

Chimes Tootle Like Whistle

Diesel's Early Horns Are Disappearing

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Those ear-shattering horns installed on most early diesel locomotives apparently won't last long enough to gain the spot in American life held by the mournful steam whistle.

Several railroads are adopting multi-toned air-chime horns which simulate the steam whistle's wail.

It is a public service, they say, to do away with the raucous blasts that have been termed "outrageous" in letters from the general public.

Some people claimed the strident horns are appropriate to the diesel, with its great power. But the public seems to have been mainly on the other side.

Set to Work
This, possibly coupled with nostalgia for sounds long associated with railroading, set railroaders to work several years ago.

The air-chime horn was invented by R. E. Swanson, a Canadian railroader in British Columbia.

An early report said that "a chord of martial music like that from a stirring Sousa march would sound like a steam whistle and have more carrying and penetrating ability than the ordinary diesel horn."

Actually, three main types of air-chime horns were developed. One has a single tone, one has three notes and one has five notes.

The five-noters (C-sharp, E-natural, G-natural, A-natural and C-sharp) and three noters (C-sharp, E-natural and A-natural) reproduce the old-fashioned sounds and are cheaper for diesel use than the steam-type whistle would be.

The air-chime horns operate on compressed air forced through a diaphragm. They require far less air than would be needed to sound an old-fashioned steam whistle converted to compressed air. Too, the experts say air wouldn't give the same tone through a whistle as did steam.

Some of the roads changing to the new horns picked the one-noters for switch engines, three-noters for freights and five-noters for passenger trains.

Boyle, Wife Observe Can Opener Week

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—Frances shook me awake at dawn this morning. I muttered sleepily, "Is the house on fire? Did the baby cut a new molar?"

"No, Rover," she said. "I just couldn't wait any longer. Let's get up and start celebrating."

"Celebrating?" I yawned. "Have you lost your marbles? What is there to celebrate on a Monday?"

"You've forgotten!" said Frances, accusingly. "I don't mind your forgetting my birthday, Mother's Day, St. Valentine's Day and our wedding anniversary. But how could anybody be so thoughtless as to forget—"

Tears glistened in her eyes. "Forget what?" I muttered crossly, feeling guilty.

"That this is the beginning of National Can Opener Week," she said.

Well, I did feel ashamed. Good old National Can Opener Week!

"I'm sorry, Honey," I apologized. "Just give me a moment, and we'll start the celebration."

Don Evening Clothes
After showering and shaving I donned my tux and black tie while Frances eagerly slipped into her evening gown. Then we went into the kitchen and pulled out all our can openers and put them on the counter.

We have 15. One belongs to Frances. The other 14 are mine.

Then we got out the silver polish and began polishing the can openers. Usually we just dunk them in hot water. But during National Can Opener Week we always use silver polish. It makes them feel more important.

Frances next tied a gay ribbon around each can opener and laid them all in a row on the dining room table. Then she went back into the kitchen and returned carrying a cake with 15 lighted candles. As she put it on the table, we both chanted:

Go Into Chant
"Happy National Can Opener week to you!"

"Happy National Can Opener week to you!"

"Happy National Can Opener week, dear can openers."

"Happy National Can Opener week to you!"

Well, you never saw so many surprised can openers in your life. They fairly shone with excitement.

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Truly, it is the can opener that saved America.

ROAD, AIRFIELD JOBS DRAW 6,000 BIDDERS
CHICAGO — In 1953 about 6,000 contracting firms, each employing 20 to 100 permanent employees, made bids on the highway and airport construction and maintenance programs in this country. About three billion dollars' worth of construction and maintenance work was completed last year by these firms.

It is estimated that for each dollar paid to a contractor on a construction job, the contractor has 67 cents invested in equipment. This indicates the 6,000 contractors have about two billion dollars' worth of equipment. The average contractor replaces 18 per cent of his equipment annually.

REBELS KILL PRIESTS
MANILA (AP)—Msgr. Silvestre M. Sancho, father provincial of a Dominican mission, has brought back word from Indochina that four priests were killed by Communist Vietminh rebels in the past four months.

LEADS IN ROADS
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Effingham To Dedicate New Hospital at Century Event

EFFINGHAM, Ill. (UP)—Bowler derbies and string ties, sun bonnets and sidewalk length calico dresses are common sights these days as the city prepares for a double-barreled centennial celebration May 14-16.

Effingham's 6,800 residents will mark the city's 100th birthday for three days—Friday through Sunday—with a program including dedication of the new 4½ million dollar St. Anthony's Hospital. The hospital replaces one destroyed by fire with the loss of 75 lives April 5, 1919.

Gov. William G. Stratton and Rep. Peter F. Mack Jr., will head a group of government, civic and church leaders attending the celebration.

Gov. Stratton will be the main speaker at the hospital dedication on May 16 and Mack will speak at the opening of the centennial program Friday, May 14.

Honorary Marshal of the centennial parade will be Lt. Gov. John W. Chapman.

Catholic Bishops William A. O'Connor of the Springfield Diocese and Albert R. Zuroweste of the Belleville Diocese will take part in the religious portions of the

hospital dedication Sunday Morning, May 16.

The newly chosen Mrs. America, in real life Mrs. Madison Jennings, Jr., of St. Louis, will appear at a "Fashion Revue of the Century" the first day of the celebration and with movie stars at a world premiere of the movie "Elephant Walk" here that night.

