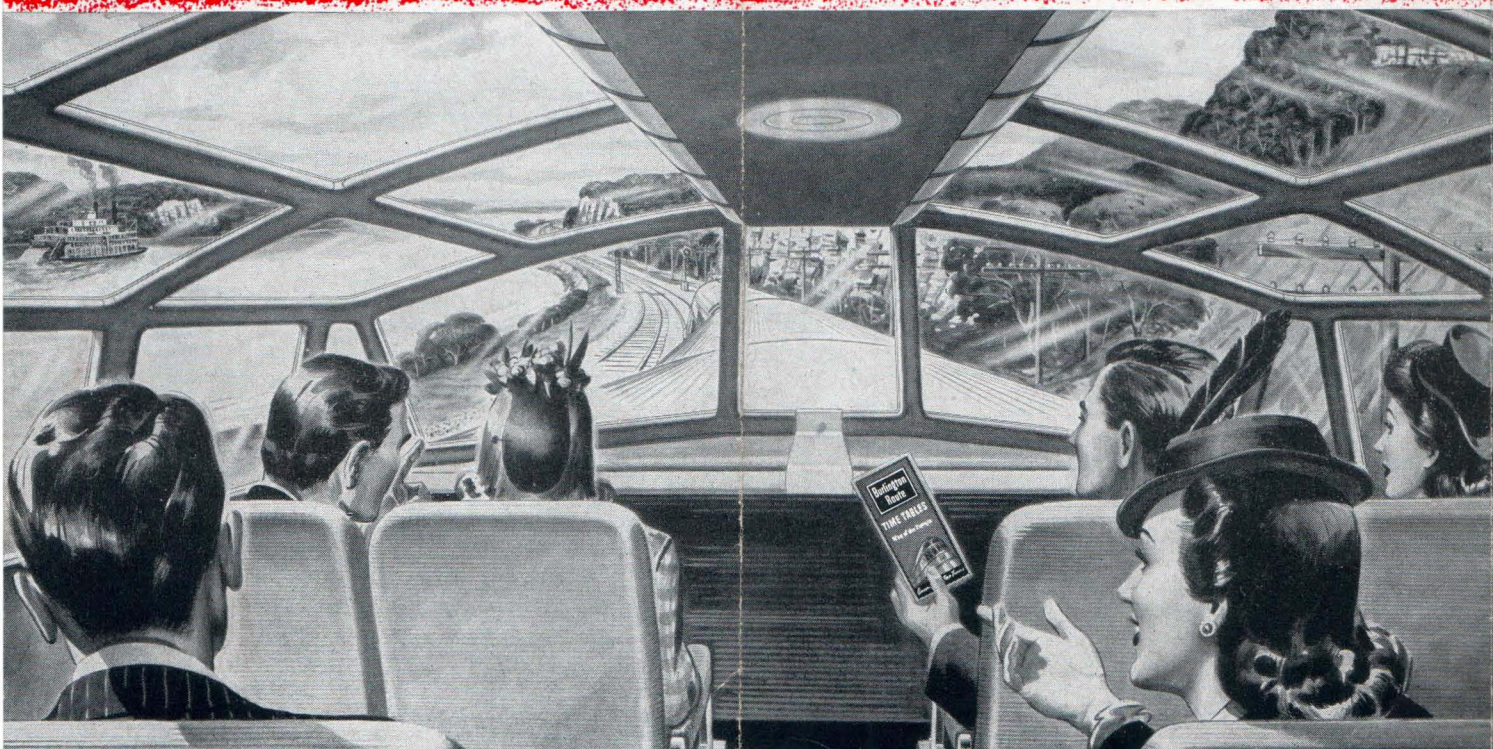


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Burlington presents
THE *Vista Dome*

