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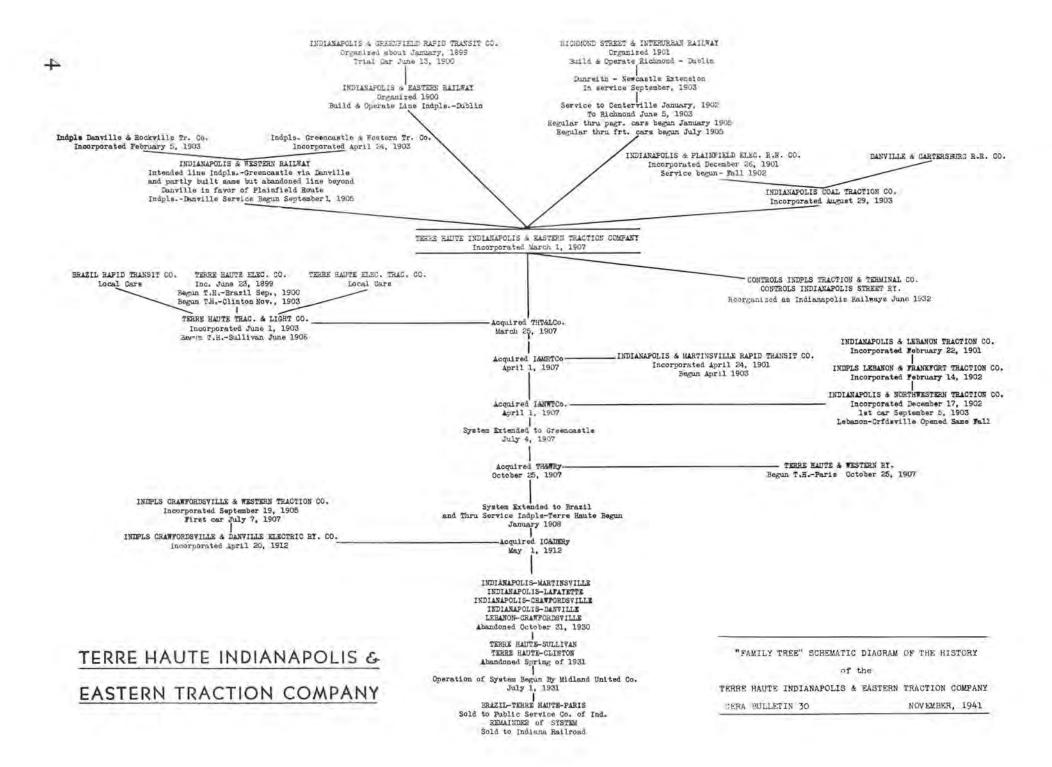


SCOPE: The Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company was a corporation operating a street and interurban railway system and a general power and lighting business, a firm that went out of business practically ten years ago, and yet one that was so well known and well thought-of that memories of it linger plainly throughout the territory it served. This has been of great help to the editors of the Bulletin, who, when THI&E was first proposed as a subject for study of CERA, anticipated a task so difficult that a complete and well-illustrated portrayal would be too much to expect. Actually, such a wealth of material was unearthed that the biggest problem was its condensation to fit our pages.

For this reason the scope of this bulletin is limited to the briefest mention of the city street railway operations and the considerable power and light business of THI&E, but with detailed reference to the interurban railway system, its history, operation and equipment. Except where otherwise mentioned, descriptions of line and equipment refer to practices prevailing during the latter years of the existence of the company, viz: 1925-1930.

The history of the THI&E Lines is spread thru the relatively short span of the 25 years from 1907 to 1932, and follows the general pattern of electric railway prosperity and depression. Numerous small companies were begun at the turn of the century to construct communicating interurban railroads, mostly following the highways, between the thriving middle-sized towns in the central part of Indiana. Almost before these lines were in operation the obvious advantages of efficient management and operation through consolidation became apparent, and the traction tycoons of the 1907 period undertook the job. An eastern syndicate, headed by Randal Morgan of the Dolan-Morgan combine, and represented locally in Indiana and Ohio by Hugh J. McGowan and W. Kesley Schoepf, began the organization of two great Indiana systems, the Union Traction Company of Indiana comprising the northern and northeastern lines; and the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company, comprising the western, northwestern, and whatever other lines could be acquired. When trust-busting activities of the ensuing years caught up to the Ohio interurbans, this group of backers gradually faded from the Union Traction picture, remaining actively interested in THI&E, which was under the personal leadership of Hugh J. McGowan until his death in 1911, when Robert I. Todd, a graduate Electrical Engineer took the helm.

Of the big systems of its day — the Ohio Electric, Illinois Traction, Cleveland Southwestern, Union Traction, Northern Ohio and the like — THI&E seems to be something in a class by itself. Its system, instead of either connecting two very large terminal cities, or radiating mostly in one direction from a single large city, diverged in six directions from a central principal city — Indianapolis — and in doing this served territories as diverse as the four winds. THI&E had on its



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lines everything from coal mines, limestone quarries and associated heavy rolling grades, to table-flat corn fields and pasture lands, with an ample share of both languid Hoosier farmers' towns and humming industrial cities, with mills, canneries, stockyards, foundries and factories dotting the route like a statistician's dream.

THI&E, in 1921, operated interurban trains over 402.43 route miles of line, only about 5 miles of which were tracks of city lines of other companies in Lafayette and Indianapolis over which THI&E ran. In addition, THI&E operated 33.21 miles of city line. Including 12.3 mi. of second main track, and 21.15 mi. of siding, industry and yard track the system comprised a total of 431.93 miles of standard gage railway.

