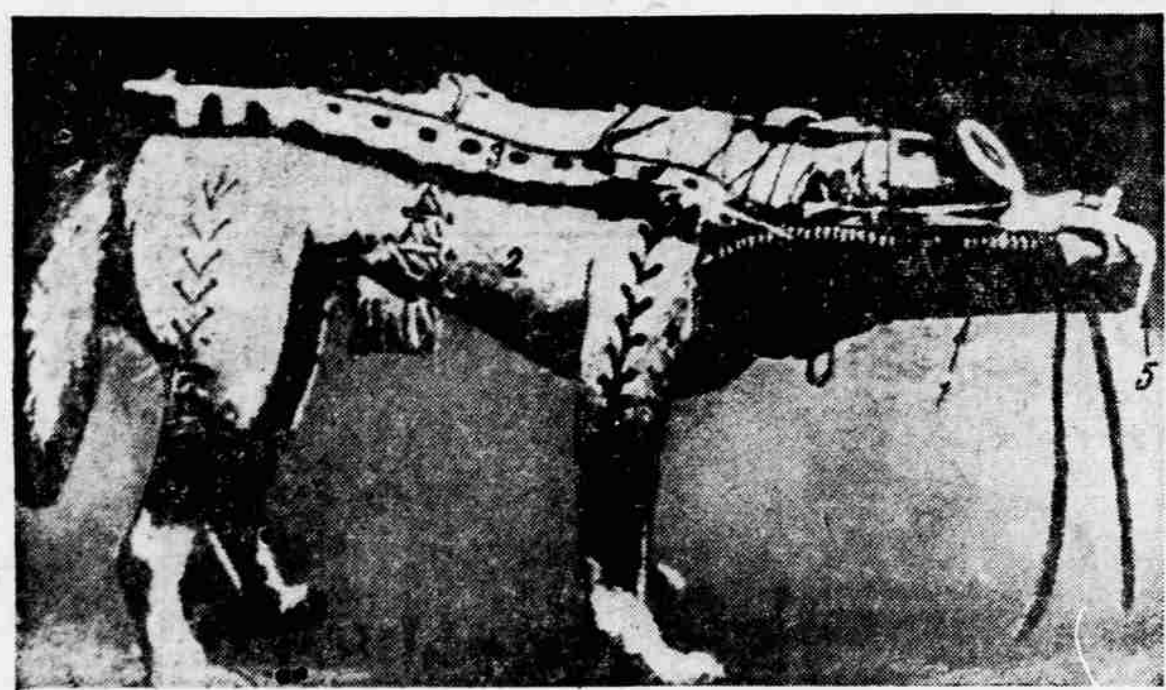




RUSSIAN SPACE DOG—The caption accompanying this official Soviet photo recently received in the U.S., identifies this dog as one being trained for space travel. It wears a special suit that may be similar to the one worn by the dog traveling in space in Russia's second earth satellite. The Soviet caption did not identify the numbers on the suit which may indicate either some of the dog's vital organs or parts of the special equipment.

Minimum Wage Extension in State Urged by Nilsen

Portland—**U**—A suggestion that benefits of the federal minimum wage law be extended to many employees not now covered was made before a congressional subcommittee Wednesday by Norman O. Nilsen, state labor commissioner.

Nilsen was one of several persons appearing at a hearing conducted by Reps. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.) and Joe Holt (R-Calif.) Both are members of the labor standards subcommittee of the House Committee on Education and Labor. Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) sat in as a guest at the hearing.

Drag on Economy
Nilsen said there was a "number of employees" in low-wage industries in Oregon still earning less than \$1 an hour, which is the federal minimum in covered industries. He described the low-income family as a "drag on our whole economy."

William J. Ramsey, partner in a McMinnville variety store, opposed extension of coverage. Among reasons he gave was that he opposed "any further extension, encroachment and regulation by the federal government in this field of private enterprise."

Rep. Nilsen asked Nilsen what Oregon was doing to take care of the problem. Nilsen said progress was being made in Oregon under the state minimum-wage law for women and children but that it was not progressing "fast enough."

The town of Colrain, western Massachusetts, boasts that its school was the first in the United States to fly the American flag.

Railroad Merger Talk Having Two Effects Along Wall Street

BY ELMER C. WALZER
United Press Financial Editor
New York—**U**—Study of a plan to merge New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroad is doing two things in Wall Street.

1. It's reviving the merger plans in the railroad group, plans once grandly drawn which died a death over the years.

2. It's focusing attention on the rail stocks which have been hammered down to new lows since May 3, 1954.

The old plans which had worked out some 19 great systems have been outmoded by the trucks taking freight business from the roads and airplanes taking passengers.

The old ones included Central and Pennsylvania as separate bases without much addition or subtraction from their present road plans—plans that practically duplicate each other with the duplications in costs such systems involve.

Rails Should Do Better
Some Wall Street men think that mergers or no mergers the rails soon ought to do better now that they've been hammered down. They point out that the poor car loadings comparisons with last year stems from the fact that in 1956 the roads were busy because the steel mills were running full tilt to make up for strike losses.

Sidney P. Lurie, analyst for Josephthal & Co., also notes that the roads have been spending heavily on maintenance in advance of the recent wage increase and savings can be made in that line. Also coming earnings statements may not be as poor as speculative psychology anticipates.

