

Some 1950 Model Autos Priced Less Than 1949's

DETROIT—(AP)—Some 1950 model automobiles are going to cost a little less than the current models.

The lower price will result from the reductions being made for some automatic transmissions. The cuts aren't very great—\$25 to \$40—but many industry observers see in them evidence of a trend toward lower car prices.

So far automatic transmissions have been confined to cars in the middle and higher price fields. In the last year or two they have become increasingly popular. The demand for them has grown so steadily that Chevrolet and Ford will have them next year.

Chevrolet will announce its device soon after Jan. 1 with presentation of its 1950 models. Ford has disclosed its "transmission" developed in cooperation with Borg-Warner, will be ready next summer.

With but one or two exceptions all makes of cars above the low price group now have some form of automatic transmission. In some instances they have been made standard equipment, with corresponding price adjustments.

Where they are optional at extra cost public demand has been so great that relatively few cars have been turned out without them. So the transmission price cuts currently being made amount, in effect, to a reduction in the price of the cars affected.

That's the view of many industry observers. They add that had the \$25 to \$40 transmission price cuts been announced merely as reductions in car prices they probably would have gained much wider car buyer interest.

In all instances the reductions so far announced affect General Motors transmissions—Buick's dynaflo and the Hydra-Matic used by Cadillac, Oldsmobile and Pontiac, as well as Lincoln and Nash under contract with GM.

Buick's cut of \$40 on its dynaflo brings the price down to \$160, only a couple of dollars more than the price of the Hydra-Matic as used on Oldsmobile, Pontiac and Nash. Thus perhaps a keener competitive fight may be expected between the torque-

converting dynaflo type and the gear-shifting Hydra-Matic.

Certainly GM's transmission division is pouring out both types in production volume. The greater production volume has been given as the reason for the price cuts thus far announced.

When GM returned to peacetime operations after the war it got its output of Hydra-Matics up to 1,000 units a day. Now they are rolling out at around 3,000 a day. Buick's dynaflo was introduced less than two years ago, yet more than 335,000 units already have been built.

Contrary to some earlier expectation the forthcoming Chevrolet and Ford transmissions probably will not be low priced units. Ford has said the price will be "under \$150." Chevrolet has made no price comment, but most guesses are that it will not even roll out the same figure.

Industry quarters have heard a higher powered engine will go into Chevrolets equipped with the automatic transmission. This, too, has not been confirmed at the company offices.

U. S. Scientific Research Outlays Steadily Rising

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Presidential adviser John R. Steelman announces the government is spending more than ever before on scientific research, surpassing even its wartime expenses for that purpose.

Figures offered by Steelman and other speakers at a science-industry meeting indicated that the government and private interests together are spending at the rate of almost \$2,000,000,000 a year for scientific research and development work.

Steelman noted that in the current fiscal year ending July 1, a record of \$1,380,000,000 is being spent by federal agencies working on atomic, military and other scientific research.

"That compares with a prewar situation in which industry was shouldering about two-thirds of the nation's science bill."

Addressing a meeting of the national Men of Science and Industry, an organization sponsored by the American Council of Commercial Laboratories, Inc., Steelman indicated that further expansion of the research field may be up to industry.

"There is a real question as to how much farther the government can go, under existing critical budget pressures, in extending its support," he said, adding:

"I believe strongly that the attainment of our goals of maximum employment and maximum productivity, based upon expanded business investment, will require a vigorous research and development program supported by private capital.

"New industries, new products and new jobs must be created to maintain our prosperity."

Dr. Edward R. Weidlein, director of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, estimated that industry, the universities and other groups are spending almost \$550,000,000 in the present calendar year.

Together, that figure and Steelman's total \$1,930,000,000. Government officials said this is not a precise estimate of this year's science bill but is good indication of the present annual rate of spending.

Leading U. S. producers of pumice and pumicite are California, New Mexico, Oregon and Idaho.

