

### 3,000 Refrigerator Cars To Be In Use

Acting now to insure future transportation for the West's increasing production of perishable crops, Southern Pacific and Union jointly owned Pacific Fruit Express Company to purchase 3,000 more refrigerator cars of the most modern design.

This makes 5,000 "Reefers" ordered by Pacific Fruit Express since the first of the year, a previous order of 2,000 cars having been announced in January. Deliveries of all cars are expected before the end of 1947.

Largest operator of refrigerator cars in the world, Pacific Fruit Express now has a fleet of more than 36,000 cars, which will be raised to over 41,000 by the cars now under construction or authorized. Its equipment is now in the national refrigerator car pool, which was continued after war's end in an all-out effort to overcome car shortages pending delivery of additional equipment.

During the war years only 1,000 new cars were purchased, construction of railroad equipment being limited by wartime conditions, but through an intensive repair and rehabilitation program, Pacific Fruit Express Company's ratio of cars in continuous service is greater than that maintained by

the nation's carriers as a whole, it was pointed out.

The recent shortage of refrigerator cars, it was emphasized, is due principally to the tremendous increase in production of perishable crops. Fruits and vegetables originated by rail in the United States rose from 747,559 carloads in 1940 to a record total of 974,514 in 1945, which increase of 30 per cent was matched by the shipments originating on the lines served by the Pacific Fruit Express.

The new refrigerator cars will weigh about 4,000 pounds less than conventional cars, and will have new type convertible bulkheads, half-stage icing devices, fans for circulating air in the cars air ducts in car walls, herringbone floor racks, one-piece hatch covers wrought steel wheels, and easy riding trucks.

### Camp Adair Will Be Dismantled

The abandoned buildings at Camp Adair near Corvallis, which at war-time peak housed some 70,000 soldiers, will be dismantled and allotted to the veteran's housing program, the Department of Veterans' Affairs was informed this week.

A letter from the War Assets Administration in Portland, re-

ceived by Marion Nance County Service Officer H. C. Saalfeld and passed on to Veterans' Affairs officials announced:

"The buildings at Camp Adair are presently assigned to the Federal Public Housing authority, Skinner building, Seattle, for dismantling in the veterans' housing program."

The letter added that the lands at Camp Adair are assigned to the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, which is "working up a program of disposal at this time."

Another abandoned war-time project, the Salem airport, has been disposed of as follows, according to the WAA disclosure:

"An interim permit has been given the city of Salem for use of airport and eight buildings as operating facilities. Six buildings have been turned over to the state of Oregon, 36 to the Department of Agriculture, and the U. S. District Engineers' office are removing the remaining 59 to civil works projects.

"When the Civil Aeronautics Administration have made their report on the lands contained in Salem Army Airfield, and the same are classified as airport and residential or agricultural, final disposal will be made."

The information came from E. W. Barnes, deputy regional director for the office of real property disposal of the War Assets administration.

### Local News Items

For benefit of friends who may care to write, Carroll Reekman has a new address: Pvt. Carroll Reekman, Co. 50, AAR Tr. Bn., Fort Bliss, Texas.

Eddie Young, of Phoenix, Arizona, is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. King, who live six miles up the Chetco River. He will remain at the King home about a month, or until school starts again this fall.

Otis Young, up the Chetco, has sold his farm. The name of the purchaser was not learned at the moment. His daughter, who lives at Phoenix, Arizona, came Monday, and will drive the car back to Arizona for him. He will make Phoenix his home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kretzmeier and children of Portland, who have been in the area for a week, expect to return to Portland on Friday. Mr. Kretzmeier, who formerly lived here, owns Ocean View Tracts, which he has subdivided and has put on the market for homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Littleton and daughter of The Dalles, are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis, owners of the Nook Cafe. Mr. Littleton, long identified with the bank at The Dalles, is quite interested in this area.

Mrs. Roy McLean and son, Edward, were here from Medford for a few days, visiting at the home of L. P. Cross and daughter. She attended grade school here, and spent several pleasant hours renewing acquaintances of her former schoolmates.

Mrs. Gladys Payne returned last week from Ashland where she attended the summer session of Southern Oregon College of Education.

Andrew Jackson spent the last week-end here with his family, from Orick, Calif., where he is employed. While here, he subscribed to the Pilot to have it sent him at Orick, declaring it was the best little paper he had seen in a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bush left Saturday for Parker, Arizona, where they were called on business. They will return home about the tenth of August.

The Misses Helen Payne and Phyllis Huffman returned home Wednesday after visiting Miss Huffman's relatives at Monterey for two weeks.

Miss Pat Percival left on the Tuesday evening but to return to her home at Portland after visiting the E. E. Hanscam home for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster and son of Kelso, Wash., visited Mr. Foster's brother, Milton, and family for three days last week.

They continued on to San Francisco where they are visiting other of his brothers, Ron week.

Ronald Akers, of Dayton arrive tomorrow to spend days with his father, Dewey at the Pilot office. He will be the seventh grade this fall.

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