Were THI&E running today, it would undoubtedly be the unopposed favorite of many a railfan. The pages following should give some inkling as to the why and wherefor

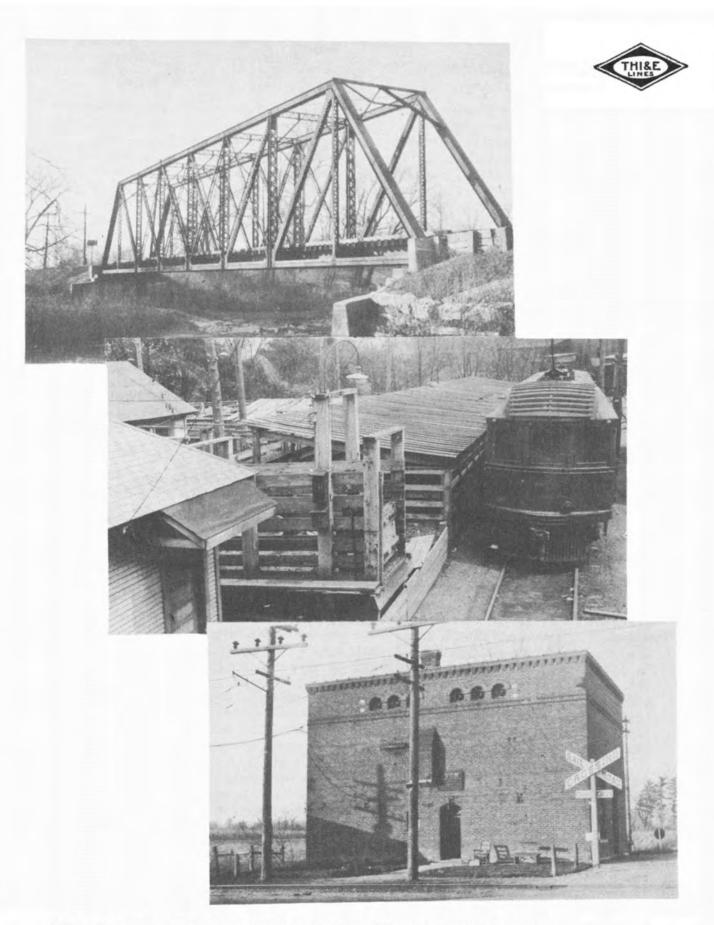
WAY & STRUCTURES: Being an amalgamation of several independently organized lines, it is to be expected that the construction of the various divisions of THI&E differed widely. Actually there was a surprising degree of standardization, due to the efficient and persistent efforts of THI&E's operating men. Track was mostly in 70 lb. steel, with crushed rock or white gravel ballast spread to a modest depth, depending on the nature of the soils encountered.

Much of the system was built adjacent to highways, or, in typically midwestern fashion, immediately adjacent to steam railroad rights-of-way, where interurban companies were able to obtain routes at low cost, if not actually free, from landholders anxious to have the interurban service at their front or back doors. In a few places, notably between Greencastle and Brazil on the Terre Haute line, track was cut across country with substantial cut and fill (in one place a cut some 30 ft. deep was made through Indiana limestone), but in general this heavy construction was avoided, since lines in rugged country were not only expensive to build, but the sparse population such areas held produced little local revenue, so vital to interurbans.

Attractive looking and well maintained bridges were characteristic of THI&E, those of the Pratt or Warren through truss type being more common than girder or concrete bridges for the principal stream crossings, althouthe 5 span concrete arch bridge at Boys' School (near Cartersburg) was a notable structure of its kind. Viaducts of the THI&E system were generally capable of handling all but the heaviest steam road cars, and short coupled electric locomotives up to 50 tons in weight could work over them.

Small town stations of the system were built more nearly to steam railroad standards than those of other interurban properties, except possibly, the Illinois Traction System. Almost every town, no matter how small, had a station building, with the town name proudly emblazoned on the side in 8 letters, a baggage wagon and half-a-dozen of the inevitable cream cans neatly lined up at one end, one can with a green-and-white stop-on-signal flag propped under its handle, set at the edge of the platform.

Some of the more noticeable refinements along line of road were the painted metal signs at country stops, most of which were numbered and not named, the sheet metal "S" signs to indicate local stops



TOP - Typical thru truss bridge. On Danville, Indiana, branch.

CENTER - Stock pens at Crawfordsville, with stock motor car 137.

BOTTOM - Substation and ticket office at Avon, on Danville branch.



to motormen, and semaphores rodded to switches and fastened to poles, to give switch indications where the standard low switchstand would have been hard to see running along at speed.

Station buildings which also housed substations were substantial fireproof brick structures, and while the designs varied widely over the system, those in the larger settled areas were usually quite pleasing architecturally, altho stations in a few of the largest towns where a special type of facility for the railroad was not specifically required, were often nothing more than remodelled stores in existing buildings. Trains simply stopped in the street opposite the station, blocking traffic (usually stations had a way of being on the main town street, right near the courthouse or other center of activity) for the duration of the halt.

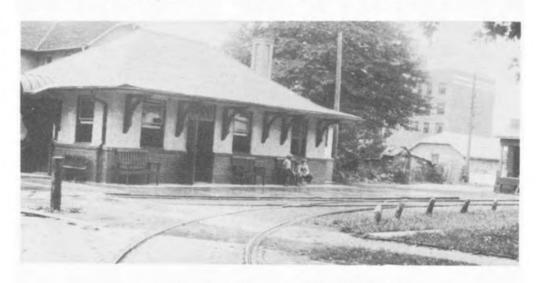
TRACTION TERMINAL: Promoted as a joint terminal of ample capacity for future needs, centrally located in the business and legislative center of Indiana, Indianapolis Traction Terminal was by all odds the greatest terminal ever built for the sole use of interurban lines. It was chartered in 1902 as the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal Company and completed the nine track trainshed and the 9 story office building in 1904, under the able sponsorship of H.J. McGowan. In addition to the terminal property, the I T & T controlled the Indianapolis Street Railway, until that company was reorganized in 1919, when the set-up was reversed and the Traction Terminal became a subsidiary of the Indianapolis Street Railway. Throughout this period, both properties were controlled by THI&E, and remained so until they passed to the Indianapolis Railways in 1932.

The terminal was operated and maintained by the local railway, but was used only by interurban cars, and later, interurban buses, with street cars entering the terminal only on special moves. For this, the street railway received a compensation of l¢ per passenger in or out of the trainshed, in addition to the remuneration it received for the use of its tracks outside the terminal but within the city limits. All of the street railway tracks within Indianapolis were owned and maintained by the local railway, with the further provision that, should the limits of the city be extended in the future, the local railway should acquire, by purchase, the tracks of the interurban companies contained in the extension.

