

Railroads Free To Up Freight Rates On Short Notice

Washington — (AP) — Eastern and Western railroads were free today to boost their freight rates by 5 to 7 per cent on five days' notice.

The Interstate Commerce Commission Monday authorized the increases on an "emergency" basis despite opposition from Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson, other federal agencies, state commissions and shippers. The Commission estimated the increase would provide \$402.6 million a year in additional revenue for the railroads.

7 Per Cent in East
The ICC authorized a 7 per cent increase on freight traveling in the area east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and in the Pocahontas area of Virginia and West Virginia. It authorized a 5 per cent hike on freight traveling in the area west of the Mississippi and between the Eastern, Western and Southern areas.

Some Increases Limited
It specified maximum increases on certain commodities, however. Increases will be limited to a maximum of 5 per cent on grain and grain products, livestock, fresh meats and packing house products, hard substitutes and vegetable oil shortening.

The railroads, including those in the Southern territory, applied in November for an "emergency" increase of 7 per cent in all areas. The Southern request, which was filed later, is still pending before the ICC.

The increases are the second granted this year. Last spring, the ICC authorized freight rate hikes of 8 per cent.

Floating Fair Leaves Tokyo

Tokyo — (AP) — A floating trade fair carrying samples of Japan's best mechanical products left Tokyo today for a post-to-post sales visit to eight nations of Southeast Asia.

The displays mounted aboard the 8,800-ton ship Nishio Maru demonstrated Japan's determination to win new markets for its rapidly-expanding industrial output.

A large group of government officials and industrialists were off the dock to wave farewell to the passenger-cargo ship, which has been converted into a shipboard showroom.

The "Japan Machinery Floating Fair" will make its first stop at Saigon, Indochina, Dec. 27. From there it will proceed to Bangkok, Rangoon, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Jakarta and Manila, with a stopover in Singapore for fuel and water.

All types of machinery are displayed, from tiny cameras and sewing machines to automobiles, mining equipment and giant industrial presses.

A spokesman said the floating fair will be sent to Latin America if it proves successful on its Southeast Asia cruise.

Beetle Kills Famed McGuffey Elms

Athens, O. — (AP) — A beetle is killing the famous McGuffey elms at Ohio University here.

The trees were planted 117 years ago when William H. McGuffey, then university president, thought the campus was bare and needed more scenic beauty.

McGuffey later became a national figure in education through his textbooks called "The McGuffey Readers."

Ohio University has tried to preserve the trees by every possible means but it looks as if the beetle and Dutch Elm disease are the victors.

All but four of the trees have been cut down.

Bridge of Flowers Once Trolley Line

Shelburne Falls, Mass. — (AP) — The "Bridge of Flowers," one of Massachusetts' most unusual tourist attractions was originally a trolley line, built in 1908 to span the Deerfield River.

When the line went out of business, in 1928, a victim of automobile and trolley services, the bridge began falling into ruins.

It was Mrs. Walter Burnham of Shelburne who, in 1929, began a drive that resulted in today's "Bridge of Flowers."

Now thousands of visitors each year walk the old cement bridge, lined on both sides by flowers from late spring to early autumn. Overhead, a pipe frame that once carried the electric trolley's wires, grows bitter-sweet and wisteria.

