

SAYS RAILWAYS HAVE MADE GOOD OF LATE

DURING PAST 8 YEARS

Speaker at Dekalb Kiwanis Meet Declares Since Roads Were Returned to Owners Gains Steady

"That the railroads have made good in the past eight years cannot be successfully denied," said C. D. Morris of the Western Railways' Committee on Public Relations, Chicago, in an address before the Dekalb Kiwanis club recently. "It is now just eight years since the railroads were returned to their rightful owners after a disastrous experience of twenty-six months under federal operation. They were returned under an implied assurance from the government that if they were honestly, efficiently and economically operated they would be permitted to earn a reasonable return on their valuation as fixed by the government."

"So far as the railroads are concerned they have made good on their part of this contract. They accepted the transportation law of 1920 in good faith, determined to justify their demand for a reasonable return by providing the people the best transportation service they have ever enjoyed and at the lowest possible charge. In pursuance of this policy, adopted in 1920 and faithfully adhered to, it can truthfully be said that the railroads are in better condition to furnish satisfactory service today than at any previous time in their history. This condition has been brought about by the fact that for the period of eight years the roads have given unusual attention to maintenance and development work, not alone with respect to roadbed and tracks, but with respect to equipment and terminal facilities as well."

Expended Billions

"In the five years ending with 1927 the railroads expended four billion dollars of new money in the improvement and development of their properties, most of which money it was necessary for them to borrow. One-half of this enormous sum went for the improvement of roadway and structures and one-half of it went into new equipment. As a result they now have ample equipment, modern in character, to meet every traffic emergency, while their tracks

and bridges have been placed in condition to support much heavier loadings than was formerly possible, thereby adding materially to the economy with which traffic can be handled.

"It would be impossible to adequately estimate just what this means to the country commercially. Car shortages have disappeared, time in transit has been reduced, investment on invoice account has been greatly decreased, danger to cargoes has been materially lessened, while a general feeling of confidence in the dependability of railway service has taken the place of doubt and misgivings, all of which has contributed to the satisfaction and safety of doing business. Occasionally criticism is yet heard but, as a general thing, our transportation service has never been more satisfactory, nor has it ever been furnished, relatively speaking, at lower cost to the shipper."

Cheap Politicians

"Notwithstanding these conditions are known and appreciated by business men, there is still a class of politicians who are constantly seeking to further handicap the roads by exciting prejudice against them and adding, if possible, to the severity of their regulation by the government. In other words, we still have among us a few who imagine they can build themselves up by destroying some one else—politicians who seek to popularize themselves by arousing, particularly among the farmers, an unreasoning and unreasonable animosity against the railroads."

TELLS WHY MEN ARE DISSATISFIED HUSBIES

Eleven Reasons Given by Them in Questionnaire; Temperament Leads

A cross section view of matrimony, conducted by means of examinations made of 100 men and 100 women in New York, has revealed that on the part of the men at least the wedded state is not satisfactory in a majority of cases.

Figures published in the July Woman's Home Companion show that 61 of the 100 men were able to think of 233 complaints against their wives, that seven of these married males began to be "seriously dissatisfied" with their prospective mates while they were still engaged, while eight admitted that they weren't sure of success in matrimony, even "from the beginning." Eleven kinds of things were blamed for their dissatisfaction by the men, there being: temperamental dissatis-

factions, 49; physical dissatisfactions, 39; lack of personal freedom, 10; ill health, 10; jealousy, 8; troubles over children, 8; economic troubles, 8; friction over relatives, 7; social life spoiled by wife, 5; vocation interferes with marriage, 2; religious conflicts, 1; "everything wrong," 2.

"Most of the dissatisfied husbands," says the report, had many causes of dissatisfaction. One man had a dozen troubles on his mind. There were only 15 who had only one dissatisfaction to brood over.

Among the men examined 22 were in business, 32 were in professions, 26 worked in literature or the arts, among these being a poet, a publisher, actors and editors and playwrights.

STATE ORGANIZING ARSON SQUADS NOW

PURPOSE TO SAVE TIME

Eliminates Delay in Investigation of Suspicious Instances of Fires Possibly Criminal

State Fire Marshal S. L. Legreid has taken up the work of organization of arson squads in the larger centers of the state with a view of securing immediate first hand information of all questionable fires. Cooperation of the local authorities is being secured and the organization work will be extended to the most remote communities.

"The greatest handicap which the state fire marshal has to contend with in investigating suspicious fires is that considerable time frequently elapses before our representative can get on the scene," says Mr. Legreid. "The function of the local arson squad is to get on the job immediately after the fire department suspects anything wrong with the fire."

"All of the first hand information will be collected and preserved, with

the premises placed under guard, if necessary, and a searching investigation started immediately. As soon as the investigation has developed far enough to indicate that the fire was probably of incendiary origin this office will be notified and we will immediately join in the pushing of the investigation.

"An arson squad consists of one representative each from the fire and police departments and one representative chosen by the Chamber of Commerce or other civic body. Our men will instruct them carefully in their duties so that the squad will function efficiently."

"Despite all of the fire prevention efforts which have been made, the fire loss in this country has been growing tremendously. There is little question that incendiary losses are responsible for this. I believe that arson squads functioning throughout the state will do more to curb incendiary losses than any other one thing. A swift and sure investigation enhances the possibility of conviction and is also a deterrent to the fire bug."

Two Districts

Organization work in the state is started by Mr. Legreid in two districts in the northern part of the state, but the work will be pushed steadily until similar squads have been formed in all sections of the state.

Counties in the first district are: Jo Davies, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Lake, Carroll, Ogle, DuPage, Whiteside, Lee, DeKalb, Kendall, and the northern portions of Rock Island, Henry, Bureau, LaSalle, Grundy and Will.

Counties in the second district are: Mercer, Henderson, Hancock, Adams, Pike, Brown, McDonough, Warren, Knox, Fulton, Peoria, Stark, the western portions of Marshall and Putnam and the southern portions of Bureau, Henry and Rock Island.

Parents remark, that if they let their children alone, then they do undesirable things, and if they forbid them doing these things, then they do them still more.

Hints For The Home

Soon the roads will be dotted with cars bearing friends and neighbors from north, south, east and west of you—all eager to renew acquaintance after winter's stay-at-home days.

For a hurried luncheon or tea, what could be nicer than salmon or tuna fish served with thick golden mayonnaise; potatoes fried slowly in butter or margarine, so they are crisp and brown; assorted pickles and preserves arranged attractively in a condiment dish—and hot biscuits? These are homely foods, and inexpensive. But fish and dressing, pickles and preserves must be on the shelf—if they are to come to your rescue, pronto!

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A. W. MELLON, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, July 5, 1928.

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