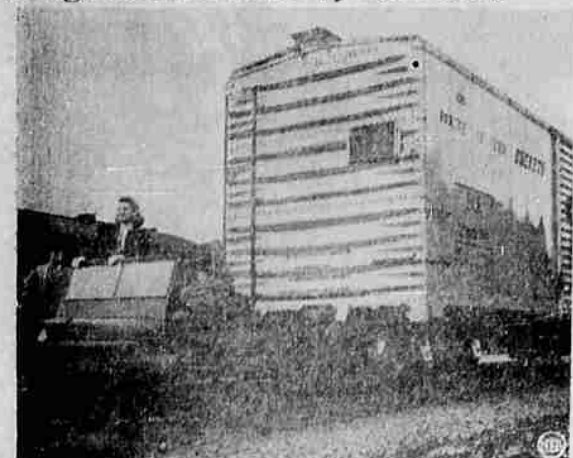


An Extensive Post-War Expansion Program Is Planned by Railroads



Railroads plan to buy 350,000 new freight cars for post-war use. Among them will be lightweight aluminum cars, like this one drawn by a jeep during tests. Also on order are 635 new locomotives and 6000 new passenger cars.

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American railroads expect to spend some \$350,000,000 in each of the first five post-war years for new locomotives, freight and passenger cars—a total of close to two billion dollars. For this they hope to get about 635 new locomotives, 350,000 new freight cars and more than 6000 new passenger cars.

Comparing the new rolling stock program with existing equipment, it appears that about one out of seven locomotives will be replaced, one out of five freight cars and perhaps one out of four passenger-train cars. At the same time, when demand lessens, the more obsolete cars now forced into service presumably will be retired and intermediate cars will be modernized.

New passenger equipment will be air-conditioned, with split-seats in coaches and luxury equipment that is tops.

Contrary to the fears of many, the roads have been able to maintain both rail lines and equipment fully, so far as safety is concerned, letting maintenance deferment fall upon comfort, speed and aesthetics.

Maintenance Important

The \$300,000,000 of accumulated right of way maintenance, for example, big as it looks, represents only four per cent of the normal maintenance expenditures over the past three war years. There are two types of railroad maintenance—current, for safety, and long-range, for efficiency and economy.

Equipment is checked carefully and continually for safety, but whole classes of vehicles no longer are sent automatically to the shops, at certain intervals, for thorough overhaul. This probably will mean that their lifetime will be shortened, but it does not mean that they are less safe for day-by-day use.

In ordinary times a substantial proportion of the roads' rolling stock is not in active use at any given time. Some is undergoing current repair, some long-range repair, and some has been laid off for disrepair but not yet actually broken up and written off. Also, a great deal is on standby duty so that, if heavy traffic or equipment breakdown requires, a new locomotive or car can be substituted without delay.

Of 1,631,000 freight cars owned by the roads in 1939 there were less than 165,000 of them in the shop or awaiting repair, and at times the number rose to 230,000. In addition, there were from 64,000 to as many as 265,000 "surplus" cars, some just not needed, but others on standby service, lying idle at all times.

Shortage of Cars

Last year there never were more than 55,000 cars on the repair list, and the "surplus" ran from 82,000 down to under 14,000. With a surplus of less than 25,000 to 30,000 cars there actually is a shortage—that is, there are not enough cars in reserve to get them to where they are needed.

Bronchos Plan To Reenter Lists On Court, Gridiron

SANTA CLARA, Calif., April 9 (UP)—A return to big-time sports participation "as soon as war conditions allow" was announced for the University of Santa Clara today by George Barsi, graduate manager.

Barsi said he had been given assurance by the board of athletic control that Santa Clara, "the biggest little school in U. S. sports," will return to major gridiron and basketball competition.

Barsi said basketball, which he coaches, will lead the way, going back on the intercollegiate sports agenda next year. However, he doubts that football can return for the 1945 season—even if V-E day arrives in Europe this spring.

"There just wouldn't be enough men mustered out of the service by fall to re-start our grid schedule," Barsi said.

Santa Clara now has an enrollment of about 125. This compares with 500 to 600 in peace times.

Before the war the 94-year old Jesuit school traveled from coast to coast with grid and court squads, meeting and defeating the best the land had to offer in the way of athletic teams.

The Bronchos went to the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans twice in a row, winning both times. The cage team has appeared twice in Madison Square Garden without defeat.

Portland Hockey Team Beats Boston

PORTLAND, Ore., April 9 (UP)—Showing the effects of their journey westward, the Boston Olympics hockey team fell easy victim to the Portland Eagles, 12 to 3, in an exhibition encounter here last night.

