

Railroad Industry Picking Up Speed

Editors Note: The railroad industry is picking up speed in the first half of 1959 along with the rest of the economy. Railroad reports are making much brighter reading than a year ago although the industry still is beset with problems.

By FETER T. EARLE
United Press International
NEW YORK (UPI)—The nation's railroads rolled through the first quarter of the year at increased speed by the pickup was not great enough to pull some of the Eastern roads out of the red.

Overall, the industry made a much better showing in the period than in any quarter last year and traffic and earnings prospects for most roads in the second quarter are considered promising.

The railroad industry, heavily dependent on industrial activity, was one of the industries hardest hit by the 1957-58 recession. Consequently, the industry has enjoyed an improvement in operations along with the recovery in general economic activity.

Railroads in most areas of the country realized improvements in revenues and earnings in the first quarter. Eastern railroads such as the New York Central and Pennsylvania succeeded in sharply reducing—but not eliminating—their deficits.

Activity On Increase
The bright spot in the industry's second quarter outlook is the rising trend of activity in such heavy traffic-producing industries as iron and steel, automobile, coal ore and construction.

The 13 regional advisory boards reporting to the Association of American Railroads estimated that freight carloadings in the second quarter of this year will run 12.4 per cent above 5,670,512 cars loaded in the same period of last year, when the recession hit its low.

Loadings in the first quarter of 1959 ran approximately 6 per cent ahead of a year ago, but trailed pre-recession levels by 10 per cent.

Industry spokesmen pointed out that earnings comparisons for the first half of 1959 should be specially favorable for Eastern railroads, in view of their severely depressed 1958 showing. In the first half of 1958, Eastern roads suffered a 64 per cent earnings drop.

Much Working Capital
Working capital for the industry is at a very high level, reflecting in part economies of opera-

tion realized during the recession. However, the outlook still is for a conservative dividend policy pending a much sharper improvement in earnings.

The new transportation law signed late last year has brought about some reduction in losses from unprofitable operations. In the east, unprofitable ferry runs have been eliminated.

Industry observers pointed out, however, that every cutback in service forces more customers to competing forms of transportation. And there is an old axiom in the business that "Freight traffic follows traffic."

One of the big criticisms leveled against the industry—especially the big Eastern roads with their substantial commuter operations—is that they have been following a defeatist attitude toward passengers which eventually may hurt their over-all freight volume.

Interest In Mergers
Railroads are showing more interest in mergers and some experts feel that 1959 may be an important year in this respect. There are 131 Class I railroads—those with annual revenues of one million dollars or more—and many industry leaders have gone on record as saying there should be only 10 or so major railroad systems.

"We have too many railroads competing for too little business," is the way one spokesman summed it up recently.

A number of railroads also are contemplating a series of freight rate reductions in an effort to lure traffic away from competing modes of transportation. The success of this bold attempt to regain lost traffic will depend on how the rate cuts are received by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington.

Former President Of Loyola U. Dies

WEST BADEN, Ind. (UPI)—The Rev. Samuel Knox Wilson, 77, former president of Loyola University of Chicago from 1933 to 1942, died Thursday night at West Baden college where he has lived while serving as an executive member of the Jesuit Education Association. Father Wilson was dean of Loyola's graduate school from 1925 until he became president of the school.

State Sen. Kizer To Be Limberlost Judge

State senator Marshal F. Kizer of Plymouth, will be among the prominent Hoosiers serving on the panel of judges that will select "Girl of the Limberlost 1959" Friday evening, April 10, at the Geneva Lions' 8th annual Limberlost land party. Senator Kizer has had a distinguished career in law and government and is frequently mentioned as a possible candidate for governor in 1960.

Representatives of two more schools have entered the contest for "Girl of the Limberlost 1959". They are Miss Sandra Landon, representing Poling high school, and Miss Margaret Bixler, representing Geneva high school. Miss Landon is a senior and Miss Bixler a sophomore. Both will give vocal solos for their talent demonstration. Girls from seven different schools were entered in the contest Friday morning and one or two more are expected to be entered by the end of the week.

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April 3, 1959

One Killed In Crash Thursday Of Navy Plane

ARGENTIA, Newfoundland (UPI)—A crippled U. S. Navy Super Constellation plane carrying 21 crewmen crashed and burned in an emergency landing late Thursday night.

One man was killed and seven injured, none seriously, the Navy at Norfolk, Va., reported.

The big four-engine Constellation, used as a radar barrier plane, attempted to make a radar landing on the fog-shrouded airstrip at the U. S. air base here but its landing gear collapsed.

The plane skidded several hundred yards along a runway and burst into flames.

It had developed engine trouble on a routine mission and had turned back 35 minutes after takeoff.

The Navy withheld identification of the dead and injured pending notification of next of kin.

A Navy spokesman said a landing mount supporting both wheels collapsed when the big craft hit the runway and it skidded out of control and burned.

