

Lack of Box Cars Faced by Farmers In Wheat Regions

Chicago, Apr. 20 — (U.P.) — Despite a shorter crop, the nation's farmers again this year won't have enough box cars to move their wheat as fast as they want to, a representative of the Association of American Railroads said today.

Ralph E. Clark, manager of the AAR's "closed car section," said there was no immediate solution to the farmers' problems. He said it was the price they had to pay for progress.

Combines, he said, have shaved the harvest period down to about 30 days. It used to be three or four months, he said. The longer harvest enabled the railroads to get the grain into storage before it began piling up on the farms.

Clark explained that the railroads this season have a "double-barreled" job. In addition to moving the new winter crop of an estimated 763 million bushels, he said the railroads first must move grain held in storage from last year's crop. Much of it is on government loans that expire April 30.

Despite addition of 31 million bushels in storage space at public terminal elevators, the total space available is 108 million bushels less than last year, he said.

He said grainmen currently are attempting to find emergency storage facilities, such as airplane hangars or any place to get the wheat under cover.

Table-Arranging Is Contest Subject Here

Brophy's jewelers are sponsoring a contest in their store this week, offering women's organizations an opportunity to display their talents in table setting. Both women and men are being urged to view the efforts of all of the organizations and vote for their favorite table. The winning organization will receive a set of silverware and each organization participating will receive a gift from Brophy's.

The contest started Tuesday with the Junior Service League arranging a table. Mrs. William Thorndike was chairman. Wednesday Mrs. Charles Lemery's setting for the PEO was shown. Today the Lady Lions will take over, with Mrs. E. O. McKeen as chairman, and Friday the Kiwanian Dames. Mrs. Ronald Rice, chairman, will display. The final table setting, Saturday, will be in charge of the Medford Garden club. Mrs. Roland Beach will be chairman for the day.

Hollywood, Apr. 20 — (U.P.) — Screen and Stage Actor Paul Douglas and Actress Jan Sterling are engaged to be married.



SHOPLIFTER HEIRESS — Mrs. Mary Catherine Beardon Gueci, 18 (above), daughter of wealthy St. Louis, Mo., paint manufacturer, is held in Los Angeles jail on charge of stealing a dress from department store. Held in jail because she couldn't put up \$500 bail. Mrs. Gueci will inherit \$500,000 when she becomes 21.

Armed Forces Day Program Planned By Military Units

A monster parade and rally, weapons displays and an essay contest in the county's 11 high schools have all been tentatively scheduled as parts of the local observance of Armed Forces day during National Security week, May 14 to 20.

High point of the observance will be on Armed Forces day, May 20, but the award for the best essay submitted by a high school student, on the subject of national defense, will be presented May 15 by Oregon's Senator Wayne Morse, member of the Senate armed forces committee.

Train Derailed After Crash Into Truck

Ottawa, Kan., Apr. 20 — (U.P.) — A northbound Santa Fe passenger train, bound for Kansas City from Tulsa, Okla., struck a semi-trailer and derailed near Princeton, Kan., nine miles south of here yesterday.

Seven passengers were injured, none seriously. Dr. J. F. Barr of Ottawa said upon returning from the scene of the wreck that "there aren't going to be any more to add to the list."

The victims generally suffered bruises, lacerations and contusions, Barr said.

Newport, Ore., Apr. 20 — (U.P.) — Newport and Toledo today joined the growing list of Oregon cities going on daylight saving time April 30.

Interstate Ban on Shipment of Slots Okayed by Senate

Washington, Apr. 20 — (U.P.) — The senate today approved a bill to ban interstate shipment of slot machines and other gambling devices except to states where they are legal.

The bill, approved without dissent, now goes to the house for action.

The slot machine bill completed its journey through the senate's legislative mill only 15 days after it was introduced on April 4, it received unanimous approval of the senate commerce committee only eight days later.

The bill would require manufacturers of slot machines and other gambling devices to report monthly on their shipments and to number all gambling equipment so that authorities could keep track of it.

The bill provides that persons convicted of knowingly transporting any gambling device in interstate commerce could be fined up to \$5,000, jailed as long as two years, or both. For disobeying the registration and numbering provisions, violators could get fines up to \$2,000 up to a year in jail, or both.

No Traffic Signals Needed in Astoria
Astoria, Ore., Apr. 20 — (U.P.) — Oregon State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock, in a preliminary traffic-survey report, today said Astoria needs neither traffic signal lights nor a one-way grid system to control its downtown traffic.

The report listed one method of lessening traffic hazards as better law observance by drivers and pedestrians. Baldock said Astoria's traffic problem did not call for signals or one-way streets. He said present traffic volume could increase about 50 per cent before acute congestion would develop.

Students Join Hands To Extinguish Blaze
Albany, Ore., Apr. 20 — (U.P.) — Students from S. C. F. v. Hill school here, formed a bucket brigade and extinguished a fire at a house across the road from the school Tuesday.

Firemen arrived to find the roof blaze put out by the bucket-slinging children.



'UNIFICATION OF LOVE' — World Citizen Garry Davis and Hollywood dancer Audrey Peters exchange rings at their "unification of love" nuptials in Ellsworth, Me. Standing with the couple are Davis' father, Myer (center), and Rev. Reuel W. Beach, who did not perform the usual clerical role at the wedding. Davis will wed Miss Peters a second time at Sorento, Me., in a private civil ceremony legalizing their first marriage.

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