

**Many Fishing Days Ahead**



Southern Pacific Roundhouse Foreman S. C. Selby (left) hands to Harvey S. Miller, retiring machinist, a box of fishing tackle as the latter prepares to leave after 40 years with the road. The fishing tackle along with a new watch, were presents from Miller's fellow employes.

**Truman Makes Fire Appeal**

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—President Truman asked the nation Tuesday to organize its defenses against fire on a country-wide basis in an effort to avoid such spectacular disaster as the recent blast and blaze in Texas City.

Unless the present fire rate can be reduced, Mr. Truman said, the loss in this country for 1947 alone will be more than \$750,000,000.

"The concerted effort of all our people is needed," he said in an address prepared for the first national fire prevention conference, "in order to make effective the known methods of preventing fire and pre-

venting large losses where fire occurs."

Mr. Truman's speech formally launched the deliberations of the three-day conference. State and local officials as well as private organizations were invited to participate. Maj. Gen. Phillip B. Gleming, administrator of the Federal Works agency, is general chairman.

**Car Production Cut By Nash**

DETROIT, May 7 (AP)—Nash-Kelvinator corporation announced today that a continued shortage of sheet steel has forced Nash motors to curtail passenger car production almost 30 per cent for an indefinite period.

Nash postwar schedules called for production of 1000 cars a day but actual output has not exceeded the recent 540 a day average.

**Diicians Say British Are On Starvation Diet**

LONDON, May 7 (AP)—One of Britain's leading dieticians, Dr. Franklin Bicknell, said Tuesday that "England is dying of starvation."

"As a nation we must literally perish unless food stocks improve," Bicknell wrote in the Medical Press, an independent weekly.

Citing the "piteously thin shop girls," "undersized, debilitated children" and what he deemed the bad temper and general lassitude of the whole population, Bicknell said the government's nutritional surveys have "damned themselves by their own euphoria, and mean nothing."

Bicknell said school children were three inches shorter and 16 pounds

lighter than before the war "in spite of the guzzling of extra milk, extra school meals and their mothers' fat rations."

Foods available here—rationed and unrationed outside of restaurants—provide a diet of less than 2100 calories daily in order to provide the energy used up in a full day's work.

**Insurance Men Back From Conference**

Returned Monday from a four-day life insurance conference in Portland were Lynn Roycroft, Paul Lee, Eldred Putnam, Carl Baker, Loy Barker, Julian Abbott, all with the Life Underwriters association of Southern Oregon.

Of these, Roycroft, Lee, Baker and Abbott received awards for the Oregon quarter-million-dollar round-table, which signifies that during

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**TRANSPORTATION NEWS**

From St. Paul, Minn., comes the announcement that the Great Northern has reduced its annual interest charges on funded debt by nearly 67 per cent in the past 12 years. The announcement was made by F. J. Gavin, president of the railway, to the stockholders at the company's annual meeting there.

In making the announcement, Gavin pointed out that contrary to general belief that railways are wallowing in profits is the fact that they earned an average of only 2.5 per cent on investment in 1946. He added that railway wages have risen more than 52 per cent and costs of materials and supplies have increased 61 1/2 per cent since 1939.

"Railways need and consistently must have at least a six per cent return on investment to continue production, maintenance and improvement," he asserted.

W. G. Curtis of San Francisco, the assistant freight traffic manager for the Western Pacific railroad, is in the basin area today making a general inspection of his company's activities here. Curtis is being shown through the locality by R. R. Taylor, local general agent for the road.

R. A. Houck, the new general agent for the Southern Pacific, is reported to be in San Francisco today, but will be back Thursday. Houck is south on business.

Lloyd Stitt, whom Houck succeeded here, left last Saturday for Sacramento where he will take over his duties with the Western Pacific railroad.

Helen Underwood, clerk in the general agent's office at SP is back on the job this week after returning from Idaho Falls, Ida., last Sunday. She was called to Idaho by the death of her father.

It seems to be vacation time at GN with W. C. Preston, dispatcher, back from a vacation in Montana. C. E. Calder, brakeman, leaving for a vacation at Fresno, Calif., and

J. W. Ray, switch foreman, vacationing at Van Nuys, Calif.

Great Northern reports the presence of A. W. Rotweller in the basin area from Seattle. Rotweller is the claim agent from Seattle and is here on business.

Gene Daley of Great Falls, Mont., has returned home after spending several weeks with his mother, Mrs. Florence Daley, GN clerk. Also a guest of Mrs. Daley was her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Hover of Piney Wood, Mont.

**ROAD FUND**

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—The housing expediter was directed to allocate \$10,000,000 to the forest service for construction of access roads in legislation approved yesterday by the senate.

Senator Gordon (R-Ore.) told the senate the roads were needed to make ripe timber available for housing needs.

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