POWER SUPPLY & DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM: THIME, from the first, generated all the energy used on its railway lines, and developed a considerable commercial power and light load on the side, particularly in the Terre Haute area. In the early days each division had its own power station; thus, there were steam generating plants of small capacity at Brazil, Crawfordsville, Mooresville, Lebanon and Richmond, with larger stations at Terre Haute and Philadelphia, near Greenfield. About 1910 a sizeable steam turbine plant was erected on West 10th Street, Indianapolis, which took over the load of most of the smaller plants and eventually permitted abandonment of all but Philadelphia, which fed the Eastern Division, and Terre Haute, which had a very heavy local load. The stations were of 25 cycle output, and while, in the earlier periods there was much variety of transmission voltage, toward the later years these had been



LAFAYETTE TERMINAL
Used by Indiana Service Corporation and THI&E



TERMINAL STATION AT PARIS, ILLINOIS
Freight House at Right



STATION (and Post Office) AT DAYTON Northwestern Division THI&E leased this building for \$6 a month.

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fairly well standardized at 33,000 volts.

Substation equipment was similar in type and capacity throughout the system, altho manufacture varied with the division. A typical substation, well illustrated in the accompanying pictures, contained two 300 kw., 4 pole, 25 cycle rotary converters, arranged for manual operation. Where it could be conveniently done, substations were combined with ticket offices or interlocking towers (very few of these on THI&E) so that efficient use could be made of the operators time. These subs. spaced at intervals of 10 to 16 miles, were not much more than enough to get two trains, each of one motor and one trailer, through a single section at once, although in a pinch they could be, and were often, overloaded for short periods to get extra sections of trains over the road. DC bus pressures up to 650 volts were maintained, but under conditions of overload, the feeder system and machine characteristics were such as to give momentary voltages as low as 300 at the car.

The DC distribution lines consisted of 0000 grooved trolley wire, usually hung with bracket direct suspension at about 21 ft. height from cedar poles spaced at 100 ft. intervals. Aluminum feeder, having a copper-equivalent capacity of 750,000 circular mils, was used.

The high voltage AC distribution lines were carried sometimes on the railway line poles, but quite frequently they were on separate pole lines, not always following the railway route when it was more expedient to make cross-country short cuts.

CITY RAILWAY SYSTEMS:

The foremost city operation in which the THI&E was interested was the Indianapolis Street Railway, of which it owned \$1,000,000 par of common stock, the entire amount outstanding. This wholely owned subsidiary was, however, independent in management and operation, and had a separate operating personnel.



Indianapolis

THI&E did run, under its own name, sizeable local railway properties in Terre Haute and Richmond, tiny ones at New Castle and at Crawfordsville, and, at one time, Brazil. A short shuttle line between Cambridge City and Milton was of the nature of a city line and used city type equipment.

Naturally the rolling stock of the old days was of various single and double truck types, but detailed records of these are not available. Just after the war, THI&E modernized its city lines with Birney type cars.

At Richmond, cars 800-814, built by Brill in 1918 were bought by THI&E from the

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Co. (that sounds strange, but that's on the records) in August 1923 for \$5250 each, after a fire gutted Richmond's barn and destroyed most of its rolling stock.

Terre Haute was the first sizeable U.S. city entirely served by Birney cars. Here were cars 459-514, Brill built at the American Car Co. plant 1919; 515-524 from the same plant in 1920; and 525-534, built at Philadelphia by Brill in 1918.

A lone car gave the city service in Crawfordsville, probably a single-trucker of pre-Birney vintage, and another car comprised the stock in the Rose City, New Castle. In addition, the interurban fran-

Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction Company TERRE HAUTE, INDIANAPOLIS, AND EASTER WAY-BILL OF BACCACE TERRE HAUTE DIVISION Sunday, April 27, 1924, at 3.30 A. M., Superseding Time Table No. 27 Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company e Table No. 26, dated March 9, 1924. TRAIN ORDER TERRE HAUTE, INDIANAPOLIS & EASTERN TRACTION CO. FIRST CLASS Second Class F 18100 271 69 65 213 61 111 59 109 57 55 207 53 105 51 203 49 101 47 45 43 41 2346 40 240 42 44 46 48 202 50 104 52 183 181 179 177 175 BETWEEN TERRE HAUTE AND PARIS West Putstant . m 3.00 10,40 9.30 9.10 7.40 6.00 1.37 12.20 11.47 11.20 9.09 8.37 5.20 6.47 5.00 3.47 2.19 9.37 8.20 7.17 6.08 9.10 1.45 11.10 11.47 11.55 3.13 10.52 TIME TABLE No. 12 GRAVES 11.25 9.14 8.41 8.24 5.50 5.06 3.50 2.23 2.00 3.17 10.56 1.41 12.24 11.50 9.41 H.24 7.50 6.11 6.02 9.06 8.41 11.06 11.43 2.03 3.19 11.04 11.28 9.16 8.43 6.27 5.52 5.09 3.52 2.26 1.41 12.27 11.52 9.6 8.47 7.52 6.13 2.04 (3) 11,04 (1.4) 11.33 9 25 8.47 6.34 8.96 5.16 3.56 2.31 12.08 3.24 11.10 9.47 N.34 7.56 6,18 8,57 4,36 10 57 11 37 17.14 3.33 11.15 11.89 9.33 8.50 5.30 6.00 5.21 4.00 2.37 1.50 12.49 12.00 TAKING EFFECT MONDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 1912 7.18 3.38 11.28 11.42 9.39 8.53 6.45 6.04 5.28 4.04 2.43 1.53 12.45 12.04 9.13 8.15 8.04 5.2 8.45 9.20 10 45 11.20 8.34 7.21 10.34 11.19 RECEIVED and Guidance of Employes and Not for the Public AUBURN 10.10 5.12 5.24 6.40 DUBLIN INDIANAPOLIS TO MARTINSVILLE KENS NGER 10.13 9 15 8.28 6.51 GEOGRAPHICAL LIST OF T. U. I. & F. TRAC. CO. STATIONS M. M. NASH. 10.15 938 830 634 EAST TRAWN SUPERINTENDENT 9.19 8.31 6.55 STRAWN Brownsburg Pittsboro *Raintown Lizton Jamestewn New Boss Linnsburg Crawfordsvill OČE 10.16 921 831 6.38 Greencastle

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*Eagles

Harmony

Brazil

*Cottage Hill

*Bowles Crossing

Seeleyville

*Highland Lawn

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"Clarks Creek
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chises were usually such that the interurban cars making local stops were used as city cars for the convenience of local patrons. Typical city fare was 5ϕ .