The Olympics, eastern amateur league champions, met the Seattle Ironmen, Pacific coast hockey league titlists, in a national championship series starting Thursday at Seattle. Portland was runner-up to the Ironmen in the regular season.

Portland played rings around the easterners through two and a third periods, scoring four goals in the first period, three in the second, and two more in the last period before Boston gathered power to tally three times in succession, making the score 9-3. In the last 10 minutes, Portland scored three more goals.

Planting Starts On Fertile Lands Flooded By Nazis

ROME, April 9 (UP)—Thousands of acres of rich land will be available for crops this year through the drainage of the Pontine marshes which were flooded by German engineers before the allied offensive in Italy began last May.

When the Germans fell back before the American fifth army they left 27,000 acres of farmland under water. Now, less than 5,000 acres are still flooded, and those are expected to be drained by June 1. Most of the areas already drained have been sown with early crops.

The Pontine marshes comprise 136,000 acres of reclaimed land along a 30-mile strip of coast between Terracina and Anzio. The German wrecked pumps and drainage canals and even built dams to prevent water from flowing off the marshes.

Their purpose appeared to be not only to ruin the land for agriculture but also to bog down the attacking Americans.

The water, however, barely reached the top of a fine concrete highway stretching straight across the marshes. American troops raced over this Mussolini-built road, leaving the more laborious job of repairs to Italian authorities and the allied military commission.

MUCH MARRIED

When Marco Miller died in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, it was found that he had 80 wives scattered throughout South America. He changed his name and left his first wife and children in Portugal and was never a party to divorce suit.

Rainiers, Beavers In Coast League Lead

Manager Bill Skiff's Seattle Rainiers, showing power at the plate and fair-to-middlin' pitching, have gone on the warpath. After getting bumped off by the Los Angeles Angels in the first two games, the Rainiers came back to crack the Seraphs four times in a row, win a 4-2 series and, incidentally, climb back into a dead-lock with the Portland Beavers for first place.

The all-around play of the Rainiers highlighted a week-end of "underdog" baseball in which the tail-enders whacked the leaders around to a considerable extent and further scrambled the infant standings in the 11-game-old Pacific Coast league.

Rainiers Take Three

The Seattle club won yesterday's double-header, 6-3 and 8-3, after winning Saturday afternoon, 5-4 in 10 innings. The Sunday game attracted 18,000 fans.

The Sacramento Solons, recovering from four straight thumpings by Portland, won a twin bill yesterday, 6-1 and 5-1 after taking a 7-5 beating Saturday.

San Francisco Seals won two out of three over the week-end from the San Diego Padres, taking Saturday night's slug-fest, 13-12 in 10 innings, and splitting yesterday, 11-1 and 1-2. San Diego won the series 4 to 2.

The Oakland Oaks continued their domination of the Hollywood Stars winning Saturday 6-3 and dividing Sunday before 7,500, 1-8 and 5-4 in two extra innings. The Stars salvaged only one game out of the six-tilt series.

"Busker" Beats Seals
Carl Dumler, a "busker" of 28 summers who was able to win only three games all last year with San Diego, appears to have found the road to success this season. With only 11 games played, of which the Padres have won five, Dumler is credited with three victories.

His best effort was a four-hitter yesterday in which he bested the Seals' Elmer Orella in a 2-1 seven inning game. The mound battle came after the San Francisco club had pounded out 11-1 and 13-12 victories in two previous games. Hank Sweeney won the game for Dumler with a homer in the sixth after the score was deadlocked at 1-1.

The Oakland nine, Manager Dolph Camilli and the fans of the city are riding high on the crest of 17-year-old Vic Picetti's sensational early-season batting. Vic ran his consecutive hitting streak to 11 straight yesterday by getting two safeties in the first game and one in the second.

The nightcap with the Stars went two extra innings and was broken up when Outfielder Tom Hafez sizzled a single into left field with the sacks loaded.

Ken Hicks, the 18-year-old Los Angeles southpaw who pitched a 2-1 15-inning victory on the second day of the season, wasn't quite as hot on his second trip to the mound. He was battered from the box by the Rainiers—although he didn't get charged with a loss in the Saturday tilt.

In yesterday's games, the Rainiers pounded out 25 hits in the two tilts off seven Seraph hurlers. Shortstop Bill Lyman and First Baseman George McDonald led the attack. Dos Greene and Roy Easterwood homered for the losers.

Guy Fletcher tossed a four-hitter for the Solons in the game tilt against Portland yesterday after Earl Porter had scattered eight hits in the opener. Roy Younker hit a homer in the first tilt.

His eight victories and those six of Sneed's didn't leave much for the other golfers on the winter tour for there were only 13 tournaments in all. But because there were only about 20, compared with the usual 75 who used to make the "golden" swing, the others didn't fare too badly.