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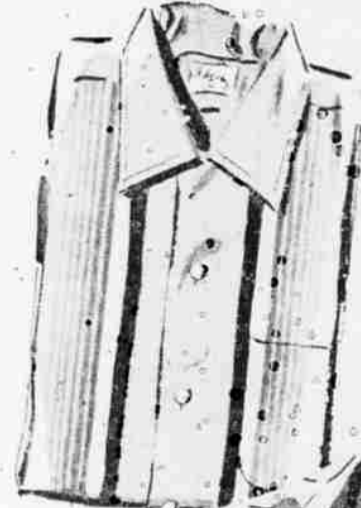
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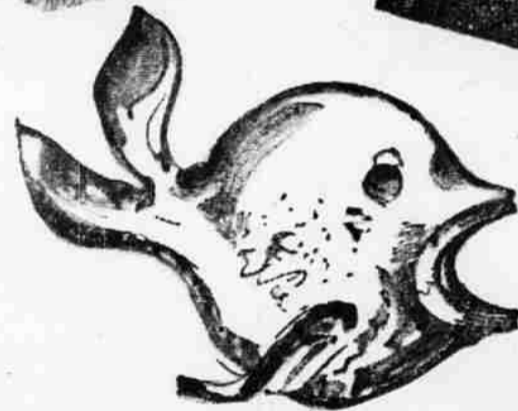
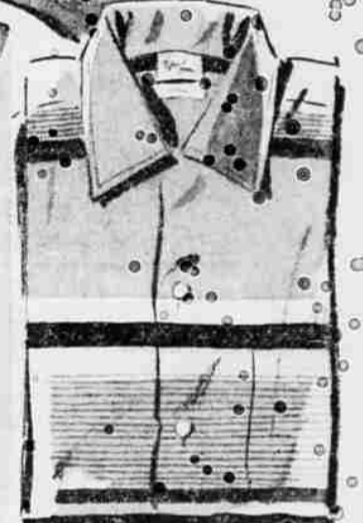
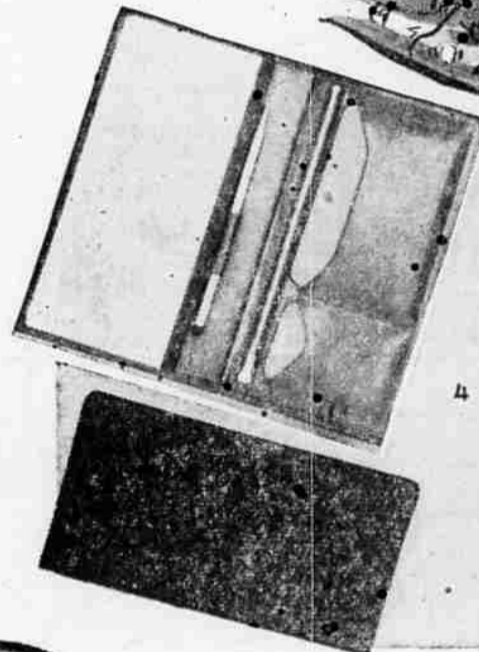
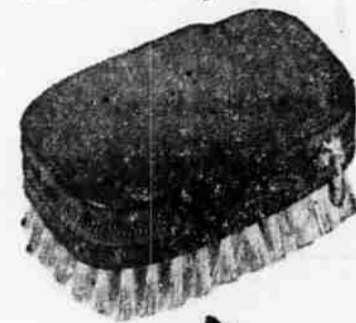
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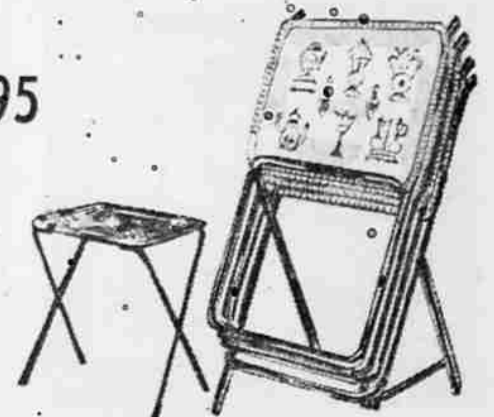
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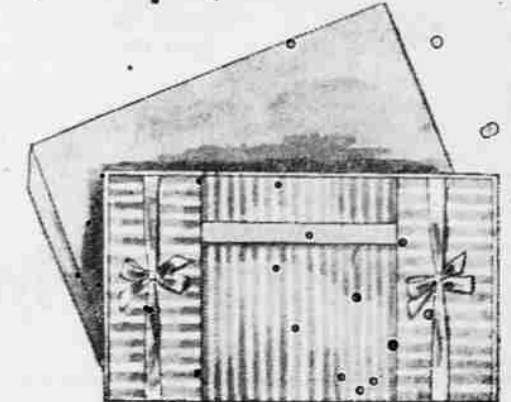


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