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RAILROADS AND RAILROADERS
"Some years ago most boys got a thrill out of trains and locomotives, wanted to be railroaders when they grew up. Some of these boys, like myself, did, and a lot of the others still do. On this page the editors of the Register-Guard offer their opinions on events of the day and matters of importance to the community, endeavoring to be candid but fair and helpful in the development of constructive community policy."
—Note from Jim Ormandy, SP's GPA.

Truth compels us to admit that in recent years we have gone philandering (like most middle-aged males). We have not been entirely constant in our affection for the first love—the railroad engine. We have been lured, a little, by the sleek and silvery silhouette of the Airliner. Late in the night we listen for the siren song of United's southbound far overhead.

But the plane sings its song and then it is gone. It leaves a void. An Old Man finds himself listening for other sounds, long remembered. There she goes! Some old hogger whistling for Springfield Junction. Maybe "The Rogue," rattling off to Medford, or "The Oregonian," bound for San Francisco, or a big freight rumbling in out of the mountains. Nothing like it, after all!

Brings back old times, old places, old names—Chesapeake and Ohio (on hot nights you could hear the coal trains across the river); Norfolk and Western (they had the first of those bull-bellow whistles); Pennsylvania, Louisville and Nashville. The one and only New Haven, the B. & O., the Big Four (New York Central); Santa Fe, Rock Island, Southern, Milwaukee, Great Northern, Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, the Seaboard (there was a branch line down in Virginia. . .)

There are a great many old friends in this book that Jim Ormandy sends—Boston and Maine (there were some good guys in the roundhouse at Fitchburg). Erie (who was the old chap that pulled the silk trains?); Baltimore and Ohio (and the World's Fair in St. Louis); the "Katy" and the MP and the funny old Iron Mountain (and a poker game with a bunch of shacks at a way station). But this book is not intended to promote nostalgia.

It deals with the heroic contribution which America's railroads and railroad people have been making to winning this war, and it devotes TWO CHAPTERS to the outstanding work of what Jim calls "our own Southern Pacific."

Did you know that SP is now hauling the staggering total of approximately 80 million ton miles of freight and passenger traffic per year, not quite double the top traffic of 1929? With the war in the Pacific it has become known as "The Lifeline of Supply," and its single track operations represent one of the greatest feats in all railroad history!

This work goes on around us right here in Eugene. We have more than 2,000 men and women working in and out of the great Southern Pacific terminal here—fifth largest in the entire SP system.

The writer talks you with an 88-car, 4,250-ton freight train from Oakridge to Cascade Summit and Crescent Lake:

"The ascending grade is 1.8 per cent. The leading engine on the head is a great cab-in-front Articulated, an AC-6 or 7, a 4-8-2 locomotive designed for mountains—tractive force 123,400 pounds, total weight over 1,000,000 pounds, engine and tender. The lead helper—another AC—is placed at least 7 cars ahead of the rear helper which is another AC at least 7 cars ahead of the caboose. . . ."

Taking water for the three engines at Wicopee and other way stops is an intricate business of managing the brake controls and making sure that the enormous weight does not get out of control, while each tender is spotted just so for a water column. Takes complete teamwork of engineer, fireman, conductor, and the head, swing and rear brakemen. The writer observes at the end of his chapter:

"Mountain railroading is tough under the best of conditions but with the Cascade line crowded with freight laden with materials of war, in addition to normal traffic, it is a battle all the way. Here in the Cascades you can feel the stirring pulse of Southern Pacific straining for Victory, and know the grim determination of the big engines and the men behind them."

On some of Southern Pacific's divisions they now have Centralized Train Control, that marvelous electrical device which enables the dispatchers to see where every train is at every moment. Plans for equipping our division were postponed for the war, but this division is handling its full share of the war load anyhow.

The author does not attempt to peer into the future for railroads and railroaders. Everybody knows the post-war will bring lots of problems—equipment to be rebuilt, roadbeds to be modernized for faster traffic, financial problems and operating problems of magnitude. The story is limited to telling

what American railroads are doing NOW, and as the author says:

"We only wish Tojo and Hitler could see CTC in operation. Dollars to doughnuts this pair of maniacs would turn to clabber and start talking to the crickets."

Of course, the guy is slightly "hipped" on railroads (but so are a lot of us Old Timers). This is a good book, and highly recommended to those who still love the moan of the whistles in the night, the chug of massive power, and the click-clack of wheels on rail joints, or the fraternity of a trackwalker's shack and the smells of a roundhouse.

The insurance statistics indicating the human race is longer lived than formerly must not have included Jap admirals.

