

S. P. TO PLACE 45-HOUR TRAIN ON CHICAGO RUN

Starting Jan. 4 Southern Pacific and Rock Island will place in operation a greatly improved streamlined Golden State between Southern California, Arizona and Chicago on a new high speed and extra fare daily schedule, making the overall run in 45 hours.

This was announced here today on behalf of both railroads by George B. Hanson, passenger traffic manager for Southern Pacific in Los Angeles. Millions of dollars in new light-weight, streamlined equipment, ordered during and since the war, will be incorporated in the five Diesel-powered trains needed to provide the service, Hanson said.

Under the new schedule, the Golden State will have an early afternoon departure from Los Angeles, leaving at 12:30 p.m., and will arrive at Chicago at 11:30 a.m. the second day. West-bound, the train will leave Chicago at 10:15 p.m. and arrive at Los Angeles the second day at 5:15 p.m. It will carry through Pullmans between Los Angeles and New York, and also St. Louis.

Because of unavoidable delays in receiving sufficient equipment to operate the previously announced Golden State, planned for service between Los Angeles and Chicago, Southern Pacific and Rock Island are assigning all new cars received to date to the new Golden State.

When placed in service Jan. 4, the new Golden State will

carry modern type lightweight Pullmans, providing section space, roomettes, bedrooms, double bedrooms, compartments and drawing rooms; streamlined lightweight day-night chair cars, coffee shop-lounge cars, greatly improved streamlined dining cars and commodious full-length lounge cars.

The exterior of the new Golden State will be of stainless steel color below the window line and Southern Pacific red above and on the roofs. The colors of the train interiors reflect the coloring of the Southwest, such as the tans and browns of the date and other palm trees, the blue-green of the mesquite and maguay plants and yellows from the palo verde and acacia.

All of the new cars on the Golden State have the most recently devised air-conditioning apparatus, as well as zone control to provide an even distribution of heat throughout the cars. Multi-vent ceilings provide another feature designed to insure proper ventilation at all times. Coil spring trucks, roller bearings and snubbers, and rubber padded gears and buffers to minimize vibration and track noise while the train is in motion, are other mechanical features.

An extra fare of \$10 for sleeping car passengers and \$3.50 for chair car passengers will be charged between Los Angeles and Chicago.

Jurors Hit City Jails

The Los Angeles County Grand Jury issued an ultimatum to chiefs of police of four Southern California communities to "clean up or shut up" their jails because of unsanitary conditions.

The Grand Jury at a recent hearing charged that unsanitary conditions existed in the jails of El Monte, Montebello, Alhambra and nearby Hawthorne.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR LOS ANGELES YEAR SUBMITTED

If the Los Angeles school calendar for 1948-49 recommended by Vierling Kersey, superintendent of the Los Angeles School District finally is adopted, there will be a 200-day school year with 180 days of teaching.

Tentative opening date is Monday, Sept. 13, 1948, with Friday June 17, 1949 as the date of school closing.

The board will act on Kersey's recommendation Jan. 1.

BIRD'S EGGS

The eggs of birds that breed on rock ledges without building nests are very pointed, so that the eggs will tend to roll about in a small circle instead of rolling off the ledge.

UNDERWATER FLIGHT

Penguins literally "fly" under water. These birds use their flattened wings to drive them through the water swiftly and gracefully, extending their feet behind them to serve as rudders.

HARBOR CHAMBERS MEET TODAY TO ELECT OFFICERS

Officers of the Harbor district chambers of commerce for 1948 will be elected at 5 p.m. today at a meeting in the First Methodist church, 16635 S. Paramount Blvd., Hynes.

Competing for the presidency will be Lee D. Mathews of the South Side Chamber and D. Clifford Higgins of the Manhattan Beach Chamber.



"It's just that Alvin gets lost in his reading—and besides you're always saying I should go with someone with culture!"

