

WAR TRAFFIC MAY ALTER VACATIONS

ODT Director Believes Busy Trains and Busses Will Force Split-Week Holidays and Many Other Changes.

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(Written for the United Press)

WASHINGTON, March 31.—War transportation demands, which already have caused the American people to curb their natural fondness for travel, will require tremendous changes in vacation customs.

Staggering of vacations throughout the year, and commencement and termination of vacations in mid-week, will be necessary if railroads and bus lines are to accommodate the anticipated volume of vacation travel.

Further curtailment of relatively nonessential travel also will be necessary. It is estimated that the travel of approximately 25 per cent of the passengers on trains and busses today is comparatively nonessential—week-end trips by civilians to the city or the country, trips for the purpose of making social visits, and the like.

The transportation lines cannot carry, in addition, thousands of vacation travelers—the total swelled by those who normally would use their automobiles for vacation trips—unless there is a reduction of this nonessential civilian travel, and unless the vacation travelers avoid peak traffic days.



Mr. Eastman

Up 83 Per Cent

Passenger traffic on the railroads increased 83 per cent last year, and a further rise of 20 per cent is expected this year. Inter-city bus traffic has been showing like increases. More troop movements, more thorough travel, more war-connected business travel are mainly responsible for this growth.

The railroads are getting no new passenger equipment, and few new inter-city busses have become available.

In these circumstances, the non-essential and the less essential passenger traffic must give right of way to the essential traffic. Since

vacations, particularly for persons working under wartime strains, are important to health and morale, the travel involved may be considered desirable, but it can be handled only under favorable conditions, and it must be held to as low a minimum as possible.

Little Space Seen

The prospect is that there will be little space on trains or busses during the coming summer for persons wanting to take week-end trips to the shore or the mountains or long tours around the country.

Vacationers should plan to use public transportation facilities only to go to, and return from, the place where the annual vacation is spent. And it will be necessary for them to spend their vacations at places near home.

Heavy war passenger and freight traffic, as well as lack of new passenger equipment, limits the ability of the railroads to provide passenger service. The railroads are now performing more than one and one-half times as much freight service as in the last war.

This traffic results not only from the magnitude of current war production, but from diversion to the rails of a large volume of traffic that formerly moved by water between the coasts or along the coasts, and from shifting of part of the highway truck traffic to the railroads. There has been, as well, a large shift in the pattern of traffic flow.

See Further Change

While every effort is being made to keep as many trucks running in essential operations as possible, some further shifting of truck traffic to the rails is likely this year.

The rising output of war plants will account for most of the rest of an anticipated increase of about 10 per cent in railroad freight traffic. Such traffic last year was already 34 per cent above the previous all-time record established in 1941.

The load on all type of transportation will be so heavy, from now until the end of the war, that there will be continuous need to avoid wasteful and inefficient use of carrier facilities and to conserve equipment in every possible way. Any civilian demands that would interfere with smooth functioning of the transportation systems will have to give way to the necessity of keeping war traffic moving.

PLANS VICTORY PARTY

Banner Temple No. 37, Pythian Sisters, will give a victory party at the Food Craft shop at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow. Mrs. Katherine Perry will be hostess.

Fiber Cans for Coffee



Housewives may expect to see fiber coffee cans soon. They're coming off the production line at the American Can Co. plant, Brooklyn. H. M. Brundage (right) of war production board, examines one.

OWI BOOKLET HITS INFLATION

Peace Impossible if Rising Costs Upset Economy, Pamphlet Says.

WASHINGTON, March 31 (U. P.).—The office of war information today made public its handbook, "Battle Stations for All," describing the government's program to fight inflation and control living costs.

The booklet, based on explanations of policy by President Roosevelt and Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes and other agency heads, emphasizes the need to hold wage increases within the "little steel" ceiling formula. Excessive spending power, it said, should be drawn off through higher taxes and compulsory saving and people guaranteed minimum essentials of food and other necessities.

Pointing out that the longer it takes to mobilize the home front, the longer the war will last, the book says that inflation "makes winning the war difficult and makes peace impossible."

Reduction in living standards, it continues, is our first contribution toward paying for the war. "Higher wages, higher profits, higher farm prices—any improvement in the position of any group would add to the costs of the war."