WASHINGTON LETTER
By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

With only a little encouragement, an all-out extroverted optimist could find sufficient justification for hanging himself these days, even though this is the season of Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men. Brotherly Love is strictly a rationed commodity and the coupons have all run out. A new book of stamps good for unlimited quantities of mutual understanding would be the most welcome gift the international authorities could provide for 1945.

The great paradox is that while the nations seem able to fight together, they cannot make peace together as United Nations should. Perhaps that is part of the trouble—trying to do too much at the same time.

A strong point in Cordell Hull's philosophy of peace was that the nations should leave all questions of boundaries for settlement after the war. Equally strong was his conviction that all nations should have full rights to determine their own form of internal government. It is through failure to observe both these principles that the heads of nations have got themselves into their present year-end holiday bawling.

American Ideals Hard To Achieve
These two precepts of Hull are characteristically American. The United States has no boundary problem of its own and it is not concerned with the way other countries run their boundaries so long as they do not interfere with the way this country runs its business, and so long as there is no outside interference with the way other countries run their business.

The doubt begins to arise, however, that the American people may not get their every wish in the attainment of these ideals. That is difficult for Americans to understand.

Why should this country—admittedly the most powerful nation in the world—measure its worth in dollars, guns, ships, washing machines, schools, or beauty parlors, have to give in to weaker parties, compromising on ideals which should make sense in any land or language?

The question is further complicated by the fact that all over this world the people of nations overrun by aggressors look to the United States for friendship and support in the self-determination of their future.

Putting these two together—the desire of the smaller nations to get a square deal and the American sympathy for the underdog which prompts the desire to see them get a square deal—the question arises as to why the United States can't insist they get it.

First, Soviet Russia and the United Kingdom, the powers which seem to want to dictate the affairs of other weaker nations, know that the United States will not back out of the war against Germany and will not even threaten to withdraw Lend-Lease aid to assist on a few fundamentals of justice for small people. Soviet Russia and the United Kingdom therefore seek to complete their deals while the United States is busy with its two wars on four fronts and seven seas.

Second, these two major powers of Europe have correctly measured American isolationist sentiment, knowing that the American people will back their government just so far and no farther in protecting the rights of other countries—to self-determination and a voice in the settling of their own boundaries.

Greece has chosen revolution in preference to subservience to the British. Suppression of that revolt by the British can hardly win the British much good will.

Anything can happen in Italy, including revolution.

Anything can happen in India, Burma, the Netherlands East Indies, France, Spain, Palestine or where you will.

The prospect for the end of the international world war is for a succession of internal, national wars or even racial wars of still bloodier consequences.

If ever there was a time when a United Nations organization to maintain peace and security was needed, this is it. Any other business before any government or its leaders is today entirely secondary.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

SOME ADVICE

She sat opposite me in the little restaurant and bewailed her sad estate. She couldn't find a job, she said, and had just about reached the bottom of her pocketbook. At first I couldn't believe I was hearing right. Half the store windows in Seattle beseech, "Wanted: women between the ages of 16 and 60; no experience necessary. Big pay, time and a half for overtime. If you can't work a full day, come and work as long as you can."

And then I remembered how helpless some people are; maybe this woman was one of them. Right away my heart bled for her. I got out my notebook and suggested we list some of the jobs for which she might apply. Take restaurants, for instance. They were all in need of help. But she wouldn't take restaurants. It hurt her feelings to be tipped; besides, diners didn't tip like they used to. Which seemed a little illogical but I remembered she was a woman.

She had said she used to teach school, so I suggested that. But school teaching was too narrow for one of her intelligence and liveliness. I said I knew just the job for her in that case; get a job as housekeeper in a motherless home. I'd heard it took a lot of both intelligence and liveliness to manage a widower. She rejected this however; said there was something about her which made men unmanageable; a quaint conceit I've found most women have; take me, for example—but never mind.

She couldn't stand working in a shipyard or an aircraft plant either; she was too refined to associate with the type of women employed there. Canneries were out, too messy. Just seemed there was no place in the world for a woman of her intelligence and refinement.

I said I'd just thought of the very thing. A member of the family would have recognized Mother was just about to pull something of which they'd be very much ashamed. But the woman didn't. She was all agog. Such was the bright promise of my voice.

I said I knew the very thing for a clever mind like hers. The start would be exciting and in surroundings as hungry for living as she was. I said, "Go out and buy a big strong sack. Tie yourself in it and jump in the Sound; no your part and the crane will do them." She jumped up but I was already out the door.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

MRS. KUMP TO BE FETED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. M. A. Kump, who will observe her eighty-second birthday Thursday, will be honored at an open house event at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarin G. Parker.

