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Cover:

St. Louis Public Service PCC #1641 on June 19, 1958, at Etzel Avenue running NB towards the Wellston Loop. It will have to go about 2 more miles. Then it trundles another ½ mile or so to its turnaround at the Suburban Gardens loop. The photo was taken by noted Illinois Terminal photographer Paul Stringham of Peoria, Illinois. He was undoubtedly down here for the end of the Granite City line a few days later on June 21st.

Contents:

- Dave Neubauer's notes and comments about Metrolink, the Illinois Traction Society meeting at IRM, etc.
- Lots of material commemorating the end of St. Louis streetcar service with the demise of the Hodiament line on 21 May 1966. Reprinted material from the Post Dispatch and the Globe Democrat.
- An article about George Gray and Kennard Jones, two former streetcar operators, now with Metro but whose transit careers date back to the St. Louis Public Service Company.
- Letter to the editor regarding the Willard Thomas transport collection, which has mysteriously disappeared.