GAS PROMOTION TOLD TO APPLIANCE DEALERS

How customers and merchants alike are to benefit by the current "Gas Has Got It" campaign, a national gas industry promotion, was told to Torrance and Lomita appliance dealers recently at a meeting held at the Odd Fellows Lodge, 709 East Compton Blvd., Compton, under the sponsorship of Southern California Gas Company.

Present, in addition to local dealers, were nearly 175 representatives from practically every gas appliance merchandising organization in the Southwestern Area. Paul Walter, Southern Division manager of the company, was chairman of the meeting.

Details of the gas industry campaign, together with information about the latest development in the co-operative dealer program, launched more than a year ago, were presented by other gas company speakers, including Frank Foster, manager of residential sales and promotion; H. M. O'Haver, general supervisor of dealer sales; R. M. Crosby, sales promotion assistant; and Harry Pottle, division sales supervisor.

Foster explained that the "Gas Has Got It" promotion had its inspiration in a national survey of cooking needs and preferences made by the Elmo Roper organization. The survey showed that homemakers in the

Health Officer Urges Safety On Christmas

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., Los Angeles County Health Officer

Parents may have learned by experience what toys not to buy for their children. However, it is well-meaning but thoughtless friends who do not always realize the hidden danger in certain innocent looking playthings they purchase for Christmas gifts.

Toys for the young child should be unbreakable. Toys should not have sharp edges and should be painted with harmless vegetable dye paint that does not chip. Toys for the baby should never be so small that they can be placed in the mouth. Furthermore, they should be solidly constructed so that they cannot be pulled apart and the pieces, such as whistles, buttons and handles, swallowed.

Second-hand toys for the growing child are adequate in many instances. In fact, it is better to purchase a used tricycle of the right size for a child rather than buying a new expensive one which is too large with the expectation that the child will grow up to it. Fit the toys to the size of the children, passing them on to some other youngster when outgrown, or trade them in for another next year. A toy that is too large or beyond the age of the child causes him to become disgusted and careless with it. Under such circumstances it becomes a definite accident hazard.

Care should be taken, however, in purchasing second-hand toys to see that they are in good mechanical condition. A defective bike tire or a crystallized scooter shaft can cause serious damage.

Pets are good presents. Antirabies shots should, of course, be given to dogs. Toy guns, but be sure they are toys, or the new safety film for home moving picture projectors are also acceptable and safe remembrances.

Spread The Load Postmasters Ask Yuletide Mail

Postmasters C. Earl Conner of Torrance, and Earl Fishel of Lomita, yesterday requested public cooperation in handling the heavy Christmas mailing load. They asked that people begin mailing their Christmas cards and packages at once, and that they space out their mailings over several days so that mail will arrive at the post office in a steady stream, instead of in huge bunches.

"Many persons have their Christmas lists a most complete, but are delaying until they can fill in just a few missing addresses," the postmasters said. "It would help us a great deal if next week these people would mail all the cards and gifts they have ready or can get ready."

Full and correct addresses are essential, and use of zone numbers helps greatly in sorting the mail for delivery, they said. Packages must be wrapped securely with strong paper and heavy twine, and it's a good idea to repeat the address inside the outer wrappings. Christmas cards should be tied in bundles, with all envelopes facing the same way and the stamps in the same corner.

The postmasters asked that all Christmas cards and packages for out-of-state delivery be in the mails by Dec. 10, and that local cards be mailed by Dec. 15 to insure delivery before Christmas.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania leads the list of mineral producing states of this country in income from that source.

A TIP FROM SANTA

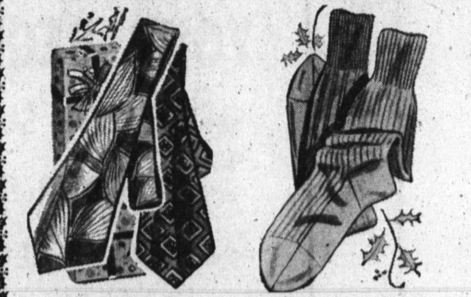
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