Back at Nelson, who started out as a caddy at Fort Worth, Tex., and soon after turning pro became known as the "crisis kid" because of his ability to make tough shots when they counted, came Sneed. His earnings totaled \$16,861, quite an increase from what he made as a sailor the winter before.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden, who paired with Nelson to win the Miami four ball game third with \$10,204. He was followed by Sam Byrd, who won one of the four tournaments Nelson and Sneed were unable to garner. Byrd's total was \$10,573. Ky Laffoon was next in line with \$4,383 and Jim Ferrer, also a winner in one tournament, was sixth with \$4,365.

Margaret O'Brien Is Movie Veteran

Although she is only 3 years old, Margaret O'Brien, who has one of the featured roles in "Meet Me In St. Louis," showing to night and tomorrow at the Liberty theater, might be termed a "veteran" in public life.

Shortly after she was 3 her picture appeared on a magazine cover, and it was not long thereafter that she received her first movie part.

Judy Garland has the other top role in the technicolor movie dealing with the affairs of the Smith family in the early 1900's.

BLOOD CHANGES
An eminent biologist has noted that human blood changes with advancing years. In tests conducted, he found that childhood blood was chemically different from that of old age.

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Detroit Blanked By Toronto Team

DETROIT, April 9 (UP)—The Toronto Maple Leafs were riding toward the Stanley cup hockey championship today on goalie Frankie McCool's "big stick."

Once again last night the rookie goalie shut out the Detroit Redwings, 2 to 0, leaving the usually high scoring losers without a goal in the playoff finals. It was McCool's third shutout of the playoffs and seventh since the season began.

The youngster got plenty of help last night from his defense-minded teammates who worked ceaselessly to keep Detroit's shot makers from getting a square crack at the nets. The Redwings were strictly on the tight side themselves and the game was more than half over before Ted Kennedy of Toronto finally made a goal.

L. A. Filly Wins Tijuana Handicap

TIA JUANA, Mex., April 9 (UP)—Mist, three-year-old stretch-running filly, won the first running of the \$5,000 added Fashion stakes at the Tia Juana race track yesterday, scoring a length and a half triumph over Mrs. F. D. Rice's Friule. The time for the mile was 1:37 3-5.

The winner, owned by E. F. Smith, Los Angeles business man, was ridden by J. R. Layton and carried a feather impost of 105 pounds. Mist paid \$820, \$5 and \$2.80 across the board. In third was Circle V, stable's Glory Time, and Mrs. Clyde Phillips' All White finished fourth.

Vain Prince equalled the track record of 1:23 3-5 in winning the seven-furlong Magdalen handi-cup, nipping Gold Mike at the wire.

Smelt Run Costs Life Of Spectator

PORTLAND, Ore., April 9 (UP)—The lure of the heavy smelt run in the Sandy river has taken its third life, this time that of a spectator who slipped into the stream, reached the shore then slipped a second time and disappeared.

The latest victim was Kenneth C. Burke, 30-year-old foundry worker, one of the estimated 25,000 persons who visited the stream Sunday to fish or to watch others fish. His body had not been recovered today.

Burke slipped into the stream about a mile north of Troutdale. Reaching shore, he removed his shirt and sweater. Upon slipping a second time and being unable to recover his balance he deliberately dove into the stream and disappeared.

Mrs. Zaharias Takes Golf Match Honors

LOS ANGELES, April 9 (UP)—The mighty drives of Babe Didrikson Zaharias yesterday gave her a 4-up advantage over Betty Jameson, deft golfer from San Antonio, Tex., at the half-way mark of their scheduled 72-hole challenge match.

The second half of their "match of the century" will be played in San Antonio.

A dazzling two under men's par 34 that put her 4 up at the end of the morning first nine gave Babe the victory, for the plodding Betty played even golf the rest of the way.

A gallery of 3,000 including a number of movie celebrities, trailed the two golfers in the exhibition game for the benefit of the PGA army rehabilitation fund, which gained \$8,000.

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Sportsman's Paradise In The Making Fish and Game Development Planned

PORTLAND, Ore., April 9 (UP)—Will the thousands of dollars spent to make each fighting man an expert with a gun be wasted during the post-war era?

Not if the returning serviceman likes the taste of venison steak or roast Chinese pheasant, according to state and national fish and game experts, these men are, at the present time, planning to make the northwest a postwar hunting and fishing paradise outshining even its high prewar standards.

War Delays Development
At the present time nearly every man who formerly worked for the Oregon state game commission or the U. S. fish and wildlife division of the department of the interior is in the armed forces. The jobs they were doing before they were drafted have not been finished, but they will be.

