

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

"The Hobo Basket," well known to railroad men throughout the country since its start early in January in Birmingham, Ala., should reach the Great Northern here by the end of this week and crew members will have a chance to affix their names to the already lengthy scroll and make their contributions to the March of Dimes.

"The Hobo Basket" originated with three yard clerks on the Southern Railway in Birmingham and after going the rounds there was sent on the road like a boomer ball. Each crew member, where "The Hobo Basket" made a stop, added his name to the scroll and passed it along. From the Southern Railway the basket went to the Frisco line, the Rock Island, C & NW, Milwaukee, Duluth South Shore, will come to the Great Northern, the SP & S. Oregon, Southern Pacific and to the Santa Fe. From there the basket travels along the Fort Worth and Denver City, the St. Louis Southwestern, the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley, over the Chesapeake and Ohio before going home to Birmingham.

As "The Hobo Basket" makes its rounds, contributions will roll up for the March of Dimes and at the end of the line, which is the basket's home yard at the Southern Railway, gifts will be counted and the entire sum sent to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. First appearance of the basket in the GN's Klamath division will be at Bend.

News of interest here to GN men is appointment of John Budd as president of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois. Young Budd was here a number of years ago with his family when he was with the Great Northern's Klamath division. Budd was due for the general management of the GN about a year ago but was offered the Chicago and Eastern Illinois presidency and took that instead. His family has moved from St. Paul, where they were during war years when Budd was in Africa with the engineering corps, to a new home in Chicago.

George Suprenant, conductor-brakeman for the GN who suffered painful injuries to his foot while working at Malin on January 9, writes from Ashbury hospital in

Radio Breaks Iron Curtain

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25 (AP)—Radio broadcasting is penetrating readily into the far reaches of Soviet Russia and the concept of an "iron curtain" is misleading, says William Benton, former assistant secretary of state.

Benton, addressing a town meeting, said that based on state department information, the USSR probably will have 7,000,000 short wave receiving sets by 1950. Last year there were 739 high frequency transmitters in operation around the globe, sending more than 8000 program-hours a week across national boundaries.

"We have acquired, almost overnight, the means to break through the age-old isolation of peoples," Benton said.

who stopped here Monday en route to Portland on a general inspection tour.

County Jury Asked To Join Probe

PORTLAND, Feb. 25 (AP)—The county grand jury was asked Tuesday to look into the Portland City club's charges that city police are grafters.

Circuit Judge Martin W. Hawkins directed the four women and three men on the jury to get to the bottom of the charges. They were made by a committee of the club after several months' study. Unnamed police officers and city officials, the club report said, accepted graft to permit gambling and prostitution to operate.

Mayor Earl Riley said the charges were based on "politics."

Judge Hawkins said District Attorney John B. McCourt approved the investigation.

MOSQUITO MEET

PORTLAND, Feb. 25 (AP)—Oregon counties which don't like mosquitoes were invited to a meeting here Saturday.

City Commissioner Dorothy McCullough Lee, who heads Portland's anti-mosquito program, invited interested county officials to discuss mosquito control.

Fraud Case Pleas Heard

SPOKANE, Feb. 25 (AP)—Dr. Harold R. Rector, Richland, Wash., and Mrs. Flora L. Carpenter, Spokane, pleaded innocent to conspiracy charges in federal court Tuesday.

United States Attorney Harvey Erickson has accused them of helping promote a scheme to extract gold from California black sands by "a secret atomic process." Erickson said investors lost \$230,000.

Five other Washington and California defendants were indicted with them on charges of conspiracy, using the mails to defraud and violation

of the securities act. They have not been arraigned yet.

Erickson said Rector was described in the group's literature as an "eminent government scientist working on the atom bomb at Hanford." He worked at the atomic bomb project, but Erickson said his job was only to test water.

The order, effective March 15, termed the articles non-essential.

