

Southern Pacific to Add 3100 New Freight Cars

Southern Pacific announced plans today to acquire 3100 new freight cars and give 900 box cars a general overhauling as the latest steps in the railroad's continuing program for expansion of its freight carrying facilities.

In making the announcement, President A. T. Mercier said consideration is being given to constructing a substantial number of new cars in the company's own shops, where the overhauling program also will be carried out.

The new freight cars will consist of 3000 steel box cars, including 1000 automobile cars of which half will be fitted with the latest type auto-loading racks; and 100 drop-end gondola cars 65 feet in length to accommodate extra long loads, it was stated.

The reconditioning of 900 box cars, in the railroad's general overhauling program for 1950, will be carried out at an average rate of 90 cars a month, Mercier said.

Southern Pacific has ordered 20,530 freight train cars of various types in the postwar period and has taken delivery of them as fast as the builders could turn them out, it was explained. All but about 1000 of the new freight cars on previous orders will have been delivered by end of next March.

The railroad's total expenditures for all kinds of new rolling stock since V-J Day approximate \$238,000,000 not including cost of the 3100 new cars just announced. Freight service equipment of the railroad has been augmented in the postwar period by receipt of 70 diesel main line freight locomotives, with 28 more remaining on order for expected delivery by the end of next March; its fleet of diesel switchers has been increased to 247 with 43 more still to be delivered; and 8000 cars have been added to the Pacific Fruit Express refrigerator fleet.

BPA Continues \$17.50 Rate

Portland, Nov. 19 (AP)—Bonneville Power Administration will continue charging \$17.50 a kilowatt hour to its present customers for the next five years.

"In 1954," Paul J. Raver, Bonneville administrator, told the Bonneville regional advisory council, "we expect to have to increase the rate . . . but not more than \$5 a kilowatt hour."

Raver explained that the present rate—lowest wholesale power rate in the nation—would cover costs until the new dams are completed.

The \$17.50 tariff is being extended on all present contracts. Raver said, however, that new customers might possibly face higher charges, should an operating deficit develop during the five years.

Earlier, Raver warned that private utilities could not be promised as much guaranteed power next year, and that they might get no guaranteed power at all the following year.

Baruch Fortune For Pet Project

New York, Nov. 19 (AP)—Elder Statesman Bernard M. Baruch plans to leave his fortune to promote his pet project—physical medicine.

"It's a field very close to my heart," he told an interviewer yesterday. "I can't think of anything better to do with my money."

But he added that it's nobody's business how much money he has to bequeath. He added with a smile:

"It's much smaller than you think. I've spent a lot."

The 79-year-old philanthropist made millions in his day as a Wall Street speculator and mine developer.

But he's already given a lot of it away for physical medicine—a field of treatment which uses light, heat, cold, massage, water, electricity, occupation work-exercise, muscular manipulation and the like to diagnose and treat disease.

In 1942 he put up more than \$1,100,000 for physical medicine work, especially among disabled veterans and other handicapped people.

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Crystal Gardens Redecorated

Completely renovated and redecorated the Crystal Gardens, located at South Liberty and Ferry streets, is slated to have its formal re-opening Saturday night.

New floors have been installed on both the upstairs and downstairs ballrooms and both ballrooms completely redecorated.

The downstairs ballroom, which is where the modern dance orchestra of Bill DeSousa will play, is to be known as the Tropical Room.

On one wall will be a modern tropical scene painted by Larry Boulter. Blending with this will be the walls done in tropical coral, a soft turquoise and lime yellow. The posts in this ball room will be decorated as palm trees, and the orchestra pit is of varied levels.

"Gay Nineties" is the theme of the upstairs ball room. Here on one wall is found a series of gay nineties pictures by Larry Boulter. The other three walls are done in teal blue and chartreuse. On the teal blue wall is a chartreuse trim and drapes of the same color at the windows. Contrast to the teal blue and the chartreuse is the dubonnet ceiling with indirect lighting and a center chandelier of Czechoslovakian crystal. On this floor, too, is a soft drink bar and a snack bar. Pop Edwards and his Old Timers are to play for the old time dancing in the upstairs ballroom.

Entrance to the Crystal Gardens is now on South Liberty street with the entrance hall, the stairs and ramps all carpeted. New restroom facilities have been installed and check room facilities enlarged. Air conditioning has also been installed.

Operated and owned by William D. Gwynn, the purchase price and renovating cost of the Crystal Gardens has exceeded \$100,000. The exterior is not yet completed, but when completed will be apple green and along the South Liberty street side of the building will be a planting of evergreens.

Marion Unit Meets, Will Visit Stayton — Marion—The newly decorated dining room of the Marion Farmers Union hall was the setting for the home extension meeting. Miss Eleanor Trindle demonstrated "Unifying Home Furnishings" to 16 ladies. Mrs. Virgil Baxter had charge of the business meeting.

Mrs. J. A. Wise reported 11 aprons had been made and a few more aprons were promised for donation to the Azalea House fund. Several from Marion unit plan to attend the December 9 meeting at Stayton to learn "Making Holiday Decorations."

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The Veep's Wedding Present—Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley stands beside the new Oldsmobile convertible given to her in St. Louis, Mo., by her fiancé, Vice President Alben W. Barkley. The vehicle is black with a tan top and cost \$3000. (Acme Telephoto)

Wallgren and Chapman Tiff

Washington, Nov. 19 (AP)—Federal Power Commissioner Mon Wallgren and the newly chosen secretary of the interior, Oscar L. Chapman, apparently stand in opposing camps on the question of California power development.

The two men are among President Truman's closest friends in official life. Their differences involve plans for construction and operation of proposed hydroelectric projects on the Kings river.

The controversy was touched off November 9, when the power commission awarded Pacific Gas and Electric company, San Francisco, a 50-year license to build and operate power projects on the river.

The commission declined to reserve development for the federal government as proposed by the interior department's reclamation bureau.

The ruling by the power commissioners—including Wallgren—was unanimous. Chapman, due to become secretary of interior December 1, is a supporter of the reclamation bureau's stand on the matter.

Production of peanuts greatly increased in Mexico last year.

Truman Told Emergency Now

Washington, Nov. 19 (AP)—President Truman's statement that he will use the Taft-Hartley law in the coal dispute if there is an emergency brought an operator cry today that there already is one.

Mr. Truman took his stand at his news conference late yesterday; he would not say whether he thinks an emergency would come with another walkout of the miners Nov. 30. That is the end of the present working period decreed by President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

Joseph E. Moody, president of the southern coal producers association, replied from Lexington, Ky., that "there already is a national emergency." Moody added in a speech that Mr. Truman "obviously is up against a Nov. 30 deadline even though he denies the existence of a national emergency."

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