City railways also operated in Lafayette (Indiana Service Corporation) and in Paris, Illinois, (Central Illinois Traction) but were not under THI&E management.

DIVISIONAL ORGANIZATION: For purposes of train service and equipment assignments THI&E was broken into divisions. Normally crews and equipment did not pass between divisions.

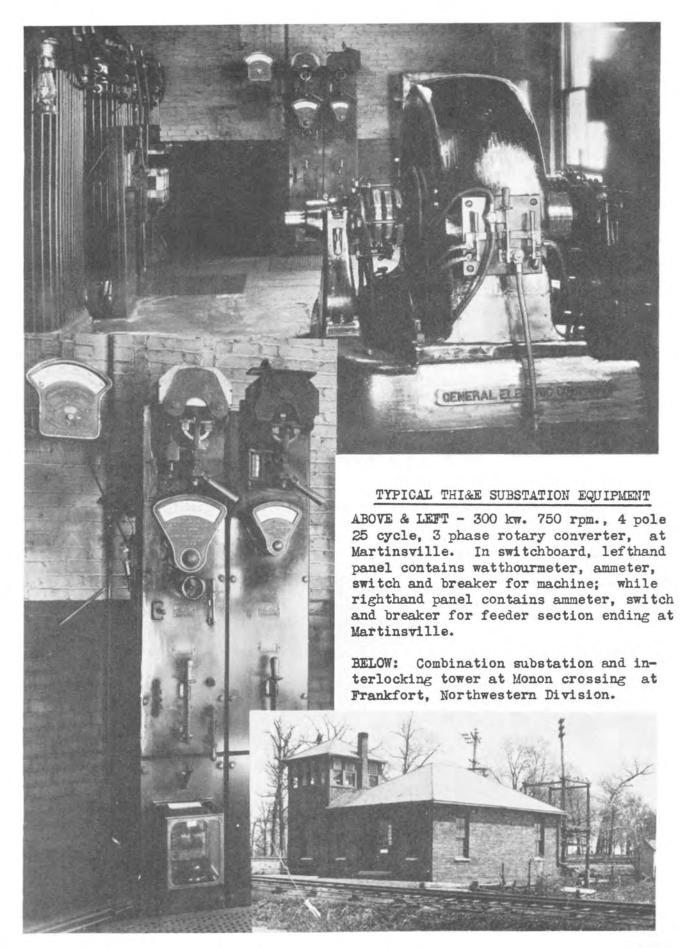
DIVISION	ROUTES	EQUIPMENT (See Roster)
Northwestern	Indianapolis-Lafayette	Group 1
-Martinsville	Indianapolis-Martinsville	.0
	Lebanon-Crawfordsville	Car 18
Eastern	Indianapolis-Richmond	Groups 4, 5, part of 2.
	Dunreith-New Castle	Car 72
Brazil	Indianapolis-Terre Haute	Group 2
	Indianapolis-Danville	Group 6
Terre Haute	Terre Haute-Clinton	Group 7, 8, misc. subn. cars
	Terre Haute-Sullivan	at Terre Haute
	Terre Haute-Paris	il.
	Terre Haute-Brazil tripper	's "
Crawfordsville	Indianapolis-Crawfordsvill	

TRAIN OPERATION & TRAINS: Possibly the most outstanding record of THI&E operation was the fact that in its 25 years not a single passenger fatality was caused by the railroad. This might seem startling, in view of the lack of steel cars and the absence of block signaling (except for curve protection near Terre Haute, near Cartersburg and near Knightstown) and may be attributed to the high standard of safety set by the employes, the rigid enforcement of the standard rules of train operation, and the capable supervision of transportation department officials, many of whom had steam road working experience.

Train orders were issued to crews directly by telephone, and entered in a standard "fill-in-the-blanks" time saving train order form. Orders were never relayed through a third person, no matter how competent he might be.

Passing sidings were generally located frequently enough to permit half-hour train headways, altho most service was on an hourly basis. Trains were scheduled over the road at an average speed of about 25 mph. for locals and up to 35 mph. for limiteds, the former making all stops on signal, and the latter only the principal town stops.

Of the limited trains, some were particularly notable and earned for themselves a place among the famous traction flyers of all time. These included the "BUCKEYE SPECIAL" from Indianapolis through to Dayton, Ohio via Richmond and the Dayton & Western Traction Company, 4:00, and its westbound counterpart, the "HOOSIER SPECIAL"; the "HIGH-lander", 2:05 hot shot between Indianapolis and Terre Haute; the "TECUM-SEH ARROW", 2:11 redball between Indianapolis and Lafayette; and, possibly the most romantic sounding of all, the "BEN-HUR SPECIAL", which made the Indianapolis-Crawfordsville run in 1:15. This train got its name from the noted book of General Lew Wallace, famed Crawfordsvillian.





One promising limited of the early days, the "COLUMBIAN", did not succeed, possibly because of the difficulties attendant on interline running over three properties. This train ran the 250 miles from Traction Terminal to Zanesville, Ohio, in 8:50, for a short time about 1916.

Freight trains, both through and way, were run. The principal freights made a schedule speed of about 20 mph. and were on the timecard as second class trains.

MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT: Shops were scattered over the entire system with the following arrangement of work:

CRAWFORDSVILLE - Maintenance of freight equipment for Crawfordsville, Northwestern-Martinsville divisions.

Paint shop for major painting for entire system.

LEBANON - Maintenance and rebuilding of passenger equipment for Crawfordsville, Northwestern-Martinsville divisions.

MOORESVILLE - Inspection and light mtce., Martinsville line only.
MIDWAY (West Washington St., Indianapolis) Maintenance and rebuilding
of all Brazil-Danville division equipment.

GREENFIELD - Maintenance and rebuilding of Eastern div. equipment.

RICHMOND - Inspection and light mtce., Eastern division and city
cars at Richmond. Heavy work done at Greenfield.