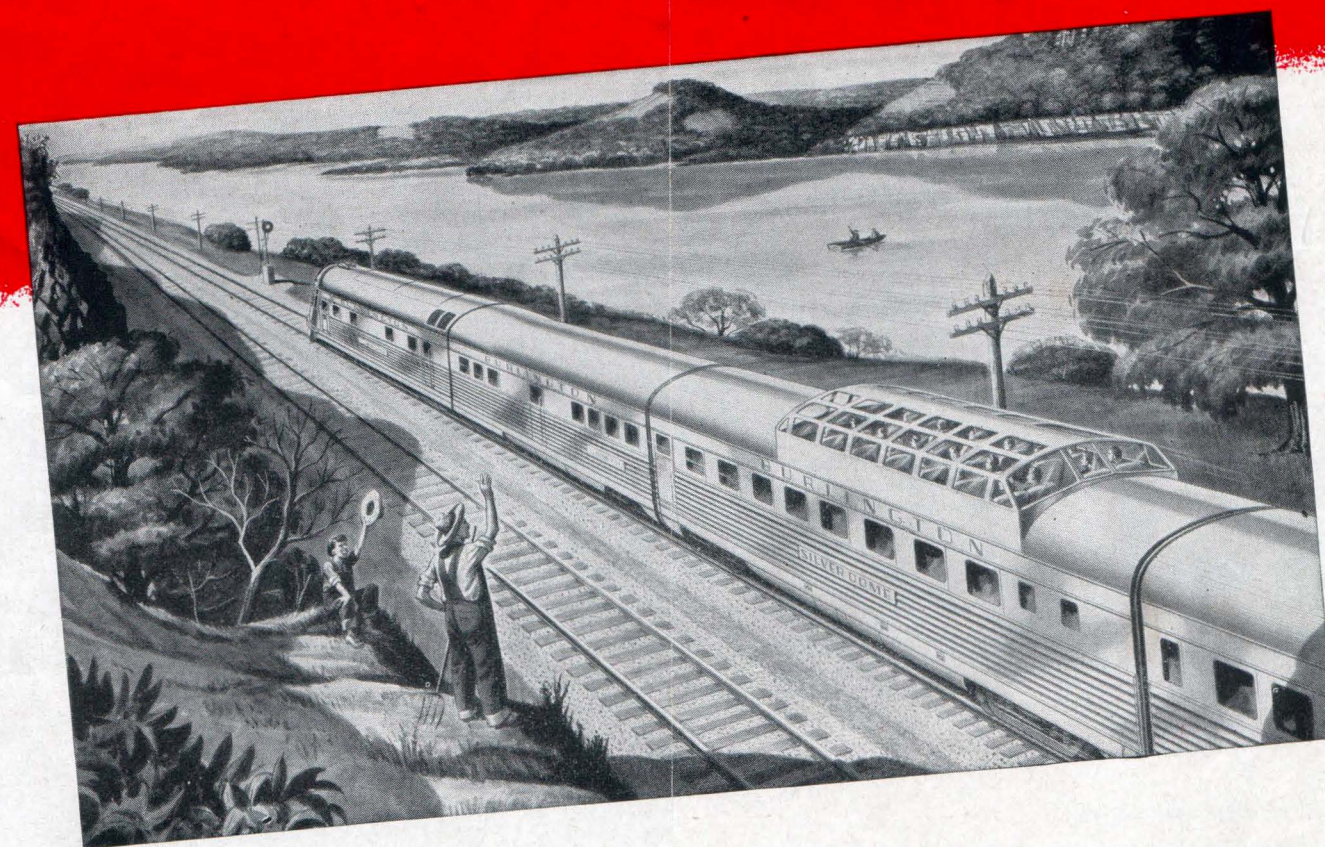


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AN ENTIRELY NEW IDEA IN TRAIN TRAVEL...

*Offers You a
Penthouse View*

**A THRILLING INNOVATION
IN TRAVEL ENJOYMENT!**



● Here is the first presentation of the penthouse idea in railroad transportation . . . an exciting Burlington innovation designed to bring you a new travel thrill.

