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EDITORIALS

MORE RED TAPE

OPA and other government agencies have requested the Interstate Commerce Commission to rescind rate increase granted to the railroads less than a year ago. The railroads have asked the commission to deny the request. Some months will probably pass before the question is finally settled. In the meantime, railroad managements who are already working night and day to move astronomical quantities of men and material must crowd in the time to debate rates with public authorities. The whole affair has an unreal quality. The country has its back to the wall fighting for survival. Blood and treasure is being given without stint. No one knows how we will meet the problems yet confronting us. Our industry and our people have performed miracles during the past year. And not the least of those miracles has been the job done by the railroads. They have thrown all reserve equipment into the fight in an all-out effort to meet the challenge of war. Their aim, like that of the rest of us is to win the war as quickly as possible. This year they must fight still harder.

The present rate controversy involves a sum that means nothing in the battle against inflation. It means

nothing in the struggle to hold down the cost of living. But to the railroads it may mean the difference between success and failure in the days ahead.

If the rate increases in question had been in effect during the whole of 1942, they would have produced increased revenues for Class 1 roads of approximately \$357,000,000. Wage increases alone during the same period have added \$397,000,000 to railroad operating costs. Moreover, further cost increases amounting to about \$110,000,000 have accrued as a result of higher prices paid for fuel, materials and supplies. This is not all. Special voluntary rate reductions have been made in scores of items including ammunition, sugar, rubber, and petroleum. And it should not be forgotten that millions of troops have been moved by rail at reduced fares. These reductions probably more than offset the amount now proposed to be lopped off rail revenues by the OPA.

The transportation problem is far too critical to permit of "business as usual" controversies over minor rate changes. Hampering the railroads might add months to the war.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Reich are in Vancouver in one of the defense houses working in the Kaiser ship yards. Mrs. Reich is the former Ruth Haley.

Mrs. Eddie Martin and little son John Edwin are home from the hospital and doing nicely.

Mr. C. W. Doty returned home from Portland the Sunday after Christmas somewhat under the weather. He was in Portland much longer than he expected on account of his youngest son Neal Doty, having been in a traffic accident, breaking his back and cracking his skull. When he was able to be out of the hospital, he was walking along the street and just before him a man hole opened in the side walk letting him fall through breaking a number of ribs and other injuries and he is now back in the hospital.

Mrs. Earl Heft has been confined to her bed the past week with flu.

Miss Polly Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hart of Applegate, was married January 5 to Sergeant Lee Smith of the 91th division.

Mrs. Maple has been on the sick list and was just recovering when her son Alle came down with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hedgpeth and little son Billy of Portland arrived Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Frank Homer and son Bobby.

Mr. Lloyd Rupp was voted in for another as Executive Secretary in the Central Labor Council recently.

Zoe Hill is attending the academy in Medford, started the first of the year.

ATTENDS MEETING—

Mrs. Dorothy Williams attended installation of officers of the Pythian Sisters last Friday night in Grants Pass where she was installed Past Chief of the Order. As retiring Chief she received a gold pin, and the officers presented her with a beautiful lace table cloth.

FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

O.E.S. honors the 50th wedding anniversary of the W. H. Norcross, which will be January 22. Little Lola Norcross, escorted by her brother, presented Mrs. Norcross with a huge bouquet of Golden Rosebuds tied with Golden Ribbon and Mr. Norcross with a Golden Boutonniere. Mr. and Mrs. Norcross lead the Grand March to the dining room.

Dr. Joseph B. Holmes, a former well known Central Point resident, has been placed in charge of the general clinic division of the Los Angeles College of Drugless Physicians.

Civic club holds cooked food sale all day Saturday at the library.

Carnation club held election of officers at their meeting in the Langston home. Betty Potter was elected president and Bessie Fernland, vice president.

Central Point Townies won over Oak Grove 50 to 39.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Webster and Lorne returned January 2nd from a ten day trip to Long Beach and other points of interest in California.

So What—Al Maple overheard to ask for some Life Buoy bread.

TEN YEARS AGO

Geneva Brown, being sick from the flu, was unable to play in the basketball team Friday evening.

Short history of the Gateway Service station which is owned and operated by Vern Pendleton and Vince Ritzinger.

Farmers of the valley asked to watch for the opening of the new cheese factory, owned by the Rogue River Produce Co. of Central Point.

Fire that might have proved serious at the C. A. Richmond home except for the prompt action of Mr. D. L. Davidson with a fire extinguisher, occurred last Sunday.

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A delightful visit was enjoyed by Mrs. Mollie Holmes and Mrs. Bloss of Portland recently.

Mrs. Clyde Richardson has been confined to her home with a badly sprained ankle for the past two weeks.

Arlene Hay is ill with the flu. Mrs. Edith Deuel is substituting for her at the Central Point schools.

Word has been received that Cleo Young is now in Africa.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE of FRANK H. ADAMS, also known as FRANCIS H. ADAMS, Deceased
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his Final Report and Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled court has fixed the 13th day of February, 1943, at 10:00 A. M., in the court room of said court, in the

August W. Glutsch
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Court House at Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing settlement thereof.
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Francis H. Adams
Administrator of the Estate of Frank H. Adams, also known as Francis H. Adams, Deceased
25—14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4.

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Jack Benny—Ann Sheridan in
"George Washington Slept Here"

HOLLY

Ends Saturday Nite!
Ralph Richardson in
"The Avengers"
—Plus—
John Mack Brown in
"Little Joe, The Wrangler"

SUN—MON—TUE

Ann Corio—Euster Crabbe
"Jungle Siren"
—Plus—
Virginia Gilmore—James Ellison
"That Other Woman"

STARTS WED.—4 Days!

Allan Jones—Jane Frazee
"Moonlight in Havana"
—Plus—
Tim Holt in
"Bandit Ranger"

ROXY

Ends Sat. Nite
Milton Berle—Brenda Joyce in
"Whispering Ghost"
Plus
Tim Holt in
"Come On Danger"

Sunday—Monday

Alan Ladd—Veronica Lake in
"This Gun For Hire"
—Plus—
Preston Foster in
"Little Tokyo"

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for your cooperation

To the great number of people who responded to the Government's appeal not to travel over the holidays, we want to extend our sincere thanks.

Your cooperation enabled us to take care of those who had to travel—the men of our armed forces. We are sure that the thousands of service men who were able to get well-earned holiday leaves and furloughs also appreciated your cooperation in making more room for them on the buses.

WHAT ABOUT 1943?

Bus transportation has proved to be a vital necessity to a nation at war. Today America's bus lines are all performing a tremendous task in transporting, with limited equipment and facilities, millions of additional riders—fighting men and war workers.

In 1943 Greyhound will continue to put all of its resources behind the war effort, to provide transportation for the armed forces, war workers and other essential travelers. And every effort will be made to improve our service as rapidly as war conditions will permit.

At this time all of us of Pacific Greyhound Lines extend to our friends and patrons every good wish for the coming year.



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