In general, Lurie feels the railroad group is uninteresting except for a few of the better investment rails. Many another Wall Street expert feels that the high esteem the financial community had for them.

Lost Position In 1921
Before World War I, during which the government ran the railroads, the rail stocks always held above the industrials. They lost that high position in 1921.

Rails moved up with industrials in the 1920s and set their record high at 189.11 Sept. 3, 1929, the day the industrials closed at 381.17.

The industrials went on to a new record at 521.05 April 6, 1956. The nearest the rails came to their high was May 9, 1956, when they touched 181.23.

Back in 1929, New York Cen-

REA Interest Rate Hike Opposed

Portland—**U**—Delegates to the annual conference of Region 9 of the Rural Electric Cooperative association here have adopted a resolution opposed to increases in REA interest rates.

The resolution protested a requirement that all administration loans of more than \$500,000 be reviewed by persons outside the REA. Another resolution charged there was an "unbusinesslike lack of coordination" in the region which sees a shortage of firm power in southern Idaho and eastern Montana while the Columbia river system has so-called dump power available.

Clay L. Cochran, director of legislation and research for the

association, told the delegates that cash reserves of rural electric cooperatives should be used to make cash refunds to patrons whenever reserves exceed needs. He said that suggestions the reserves be invested were unrealistic.

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Radio Disc Jockey Happy With Title As Chicago's Most Unpopular Figure

Chicago—**U**—Marty Faye is Chicago's No. 1 heel.

And he's proud of it. He won the title hands down in an unpopularity contest that was his own brainchild.

"Honestly, I never dreamed I was so unpopular," he said. "This is my greatest moment."

With that, blonde TV performer Kay Westfall crowned him with a cardboard crown adorned with gold-painted rubber heels.

Faye himself is a television figure and a radio disc jockey. Admittedly, he has made a career out of flouting the precepts of Dale Carnegie. Faye is not interested in winning pals and making people think he's peachy. But he's a fast man with a snide remark.

He has an undeniable talent for getting under people's skin. With a voice compounded of equal parts of gravel and insult, he makes cutting comments about such national institutions as Sophie Tucker and Bing Crosby.

"And that's about like desecrating the American flag," he said.

His listeners react vigorously, sometimes violently. On a street corner not long ago a woman walked up to Faye and hit him in the mouth with her handbag.

Active Critics

"I've had the windows in my house smashed and the tires on my car slashed," he said.

A teen-ager incensed by Faye's castigations of rock and roll heaved a rock at Faye's head. It just missed, smashing a plate glass window instead.

Once somebody threatened to bomb him and he called for a police guard. Yet Faye regards himself as a "healthy influence."

"People work out their animosity on me," he said. "I'm provocative."

With this his critics agree, but they argue that he provokes raw emotion instead of thought. Like when he snatched the wig from his television guest's head.

Faye, a former fairgrounds pitchman who sounds like it, can be pleasant enough "off mike."

He said he began his career as a thorn in the public's side five years ago when he broke in as a disc jockey on a local radio station.

Mild Comment

On his first show he compared Eddie Fisher with a wet sturgeon.

"The studio switchboard lit up like a Christmas tree," Faye said. "People were furious. But the sponsor sold more sewing machines in those 15 minutes than he did in the previous two weeks."

That's one of Faye's unfathomables. He stirs people up, but he sells and sells big.

Faye even displeases those who agree with his outspoken opinions. He detests rock and roll and Elvis Presley. Yet people who detest both may also dislike Faye.

Of Presley, Faye says: "Why look at him? Go to the zoo. The third bear on the left has more talent."

Perhaps the most enigmatic things about Faye are how he gets people so riled over such relative trivia, and how he attracts such a following.

"Maybe they tune in just to cuss me out," he said.

EAST EVANS CREEK-MEADOWS Bible Study Time Changed

BY LILLIE BERGMAN

East Evans Creek-Meadows—The Meadows Bible study has been changed from Tuesday night to Friday night at the home of Vince Hunt the junior. Study will be the same night at the Amas Mapleden home at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pattersons have arrived at their home on Antioch rd. They have been at the Lincoln guard Station on the Green Springs during the summer.

Mrs. Vera Stingley and Muril Mitchell, returned from a visit to Portland and Eastern Oregon Friday.

Mrs. Jenny Coulter of Ashland has been a visitor at the home of her son-and-daughter-in-law, Mrs. and Mrs. Byron Coulter, on the Antioch rd.

Burt Ragsdale of Tarril was a caller at the Bergman home Sunday.

T. L. McClelland of Long

Beach, Calif., has been visiting in the valley for a few weeks. He has been visiting his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bishop, and other relatives and friends. While here, he with his sister and brother-in-law made a trip to Kennewick, Wash., to visit the Bishop's daughter, Mrs. Burr and family. They then went to Wenatchee and Vancouver, B. C., to visit Bernard Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mercer of Medford visited Saturday at the Carl Bergman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mattison and daughter, Carolyn, visited friends in the Meadows recently.

Mrs. Holtzelaw of Portland visited her husband a few days last week.

Mrs. Carl Bergman visited briefly at Drew Monday.

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