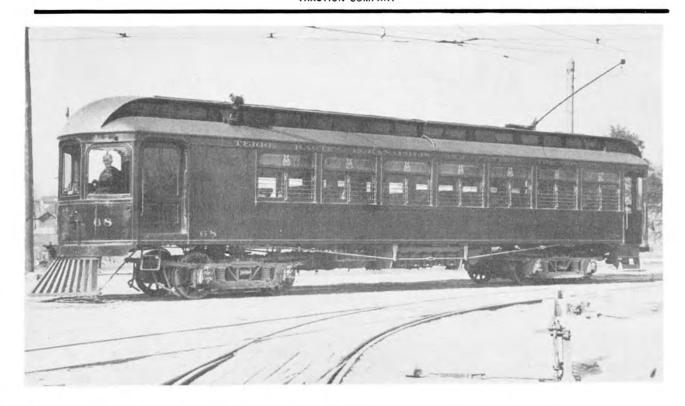
TERRE HAUTE - Maintenance of Terre Haute division interurban stock, and city cars at Terre Haute.

These shops were, of course, leftovers from lines absorbed by THI&E, and evidently little progress was made in centralization of main shops until the system's last years, when some plans were made, but never carried out. Locating the paint shop at Crawfordsville was probably a part of this scheme.

An unusual numbering system prevailed on THI&E pass-ROLLING STOCK: enger cars, in that groups were numbered in series of all even numbers or all odd numbers. This was not the case with all groups of cars, some being numbered consecutively in the usual manner, but where it does occur it makes presentation of a compact roster a difficult job. Then too, most of the cars went through the shop at least once for a major body overhaul, and this work, spread out over a long period of time, resulted in various cars of each group differing from each other by an inch or two in principal dimensions. The exact architectural treatment of the car bodies also varied slightly with each rebuilding job, some cars being steel sheathed up to the belt rail, others up to the eaves, others from belt rail to eaves, some with only "blocked-off" upper sash and worden sheathing elsewhere. and finally some with hardly any change, except perchance to move the cab to the right side and offset the right side baggage door accordingly.

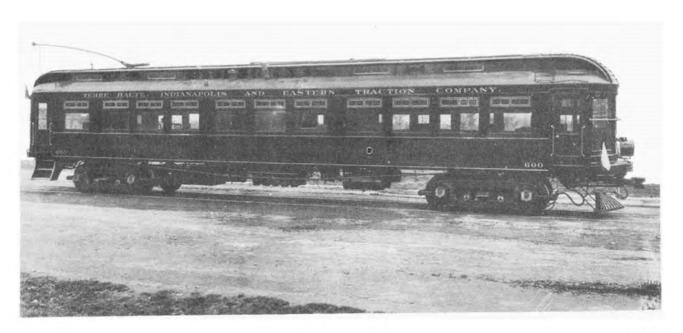
In performance, THI&E cars were very much alike, having a balancing speed of about 55 mph., seating capacity of about 50, and with a baggage compartment of about 50 sq. ft. Most of the passen - ger cars were equipped with multiple-unit type control, double ended, although motor cars were not trained up, and in normal use ran only from the number one (pilot) end.

For further details of rolling stock see appended roster.



ABOVE: Eastern Division standard type, as built.
BELOW: Luxurious business car, later also used as party car.

(Both photos: Bass Studios, Indianapolis)





TRAFFIC: In common with most interurbans, THI&E was dependent largely on passenger traffic for its railway revenue, altho the company was aggressive in its solicitation of freight traffic. It was one of the first to build up a stock business using specially built interurban stock motor and trailer cars. But THI&E was limited to freight traffic which originated and terminated on its own lines or those of connecting electric railways, since clearance and curve restrictions prevented interchange with steam roads.

To offset rising costs of operation, passenger rates were advanced from 2¢ in 1907 to 3¢ in 1920, and freight rates a corresponding amount, remaining at this level until the end.

	TRAFFIC CARRIED BY T	HI&E DURING RECENT YEARS	
YEAR	PASSENGERS CARRIED	NET EARNINGS from ALL	OPERATIONS
1920	29,391,226	\$ 1,510,722	
1924	24, 634, 205	1,157,420	
1925	24,055,029	1,058,181	
1926	24,707,369	1,050,513	
1927	22,748,604	1,045,155	
1928	17,005,412	1,002,267	
1929	15,965,845	1,311,227	

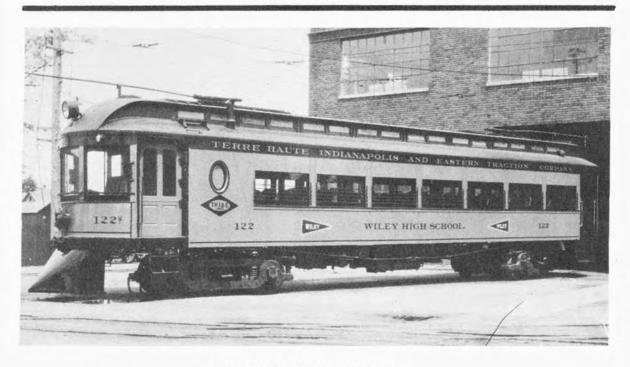
DECLINE & DISPOSITION: Glancing over the earnings column above one might wonder at the cause of abandonment, but it is to be remembered that from this figure must be deducted taxes, bond interest, rentals, and sinking funds, before dividends may be paid. Then too, the decline in passengers carried indicates a substantial decline in the demand for the railway service, due to the increased use of the private automobile and truck on public built highways. Separated statistics of the relative earnings from railway and utility operations and the relative decrease of city and interurban traffic (interurban passengers in 1920 were only 1/3 the total) are not at hand, but evidently the power and light business was flourishing while the railway was failing.

Late in the '20s consolidation plans for the creation of a vast traction property were developed, a sort of advance Indiana Rail-road idea, with the company known by other names. At the same time, power and light operations were to be separated from the railways. Opposition to these plans developed a stalemate, however, and finally, in April 1930, Elmer W. Stout was appointed receiver to liquidate the property.

The receiver was able to consummate the consolidation idea quickly, albeit in a form different from the original. He first abandoned or petitioned abandonment of all but the Indianapolis-Terre Haute line (Indiana Railroad later altered a petition to retain the New Castle-Dunreith-Richmond portion) and then arranged the sale of the system to the Midland United Company. Supervision by Midland began July 1, 1931, who arranged disposition of parts of it to the Indiana Railroad and the Public Service Company of Indiana. In separate reorganization proceedings the Indianapolis city lines were turned over to the Indianapolis Railways.

