

Top Railroad Women Convene Here

Forty women executives are riding the rails closer and closer to Pittsburgh. Naturally they're arriving by train. They work for the railroad.

At the station tonight and tomorrow to greet the visiting firemen—oops, railroaders, will be Catherine LaBoon, statistician for the Ohio Bureau of Coal Statistics, Central Territory Railroads.

Miss LaBoon is chairman of the spring meeting of the American Council of Railroad Women to be held tomorrow and Sunday at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel.

Miss LaBoon and Martha Rinder, are the only Pittsburgh women in the organization. Martha is secretary to the president of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad.

"Not all railroads have opened to women the positions of responsibility which would qualify them for membership," Miss LaBoon points out.

In its exclusive membership of 80 are Betty Royan who, Miss LaBoon says, buys cattle for Industrialist Cyrus Eaton and concerns herself about his farm in Nova Scotia where he entertains "great minds."

Lulise Jones of Richmond, Va., designs train interiors, Goldie Lane is corporate secretary of the Norfolk Southern Railway Co. and Mrs. Charlotte Kyle, women's editor for the Canadian Pacific Railroad's "Spanner." Several other members are in charge of stewardesses for trains.

Miss LaBoon herself supervises the compilation of bituminous coal statistics for 23 central territory railroads. She is the first woman to hold the job since the bureau was established in 1893.

"The purpose of our

organization," she says "is to help the railroads provide better service and to improve relations between the public and the railroads."

Among speakers at the two-day meeting will be A. Perry Everstine, secretary.

treasurer and director of the Schaefer Equipment Co., who will speak in behalf of the Pittsburgh Bicentennial; L. H. Tutwiler, traffic manager of rates for U. S. Steel Corp., and John W. Barriger, president of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad - By Joan Herrold.

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