Shower Gifts Include Hours Of Baby-Sitting

REDMOND—(AP)—A night out for Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Sly should be no trick at all. All members of the high school football team volunteered an evening's free baby-sitting.

A little girl said she'd tend the baby for ten hours. A group of girls gave Mrs. Sly a book with phone numbers for free baby-sitting.

The baby who's going to get all this attention hasn't arrived yet. The free-sitting offers were gifts at a shower for Mrs. Sly in this central Oregon city where neighborliness is customary.

Some 200 women attended the shower—and provided gifts of a baby bed, crib, bassinet, lavette and other articles. The youngsters attended with their gifts of time because Mrs. Sly had worked many years with the Camp Fire girls and Blue Birds, had been physical education director at the grade school and had been director of the municipal swimming pool.

Mrs. Sly, the former Nellie Johns, is a University of Oregon graduate and taught in both Pendleton and Redmond schools.

Bricker Accuses Barkley Of Using 'Scare' Methods

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Accused by Vice President Barkley of using "scare" tactics in the Congressional campaign, Republicans responded today with fresh attacks on President Truman's program.

Senator Bricker (R-Ohio) said that if he had his way the GOP would wipe out every vestige of "me-tooism" and "fight the Truman welfare state down the line."

"We've got to give the voters something to choose from between the Republicans and the Democrats," he told a reporter before leaving for Ohio.

"We're never going to win until we come out squarely against the kind of socialism the administration is trying to put over."

Barkley told a campaign-launching Democratic rally in New York City last night that the Republicans are trying by talking about "statism" to "scare the people away from the continuance of a constructive program which has made them more prosperous, more content and more universally employed than at any other period in history."

"We are now being told by those who regard every tree frog as a roaring lion and every innocent angleworm as a spreading adder that we are on the verge of entering the 'welfare state' and that it and so-called 'statism' are lurking around the corner to absorb the liberties and devour the substance of the people," he declared.

Copco Operating Income Increases By Million

According to a statement issued today by A. S. Cummins, president, The California Oregon Power company reports gross operating revenues for the 12 months ending Nov. 30, 1949, of \$9,840,896 as compared with revenues of \$8,771,572 for the same period ending Nov. 30, 1948, an increase of \$1,069,324 or 12.19 percent.

Gross operating revenues for the 11 months ending Nov. 30, 1949, were \$8,932,168 as compared with revenues of \$8,045,440 for the corresponding period ending Nov. 30, 1948, an increase of \$886,728 or 11.02 percent.

Gross operating revenues for the month of November 1949 totaled \$846,959, an increase of \$27,715 or 3.38 percent over those of November 1948.

Sales of electricity to residential customers during the 12 months ending Nov. 30, 1949, increased 25.27 percent over those of the previous period, and averaged 4611.15 kilowatt-hours per customer, at an average cost of 1.606 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Air Inspector General Denies Atom Knowledge

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—(AP)—The Army air inspector general said to have been told during the war of a "leak" of atom bomb material and secrets to Russia on lend-lease airplanes said he knows nothing of the incident.

"I don't know a thing about it," said Maj. Gen. Junious W. Jones, commandant of the air materiel area at nearby McClellan field.

A former army major, George Racey Jordan, announced on the radio last night that he learned of the shipments at the time and notified General Jones, then air inspector general.

Jones commented: "I do not recall the officer in question. I have no knowledge of the incident or anything like it."

Character Actress Dies From Burns Sustained

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Mme. Maria Ouspenskaya, 68-year-old character actress, succumbed Saturday at the motion picture country home from burns suffered while smoking in bed at her apartment early Thursday.

Her physician, Dr. Marlon Dakin, said the second and third degree burns were directly responsible for her death.

Woman Who Heads Concert Bureau Happy Because It's Losing Money

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—Jean Tennyson runs one of the world's biggest concert bureaus—and is quite happy because it is losing money.

Some 300 top singers and musicians work for nothing on her programs, arranged to entertain disabled ex-servicemen in 130 veterans hospitals across the country.