Line and equipment were dismantled during 1933 and 1934, except for a few pieces of freight and service rolling stock that were retained by the Indiana Railroad. A few of the brick substation buildings, many miles of gravelike mounds, an occasional siding marker or stop sign are all that remain now of this great system.

Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern TRACTION COMPANY



THE STYLE OF CAR 122 IS TYPICAL OF THIGH ALTHO MODERNIZATION WAS CARRIED FURTHER THAN USUAL ON IT







CAR NO.	GROUP	BUILDER	DATE	TRUCKS	MOTORS	CONTROL	WEIGHT	CAPY	LENGTH O'ALL		HEIGHT to roof	TRUCK	NAME AND REMARKS
	RURBAN	PASSENGE	R MOT	OR CARS - CO	MBINATIO	N PASSENC	ER & BA	GGAGE					
18		Brill	1902	Packham Brill 27f	GE57 2GE73c	K14 K35g2	50,000	35	391 01 471 81	9' 0"	121 3"	24 0	Retired at Terre Haute in 1928 Acquired 2nd mand 1925, believed
20 21 22	2	Jewett Cincinnati Jewett	1907	Pikhm 36b ELW 78-35 Pikhm 40a	GE73 W1215 GE730	ML Spl	80,000 84,400 80,000		61' 9" 62' 2" 57'10"	8' 6" 8'10" 5'11"	12'11" 12'11" 12'11"	38' 5" 38' 5" 34'10"	from Aurora Pisinfield & Joliet Had original green body color Rebuilt 1925 "JAMES WHITCOME RILEY" Original car 22 like group 1 was burnt and replaced by this car, believed former Cincinnati & Col-
23 24 25 25 26 27 28	2 0	Jewett Inciensti Jewett	1903 1907 1903 1907	BLW 78-35 P'khm 36b BLW 78-35 P'khm 36b BLW 78-35 P'khm 36b	W121a GE73c W121a GE73c W121a GE73c	AB M AB M AB	84,400 80,000 84,400 80,000 84,400	56 56 56 56 56 56 56 56 56	62' 6" 61'10" 61' 6" 61' 6" 62' 3" 62' 6"	8' 8" 9' 0" 8' 8" 8' 11" 8' 5"	12'11" 13'10" 13' 0" 12'11" 13'10"	381 4# 381 55# 381 56# 381 59#	umbue Traction #16, rebuilt 1926 Rebuilt 1927; "WHITEWATER" Rebuilt, "SUGAR CREEK" "SHORTRIDGE" Rebuilt "WEIDNER" "DEMAS DEMINO" Rebuilt 1916 (& 19267) "ANSON
29 30		incinnati Jewett	1907 1903	BLW 78-35 P'khm 36b	W1218 GE730	AB M	84,400 80,000	54 56	621 3"	8'11" 8' 8"	12'11"	381 5" 351 5"	MILLS*, equipped */ bucket seate "HENDRICKS" Rebuilt, "SAMUEL M. RALSTON" burnt
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7012345667890123	1313151313434	Laconia Jewett Loconia Jewett Loconia Loconia	1904 1906 1904 1906 1904 1906 1904 1906 1906 1906 1906	P'khm 765 BLW 285 BLW 285 P'khm 36b BLW 285 P'khm 36b BLW 285 P'khm 36b BLW 285 BLW 285 BLW 285 BLW 285	GE730 W3040 GE730 W3040 GE730 W3040 GE730 W3040 W121 W3040 W121 W3040	M K34d K34d K34d K34d K34d K34d K34d	85,000 77,400 85,000 77,400 85,000 77,400 85,000 77,400 77,400 77,400 77,400 77,400 77,400	75555555555555555555555555555555555555	65811887 65811887 65811887 65811887 65811187 658117	81 7" 91 3" 81 8" 91 3"	131-10**********************************	386.55% 516.64% 526.55% 526	Rebuilt, "GLINTON". "GENERAL LEW WALLAGE", was IC&W 101 Rebuilt, "PURDUE". Original green, was IC&W 102. Had original green body color. Rebuilt, "WABASH", was IC&W 103. Had original green body color Original green, was IC&W 104 Had original green body color "MADRICE THOMPSON", was IC&W 105 Orig. Green, reblt. 1517, was 76. Original green, was IC&W 106 Rebuilt 1917, "FLAT ROCK" Rebuilt "BEN-HUR", was IC&W 201.
54	4 0	incinnati	190€	BLW 78-35	W121	AB	75,800	52	55'10"	g1 g*	13' 0"	30' 1"	limited car "ESTHER" Rebuilt 1917 & 1925, "BRANDYWINE", had front end coupler, struck
65 66 67	4 0	incinnati	1906	BLW 285 BLW 78-35 Std 080p	#3040 #121 #1214	K34d AB AB	77,400 75,800 79,000	527 54 58	57' 0" 56' 0" 62'10"		13' 5" 12'11" 12' 9"	36' 0" 30'11" 37' 9"	horse and was wreaked Hiser,1931 Original green, was IC&W 202 Rebuilt 1917, "WAYNE" Rebit. 1910 & 1923, "EARLHAM", orig. control, motors & trucks
68	4 C	incinnati	1906	BLW 78-35	MISI	AB	75,800	52	55' 8"	g' g"	12' 9"	31' 0"	replaced, body lengthened, was Indianapolis & Eastern Ry. #65 Drop platf. raised 1917, steel- plated 1926, had front end coup-
9	6 K1	uk 1 man	1903	Std c80p	W1214	AB	79,000	58	621 61	81 80	131 0*	371 84	Note as per car 67, was lat #70,
70		incinnati uhluan		BLW 78-35 Std cSCp	#121#	AB AB	75,800	52 56	55 10" 52' 5"	81 80 81 80	13' 0"	30'10"	was derailed & wrecked 1923. Rebit. 1917, "HANCOCK", was \$76. Note as per car 67, was I&E #80,
72		incinnati ihlman		BLW 78-35 Std o80p	W121 W121a	AB AB	75,800	52	551 6#	81 81	13' 0"	25'11" 37' 8"	name "GENERAL MEREDITH" Hebit. 1917, 1929 "ROBERT I. TODD" Note as per car 57, was las #85, name "NATIONAL OLD TRAILS"
74 75		incidnati		BLW 78-35 Std 060p	W121 W121a	AB	75,800	52 56	621 64	81 74	12:11*	30'10" 37' 8"	Reblt.1917, 1928 "GREEN FORKS"
77	6 R			Std a80p	W121a	AB	79,000	56	621 6"	61 gm	121 91	371 8"	Note as per car 67, was I&E #75, name *OLIVER P. MORTON* Note as per car 57, was I&E #90,
81	7	Jewett	1902	Pikhm 36b	GE730	К34 а	72,800	48	541 91	g: 6"	131 6"	331 04	name "BLUE RIVER" Reblt. 117, "CENTRAL NORMAL "Was
83	7 :	Jewett	1902	Pikhm 365	GE730	R34a	72,800	46	541 91	81 6*	131 6#	331 01	Indpls.2 Martineville R.T. #61. Reblt. 17, "AENER CREEK", was
112			1908 1 f 1	BLW cation	GE730 B 1 d	Menti	70,000	54 t o	53' B*	B'11"	13' 0"	32' 3"	Indpls.& Martinaville R.T. #63. Reblt, name "JOHN T. HAYS". Reblt, "INDIANA STATE TEACHERS!
114 116 118 119 120 121	8	(Spac		BLW cation Stdc8Op	0273c s 1 d	M B D T 1	70,000 c ± 1	42 t o	50° 0° c a r	110	but had St		COLLEGE". "CARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL" "ST. WARYS OF THE WOODS" "CHAUNCEY ROSE" Reblt, "WILLIAM RILEY MCKEEN".)"GERSTMEYER TECH HIGH SCHOOL". Meblt. "SYCAMORE"
123	9 ((Spec	1 1 1	os tion	a 1 d	enti		to to replace	car	119)	12'1C'		Rebit. 1927, trucks, motors, and control ruplaced, had bucket type sasts, "WILEY HIDS SCHOOL". Rebuilt, "MARIETTA GROVER". "WILLIAM PENN". Rebuilt. or used on THI&E.





