

### TRANSPORTATION NEWS

## SP Employees Get Special Course in Public Relations

Southern Pacific supervisors and employees whose jobs bring them in contact with the traveling and shipping public are going back to school here. But instead of the usual "three R's," the course has to do with how to get along with people and like it. And unlike the ordinary school, the students here do most of the talking.

The school is the railroad's conference training program in human relations. Now in its fourth year, the training plan has received national recognition as a means of improving supervisory leadership and service to the railroad customers.

Unlike most programs of this type, the entire conference material

is keyed primarily to what the employee personally gains from improving his ability to get along with people, both on and off the job. Some 15,000 Southern Pacific people have now participated over the entire railroad and nearly 5000 conference meetings have been held since the plan was started by President A. T. Merrier in 1945.

The meetings now being held in Klamath Falls will be extended later to other principal points on the Shasta division, according to J. A. McKinnon, division superintendent. They are being conducted by Clyde S. Cook, conference leader on the staff of Hobson Ferguson and Associates, specialists in human relations training for industry. Cook is well known to local railroaders, having successfully conducted similar courses here two years ago.

Helpful  
"The conferences," says McKinnon, "are entirely paid for by the company, and are directly comparable to similar courses in human relations offered by various well-known outside organizations to the public at considerable cost. Employees who have participated in the past have found them extremely helpful in their social and domestic relations on the outside, as well as on their jobs."

Wives of employees are also invited to attend as spectators, McKinnon said.

## Customs Duty Bars Lowered In W. Europe

PARIS, Dec. 1 (AP)—American tourists will soon be able to tote their souvenirs, perfumes and new dresses from one Western European country to another without paying customs duty.

An agreement was reached yesterday between 18 Marshall Plan countries creating a single uniform list of goods overseas visitors can carry in duty free.

No date was set for putting the list into effect, but it was hoped most of the countries could start by January 1.

Visitors Only  
The agreement affects all overseas visitors, including Americans, but does not permit citizens from one Marshall Plan country to carry the listed goods to another.

On the duty free list are \$400 worth of souvenirs including about a pint of perfume; 400 cigarettes or a little more than a pound of cigars or tobacco; the travelers' own new clothing and other personal effects; two open bottles of wine or liquor and a bicycle.

Changes  
The list will change touring conditions in a lot of countries. Holland has allowed no liquor to come in duty free. Denmark has allowed only 25 cigarettes per person. And many an American woman who has bought a new Paris gown has had to pay duty on it when she reached England.

## New Jerseyans Suffer Acute Lack of Water

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 1 (AP)—New Jersey's critical water shortage has become a grim reality to the 1500 residents of Roosevelt in Monmouth county — they have no water at all.

New Jersey's largest reservoir—Wanago in Butler — has only 60 days' water supply left. It serves many cities, including Bayonne and Newark, the state's largest city.

Dark Outlook  
And there is little hope for immediate relief in sight. Even an unusual amount of rain in the near future would leave the state's water reserves far below normal.

In Roosevelt, about 30 miles southwest of New York City, the two artesian wells serving the town have gone dry.

Emergency water is being trucked in from Hightstown, 10 miles away. Rinsed ashcans, disconnected bathtubs — all available containers — were brought out to the streets by householders yesterday to get their share from the trucks.

Workers today continued driving the two wells 40 feet deeper in the hope of reaching more water.

The school and the community's three factories are closed on orders of Fire Chief Mark Klatstein. All home heating units and hot water heaters are ordered shut off.

## Fishwheel Answer Ice-Bound

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 1 (AP)—Whatever became of the Fishwheel gold strike?

Howling Arctic winds and sub-zero temperatures have the answer to that question clutched closely to their frigid bosoms.

Oldtimers Sam Gamble and Ed Farrell, who held hopes of a genuine "strike" up until last week, have returned to Fairbanks.

"Bleak"  
They declare wryly that nothing can be determined until spring, but "prospects look pretty bleak."

Drilling operations recently stopped at 50 feet when warm Chitook winds thawed the Yukon river ice and backed water over the drill holes.

The strike started back in October when Clifton Carroll found a few nuggets attached to the muck on the axle of his fishwheel some 30 miles south of Fort Uukon.

## Scouts to Present Mock Rodeo

Cub Scouts of troop 23, Malin, will present a mock rodeo Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Broadway theatre in Malin.

Entertainment will include the queen and her court, a parade, the sheriff's posse, calf ropers, a stage-coach hold-up and Brahma bull and horse riders.

Proceeds will go towards the Cub Scout funds for outings and special occasions. As an added feature, a regular picture and three cartoons will be shown.

## Former SP Man Dies In Portland

Word was received here that a former Klamath Falls Southern Pacific railroad man died Monday evening at his home in Portland.

Death claimed Alden M. Chamberlain, 71. A cerebral hemorrhage was given as cause of death. Mr. Chamberlain had lived in Oregon since 1892 and was a resident of both Klamath Falls and Eugene while employed as an engineer for Southern Pacific since 1906.

He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers and BPOE. He leaves his widow, Adele; one daughter, Mrs. Edna Elaine; one sister, Mrs. Helen Kirk.

Funeral services were held today at the McGinnis and Wilhelm chapel in Portland, with vault entombment in the Portland mausoleum.

## Termites Faithful Workers

By ARTHUR EDSON  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Proud people who trace their ancestry to the Mayflower got a rude jolt today. A termite, who rarely gives himself airs, can trace his ancestry back 250,000,000 years.

This tidbit comes from the Smithsonian Institution, which has just completed cataloguing 1932 different species of termites.

When it turned out that the cataloguing chore had been done by a department of agriculture man who has been studying the termite—and ways to control it—for 40 years, I promptly called Dr. Thomas E. Snyder to find out what's new in the termite world.

The answer is, nothing much.

Steady Work  
Termites have been calmly chomping wood and developing a complex social organization for 30,000,000 years. And their ancestors, Dr. Snyder said, go back 250,000,000 years.

"Somewhere along the line," he said, "the family split, and one group became the cockroach." Dr. Snyder has a certain admiration for the cockroach. "He's very adaptable. He was on earth long before man, and I suspect he'll be here long after we're gone." But his real love is the termite.

Intrigued  
Dr. Snyder met up with the termite quite by accident. Some telephone poles had been damaged, and he went out to look at them.

There he saw his first queen termite—and he's been looking at termites ever since.

In this country termites measure only a quarter of an inch, with the winged adults measuring a half inch.

We got off lucky.  
"I've seen a tropical queen termite," said Snyder, "who was four and one half inches long and nearly two inches in diameter."

Trouble  
It has been during only the last few thousand of its 30,000,000 years that the termite has given man any trouble. That's when man moved out of a cozy cave into a house, and termites moved in to chew on the house.

Dr. Snyder says there's one difference between the ant and bee kings, and the king termite.

"The ant and the bee kings die after mating," he said. "The termite king lives on. If you're going to be a king, a termite king is much the best proposition."

I said I'd keep that in mind.

## Freak Accident Kills Girl

PORTLAND, Dec. 1 (AP)—Heavy pipe jutting out over a truck body raked an automobile here last night, ripped off the car top and tossed 17-year-old Dorothy McAndrew to her death.

Police said the girl suffered back and neck injuries in the unusual accident and died a few hours later in a hospital.

She was a passenger in a car driven by Roy L. Stimpson, 18, who escaped serious injury. The truck driver was Richard L. Mansfield, White Salmon, Wash.

The truck was loaded with six tons of pipe and building materials. The accident occurred at NE 82nd avenue and Sandy boulevard.

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