



A. W. KILBORN, left, superintendent of Shasta Division of the Southern Pacific, reads the wire announcing the division's receiving the President's Award from D. J. Russell, president of the railroad for its outstanding safety record in 1955. From left with Kilborn are L. P. Oberkamp, master mechanic; J. C. Slade, assistant superintendent, and Rex Baymiller, division engineer.

Southern Pacific Shasta Division Gets Safety Award

DUNSMUIR—Shasta Division of the Southern Pacific company was notified by wire from headquarters in San Francisco on Monday that in recognition of an unparalleled safety record for 1955 it was being given the President's Award by D. J. Russell, Southern Pacific president. Shasta Division with only 12 reportable injuries in 1955 achieved the best safety record of any division in the history of Southern Pacific railroad, the wire from R. E. Halliwell, general manager stated. This outstanding record gives Shasta Division National recognition by the National Safety Council.

The division's safety record was 2.62 injuries per million man hours. This bettered the 1954 record considerably. It was 9.43 injuries per million man hours and placed Shasta Division in sixth place among the eleven divisions of the railroad. Ten years ago, Shasta Division was in tenth place with 18.96 injuries per million man hours.

In acknowledging the award, A. W. Kilborn, superintendent of Shasta Division gave credit to every individual employee and to his staff consisting of J. C. Slade, assistant superintendent, R. R. Baymiller, division engineer, and L. P. Oberkamp, master mechanic. The transportation department for a 3.31 ratio of accident per million man hours, also the best record for any transportation department in the railroad's history. The other departments were well below the national average in the accident ratio per man hours, the wire stated.

A congratulatory wire was also received from J. A. McKinnon, as-

stant general manager, who was formerly a Shasta Division superintendent.

CALLER TWICE

HARLAN, Ky. (U)—Grant Jones sometimes has to be called twice to come home. But when his wife called the fire department yesterday to report a fire he soon arrived with other members of the department and extinguished the blaze.

South's Racial Caldron Simmers; Bomb Exploded

ATLANTA (U)—Ingredients from court and Legislature simmered uneasily today in the South's racial caldron, kindled anew by a bomb blast in Alabama.

Gordon Found Guilty Of Rape

Jack Gordon, 34-year-old construction worker accused of statutory rape involving an 8-year-old girl, was found guilty late Wednesday afternoon in Circuit Judge David H. Vandenberg's court.

The court, acting under mandatory provisions of a new law passed at the last session of the Legislature, ordered Gordon taken to Oregon State Hospital for psychiatric examination. Sentence was deferred pending a report from the hospital.

Gordon was indicted by the county grand jury. Although the offense occurred last May he was not arrested until September.

The child molester was prosecuted by District Attorney P. K. Puckett. It was the first criminal trial before a Circuit Court jury in Klamath County since Beesley was appointed by the late Governor Paul Patterson to serve out the unexpired term of Frank Alderson who resigned the district attorney post last summer.

Attorney U.S. Balentine represented Gordon.

school segregation as an "illegal encroachment" on the sovereign rights of a state.

They voiced the pledge that Virginia, where the interposition movement had its recent rebirth, would follow whatever legal and honorable means it could muster to impede the mixing of white and Negro students in the classroom.

The vote yesterday left no doubt as to Virginia's stand: in the Senate the resolution passed 36-21; in the House 96-9.

In Georgia, a House committee approved a bill that would take away the charter of any city that fails to maintain racially segregated facilities. The measure apparently was aimed directly at Atlanta, where a federal court order recently brought an end to segregation on public golf courses.

Alabama was the first state to adopt an interposition plan which seeks to hold void the racial rulings of the Supreme Court—and the plan became official and went into effect without the governor's endorsement.

The deadline for executive action on Alabama's nullification resolution came yesterday, and Gov. James E. Folsom said then that he was washing his hands of the matter. Thus lacking action by the governor, the bill was not referred to the House, where it acquiesced, and it thereby became an act automatically.

The bomb blast came last night. It was the second set off in 48 hours in Montgomery, where capital of the Confederacy and now beset by a drawn-out Negro boycott of city buses.

The bomb exploded in the front

yard of the home of E. D. Nixon, a Negro Pullman car porter and former president of the Alabama Chapter of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People. Monday night a bomb was

tossed at the parsonage home of the Rev. M. L. King, a Negro Baptist preacher.

Both Nixon and King have been active in directing the boycott of Montgomery buses.

No one was harmed at either explosion. Considerable damage was done to the front porch of King's home; the blast at the Nixon dwelling did only minor damage to a gate post.

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R. L. Williams Pleads Guilty

Robert Lee Williams, 21-year-old truck driver, wounded last month in an attempted holdup, pleaded guilty to armed robbery Wednesday afternoon before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg. He will be sentenced at 10 a.m. Friday.

Williams was arrested by city police at Klamath Valley Hospital where he went for treatment after he was shot in the left shoulder by Lawrence B. Gaylord, attendant at Yaden's Service Station.

A few minutes before he was wounded, Williams held up a clerk in Idella's Grocery Store and fled with \$45 in cash. Police say he also admitted holding up a Shell and a Fortune service station two days before he was arrested.

Youths Waive Jury Hearing

Pleas of guilty to burglary were entered late Wednesday by two youths, accused of stealing a tavern safe containing \$1,200, when they waived grand jury investigation and appeared before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

The accused burglars were Donald Ray Birdwell, 21-year-old AWOL soldier from Fort Ord, California, and Billy Joe Mattox, 21-year-old Klamath County ranch worker.

The youths broke into the Drumstick Tavern on East Main Street early Sunday morning and made off with the safe. It was beaten open with sledge hammers in a back cellar near the city airport.

Birdwell and Mattox were arrested 34 hours after the burglary. They waived extradition and were returned to Klamath Falls by a City Detective and Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon.

When arrested in Redding, the burglars had more than \$1,000 in cash in their possession. Judge Vandenberg deferred sentence pending a report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Congress Prodded For Postal Rates

WASHINGTON (U)—President Eisenhower prodded Congress again yesterday to raise postal rates, sending it a report that the mail service is now losing \$1,000 a minute.

The report was from Postmaster General Summerfield, who has been pressing unsuccessfully for three years for higher rates. The fate of the administration recommendations in this election year is dubious.

Eisenhower urged higher rates, aggregating 400 million dollars yearly, including a hike in first-class letter mail from 3 to 4 cents.