CAR GROUP	BUILDER	DATE	TRUCKS	MOTORS	CONTROL	WEIGHT	CAPY	O AL		WIDTH				UCK	REMARKS
INTERURBA	N PASSENGER	TRAI	LER CARS												
LO	Cincinnati	1903	Peckham	trail	none		38	391 2	LW	81 7"	121	4=	17'	4=	Name *AMY*, used mainly with car
200- 10	Danville	1906	BLW 746	trail	none	45,800	44	461 8	5*	91 20	121	81	241	6.	122; bought from Leb. 1 Thorn. Tr. Originally Indpls. Crawfordsville
203 204- 11 207	Jewett	1902	BLW	trail	none	49,800	49	46' 6		8° 7°	13'	1"	25	5*	& Western Tr. Co. 301 - 304. Originally Indianapolis & Martins ville Rapid Transit Co.
SUSINESS 500	(OR PARTY) Cincinnati		URBAN PASSE Std 080p	NGER MOT	OR CAR	85,000	1 23	60' 2	2 4	9' 0"	13'	1.	381	6*	Front and rear solarium observati
UBURBAN 1	PASSENGER M	OTOR	CARS (Used	on Terra	Haute Di	vision :	Inter	urban I	ine	8)					
	Indpls St R			W101b	K10		42	41 1		71 91		11*	15'	9"	
.04			Brill 27g		K12		55	41' 1		7' 9"	11'	9*	17'	9.	Open car. Spece given for 104. 10
105															los, 109 similar except 105,109 by Laconia, 1906.
13,117 126,128, 132,134,	Stephenson Jewett	1903	St Louis Brill	W101b W12a	K14		56 55	44, 8	*	8' 5"	11'	6.	221	1*	
02 58	Indpla St R Cincinnati			#101b	K11		42 48	391 7		7' 9"	11*	8"	15	9*	Arch roof steel car.
NTERURBAN	N FREIGHT M	OTOR	CARS												TYPE FORMER BECAME
.26	Jewett		Std CSOp	GE730	1-164		Tons,			21.774			22.		BOX IANW #1 IR #706
27	Jewett Jewett		Std CSOp Pikhm 36b	GE730 GE730	2-K64brs 1-K34d	75,000	30	501 4		8' 7"	131		291	70	Stock # #2 Box # #3
29	Jewett Cincinnati	1902	P'khm 36b	GE730 GE730	1-K34d 1-K64bra	65,000	30	50' 4		8 7"	13'	3"	281	4.	Stook * 44
30 31	Cincinnati	1907	BLW 78-35	#121a	1-K64bra 1-AB	75,000	30	50' 8		8 6 8 8	12'		281		Box * #6 IR #707
32	(Spec Kuhlman		loatio	n s 1	dent 1-K64bra	ical	30 t	491 7		81 50	1)	71	281	108	Box # #7 IR #708 Box # #8, later 210.
33 34	Cincinnati	1906		M151	2-K64bra	75,000	30	501 9		81 7"	121	7"	281	10"	Box * #9, later 220.
35	Cincinnati		P'khm 14	GE730	2-M	65,000	30	50' 5		g 1 6ª	12'	7"	301	0.	Stock From Cin. & Cols. Tr. Co. 19 Box IR 715, later 773
36 37	Cincinnati Jewett		BLW 285	W121 W3040 1	-K34d, and	78,000	30	50' 5		8111	121	10*	31.	4*	Stock ICAW #51
38	(Spec	11	1 cat 1 o	n . 1	dent		to	0 8	r	13	7)				Stock IC&W #52
39	AC&F	1922	BLW	GE730	2-HL	60,000	30	561 6		g: 4=	121	61	311	611	Box Box
41	AC&F	1907	BLW	Wlolb	2-K14		20	43 10		81 8"	121	10.	311	5*	Wreck. Former Box motor.
42 43	A C & F	1919	loatio	W101b	2-K14 d e n t	60,000	20 t c	41 9			2)	9"	261	2.	Box Box
43 44 50	A C & F Jewett	1907	BLW	W101b	2-K14 1-HL	60,000	15	40' 0		8' 6"	121	6.	261	2"	Box ICAW IR #709
51	Jewett	1906	P'khm 40a	GE730	2-164bra	67,000	30	501 6		8111#	121	5"	311	11"	Stock CACT #100
.52	Jewett		BL# 78-35	W121a	1-K64bra	65,000	15	481 3	•	g: 6=	131	3"	261	0.	Wreck. Ex. box. IR #1151 Former THILE #79 Pass. motor.
53	Jewett	1903	P'khm 36b	GE730	1-K64bra	74,000	30	57' 4		5'10"	12'	0*	341	10*	Box I&NW #10 Box IR #705
OCOMOTIVE	S AND WORK	EQUIE	MENT (Also	freight	motor ca	rs in co	ntigu	ous nu	mbe	r seri	88)				
55	THIAE	1900	Arch bar	Trail	None	100		19 4		91 01	121	88	10*		Snow plow IR #1176
55 75 76	Cincinnati THI&E	1912	Std CSOp Barn & Smth	GE730	1-K34d	82,000		45' 4		9' 2"	11'	7"	251	7"	Work loco. cab one end. Work loco. cab one end.
77	THI&E	1913	P'khm 14b Std 050	GE73 1	1-HL			38'10	* 1	91 78	131	1"	231	0.	Line car. Loco. Was THI&E #3. Sold to West.
				W93a		60,880		30. 0		9. 1.	12.	0-	11.	0-	Indiana Gravel Co.
81 82	A C & F	1913	StLouis	W93a W38b	2-M	60,000									Line car. IR #770 Box motor.
83	THI&E	1915	StLouis	W93a	2-K14										Center cab work motor.
84 85	McGuire Taunton		McGuire Taunton	2-W38b	2-K11 2-K10			281 6		7' 2"	10,	9"			Single truck sweeper. IR #1172 Single truck snow plow.
	Lew.& Fowl	2898		2-W38b	2-K10	50,000		25'11	. (61 6"	10'	3"			Single truck sweeper. IR #1173 Line car. IR #762
91	St Louis	1902	BLW	GE73 W303	2-135 2-134d	65,000									Line car. IR #763
92 93	THIÆE	1920	P'khm 36b	W333 GE730	2-HL 1-K34	80 - 530		40' 0	n ,	51 7*	121	5*	161	9"	Locomotive IR #752 Work motor IR #768
95	THILE	1923	StL 23a	W101b	1-K34 1-K64bra	63,900		38'10		91 21	15,	ó*	221	7*	Center cab loco. IR #789
98 50	THI&E THI&E THI&E	1927	Std 050 BLW	W121 2-W101b		89,800	20	35: 6		0.	111	3"	181		Steeple oab loco. IR #753 Welding motor Stock motor
Jacob Co.	AILER CARS		Dun	#-93a	-nu		20								
		222-	249, 438, 1	700-1709				18 F1	at c	ars n	umber	ed:	250.	25	1, 254-258, 261, 268-270, 273, 278,
2 Side du 4 Center	mp cars num	nbe red	ed: 264-267		100-427, 4	151-457.		11 816	9-28	1. 28	3, 28 allas	t os	re r	umb	red: 286-296.