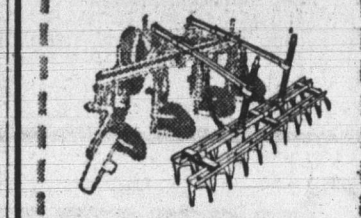
It was the second radar Constellation to crash here within a week. A similar accident occurred during a heavy windstorm last Sunday but no one was injured. The plane's normal base was Patuxent River, Md., the Navy said.

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Names of those who will assist in the drive for the sale of memberships for the 1959-60 season of the Adams County Civic Association were announced today by Mrs. Roy Kalver, campaign chairman. A kick-off tea for these workers will be held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at the Decatur Community Center, where instructions will be given and kits will be distributed.

In the women's clubs division, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry Dailey, there are the following: serving under captain, Mrs. Clyde Butler, are Mrs. Lynn Hann, Mrs. Joe Kaehr, Mrs. Leo Curtin, Mrs. Jethro Sprunger, With captain Mrs. Francis Ellsworth are Mrs. George Buckley, Mrs. Wm. Schnepf, Mrs. Clyde Harris, Mrs. Russel Owens. With captain Mrs. Richard Linn are Mrs. Jerold Lobsiger, Mrs. B. J. Thomas, Mrs. Denzil Dowell. With captain Mrs. Lewis Smith are Mrs. Fred Smith, Miss Charlotte Vera, Mrs. Art Burris, and Mrs. Pheta Igney, and serving with captain Mrs. Wm. Feller are Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. Walter Krick, Miss Alice Roth and Mrs. Ted Townsend.

In the church division under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. L. Harper there are the following: under captain Mrs. Chalmers DeBoit are Mrs. James Kocher Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Runyon, Miss Dianne Linn, Mrs. Dick Heller and Mrs. Alred Beavers. With captain Mrs. Joseph Azbell are Mrs. James Allen, Mrs. James Webb, and Mrs. W. Guy Brown.

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In the business and professional women's division under the chairmanship of Miss Fan Hammel there are the following: under captain Miss Glennys Roper are Mrs. Hubert Feasel, Miss Grace Leichtensteiger, Mrs. Vera Van Buskirk, Grace Weiland. With captain Mrs. Leo Kirsch are Mrs. Albert Anderson, Mrs. H. L. Frey, Mrs. James Newton and Mrs. Edgar Gerber. With captain Mrs. Charles Chew are Mrs. Kenneth Singleton, Mrs. John Terveer, Mrs. David Wynn and Mrs. Earl Sheets.

With captain Mrs. Faye Holthouse are Mrs. D. E. Foreman, Mrs. Wilbur Petrie, Mrs. Leon Bosse, and Mrs. Forrest Murray. With captain Mrs. Wm. Lose are Miss Rosemary Spangler, Mrs. Kathryn Nelson, Mrs. Ferris Bower and Mrs. Roger Schuster.

In the school division under the chairmanship of Mrs. James Burk there are the following worker: High school: Zane Zwick, Susan

Mayclin, Judy Brodbeck and Mike Kaehr; St. Joseph school, Pat Cook and Diana Baker; Monmouth school, David Caston and Sharon Harkless.

In the sororities' division under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. Clark Mayclin are Tri Kappa, Mrs. Irene Schuster; Psi Iota Xi, Mrs. Marie Anspaug; Tri Kappa Associate, Mrs. Mabel Murray; Beta Sigma Phi, Mrs. Ferris Bower; Delta Theta Tau, Mrs. James Newton. Roy Kalver has been named publicity chairman for the drive. Mrs. Harry Crownover will conduct the membership sale in Monroe.

In addition to the above named persons, chairmen, captains and workers from Berne will also attend the kick-off tea at the Center Sunday afternoon.

Gusty Winds Whip Rain Over Indiana

United Press International
Gusty winds whipped rain over parts of Indiana today in an April shower pattern. Colder temperatures were expected tonight.

Winds up to 42 miles per hour were recorded this morning and sporadic thundershowers pelted Hoosierland.

Skies were expected to clear tonight with temperatures falling from highs in the 60s this afternoon to lows in the 30s by Saturday morning.

But the cool trend won't last long. The mercury will climb to the 60s again with fair weather prevailing Saturday, and a further slight warmup was due Sunday.

Showers may return for another visit Sunday, and the five-day outlook indicated further precipitation Tuesday or Wednesday.

The mercury crested at levels ranging from 53 at Fort Wayne to 65 at Evansville Thursday, dropping to lows during the night ranging from 46 at South Bend to 56 at Evansville.

Rain measured up to 7 o'clock this morning included half an inch at Warsaw and a trace at Evansville for the extremes, with South Bend, Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Lafayette, Wabash, Logansport, Terre Haute and other points in between.

For the five-day period ending next Wednesday, the weatherman said near normal temperatures would occur. Normal highs are 52 to 66, normal lows 34 to 44.

"Warmer Saturday or Sunday, colder about Monday with minor fluctuations thereafter," the outlook said. "Precipitation will average .25 to .50 of an inch with showers likely about Sunday and about Tuesday or Wednesday."

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