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The old Phillipsburg, New Jersey passenger station on the
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. 1913

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The D. L. & W. — A Nostalgic Glimpse

The records of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company form one of more than twenty transportation collections in the George Arents Research Library, making Syracuse University a major research center for the study of American transportation. The corporate records, which occupy more than 1800 linear feet of shelf space, were acquired by the University in 1964 from the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad Company acting under the authority of and with approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The materials were carefully selected by University staff in consultation with railroad officials, from documents and records formerly located in New York City; Hoboken and Jersey City, New Jersey; Scranton, Pennsylvania; and Cleveland, Ohio. They include records of the Company's Board of Managers, President and Vice President for Labor; the Law, Treasury, Land and Tax, Coal and Operating Departments; Interstate Commerce Commission valuation studies, special materials and corporate records of 64 subsidiary, predecessor and leased companies.

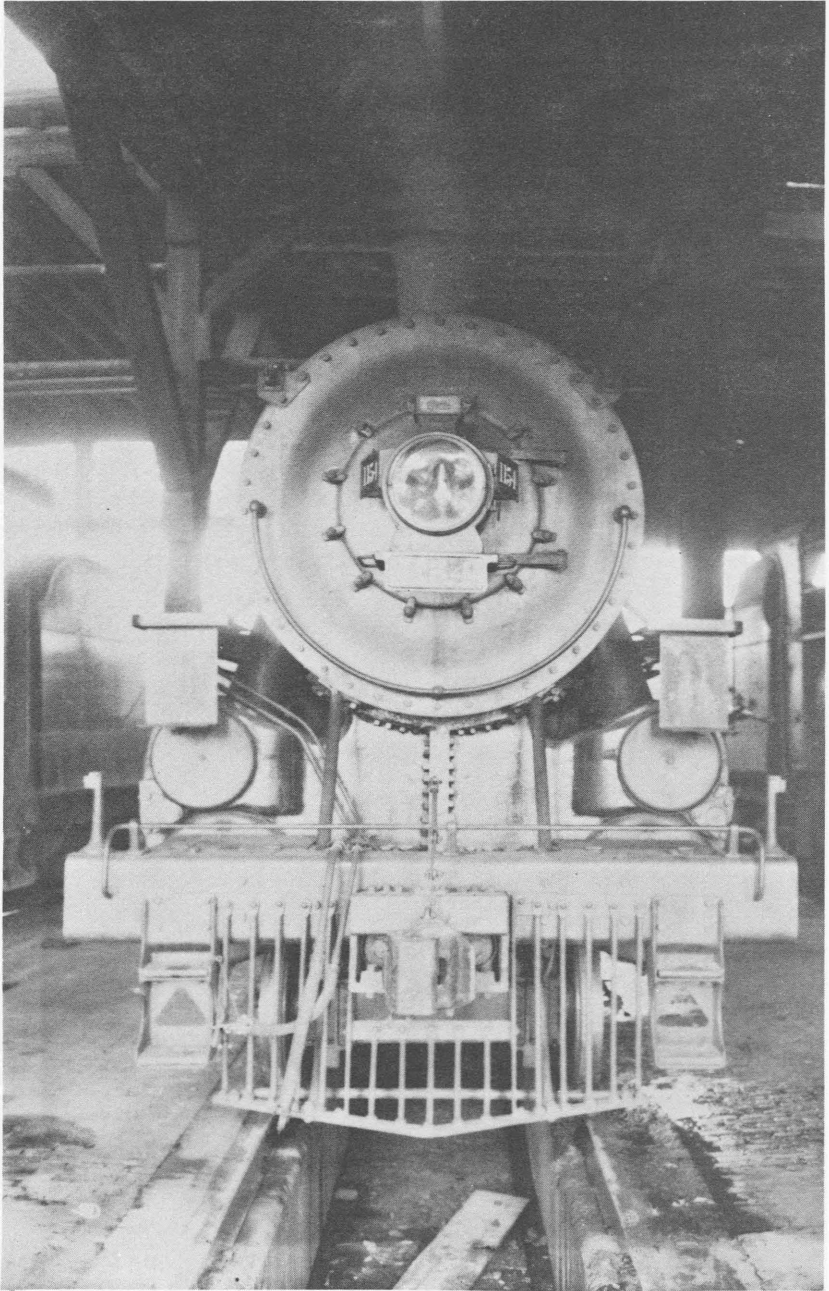
Among the special materials are 15,000 Eastman glass and film negatives of roadway, rolling stock, stations, locomotives and right of way among many other railroad scenes and subjects. The photographs were taken over a thirty-year period beginning in 1907 by W.S. Barry, official photographer for the railroad at Hoboken, and W.B. Bunnell, the company's official photographer at Scranton.

