



DETERMINE GRADE - Darrell L. Fariss, of the Sanitation Service, assists Jackson County Sanitarian Orié Moore, far right, in getting a rough estimate of the grade near Bud Hoover's house in the Camp White area. Looking on, at left, is Bud Hoover. Strictly on an experimental basis, the Sanitation Service will connect a septic tank with an evaporation type of drainage field at the Hoover home. Effluent from the septic tank will be carried through pipes to gravel spread 18 inches deep on top of the ground and will be allowed to evaporate. Usual method is to carry the effluent to drainage fields below the ground surface.

Experiment Being Tried With New Type Sewage Disposal Plan

An experiment is being tried in the Camp White area with a new type of sewage disposal idea.

The work is being conducted at the Bud Hoover residence with Orié Moore, Jackson County Sanitarian, and Darrell L. Fariss of the Sanitation Service, which will do the installation work.

The project consists of moving effluent from a septic tank to approximately 900 square feet of gravel spread on the ground. After the sewage reaches the gravel the air starts evaporating it. It has been tried in other areas and does not leave an odor, Moore said.

It has been reported highly successful in areas of sticky type soil and where a high water table exists forcing the sewage to the surface. Under these conditions, the typical sub-surface drain-field would not be practical, it was pointed out.

Experimental Stage
Moore emphasized that this is still in the experimental stage for this area and the Jackson County Health Department would not recommend that everyone with drainage problems adopt this new method. Several different soil types in the county

will be tried and constant checks made before this method is approved by the local health department, Moore said.

Under the new plan, a shallow trench is dug six inches deep and two feet wide. This is filled with small rock. Tile is laid on top of that, rounding over the top of the tile with more small rock. This cover of rock is from 18 inches to two feet deep.

This small plot of gravel could be put anywhere but it should be placed on land that cannot be used for anything else. The bottom of the bed should be level, the Sanitarian advised.

Conventional Tank
A conventional septic tank is used which carries the effluent into a distribution box. From there three or four lines carry the material into the distributing bed. Moore recommends use of a small retainer wall to keep the soil in and the water out.

This system will not work in a "real wet climate," Moore said. However, evaporation occurs at least every three days in this area, the Sanitarian added.

A field of sawdust has been experimented with in this system at the Desert Cafe in

California Battles Citrus Fruit Pest

Washington, (Science Service) - Fifty thousand California citrus seeds are being shipped to Florida in an effort to keep the burrowing nematode, already prevalent in Florida, from infesting California orchards. The seeds will be planted in Florida by researchers who hope to find rootstocks that can stand up to the pest. The burrowing nematode is a vicious worm that has caused Florida growers millions of dollars over the past 15 years. It does not kill citrus trees, but it weakens them so that they cannot produce fruit at a rate profitable to the grower.



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SP's Net Income Said Higher; Neuberger Opposes Train Curb

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune

Washington Correspondent
Washington—(Special)—None of the western railroads, the Southern Pacific included, has

applied for any benefits provided by the Smathers railroad aid act passed by the last Congress.

A number of eastern railroads, such as the New Haven and the Boston and Maine, have applied for federal aid to deal with what the railroad industry as a whole last year told Congress was a financial crisis.

A congressional staff specialist in railroad problems offered this explanation for the failure of the western railroads to take advantage of the Smathers act:

"The western roads don't need it. They are making money. They have those long freight hauls, which are profitable, and they haven't been faced with as much loss of passenger service as the eastern roads."

He added that eastern railroads were more hard pressed by mounting terminal costs, congestion and loss of passenger revenue. The extra income some western railroads enjoy from non-railroad investments, derived from public lands granted the railroads when they were opening the West, was another factor, he said.

Act Guarantees Loans

The Smathers act provided that the government would guarantee up to \$500 million in loans to railroads obtained from private banking sources.

Meanwhile, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) lodged a detailed protest with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the proposal of Southern Pacific for reducing its Shasta Daylight passenger run between San Francisco and Portland from a daily operation to three times weekly.

Neuberger pointed to financial statistics showing that the profits of Southern Pacific have been rising over the past year. He said Railway Age magazine reported that SP's total net operating income from the first nine months of 1958 was \$34,686,000 compared with \$34,106,000 for same period of 1957.

Union Pacific also showed an increase for the same period from \$27,700,000 to \$28,167,000. Great Northern income dropped off from \$18,953,000 to \$15,812,000 and so did that of Northern Pacific, from \$26,961,000 to \$23,742,000.

"According to information provided to me by the ICC, Southern Pacific's net income for the first 11 months of 1958 aggregated \$40,175,799 compared with \$36,925,952 in the like period of 1957," Neuberger said. "This certainly does not indicate justification for curtailing service on account of any adverse earnings situation."

Neuberger criticized SP for not providing a street-level ticket office for passengers in Portland, requiring them to go to the sixth floor of an office building — "certainly a circumstance to discourage widespread passenger patronage."

He pointed out that the other three railroads serving Portland all have accessible ground-floor ticket offices in the city, yet have less revenue than the SP.

The senator also argued that it is significant that "the SP serves the principal timber-growing areas of Oregon . . . thus the SP taps the cream of Oregon's lumber-producing counties from the standpoint of extensive freight tonnage; yet it is now proposing to reduce to three times a week the operation of one of its two passenger trains between Oregon and the population centers of northern California."

Public Obligation

Neuberger told the ICC he thinks a railroad enjoying this profitable freight business has certain public-service obligations, among them providing daily passenger service with both overnight and daytime trains.

"Furthermore, I think the SP might well emulate the

progressive attitude of several other western railroads, in reducing passenger fares recently as a move to attract additional business," Neuberger told the ICC.

He pointed out that the Rock Island line in January cut fares on some trains as much as 28 per cent. On Feb. 25 the Union Pacific and the Milwaukee Road plan a large reduction in passenger fares between Chicago and Denver, he added. Moreover, the Burlington Lines and the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad have announced they will reduce rates in areas where they are competitive with the Rock Island.

When other lines can "stimulate patronage by lowering rates for travel on passenger trains, it is reasonable that the ICC should suggest the SP seriously consider doing likewise," Neuberger said.

He added that "many hundreds of my constituents feel that reduced passenger-train service between two great population centers like Portland and San Francisco would represent a backward step in the economic and transportation development of the Pacific seaboard, which is one of the fastest-growing sections of the nation."



ROBERT GUTHBERLET
Idaho Minister Here

St. Luke's Church Schedules Mission

A Lenten Preaching mission will be held this week beginning tonight and continuing through Sunday at St. Luke's Methodist church, 2940 Siskiyou blvd.

The services will begin at 8 p.m. with seasons of prayer at 7:30 p.m. There will be no Saturday service. Friday a covered-dish supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. Colored slides of Australia will be shown following the meal.

The Rev. Robert Guthberlet, minister from the Methodist Australian conference for the past four years pastor of the Weiser, Idaho, Methodist Church, will be the guest evangelist. The general theme of the messages will be: "Plain Talks for the People."

The public is invited to share in all of the services. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Melvin Dixon.

Moscow - (UPI) - Dmitri Z. Manuilsky, 75, former Ukrainian foreign minister, died Sunday in Kiev, Russia, according to Pravda, the official Communist Party newspaper.

Change Taken From Kitchen Cabinet

Approximately \$5 in change was taken from a kitchen cabinet at Jackson Hot Springs some time Sunday night, sheriff's officers reported.

The money was taken from the home of Hollis Lloyd Howell, 2253 Highway 99 south, and the money was used for change in operation of the pool, it was explained.

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