

FAIR FARE

High Cost of Labor and All Materials Used Operating Carlines Are Given as Reason.

To the Editor:—You have, I am sure, read the award of the War Labor Board in what is known as the "Detroit" case, but I am taking the liberty of supplementing the press stories, with the following, inasmuch as the war affects our entire system:

The Board granted wage increases which bring the rate of pay up to 43, 46 and 48 cents an hour for the three classes of employees. This wage increase together with additional money which must be paid the men because of extra compensation for night runs, and changes in working conditions, to say nothing of the increased financial burdens which we must bear because of rapidly increasing costs of materials, equipment, etc. can mean only one thing—higher fares.

It is essential and absolutely necessary if adequate service is to be continued that our revenue be increased to meet the heavy demands placed upon it by the increases in wages as well as in the costs of everything else which enters into the cost of producing car rides.

While we have not as yet received the official copy of the War Labor Board's award no doubt the newspaper reports giving the text of the award are correct. There may be some points upon which there should have to be an official interpretation but in the main, the award is clear. To comply with the award, as its provisions are now understood by us, our revenue must be largely increased. Therefore it is practically certain that fares on all of the city lines of our system will have to be increased to six cents and a charge of one cent made for transfers and the fares on the interurban lines will have to be increased to two and one half cents per mile. We will, of course, cheerfully abide by the decision of the War Board and will carry out the provisions of the award to the best of our ability.

The increases granted are tremendous in the aggregate and necessitate a prompt revision of fares throughout our system in order that needed funds may be secured.

In making public the details of the award the War Labor Board took occasion to recommend to the President the enactment of a law enabling the government to raise car fares in cases where circumstances made such action necessary. The board also said that if such legislation were enacted: "We urge on the local authorities and the people of the locality the pressing need for such an increase adequate to meet added cost of production."

In view of the serious and unusual situation which confronts us we are bringing these facts to your attention and trust that they will give them earnest consideration.

Yours truly,
A. D. H. VAN ZANDT,
Publicity Agent.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at the Birmingham Michigan, P. O. for the week ending August 3:

Brown, F.
Dunlavy, Mr. Howard.
Helka, Clarence.
Nichols, Mrs. Elliot S.
Phillips, Mrs. Stella.
Senders, Mrs. Eva.
Weller, F. C.

POSTAL CARDS.
Bend, Miss Inez.
Dante, Mrs. H. J.
Whitman, Mrs. O. M.
Rayfield for sheriff.—Adv.
Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

ANNOUNCEMENT
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Regular Sunday Services for August 11.
Public Worship at 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School at 12:00 noon.
Bible League at 6:30 p. m.
Union Service at Baptist church at 7:45.

Prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 8 p. m.
Our church is cool and commodious. Come with us and worship in comfort.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Pat-
chett, of West Bloomfield, a daughter,

RALPH BINGHAM

ENTERTAINER



Cartoon by Fred Morgan in the Philadelphia Inquirer of the famous fun-maker who will appear on the third evening of our Chautauqua in a "Joy Night" supreme.

TROY U. P. CHURCH.

Crooks and Starr's Roads.
D. H. CURRY, PASTOR.

Owing to the absence of the pastor there is to be no services in the church either on August 11 or 13. The pastor hopes to return in time for services on August 25. Announcement later.

Miss Helen Worden of Kentucky is visiting Miss Evelyn Deer in Forest street.

Miss Stella Switzer has returned from a visit with her parents, at Carleton, Michigan.

Bert Richardson, of Bay City, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Clizbe, on Southfield avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kiberdy spent the weekend at their summer home at Walnut Lake.

Mrs. Jennie Warden and son Russell, of Ludington, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Green, on Brownell street.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robinson, of Anderson, Indiana and Mrs. Emma Robinson, of this place, have returned from a motor trip to Tawas Beach.



Profits and Prices

Profits may be considered from two angles:

- 1st—Their effect on prices;
- 2nd—As a return to investors.

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Is it fair to call this profiteering?

Swift & Company, U.S.A.

Mrs. Desale A. Hotelling, who is the original of the above picture is well and favorably known to many who read this article, as a very efficient member of the post office staff. Mrs. Hotelling came to Birmingham September tenth, 1916, and on September 13, went to work as a clerk in the post office, since which time she has served in almost every capacity in the office, with general satisfaction to the Government and to the patrons of the office. A ruling of the Postmaster-General, which forbids the employment of married women in the civil service, prevented Mrs. Hotelling from being appointed assistant postmaster at the time the office was advanced from third to second class and for a time she was obliged to work only when the necessities of the time required experienced help, which, however, was often enough to keep her practically a member of the force.

When our genial and popular mail carrier, Lloyd M. Symons was called to defend the honor of his country on the fields of France, it became necessary to secure someone to take his mail route, and as there was no one on the waiting list, and it was impossible to get anyone to take the position, the Postmaster-General modified his order forbidding married women a chance so far as this case was concerned and Mrs. Hotelling was given an appointment taking effect March 29, last. She is therefore the first regularly commissioned woman mail carrier in Oakland county if not the first in the State. Mrs. Hotelling believes in everybody doing their bit to help the Government and has bought liberally both of liberty bonds and war saving stamps, and she also thinks that others should do their bit by helping to make the mail route as safe and easy for the carrier as is consistent with good business.

She reports that there are 1,800 steps to climb on her route and in nearly every case the mail boxes could be placed so as to save all this climbing. We think that during these hot days 1,800 steps to climb and then back to work would make almost anyone take a vacation and we would suggest that all who have their mail carried out would place their boxes in such a position that they can be reached without carries having to climb to them. Unless this is done Mrs. Hotelling says she will be obliged to quit the route and it might be necessary to stop the delivery of mail altogether as the stopping of one route will automatically stop the other which is now held by George Anderson, that in justice to themselves and to the Government everything possible should be done to ease Mrs. Hotelling's burden. Mrs. Hotelling wishes to thank her patrons through

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the columns of this paper for what has already been done and to express her belief that all will unite and cooperate with their carriers, now that their attention has been called to the matter.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

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Sunday 11:00 a. m.
Sunday School same hour.
Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.
All are invited.

Mrs. Minnie Book has received word from her son Gordon O'Neal who is in the U. S. Army, that he has reached France in safety.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Duxton and son Clarence, Ernest Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler and children motored to Lake Orion Sunday.

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