Friends are invited to call from four until five o'clock in the afternoon and from seven until nine o'clock in the evening at the Parker home, 383 West Broadway.

Mrs. Robert Cox of Albany, granddaughter of Mrs. Kump, will be here to assist at the reception.

LEAVES FOR PORTLAND

Mrs. V. N. Freeman left Wednesday for Portland to attend a session of the state board of directors of the League of Women Voters, being a member of the board. The meeting will be held Thursday. Mrs. Freeman has been very active in the Lane County League of Women Voters for several years.

ALPHA CIRCLE

Alpha Missionary circle of First Baptist church elected Mrs. William Forrester as president Tuesday afternoon, filling a vacancy left by resignation. Mrs. Rufus Wical led devotions on the theme, "Christian Friendliness," and Mrs. David Campbell was the speaker, telling of her experiences as a teacher and missionary in both China and India. Mrs. Mary Wiles and Mrs. Nora Marshall served refreshments, as hostesses for the afternoon.

VICTORY CIRCLE

Mrs. W. J. Chamberlain, assisted by Mrs. J. W. Blanton and Mrs. Ronald Blanton, entertained the members of Victory Missionary circle Tuesday evening, twenty-five attending. Mrs. Grace Hall was a guest.

Reports of missionaries serving in numerous fields were presented by members, following the devotion. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. R. S. Shelley.

WEDDING TUESDAY

The marriage of Mrs. E. Luella Piliat of route 5, Eugene to Earl S. Merrill of Likely, Calif., was solemnized Tuesday at four o'clock at the Christian church parsonage, by Rev. Walter J. Ficus.

A four course dinner was served for relatives at the Osburn hotel, after which the couple left for Portland and Washington. The couple will be home at Likely, Calif., after January 10. Later Mr. and Mrs. Merrill will move to Eugene.

Law Enforcement School Conducted

A school for law enforcement officers is being held at the Eugene armory five days this week, having started Monday. It will end Friday. Sessions are held each day from 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The school is under the direction of L. J. Brice, police instructor of the division of vocational education of the Oregon state board of higher education, headquarters in Salem.

Members of the state and city police forces and the sheriff's force are all attending the sessions.

WFA Spikes Coffee Rationing Rumors

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The war food administration, spiking rumors that coffee rationing would be resumed, has announced that there was from three to four months supply of coffee in this country at the beginning of the new year.

Declaring that the coffee supply position of the United States has "improved materially" in the last two months, the WFA said that, in addition to the immediate supply, there are substantial quantities both afloat and awaiting shipment during the early months of 1945.

Naval Casualties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Oregon naval casualties: Frazier, George Wesley, seaman second class, U.S. navy, wounded. Father, Mr. George N. Frazier, Marcola.

Henderson, James Dale, naval USNR, missing. Wife, Mrs. Helen Lenore Henderson, Empire.

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SPINSTERS MEETING TO BE WEDNESDAY

Spinsters club is to meet Wednesday evening, seven-thirty o'clock, at the home of Miss Leslie Brockelbank.

This is the first gathering for the club since before the holidays.

MEETING CALLED OFF

Sigma Kappa Mothers' club is not meeting in January, no available meeting place being found.

RAINBOW GIRLS TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Rainbow Order for Girls will meet Thursday evening, seven o'clock, downtown Masonic temple. New officers will be elected and plans made for the installation.

HERE FOR VACATION

Miss Lorene Mitchell is home for a few days from Los Angeles to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mitchell. She has been at Lockheed aircraft plant, in the personnel office, for the past three years.

WEDDING REPORTED

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Briggs announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Edith Ione Briggs, to Robert D. Weaver. The wedding was December 29 at Vancouver, Wash.

ZONTA CLUB TO HELP GIRL SCOUTS, PARK FUND

At the meeting of the Eugene Zonta club Tuesday evening, Osburn hotel, it was voted that the group sponsor a Girl Scouts troop and that a substantial sum of money be given the playground and parks fund under the Century Fund program. Details of the gift to the playgrounds and parks will be announced later.

Mrs. Dorothy Metzger, Mrs. Albert R. Tiffany, Mrs. W. H. Hodes, and Mrs. Elizabeth Romane were named a committee to work in cooperation with the Girl Scouts office in sponsoring a scout troop.

Mrs. Tiffany was hostess for the Tuesday meeting. Next meeting will be at the Eugene hotel, January 17. Mrs. Thomas E. Carey, Mrs. J. S. Rosencrans, and Mrs. Fred Murphy to have the program on Japan as part of the year's theme on internationalism.

SPRINGFIELD

POSSE MEETS THURSDAY

SPRINGFIELD—There will be a Uniformed Sheriff's Posse meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. at station three. All members are requested to attend as this is scheduled as a very important meeting.

