



First Public Appearance—The Begum Aly Khan, or Rita Hayworth, watches skaters at a rink in Gstaad, Switzerland, during her first public appearance since the birth of her daughter, Yasmin. The actress is resting at Aly Khan's villa in Gstaad. (Acme Telephoto)

### New Coaches Added by SP&S

E. B. Stanton, vice president and general manager, Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company, advises that company has received three new streamlined coaches to be placed in service in the regular trains operating between Portland and Spokane.

These cars, which are air-conditioned, with adjustable reclining chairs with sponge rubber cushions for comfortable riding day or night, are part of an order placed three years ago. During the past week they have received streamlined standard sleeping car, which bears the name "Indian Pass," with double bedrooms, duplex roomettes, and lower and upper berths. This has been placed in service in SP&S connection with the Empire Builder, to operate between Portland and Chicago. Also a new streamlined day-night coach with "sleepy-

hollow" seats was received at the same time and placed in service in the Empire Builder. Within the next few weeks, expect delivery of two more coaches of this type for use in SP&S connection with the Empire Builder; also two combination sleeping-observation cars for use on this train locally between Portland and Spokane. These cars will lay over at Spokane and be placed ready for occupancy, 9:30 each evening, with departure from Spokane just after midnight as at present. The cars, named for the two famous snow-clad mountains tributary to Portland, "Mount Hood" and "Mount St. Helens", contain 6 roomettes and three

double bedrooms, with space for buffet service and comfortable chairs in observation parlor. Also to be delivered shortly is new streamlined dining car, seating 32 persons at one time, and also has 10 luxurious seats in one end. This car will replace the old type dining car now in service. A streamlined dormitory baggage and mail car, with sleeping quarters for the dining car personnel will also be placed in service on this train, which will be completely streamlined and powered with the latest type Diesel-electric locomotive.

Pumpkin tarts are delicious sprinkled with walnut or pecan nut meats and topped with sweetened whipped cream.

### Motor Coach Employees Reject Cut in Pay

AFL Motor Coach Employees union members on city lines in Salem and Eugene have rejected a 10 per cent pay cut proposed by employers.

Harold Oathes, business agent for the union, said the 111 drivers and shopmen at the same time authorized a strike to obtain contract demands. The ballots were cast last Wednesday.

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he said. Oathes said the union is asking \$1.40 hourly wage scale. Negotiations are still under way.

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### No Surplus Space Provided By New School District Units

By FRED ZIMMERMAN

While the Salem school district has made a net gain of 36 classroom units during the past few years, it is apparent that these additions have provided no more space than is needed for the present enrollment.

They leave no backlog for the tremendous demands that are ahead, brought about by reason of the heavy birth rate that started upward in 1934.

This is the conclusion to be drawn from a summary of data relative to Salem school needs as compiled by the administration. The birth rate between 1935 and 1943 has been responsible for an enrollment increase of 931, the summary points out. In addition to the 931 increase occasioned by a rising birth rate, the district has been compelled also to provide for all increases that have come through immigration.

"Our present ninth grade enrollment, exclusive of non-high pupils, was 528 in October, 1949," the summary sets forth. "These ninth grade children are largely the product of the 1935 birth year. In that year, there were only 947 births in Marion county, and Oregon's birth rate was then 13.1 children per 1000 population.

"This year's first grade enrollment as of October was 845 first graders, and these children are the product of the 1943 birth year in which Marion county reported 1662 births, and Oregon reported 19.7 births per 1000. This increase as yet is only slightly on the junior high and intermediate grade level and has not yet begun to affect the senior high school enrollments."

"It is necessary to constantly keep in mind that the growth already tabulated includes only the births of 1943 or prior to that year," continues the summary. "We then can realize that the building needs ahead must be in terms of the precipitous climb in births just ahead. This climb is indicated by the abrupt

"This unprecedented growth was caused by the combination of two much publicized factors. These factors are immigration to our county and the climbing birth rate. Birth rate climbed from 19.7 in 1943 in Oregon, to 25.4 in 1947, and has continued at 23.3 for the years 1948 and 1949. These facts and others present us with problems in school building needs which merit study and consideration."

The recent building program has resulted in additional classrooms at the following buildings: Bush six, West Salem eight, Middle Grove one, Swegle two, Pringle one, Englewood six, new Washington eight, new Lincoln eight; Parrish five, senior high three.

However abandonment of the old Washington building eliminated eight class rooms while the gain at Parrish was four because an existing classroom was taken over for needed corridor space.

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