Her list of artists include Lily Pons, Margaret Truman, Elio Piana, Artur Schnabel, and Gladys Swarthout.

"We started out with strictly long-haired performers," she said. "But now we have Benny Goodman, choral groups—even a magician."

Like many another American woman at war's end, Miss Tennyson, an ex-Vanities star and operatic soprano, was grateful to the men who had fought. She wanted to do something to show her gratitude—but what?

"I was told that musical therapy was helpful to the 1,000,000 veterans in hospitals," she recalled, "so I decided that was the field I could help in best."

With symphony conductor Leo Stokowski and a few other friends she organized the artists' veterans hospital programs in 1947. By the end of this season this organization will have arranged for more than 350 concerts in some 90 veterans hospitals.

"Eventually we hope to reach all the hospitals, particularly those in out-of-the-way places," she said.

Miss Tennyson, helped only by a secretary, schedules the con-

certs herself and pays all expenses of the operation. Whenever the seasonal tour of one of the artists on her list brings him near a veterans' hospital, she arranges in advance for him to appear there, too. And he'd better not plead weariness or laryngitis when she gets on the long distance phone. For a cheerful blonde she can be mightily stubborn with lazy singers.

"But most of the artists have been very cooperative," she said. "Only two out of more than 300 have turned us down—and I'd rather not talk about them. Once an artist sees the effect he usually wants to come back and entertain them again."

When one singer was forced to cancel an engagement at a Chicago hospital, Jean flew out herself and kept the date.

Her office files are full of let-

Hawaii Will Get Greens For Christmas Season

PORTLAND—(AP)—Hawaii will get the traditional holly, mistletoe and evergreen trees in time for Christmas.

The annual yuletide shipment left here Friday night aboard the ship Hawaiian Banker. Included were 100,000 Christmas trees, fruit, turkeys, ducks and 60 head of live cattle.

The trees are expected to retail at about \$2. The ship's crew will have to care for the trees meanwhile, washing off salt spray at intervals.

Letters from doctors praising the programs for their therapeutic value to patients, some of whom are mentally as well as physically sick.

After Claudio Arrau finished one of his piano numbers a vet sighed "That's beautiful," said Miss Tennyson. "We learned later they were the first words that boy had spoken in months."

A letter from a Dallas, Tex., hospital said:

"Today Jarmila Novotna came to our ward and sang for us. I can't tell you how important that hour was to us."

The letter was signed by a blind veteran.

Miss Tennyson expects to operate her concert bureau indefinitely. "We must realize," she said soberly, "that we aren't going to have fewer veterans in our hospitals as time goes on. There will be more—and more."

Disappearance Of Girl Still Baffles British

LONDON—(AP)—A withered red rose and a trayful of cigarette stubs were the only clues British authorities had today to the mysterious disappearance of a pretty pajama-clad girl from a south-seas liner.

The girl was 20-year-old Coen-da McCallum of Sydney, Australia, who was last seen in her cabin late on the night of Oct. 30 as the Orient liner Orca steamed from Sydney to Melbourne on its way to London.

When the ship docked here last Wednesday, ministry of transport officials were called to investigate the shipping company's report that the Gwenda met "death by disappearance."

Alister Cameron, 30-year-old British civil servant in Fiji, said Miss McCallum came aboard at Sydney without money and stayed "either accidentally or deliberately" until after it sailed. He had met her at a Sydney hotel. He said he paid her fare as far as Melbourne.

FINDS TOURISTS LIKE IT

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Despite smog, traffic and Mickey Cohen, the tourists who spend some \$4,000,000 annually in southern California are going home happily, says Don Thomas, director of the All-Year club.

He learned this by mailing tourist questionnaires after they

returned home. The replies showed, he said, that attractions offset any minor irritations.

"Southern California has drawn an average of 3,000,000 visitors a year since the war," Thomas said. "This is nearly twice the prewar figure."

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