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I'M SORRY, PART?
LOSIN' YOUR TEMPER DIDN'T HELP, CRABROCK'S A HARD MAN TO DEAL WITH?
I KNOW YOU'D HELP ME IF YOU COULD, RED, BUT YOU CAN'T! I'M GONNA LOSE MY RANCH!
HERE IS RIMROCK! YOU HAVE FEELING, I HAVE SCRE FEET!
YOU'RE FEELING RYDER NOW!

Alley Oop
LOOK! OVER THERE ON THE DUNE—A MAN!
YEH, SOME POOR OLD STUMBLER!
WHAT INTERESTS ME IS THAT NICE FAT GOAT!
GOAT! SURE ENOUGH! WE EAT!
HEY! THAT GOAT WAS FULLA DANDY!
LOOK!
WHEW! FORTUNE CERTAINLY SMILED ON US THIS NIGHT!
YEH, LET'S LAM BEFORE SUNSHIN HAPPENS TO GIVE US A HORSE LAUGH!
DANBREAK! GOOD HEAVENS, I—THEY, MY JEWELS!!

Boots And Her Buddies
IMAGINE! PUG GOING INTO THE BABY-SITTING BUSINESS WITH BERTIE AND JEEP! THEY HAVE TO RAISE SOME MONEY FOR SOMETHING OR OTHER!
YOU HAVE TO HAND IT TO THAT YOUNG LADY!
WELL, SHE DOES SIT WITH ONLY ONE OR TWO EXTRA YOUNGSTERS IN THE HOUSE WOULDN'T COMPLICATE THINGS TOO MUCH!
I HAVEN'T TALKED IT OVER WITH BOO YET, THOUGH!

Wash Tubbs
IF ALL GOES WELL, WE'LL FACE ONE PROBLEM THAT HASN'T ARISEN IN OTHER EXPERIMENTS, DR. GRUGER—THE MATTER OF CLOTHES FOR A 15-FOOT GIANT!
THAT WILL BE MR. TUBBS' PROBLEM, NOT OURS, EM!
BESIDES, BY THE TIME WE'RE READY TO UNVEIL HIM TO A STARTLED WORLD, WARM WEATHER WILL BE WITH US!
OF COURSE, NATURE MAY PROVIDE HIM WITH A PROTECTIVE COAT! YOU'LL RECALL THAT OUR PREVIOUS SUBJECTS ALL GREW EXTREMELY HEAVY HAIR OR FUR!
IF THAT DID HAVE AN OPENING INTO THE NEXT BUILDING LARGE ENOUGH FOR JAMAZO, HOW COULD HE HIDE IT, EASY?
DUNNO, NET, RIB! ON THESE UPPER FLOORS WE'VE JUST SEARCHED SO CARE FULLY! NOW WE'LL TRY THE BASEMENT!

Freckles And His Friends
WHAT THE HECK, COACH? WE WON THE GAME, DIDN'T WE?
IT WAS HANDED TO US ON A PLATTER— YOU CERTAINLY TRIED HARD TO HAND IT BACK!
IF YOU'RE HALF AS GENEROUS WITH KINGSTON, THEIR SCORE WILL BE BIGGER THAN SOME OF THE HEADS AROUND HERE! LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN BEAT THE FROSH!
GIVE UP, FRESHMAN! LET A MAN HANDLE THE BALL!
TRY AND GET IT, BIG BOY!
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH 'EM A LITTLE OF THAT MEDICINE WAIN'T CURE!
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Little Orphan Annie
DO YOU WANT TO SPRING 'EM AT YOUR HOUSE, EH?
H-M—EXACTLY, ANNE—I WANT TO ARRIVE WITH NO WARNING WHATSOEVER—
IS IT A BIG HOUSE?
OH, QUITE LARGE FOR THIS PART OF THE WORLD—BUT IT WAIN'T BUT FINE SHOW— IN FACT VERY FEW PEOPLE EVER HAVE SEEN IT—
WHERE IS IT, "DADDY"?
IT'S JUST OFF THE COAST A FEW MILES—A PLACE ON FEW CHARTS—CALLED BLACK ROGER CAY—
HAROLD GRAY

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