The level at which the halt has been called to prices and wages is described as "not unfavorable" to either farmers or workers.

The "ever normal pocketbook" is presented as a concept of keeping prices from going too high now so that they will not fall so far after the war. "All of us know that a family which saves wisely in easy money years can cushion itself against hard money days."

The booklet defends overtime pay for hours worked in excess of 40 as "a proven incentive to labor morale and increased efficiency" and as a postwar advantage.

FARM CREDIT AT NEW HIGH, PARLEY TOLD

Increasing production costs combined with farmers' efforts to meet food for freedom goals have brought about the biggest production credit business in Indiana during nearly a decade. F. L. Kerr of Louisville, Ky., told Hoosier credit association representatives yesterday.

Mr. Kerr, president of the Production Credit Corp. of Louisville, spoke before a one-day conference of Indiana production credit men. Attending the session at the Lincoln hotel were representatives of 10 production credit associations in the state.

During March, the biggest farm loan month in nine years, Mr. Kerr said, the Indiana associations have loaned farmers more than \$1,500,000, "helping them to produce the maximum amount of food with the greatest efficiency."

AUDREY CLINTON WILL HEAD LODGE

Mrs. Audrey Clinton will be installed as high priestess of the Ladies Shrine of North America tomorrow evening in the Travertine room of the Lincoln hotel.

Installing officer will be Mrs. Roy L. Craig, grand recorder. Others to be installed are Mrs. Harry Halter, princess; Mrs. B. G. Crowley, associate princess; Mrs. Guy Sealing, recorder; Mrs. Amy Brown, treasurer; Mrs. Louise Sharp and Mrs. Jessie Pruitt, trustees; Mrs. Cloe Manis, first ceremonial lady; Mrs. Marie Katzenberger, second ceremonial lady, and Mrs. Charles Marshall, Oriental guide.

Also Mrs. O. L. Fevriar, marshal; Mrs. Faires Colwell, directress; Mrs. Matilda Tachudi, prophetess; Mrs. Kenneth Glass, organist; Mrs. W. W. Watkins, inner guard, and Mrs. E. D. Knickerbocker, outer guard.

A musical program will be given by Mrs. Olin T. Arbaugh, Mrs. Russell Fortune and Mrs. Glass.

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EVANSVILLE—RAGS TO RICHES

War Production Doubles Employees in Industry.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Evansville today was cited as a city which has changed from "rags to riches" through conversion of its industrial plants to war work.

This comment regarding the city is contained in a report to the commerce department from Robert H. Perry, regional business consultant for the department in St. Louis. The report is entitled "The Impact of the War Effort Upon Business in the St. Louis Region."

It says: "Evansville, as one citizen expressed it, was changed almost overnight, from 'rags to riches.'"

"The city's main industry in peacetime has been refrigerator production, but it boasts a considerable variety of manufacturing establishments. It is a transportation cross roads, with shipping facilities by water, rail, and air. It has less than 2 per cent foreign born, only about 7 per cent Negro population, and has been remarkably free from labor disturbances."

"Normally the city employs approximately 18,000 industrial workers of all types. Today 40,000 people are employed in war work alone and approximately 13,000 more are expected to be added to payrolls by June."

"This astonishing increase came about largely through recruitment of the labor force from surrounding counties, which has naturally placed a terrific burden on the city's housing facilities."

Safety With Glamour



Girl war workers will wear masks if they're becoming and the trend now is with that idea. This luminous mask fits comfortably over eyeglasses and keeps eyes uninjured from flying particles. Wide-angle vision is permitted.

SEEK BODY TRACES IN HOSPITAL ASHES

EVANSVILLE, March 31.—Evidence has been found to indicate that Mrs. Maud Maxwell, a missing employee, died in the blaze that destroyed the Evansville state hospital on Feb. 9.

Ashes have been found in the basement immediately below the third floor room occupied by Mrs. Maxwell and a flashlight known to have belonged to Mrs. Maxwell was discovered nearby. A sample of the ashes has been sent to Purdue university for analysis. The fire took the life of one other elderly woman attendant.

LE MASTER HEADS 'Y' MEN'S CLUB

New officers of the "Y" Men's club, elected yesterday, will be installed April 6 at the Y. M. C. A.