Mr. Thomas T. Taber of Madison, New Jersey, chose and identified the pictures on the following pages of *The Courier*. He and his associates, Mr. William S. Webber and Mr. Halsey L. Tilton, are engaged in a project of identifying and cataloging many of the negatives in the Syracuse collection.¹

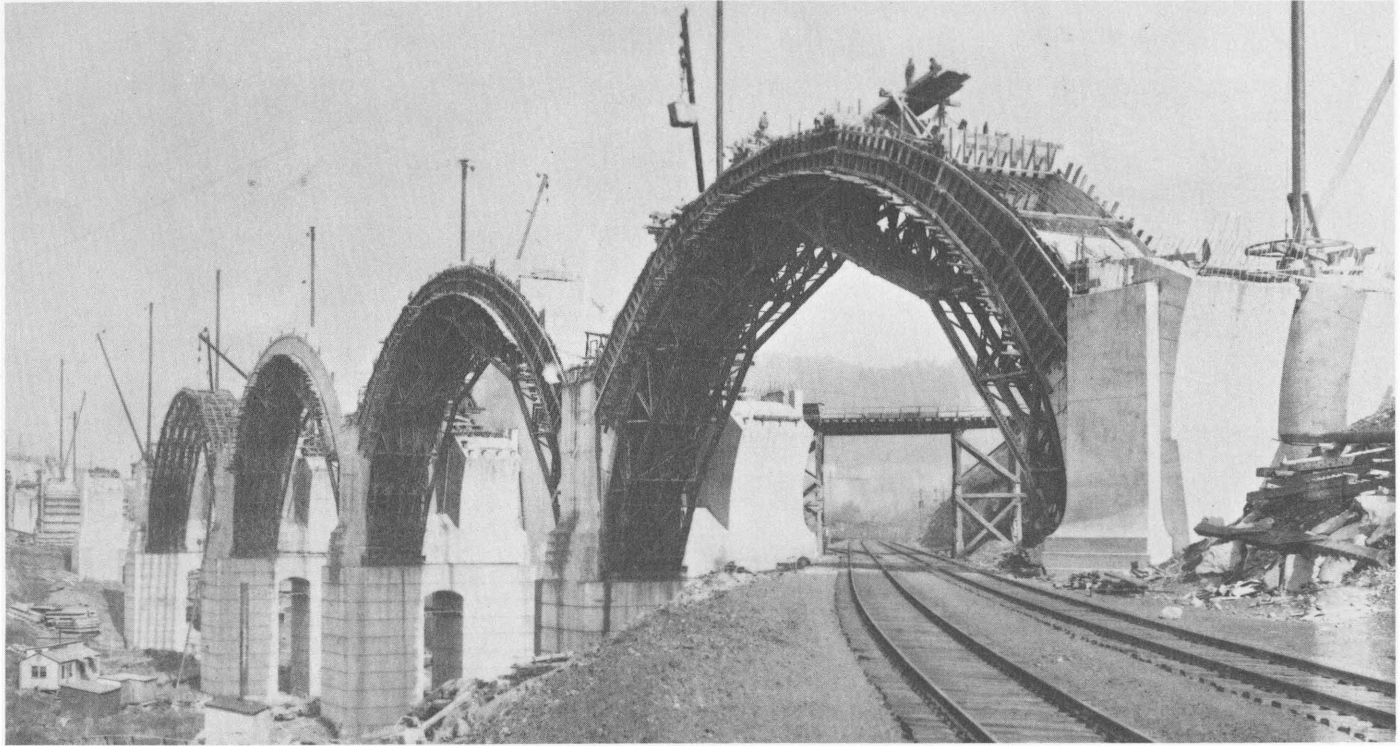
Mr. Taber recently added to the Erie Railroad Company collection in the Arents Library 800 photographic negatives taken in 1909 of stations along the Erie Railroad on its main line and branches between New York and Chicago. Recognizing their historical value, he rescued these negatives from destruction, identified them, prepared them for preservation and turned them over to the University.

Mr. Taber, a forty-years resident of Madison, has served his community as councilman and mayor, and for the past ten years has been chairman of the Board of Public Transportation of Morris County, carrying the responsibilities of all three positions completely without remuneration. He has been a railroad buff and historian for many years and has accumulated a large library of railroad source material.