RECAPITULATION OF EQUIPMENT:

- 74 Interurban passenger motor cars

 9 Interurban passenger trailer cars

 15 Suburban passenger motor cars

 27 Interurban freight motor cars

 16 Motor and one trail work cars

 127 Preight trailer cars

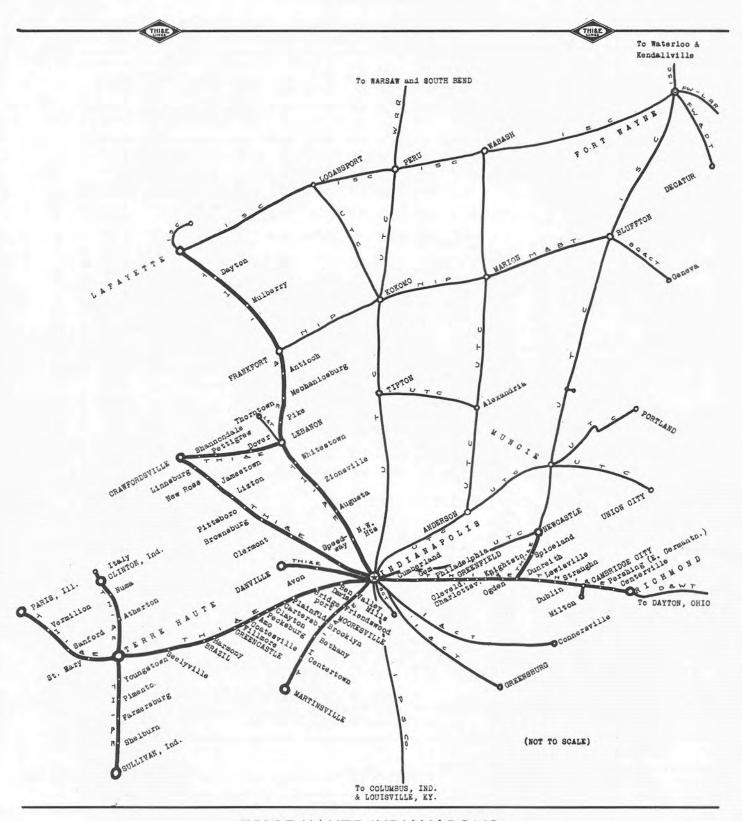
 268 (For city cars see page 9)

W304c motors (90 hp.) 24:63 W121a " 24:51

MARK BUJITHENT:
Standard engineer's valve: M-150 (Group 3 and 5 had M-22 valves)
Standard compressor: Westinghouse DZMG or General Electric CP-28
Standard triple valve: M2a or M2b. Standard governor WABCO type J.
Standard size of brake cylinder: 14° x 12°.

MODERNIZATION PROGRAM:

The program of car modernization, including steel aneathing, new style sheet steel pilot, new headlight arrangement (see cover), improved ventilation, orange and black color scheme with car names as well as numbers was begun in 1924 and nearly finished by 1930. The names chosen were representative of the territory served, its institutions, noted persons, and streams. Deceased executives of the company were also thus honored.



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