

TRANSPORTATION NEWS



12 YEARS OF SERVICE—Leonard Howell, who handles government bills of lading for the Southern Pacific, has been with the company for 12 years. Here Howell is shown busy at an adding machine.

SP Acquiring 4000 New Freight Cars

Southern Pacific company announced this week plans to acquire 4000 new freight cars and give 900 boxcars a general overhauling as the latest steps in the railroad's continuing program for expansion of its freight carrying facilities.

In making the announcement, President A. T. Marciel said consideration is being given to constructing a substantial number of the new cars in the company's own shops, where the overhauling program also will be carried out.

The new freight cars will consist of 3000 steel boxcars, including 1000 automobile cars of which half will be fitted with the latest type auto-loading racks and drop-end gondola cars, 65 feet in length, to accommodate extra long loads.

The reconditioning of 900 box cars in the railroad's general overhauling program for 1950 will be carried out at an average rate of 90 cars a month, Marciel stated.

Southern Pacific has ordered 20-

330 freight train cars of various types in the postwar period and has taken delivery of them as fast as the builders could turn them out. All but about 1000 of the new freight cars on previous orders will have been delivered by the end of this year.

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The railroad's total expenditures for all kinds of new rolling stock since V-J Day approximate \$238,000,000, not including cost of the 3100 new cars just announced.

Freight service augmented in the postwar period by receipt of 70 diesel main line freight locomotives, with 28 more remaining on order for expected delivery by the end of March; its fleet of diesel switchers has been increased to 247 with 43 more still to be delivered; and 8000 cars have

been added to the Pacific Fruit Express refrigerator fleet.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams of Ashland spent last week-end in Klamath Falls visiting their son and family, George Williams of 2240 Orchard. Williams Sr. is a Southern Pacific railroad conductor and former resident of Klamath Falls, and on the side holds down the spot as mayor of Ashland. His son is a fireman with the SP.

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NOMA Charter Assured

Enough completed applications for membership in a Klamath Falls chapter of the National Office Managers association to warrant applying for a charter have been received, Roy Premo said today.

Premo, elected president of the newly-formed local chapter, said he has 30 membership applications now and the request to the national organization for a charter will be dated December 1.

Other officers of the local chap-

ter elected Tuesday night include Al Hattan, vice president; Everett Vanderpool, secretary; Fred Howard, treasurer; and Charles F. Johnson, L. A. Brown, Alice Vitus, L. Ernest Taylor and Robert H. Thompson, directors.

Kemsie Reports On Birds

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP)—Chances are the Kemsie report never will become as familiar to the general public as the Kinsey report, probably because the former deals with birds, not humans.

Emerson Kemsie, local ornithologist and biology teacher in the Cincinnati public schools, for several years has been carrying on field work on the distribution of migrating and breeding birds in southwestern Ohio.

SCHOOL BOARDS MEETING
EUGENE, Nov. 24 (AP)—The Oregon State School Board association will hold its annual convention here December 8, with school board members from most of Oregon's districts expected to attend.

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