats, swimming, life saving, fire drill, abandoning ship and rescue work.

Their daily schedule also includes baseball, volley ball, rifle practice, theoretical instruction classes, evening parade and colors, campfire, moving pictures, and competitive games with other camps.

FIREMAN SAYS YOUTH BEAT HIM

While both he and his adversary both declined to explain the background of the quarrel, Walter Koch, 18, of 36-10 38th street, Astoria, was arraigned in Felony Court yesterday on an assault charge brought by John W. Leffer, 41, a city fireman, of 37-65 62nd street, Woodside.

Leffer, who is attached to Rescue Squad No. 3, Winfield, told police that Koch attacked him "without warning" while they were talking in front of the firehouse at 64-18 Queens boulevard.

Leffer appeared in court with a black eye and his face bandaged.

Pepsi-Cola L'ses Point to Heller

Supreme Court Justice Peter P. Smith today in Brooklyn denied an application by the Pepsi-Cola Company of Long Island City for an order staying the examination before trial of the company and certain of its officers in a suit brought for an accounting by William F. Heller, of 85-31 124th street, Richmond Hill.

Heller, who claims he owns 11,000 shares of Pepsi-Cola stock alleges that Charles G. Guth Sr., general manager, owns 91 per cent of the stock and that other officers are merely dummies, who carry out Guth's orders, and has "used funds for his own purposes."

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GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Flushing Garden Club will meet tomorrow at Jones Beach. After a short director's meeting, a business meeting will be held. Mrs. Samuel N. Jones is in charge.

Boy Saved From Drowning In Municipal Pool

Bernard Frank, 9, of 9-11 37th avenue, Long Island City, was pulled from the Astoria Park Municipal Swimming Pool, Astoria, yesterday, after the boy apparently had slipped and hit his head against the bottom of the pool at the shallow end, where the water is three feet deep. His rescuer left before his identity was ascertained.

After treatment with an inhalator, Bernard was sent home. There were three lifeguards at the time, all of whom were at the deep end, teaching swimming.

The guards said that about 1,000 children were at the pool during the morning and protested to ranking authorities that more guards should be assigned to duty.

U. S. MAY BUY L. I. POTATO CROP SURPLUS

Nassau and Suffolk Growers Told Government Will Come to Their Aid

RIVERHEAD—Relief for Nassau and Suffolk potato growers from a surplus crop was predicted yesterday afternoon by W. G. Been, manager of the Suffolk County Farm Bureau and Agricultural agent of Suffolk County.

Been declared that he had good reason to believe that the Federal government would take favorable action on a request by New Jersey and Long Island potato growers to purchase surplus crops and help stabilize the market, which has reached a low point because of a nationwide bumper crop in early potatoes.

Been said that R. L. Palen, of Washington, representing the Federal Surplus Commodity Corporation, recently met with representatives of potato growers from the Nassau and Suffolk counties farm bureaus to discuss purchase of surplus potatoes. The conference ended on a favorable note, Been said.

Wins Scholarship



JOSEPH P. McMURRAY

A graduate scholarship in economics at the New School for Social Research, Manhattan, was awarded yesterday to Joseph P. McMurray of 89-39 220th street, Queens Village. McMurray, a graduate of Brooklyn College, has been working on a re-employment survey in Philadelphia. He also worked on the city sales tax survey conducted by Columbia University.

FAR ROCKAWAY BUS SERVICE IS CURTAILED

Jamaica Line Restrained From Proceeding Past Mott Avenue

Supreme Court Justice John H. McCooey, in Brooklyn yesterday signed a temporary injunction restraining Jamaica Buses Inc. from operating a bus line in Far Rockaway in competition with buses operated by Nassau Bus Lines Inc. The route affected extends from Mott avenue along Sea Girt avenue to Beach 18th street, Far Rockaway.

In its petition, the Nassau Bus Lines declared it held a valid franchise and a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Jamaica Buses Inc., added the petitioner, holds only a temporary permit from New York City, but nevertheless was operating buses along substantially the same route as that served by the Nassau company's vehicles.

The decision affects operation of

Dedication Speaker



HERBERT H. LEHMAN

Governor Lehman has been invited to dedicate two new buildings at the State Institute of Applied Agriculture at Farmingdale. They will be ready late in September.

Members of the Board of Visitors include William Wennik of Jamaica, vice-president.

FARM SCHOOL'S NEW BUILDINGS READY IN FALL

\$500,000 Structures Vastly Enlarge Facilities at Farmingdale

FARMINGDALE—Governor Lehman was invited today to speak at the dedication of two new buildings at the New York State Institute of Applied Agriculture here late in September.

The project, nearly completed, is estimated to cost nearly half a million dollars. It includes a structure housing dormitories and dining room, and a new administration building.

Halsey B. Knapp, director of the school, also has contacted several other State officials in preparing the dedication program.

In addition to the regular courses in agriculture and horticulture, a course in poultry husbandry covering six months is offered. This is designed for older persons with only a limited time for training.

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