V.F.W. POST TO MEET

SPRINGFIELD—Springfield post, 3965, VFW, will hold its first regular meeting Thursday, 8 p.m., in the Legion hall. All members are asked to attend this meeting and all eligible veterans of World War I and II are invited to attend. Comdr. Harry L. Allen states.

PROGRESS CLUB TO MEET

SPRINGFIELD—There will be a meeting of the Progress club Friday at the home of Mrs. Doris James. Mrs. Ann James and Mrs. Effie Ward will assist the hostess.

STITCH AND CHATTER

SPRINGFIELD—The Stitch and Chatter club will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the home of Miss Clara Jones.

Can I rent my home for more if it's INSULATED? Yes. Twin Oaks, 689 High.

NEWCOMERS MEET FOR NEW YEAR'S PARTY

CRESWELL—A dinner party was enjoyed at the William Albert Newsome home, Sunday, to watch the old year out and the new year in. Miss Wilma Newsome assisted her mother as hostess.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Renahan and daughter, Frankie, and son, Floyd, and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Laseter. Both families have moved recently here from California and purchased homes in the Bear Creek district.

The Renahans formerly lived in San Diego where they were active in business, social, and musical circles. Mr. Renahan is the inventor of a wrench that has been given government recognition in defense plants.

Long time residents of West Los Angeles where Mr. Laseter was employed by the Pacific Electric railway, the Laseters took an active part in community life. Mrs. Laseter was a canteen worker in the Red Cross in Westwood. Author of several hundred articles and for three years a columnist on the West Los Angeles Independent. Mrs. Laseter was also editor of the first magazine published by the University Evening high school and contribution to numerous papers. A son of the Laseters, James W., is expected here in February. He is still in high school in California and an employee of 20th Century Fox studios during vacations.

Active in literary, dramatic and radio circles the Newsome family has led a colorful life in Pasadena. Mr. Newsome is known as the "soldier poet" and was known as the Cycling Scribe when he edited a page on a weekly newspaper, he was also a motion picture player and with Mrs. Newsome took parts in the Pasadena Theater Guild. Miss Newsome did radio work.

Serving in machine gun divisions during the first World War, Mr. Newsome and Laseter, and Mrs. Laseter as a Red Cross secretary on the home front; and with a nephew now in General MacArthur's staff; and Mrs. Renahan losing a brother on Corregidor in the present war, a son of the Newsome's in India and a son-in-law in England and numerous close relatives of each one present in the present struggle, conversation and thoughts of the evening were around a world wide peace.

OSC Enrollment Shows Three Per Cent Rise

CORVALLIS, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Increase of approximately three per cent over last year in first-day registration at Oregon State college was shown today.

Civilian students paid 1702 fees Tuesday as compared with 1655 at the opening of the winter term last year. The total probably will be 1900 if registration is normal.

SLOT MACHINES RANSACKED

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Portland still had their clubrooms today but not their six slot machines and an undetermined amount of money. Thieves entered a side exit and ransacked the premises.

Grediviz BEAUTY SALON

Over Kaufman's Phone 881

Waiters Pay Fines, Head For Shipyards

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Carrying with them the admonition that "shipyards can use all of you," 103 dining car waiters today were looking for new jobs under terms of suspension of six-month jail sentences for juggling meal checks on the Union Pacific's crack passenger train, The Challenger.

The men, part of a group of 135 indicted Nov. 25 on charges of conspiracy to commit theft in interstate commerce, pleaded nolo contendere yesterday. Sentences of six months in jail were suspended on condition they pay \$250 fines each and do not work in dining cars in the future.

Twenty other waiters and stewards entered the same pleas and were given similar sentences last week.

The railroad had charged the waiters robbed the company of \$500,000 a year by cutting patrons' portions and manipulating checks.

BANK CASHIER DIES

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(AP)—old L. Stiles, 51, cashier of United States National bank and widely known in non-banking circles, died here today of a heart attack. He was active for many years in American Institute of Bankers.

New 1945 Edition

"YOUR INCOME TAX"

By J. K. Lassen, CPA

There are 3 ways to file your tax this year! This book, in simplified language, tells you which of the three to use to get the minimum tax required.

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★ Raincoats Were 8.95, Now 4.88

★ Skirts Were 7.95, Now 3.99

★ Skirts Were 5.95, Now 2.99

★ Sport Jackets

CORDEUROY, Were 7.95, Now 3.99

SHEPHERD, Were 10.95, Now 5.49

PLAIDS, Were 16.95, Now 8.49

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Dresses, Formals, and

Miscellaneous Items

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