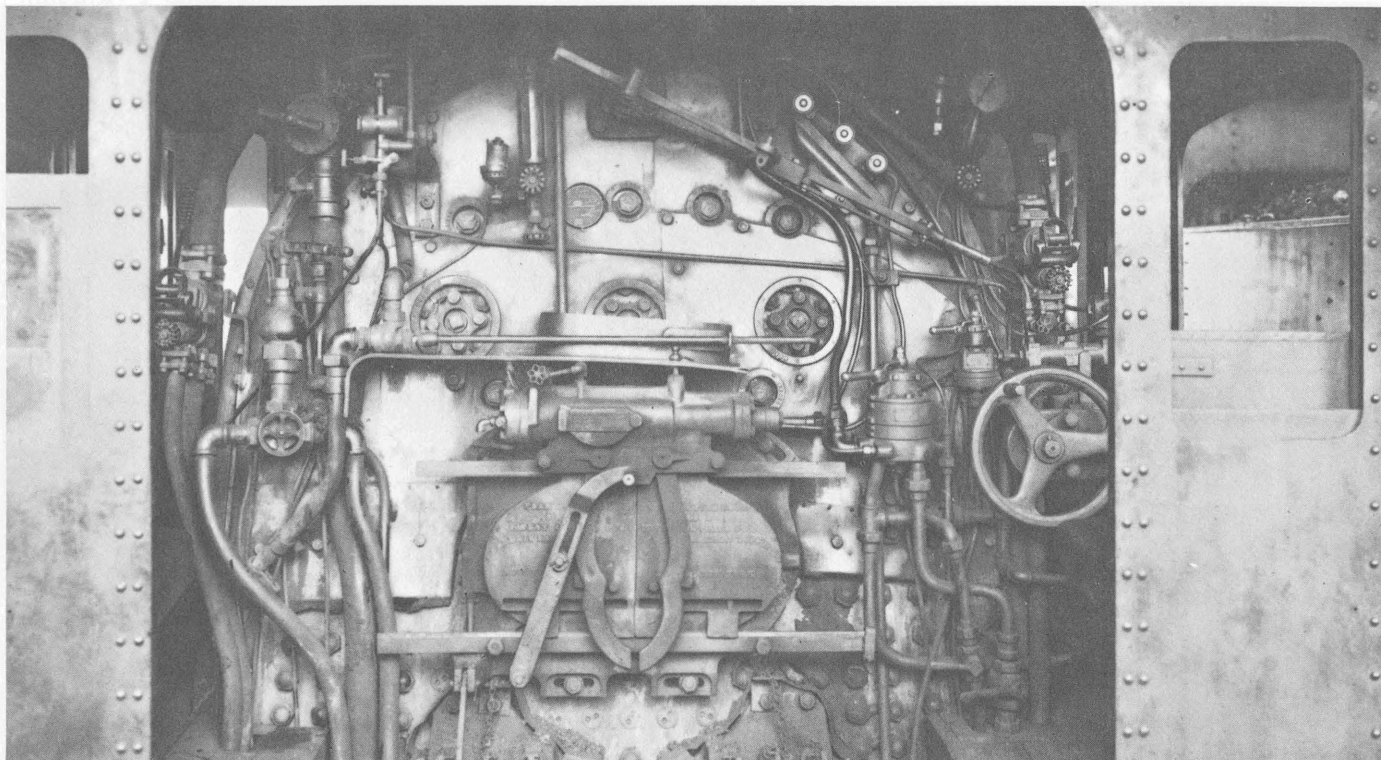
¹ Some twenty photographs from the Syracuse collection appeared in the August 1967 (Number 19/20) issue of *Steam Locomotive & Railroad Tradition*, with an article by William S. Young titled "Great White Bridge, The Tunkhannock Viaduct and the Rebuilding of the Lackawanna. I. 1899-1915"



Front of a D.L. & W. "Pacific" type locomotive of steam days. 1913



Construction of the Martins Creek viaduct with the old D.L. & W. main line from Scranton to Binghamton passing underneath. October 22, 1913



View in the cab of a "Pacific" type freight locomotive as the engineer saw it. The long lever at top right is the throttle; the wheel on the right operates the reverse gear. 1913



**The first train in the United States to be equipped with wireless telegraph.
It carried antenna, not visible in the picture, on top of the cars. Hoboken, New Jersey. November 1913**