

Rail, Bus Travel Break All Records

SEATTLE —(AP)—Officials of four major railroads serving Seattle said here this week the present transportation boom may set a record in Christmas holiday travel.

Stage line operators also reported a heavy increase in travelers with the closing of many schools and that a greater jump in volume is expected this weekend.

Some rail officials said if the volume continues, it may equal that of 1945, when service men broke all travel records here.

G. W. Rodine, general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific said east-bound travel had jumped 30 per cent since Dec. 1. The line's two transcontinental trains, the Alaskan and North Coast Limited, are carrying capacity loads.

Officials of Great Northern,

Milwaukee and Union Pacific also reported increases, adding that additional cars have been added to several trains.

To Wear or Not To Wear

CAMDEN, N. Y. —(AP)—The question of whether Camden girls should be allowed to wear slacks to school will be aired at a special meeting of the school board during the Christmas vacation.

The board promised a "full hearing" for Thomas Delahunt, whose 14-year-old daughter, Jeanette, was sent home from Central School for wearing slacks.

Delahunt said the board had no right to tell his daughter what she could wear. The board said a rule outlawing slacks had been in effect several years because some girls wore slacks which were "not decent."



UNFAITHFUL—Ann Sheridan and Zachary Scott in a tense moment from "The Unfaithful" at the State Theater here Tuesday, co-billed with "Out Of This World."

LATHAM MAY RE-VOTE ON BIG BOND ISSUE

LATHAM — At the school bond election, Dec. 17, 34 votes were cast no, and 30 votes were cast yes. It is thought another vote may be taken soon as many people did not understand the need for such a large bond. Notice for a bond vote must be posted for 15 days and the budget for 20 days. The budget has to be voted on in January according to the new law, instead of in June as formerly.

Forbes Wins MGM Award

NEW YORK — (AP) — Esther Forbes, Worcester, Mass., has been named winner of the semi-annual Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer award of \$150,000 for "The Running of the Tide."

MGM said the award carries the possibility of another \$250,000, depending on sales. If the book, a story about 19th century Salem, Mass., should win a Pulitzer prize Miss Forbes would receive an additional \$25,000. She won a Pulitzer prize for an earlier book, "Paul Revere and the World He Lived In."

Salaries Decline in Filmland, Glutton Talent Market Blamed

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Notes and comment on today's news in the film capital:
Movie production is heading steadily downward and with it go actors' salaries. It is a bad season for agents since the glutted talent market is pulling acting prices to unsuspected lows. Nearly every free-lance star has had a sharp comedown in wage per picture and the \$200,000 and \$150,000 stars are becoming a thing of the past. For that reason, many free-lancers are heading for the haven of major studio contracts.

Now that the Producers Association has banned all future gangster movies, it's interesting to note a sidelight on a proposed Al Capone biography. One of the

main reasons it was turned down was not because of its subject matter, but because of its plot. Self-Imposed
The production code, self-imposed by the movie makers, says a screen character has to be punished for his specific crime. Thus, a film murderer cannot be accidentally run over by a train; he has to suffer for the murder. The Capone yarn failed to meet code qualifications because the mobster was punished not for his crooked life, but for income tax evasion!

Correction for Moscow. In a recent blast against Hollywood, Russian film leaders said San Bernardino was the testing place for films and berated the town as "the moral art council of the American movie industry; actually Santa Barbara is the usual Time was when producers loved to get their pictures banned somewhere or blasted by someone. It was said that the publicity did wonders for the criticized films. That viewpoint may now be altered. The Legion Of Decency condemnation of "Forever Amber" didn't help the film and its makers were happy to see the ban lifted.

Too Much Fun

Recently an actor was discussing the flop of one of his recent pictures and offered an interesting viewpoint: "I guess we had too much fun making the picture; we were just one big, happy family." I suggested maybe Sam Goldwyn was right in saying that people have to be unhappy to make good pictures. "I wouldn't go that far," was the answer, "but he has a point."

This column is going to offer an award to the comedy air show that presents one broadcast without any references to the script. Nearly every radio comic has from one to ten lines in his show about "the writers," the punctuation of the script, the loss of a page, the reading of certain lines, etc. What are those boys going to do when television comes and their scripts are taken away from them?

British Movie At Mayflower

"This Happy Breed," an English-produced film slated for the Mayflower Theater in Eugene, Dec. 21 through 24, is the story of the rearing of an ordinary British family.

Done in technicolor, it was written and produced by Noel Coward, and has been rated as one of the best movies to come out of Britain since the end of the war. It covers the period from 1919, the end of the first World War, to 1939 when the second World War began. Stars are Celia Johnson, John Mills and Robert Newton, all of whom have become recognized stars for American movie fans.

Movie Workers Have Parties

Theater operators and employees in Eugene and Springfield, who work all year to make movie entertainment available to others, finally will get around to entertaining themselves at Christmas time.

Employees at the Heilig, Mayflower and State Theaters will have a banquet at a local restaurant the night of Dec. 22, a tentative date. They have invited employees from the McGenzie and Varsity in Springfield to join them. The McDonald and Rex staffs have slated a Christmas party at the Eugene Hotel Saturday, Dec. 20.

But even their annual Christmas parties will be hampered somewhat by the operation of the theaters. The parties won't start until after the last shows, at 11 p. m. or later.

What's in a Name, Anyway?

HOLLYWOOD — Philologists, those people who study names for hidden meanings, have come up with some new ones pertaining to the stars of "The Bishop's Wife."

The stars, they say, are known as The Great One From The Forest, The Small Wise Child, and The Beloved Nephew. They're really Cary Grant, Loretta Young, and David Niven. Other Goldwyn stars whose names have meanings all their own are Dana Andrews (the manly dane), Virginia Mayo (the maidenly kinswoman), and Danny Kaye (the exultant prophet).

Stores Sponsor Free Cartoon

Nine merchants located on Wilamette St. between Tenth and Eleventh Aves. have purchased a special movie and will issue free tickets to its customers on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The movie is an hour-long cartoon, and it will be shown at the McDonald theater between the hours of 12 and 5 p. m. Regular admission prices will become effective at 5 p. m. on those days.

Theater Programs

- HEILIG**
Sunday through Wednesday "Ivy"
Thursday through Saturday "Springtime in The Sierras" "Rose of Santa Rose"
- MCDONALD**
Sunday through Tuesday "Each Dawn I Die" "Bad Men of Missouri"
Wednesday through Saturday "Where There's Life" "It's A Joke, Son"
- MCKENZIE**
Sunday and Monday "Boomtown"
Tuesday and Wednesday "Carnegie Hall"
Thursday through Saturday "Gunfighters"
- VARSAITY**
"Untamed Fury"
Tuesday and Wednesday "Dangerous Money" "Wife Wanted"
Thursday through Saturday "Rainbow Over The Rockies" "Kilroy Was Here"
- STATE**
Sunday and Monday "Homestretch"
"This Gun For Hire"
Tuesday and Wednesday "The Unfaithful"
"Out Of This World"
Thursday through Saturday "Thunder Mountain"
"Out Of This World"
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CROSBY—"If I Had My Way," showing at the Mayflower today, stars Crooner Bing Crosby.

Taber Considered State Senate Candidate
MEDFORD, Ore. — Everett A. Taber, county businessman, has been named as a candidate for state senator in the May primary at Jackson County. Taber was named Secretary of the Oregon State Bar Association. Others mentioned are O. H. Bergquist, representative in the legislature, and former speaker of the house, Ben Day, State Representative.

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