Officers are W. L. LeMaster, president; Dr. Francis Smith, re-elected vice president; Howard Williams, secretary, and Carl Douglas, treasurer.

SUBMIT POULTRY PLAN

CLEVELAND, March 31 (U. P.).—Poultry dealers of Chicago, Detroit and three northern Ohio cities today submitted a plan to the regional office of price administration designed to "unfreeze" the live poultry market.

TRAFFIC DEATHS AT 16-YEAR LOW

Only 1600 Killed in Nation During February, Council Says.

CHICAGO, March 31 (U. P.).—Traffic accidents caused fewer deaths in February than in any month in the last 16 years, the national safety council announced today.

The February death toll was 1600, a 32 per cent drop from the same month last year and a 38 per cent drop from the all-time high of 2570 in February, 1941.

"There is little basis for hope, however," the council said, "that the nation can expect constantly increasing declines to result from wartime traffic regulations. Our figures indicate a stabilizing of the traffic toll at levels from 40 to 50 per cent below those of 1941, the last pre-war year, when 39,969 persons were killed."

The cumulative toll for the first two months this year was 40 per cent below last year or 3330 deaths against 5500. Five states—Minnesota, South Dakota, Georgia, Virginia and Montana—had drops of 60 per cent or more for the first two months of 1943.

The largest city with a perfect record for January and February was Springfield, Mass. Second and third largest were Trenton, N. J., and Spokane, Wash.

In cities over 500,000 population Milwaukee, Wis., had the lowest death rate in February, per population with 6.1 per cent. St. Louis, Mo., was next with 8.1, and Detroit, Mich., third with 13.7.

ME CONSTIPATED? NO LONGER!

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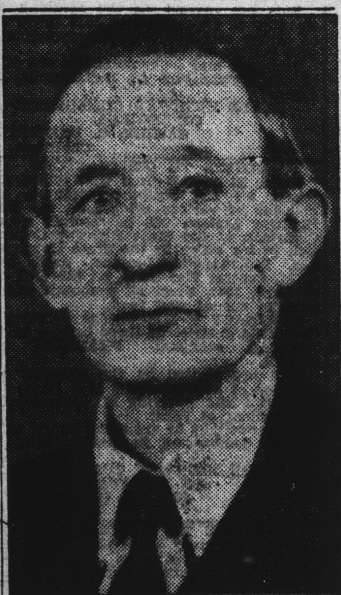
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MR. JOHN L. FAULKNER

Happy and grateful praise for Retonga and the welcome relief it brings is told in thousands of voluntary statements of well-known men and women in the public press and on the radio. Among the latest to come forward with his strong endorsement of Retonga is Mr. John L. Faulkner, well-known farm owner, stock raiser and merchant of Route 2, Mt. Sterling, Ky. Mr. Faulkner declares:

"I don't believe anyone in Kentucky has suffered more than I have with indigestion. It looked as if I would never be able to eat solid food again and I was forced to diet on milk and soft foods. What food I did force filled my stomach with gas that felt like it would cut off my breath. I was so constipated I was forced to take strong laxatives and I ached from head to foot. My jumpy nerves kept me awake nights and I often felt so stuffy and smothered I had to sit up half the night to get my breath. I spent money and spent money, but got no little relief I felt I was doomed to continue suffering."

"It will always be thankful for Retonga. From the very first bottle, I could feel I had found the right medicine at last. My appetite improved and I eat anything I want and don't fear the gassy bloating, pain and pressure. All my distress is

relieved and I don't have to take strong laxatives. I have gained fifteen pounds and feel strong and go about my work with my old-time energy. Retonga has been my standby for a year and I wouldn't be without it for anything."

Such grateful praise from one of Montgomery County's prominent citizens speaks for itself. Retonga is a purely herbal gastric tonic combined with Vitamin B-1, and is intended to relieve such symptoms as suffered by Mr. Faulkner when due to loss of appetite, insufficient flow of gastric juices in the stomach, the baneful effects of constipation, and Vitamin B-1 deficiency. Accept no substitute. Retonga may be obtained at all Hock's Dependable Drug Stores. \$1.25 also, \$1.00.

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