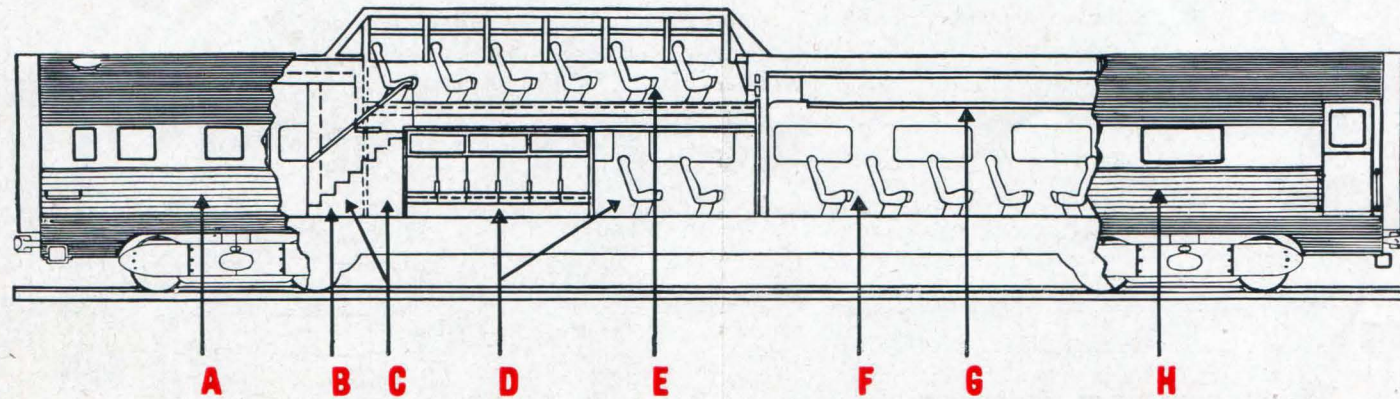
An entirely new perspective in modern train travel has been attained in the unusual design of this demonstration car. Built into the roof is the Vista-Dome, the top and sides of which are laminated, heat and ray-resisting glass. Here are twenty-four deep-cushioned seats where passengers, with heads and shoulders well above the train's roof line, may ride in luxurious comfort while enjoying an unobstructed panorama of American countryside. Modern air-conditioning controls the temperature and ventilation.

This unique car, embodying the most outstanding feature of General Motors' sensational "Astra-Liner" designs, has been created from one of Burlington's streamline, stainless steel Zephyr coaches during the course of routine wartime reconditioning.

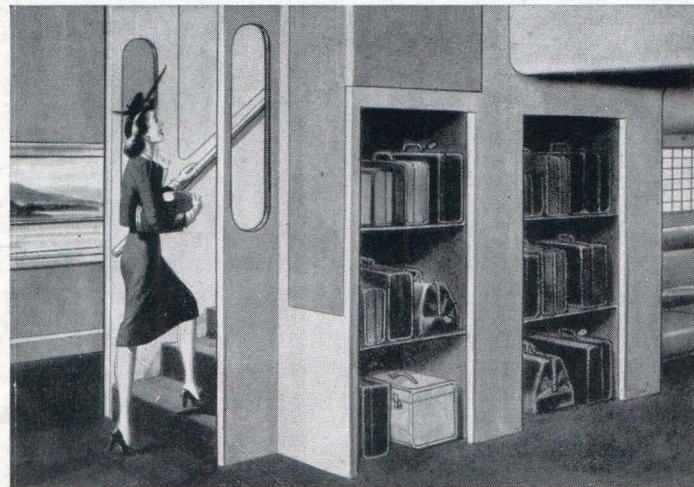
The Vista-Dome car is being operated in regular service on crack trains on various parts of the Burlington system. If travelers are as enthusiastic about it as we believe they will be, the Burlington expects to have a fleet of such cars in the future—cars that will include a multitude of improvements and innovations which wartime conditions made it impossible to include in this preliminary model.

THE UNIQUE "Vista Dome" CAR

HERE'S AN X-RAY VIEW OF THE BURLINGTON'S "Vista Dome" CAR



- A. Women's Washroom.
- B. Enclosed stairway, with double hand rails and individually lighted steps, leads to the Vista-Dome.
- C. Storage compartments on each side of stairway provide space for luggage of passengers seated in and under the Vista-Dome.
- D. Sixteen seats located directly under the Vista-Dome. Six face the windows on one side; six face the opposite side and four face forward. This arrangement, together with the Vista-Dome, increased the seating capacity of this car from 52 to 58 passengers.
- E. The Vista-Dome, with seats for 24 passengers. Here, under a canopy of laminated, heat and ray-resisting glass, travelers enjoy an unobstructed panorama of the country through which they glide.
- F. Main floor section with conventional seating arrangement as in original car.
- G. Overhead luggage rack as in original car.
- H. Men's Washroom.