Will Name Queen
Effingham's centennial queen will be named at the premiere. Centennial celebrants will have a choice between two famous dance bands May 15 when Wayne King's orchestra plays for the coronation ball in Effingham High School and Duke Ellington's band plays for the centennial ball at St. Anthony High School.

The University of Illinois concert band rounds out the musical offerings with a concert May 16 at the hospital dedication.

Other centennial events include an egg breakfast—the first ever served in Illinois—May 15 and a variety show that afternoon.

Centennial displays and decorations rapidly near completion in local stores and the "centennial look" has been taken on by men who have raised beards for the past three months for the beard growing contest and the women whose old-fashioned costumes also will be judged for prizes.

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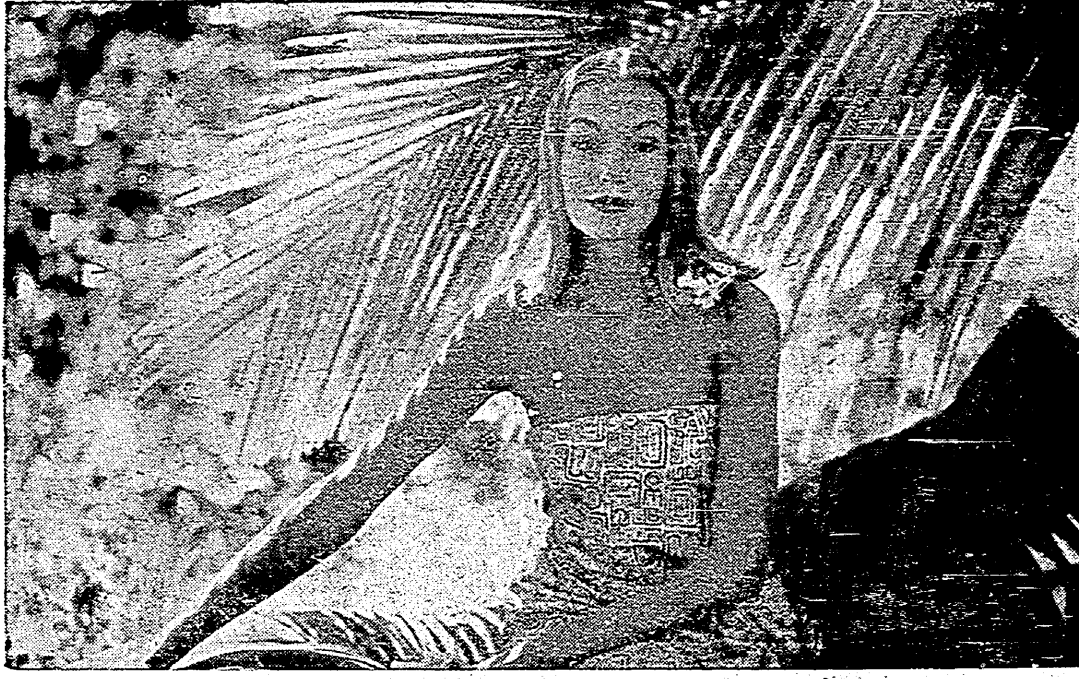
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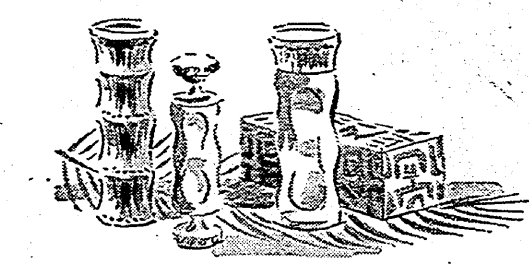
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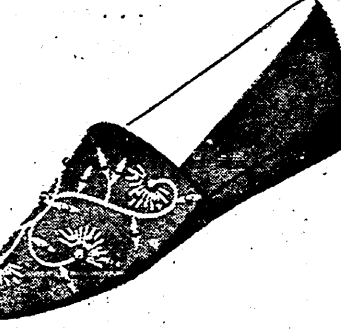
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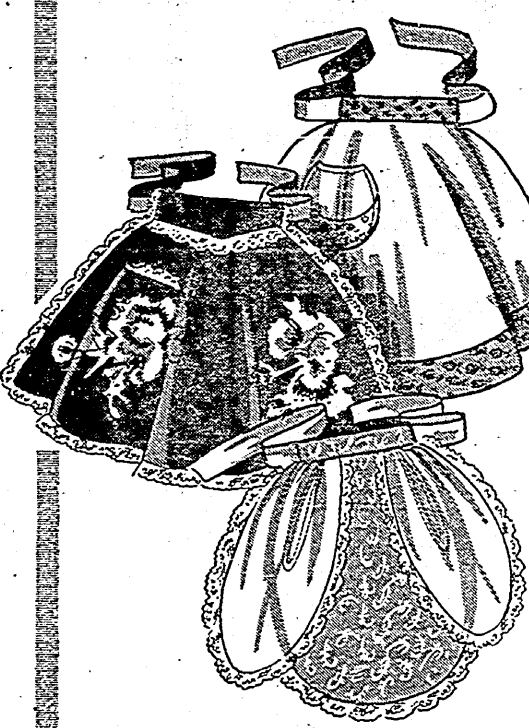


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