



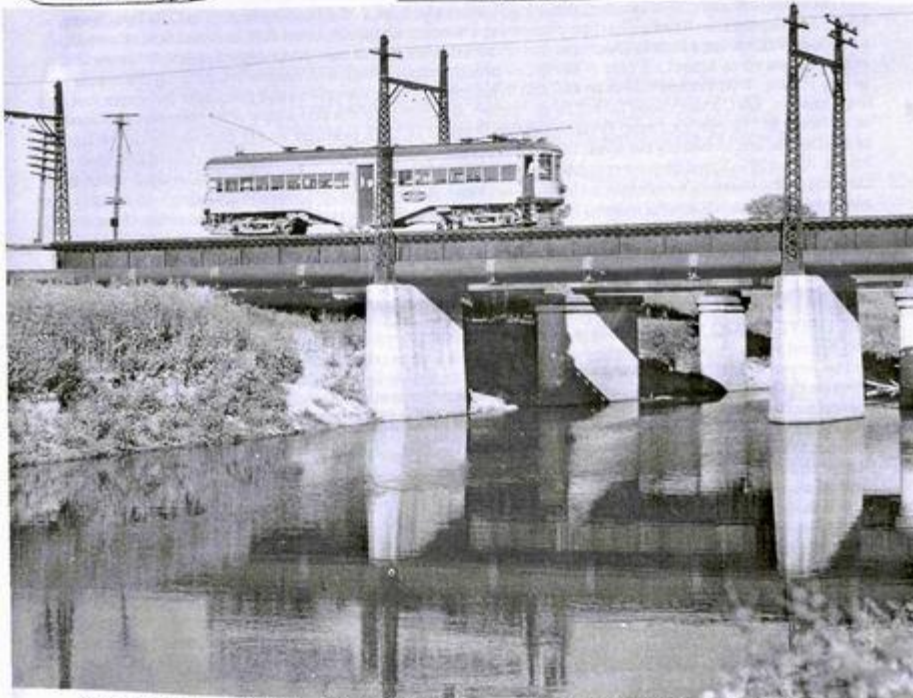
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On the cover: Illinois Terminal "Alton" car 100 crossing a stream near Hartford, Illinois in Summer 1951. The photo, purchased from the William J. Clouser (WJC) estate, says it was taken by a GV Arknowe from the Short Collection. This is the Alton & Eastern line that was wired after the original 28 mile Illinois Terminal steam line purchased the 280+ mile Illinois Traction in 1928. Pout pf the five "1—s", this and the 102 were scrapped. The 101 is at MOT; 103 is a private collection or "chicken coop" in Piasa, Illinois, according to Mark Godwin, and the 104 is at IRM. Note the shadow of her smile as the 100's facsimile dances a mirage in the waters. The Alton last run was May 23, 1953.

Contents:

- The latest Trolleys To Go news about the April 19th open house featuring Marathon Car #61.
- Review of Illinois Traction Society annual meeting.
- An article about the Metro fare increase to \$1.50.
- Progress report, with photos, on the construction of Metrolink's cross-county extension.