Before the war lake and stream surveys throughout Oregon were beginning to get started. Then they had to be discontinued.

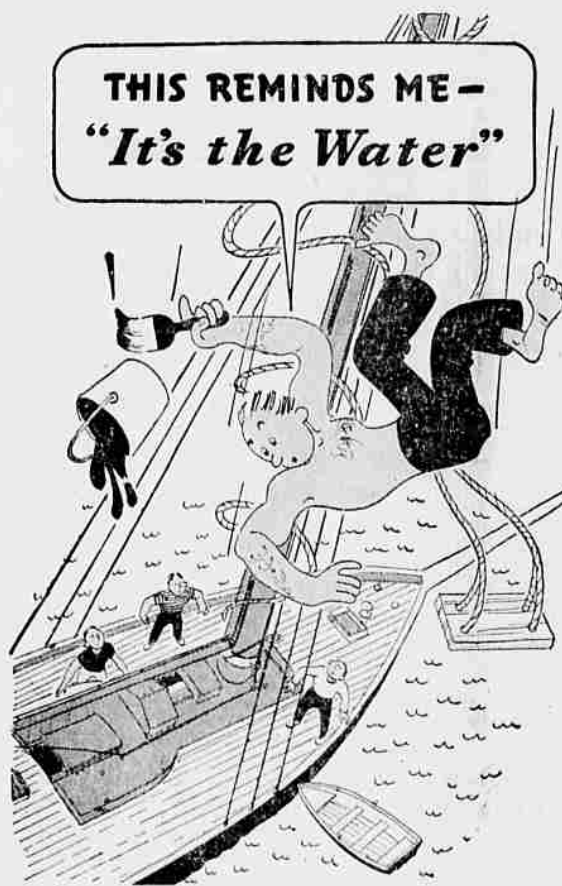
Out in the wild country south of Bend is an example of what these surveys can accomplish. One of the twin lakes had for many years been a fine fishing spot but some anglers who preferred to use live bait brought in small trash fish from other areas. Soon these fish, prolific but not very edible, had increased until they were eating up too much marine vegetation.

"Undesirables" Killed Off
Biologists of the state fish and game commission were aware of this trouble, but a survey of the lake was made to ascertain whether it was advisable to kill off all life. This check revealed that such a measure was necessary. The lake was poisoned, then left without any marine life until the effect of the deadly chemicals wore off. The lake was then restocked, and now contains some of the finest fish in Oregon. During the postwar era it will again provide limitless sport.

Victory by a nine stroke margin over second place Sammy Byrd of Detroit, who had a 272 total, gave the Toledo, O., stroke-master his eighth major tournament in 18 this season.

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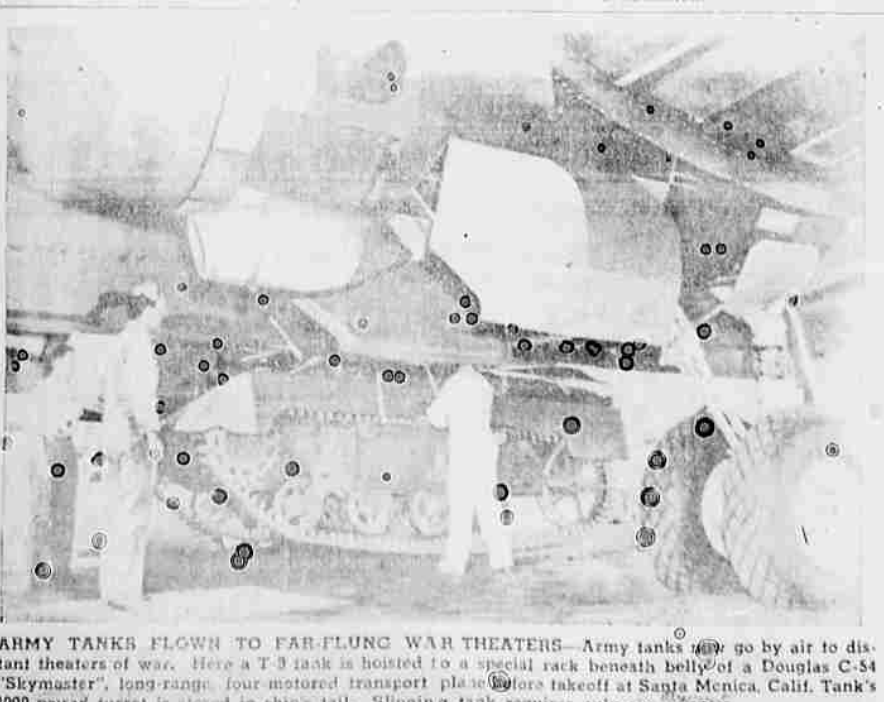
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