Rapid Transit Interest Revived In Major Cities

New York – (UPI) – Amid the talk in transport circles about railroads' economic problems, and kindred arguments over what to do with the auto in the big city, a few persons today are talking about a revival of interest in rail rapid transit for metropolitan areas.

Major cities long have recognized the planning headaches which developed when most of a generation of workers in a growing population took to the highway, within city limits and across them, to go to and from work. Besides the highway, parking and general traffic problems, there were fiscal difficulties, creation of major highway systems often has meant cutting through areas which once gave a return in taxes.

Attention Necessary

Among those talking about the revived attention to rail rapid transit planning there is no thought that an anti-automobile trend is likely. But they find indications, they said, that attention must be given to rail systems of mass transportation.

Modern Railroads, a magazine published in Chicago, reports that 10 of 15 major U.S. and Canadian cities have active plans for new subway or other rail rapid transit systems.

The magazine said that where highways may quickly become saturated with automobiles, particularly in the morning and evening rush hours the rapid transit lines usually have reserve capacity for meeting the demands of additional passengers. The author of the article, engineering editor Edward T. Meyers, said the need for balanced transportation, giving everyone a choice, is necessary in the urban centers, but the need for public transportation grows as the population grows.

Big Expenditures Seen

Thomas C. Gray, vice president and engineering chief of the passenger car division of Pullman-Standard, builder of railway rolling stock, said he believes more than a billion dollars will be spent in the next 10 years for transit and commuter type vehicles. He made this forecast six months ago; recently he said he thought he may have erred – on the conservative side.

Gray said metropolitan New York probably will spend a quarter of a billion on passenger rolling stock in the next five years; San Francisco and Los Angeles together may spend well over $100 million. Boston has ordered $10 million in new subway cars.

Corvallis Grave Robbed of Bones

Corvallis – (UPI) – Grave robbers Sunday night stole the bones of a man who died 44 years ago, the Benton county sheriff's office has reported.

Someone dug into the grave by candlelight and removed the bones from a rotted casket, Deputy Wayne Yates said.

The grave was that of a 51-year-old man. It was at the IOOF Cemetery on a hill at the west edge of the city.

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New York – (UPI) – One of the firms recently accused by the government of making false advertising claims is Sincere Paints.

CHANNELS JAMMED – Large ice floes from the spring break-up in Lake Erie have jammed the Niagara river channels above the falls, cutting off the flow of water and for a short time making an ice island at the brink of the horseshoe. The scene is of the American falls ice and bare rock at Niagara Falls, N.Y. (UPI)

Rock Hounds Meet At Crater Museum

"What's in a name?" is the question that was decided at a special class of southern Oregon members of the NW Federation of Mineralogical Societies at the Crater Rock Museum near Central Point last week.

The argument centered around the name of a form of white quartz found exclusively in this area, which has been called Medfordite. It is a distinct variety with delicate green markings and is sought by collectors generally.

The meeting was called by Mrs. Helen M. Rice, of Hillsboro, a federation authority on rules and terminology required for exhibiting at shows.

Owing to the increasing number of new types of mineral and gem stones being unearthed, and the tendency to name them after the place where they are found, the federation has decided to judge material in competition according to classification and not location in future.

Popularity of collecting and finishing stones and minerals of various kinds as a hobby today is attested by the 8,000 members of the NW Federation. There are about 40,000 in the American Federation.

BRANCHING OUT

New York – (UPI) – Chain supermarket operators are starting to go into the coin-operated laundry and dry cleaning business, Gerald Kaye, chairman of Friendly Frost, Inc., a chain of 31 discount stores, has gone into the business of installing laundry and cleaning centers in supermarkets.

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Funds Made Available For Forest Protection

Salem – More than $7,986,000 is available, subject to final approval of the board of forestry, for forest protection this coming fire season on the 15,000,000 acres of forest land coming under the jurisdiction of the State Forestry department and cooperating Forest Protective associations, according to State Forester Dwight L. Phipps.

Almost $6,471,000 of this has been budgeted, while over $1,515,000 is in the form of emergency fire fighting funds he added.

The state forestry department will administer about $3,118,000 of the amount budgeted in the protection of private, federal and state lands. The state protection districts will spend some $1,142,000 of this amount on fire protection activities, with an additional $716,000 being contracted to the private forest protection associations for non-member private lands within their protection boundaries.

Other Services

An expenditure of about $984,500 is scheduled by the department for services to the districts and associations such as maintaining and improving the extensive radio communication system which has had such a tremendous impact on the increased effectiveness of forest protection; the statewide forest inspection function that is concerned with keeping the forest land productive; the vital administrative and technical aspects of the program including overhead fire teams, fire cache, central dispatching, personnel training and the two 20-man emergency fire fighting crews.

An additional $275,000 is budgeted for fire proofing state forest lands under the rehabilitation program. The protection phase of the project that utilizes this expenditure involves snag felling, road construction and maintenance of supplemental fire fighting facilities required on extra hazardous forest land. This is part of a program that primarily involves the Tillamook burn, where the state forestry department is reforesting some 200,000 acres of burned-over forest land.

Private Timberlands

The private timberland owners will expend the other $3,353,800 on their forest acreage. This will include $753,800 to be used by their private forest protection associations and $2,600,000 that will be spent on snag felling, slash disposal and additional fire fighting, patrol and equipment needed for forest land areas containing a higher degree of hazard.

Phipps pointed out that of the $6,471,000 budgeted, the general public will contribute approximately $1,397,000 toward the cost of protecting Oregon's forest lands. Of this, about $560,000 will come from the state general fund for the conservation activities of the department and the fire protection administrators in the field. Another $562,000 will be federal funds which are allotted under the Clarke-McNary act, the forested added. Oregon citizens also support a bond issue which provides $275,000 that are used in the rehabilitation of state lands. As these lands become productive, they will return this cost with interest through their tremendous growth potential.

Forest landowners including private bureau of land management and state will contribute some $2,474,000 to the normal forest protection activities, while an additional $2,600,000 will be provided by private landowners toward extra protection on their more hazardous forest lands.

Of the $1,515,000 available in the form of emergency fire fighting funds, about $1,200,000 is contained in a west side fund made up through a severance tax on all timber harvested from lands with the boundaries of the forest protection units in western Oregon. An additional $15,000 has been accumulated through a acreage assessment in eastern Oregon for emergency fire fighting purposes. Another $300,000 has been set aside from timber harvested on state-owned lands for emergency fire fighting where fire breaks out on these lands, thereby involving the state in certain landowner responsibilities.

Kennedy's Father Receives Treatment

New York – (UPI) – Former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, father of the President, is undergoing treatment at a New York clinic for the paralytic stroke he suffered Dec. 19.

Kennedy arrived here Sunday from Palm Beach, Fla., aboard the family plane, Caroline. He was taken in a semi-reclining chair to a waiting automobile and driven to the New York University Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

A spokesman at the clinic said the former ambassador to London would be under the personal supervision of Dr. Howard A. Rusk, head of the institute, and Dr. William Foley of New York hospital.

Doctors said Kennedy is considered improved sufficiently to undergo rehabilitation treatment under clinical conditions.

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