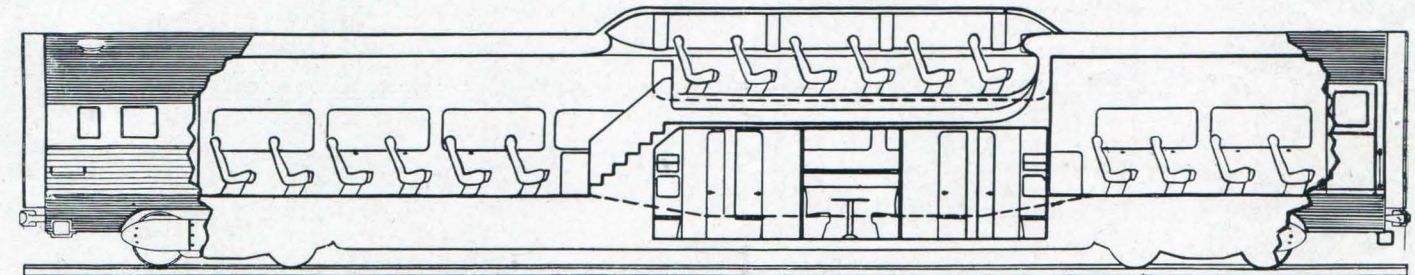
A short, well-lighted stairway affords easy access to the Vista-Dome from the main floor of the car.

AND HERE ARE PLANS FOR "Vista Dome" CARS OF THE FUTURE

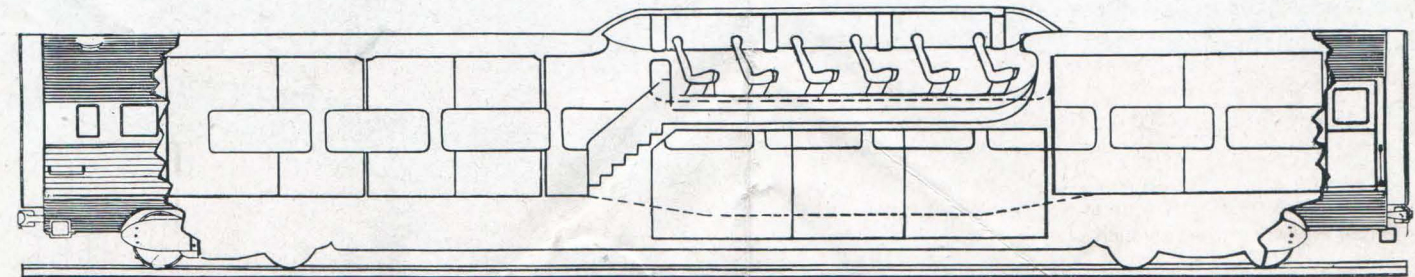
● Already, ideas for even finer cars of this type have come from the drawing boards of General Motors' designers . . . to be progressed when new passenger car construction is possible.

Preliminary plans provide for multiple-level sleeping and lounge cars, as well as coaches, affording full head room on all levels, thus giving new roominess and added comfort . . . *plus thrilling penthouse perspective.*

Shown below are conceptions of two such cars of the future. Notice the lowered central portion, to give ample ceiling height under the dome section.



Above is a design for future chair cars featuring "the penthouse view". The plan indicates seats for 42 passengers on the "main floor" and 24 in the Vista-Dome. The washrooms and a lounge are located off a side aisle directly below the dome. The lowered floor level would provide ample head room in and below the Vista-Dome.



Shown above is a tentative design for a sleeping car of the future. It would provide a seat in the Vista-Dome for each occupant of the car. A variety of floor plans are envisioned, providing a wide range of accommodations. The drawing shows how ample head room would be obtained by lowering the floor level directly beneath the Vista-Dome.