

Freight will move on this rail route soon

## New freight run starts next week Participating in the inaugural run

will be U.S. Sen. Roger Jepsen, R-

Iowa, members of the Iowa Depart-

the C&NW, Carcus Corp. and La

Jepsen will hold a press confer-

Monday or Tuesday to the Vinton

president of planning.

Freight service on the former Rock Island Railroad tracks between Cedar Rapids and Washburn is expected to begin early next week, according to officials of the Iowa Northern Railroad, a newly created Salle Transport. company.

Company officials Tuesday said a ence in Cedar Rapids at 3:30 p.m. special inaugural run on the line between Cedar Rapids and Vinton will be held Saturday, and the first freight run is expected on Monday or Tuesday.

The Northern Iowa, a division of the La Salle, Ill., Transport Co., will maintain its office in the former Rock Island station in Vinton.

The railroad will provide freight service for agricultural products and grain cooperatives between Cedar Rapids and Washburn, which is just southeast of Waterloo. The company plans to begin similar service on a section of the same tracks between Shell Rock and Nora Springs in September, according to Robert Willmott of La Salle, a public relations agent for the company.

eventually operate on approximately zine division that publishes Cricket 80 miles of track, which have been and Film News magazines. leased from the bankrupt Rock Island.

An inaugural run from Cedar Rapids to Vinton is scheduled for Saturday, according to M. Blouke Carus of La Salle, president and chief executive officer of the Carus Corp., of which La Salle Transport is a subsidiary.

An engine and passenger car will leave Cedar Rapids about 10:30 a.m. Saturday and return at 3:30 p.m.

### Nominated lowans win national honors

DES MOINES (UPI) — All four Iowans nominated for special awards from the National Governors' Association will be cited for their achievements —— the first time all nominees from one state have been recognized.

Gov. Robert D. Ray's office said the four are recipients of the National Governors' Association Awards for Distinguished Service to State Government and the Arts.

The four are Dr. Edward Stanek, director of the Iowa Energy Policy Council, Mary Louise Petersen, former president of the Board of Regents, and Hualing Nieh Engle and Paul Engle of the University of Iowa.

The awards will be presented Aug. 11 at the NGA meeting in Atlantic City.



Industry tax returns made public

# Utilities object to ICC rules

By Judy Daubenmier Gazette Des Moines Bureau

returns with the commission, cies. thereby making the otherwise confilic inspection.

voiced by attorneys for both Iowa sible to the public. Power and Light Co. of Des Moines Legislature's Administrative Rules Review Committee Tuesday.

At least two lawmakers expressed support for the utilities' position that the returns are confilaw and should remain so.

"I'm leaning toward confidentiality of tax returns," said Sen. Dale Tieden, R-Elkader.

. . I have to go along with the privacy. The IRS doesn't reveal the information and I think there is a reason for it."

"I think it's something we've really got to take a look at," agreed Sen. Edgar Holden, R-Davenport.

Attorneys for the utilities argued that both state and federal law protect the confidentiality of income tax returns. They argued that some of the information on the forms was

deciding utility rate cases, that what devising its own forms or could look at it in that light," he said. DES MOINES — Officials of Iowa was relevant could be obtained by come to utilities' offices to examine utilities are objecting to new rules of the commission staff by devising the returns privately. the Iowa Commerce Commission another form and that other informathat require them to file copies of tion on the tax returns is already sauce for the gander," said Cortesio. their state and federal income tax supplied to other government agen-

dential documents available for pub-objection was not to sharing the considerationas any other citizen." information with the ICC staff but to Objections to the rules were making the information easily acces-

"We are not hiding the informa-Co. of Davenport at a meeting of the the intricacies of tax returns," said Brent Gale, attorney for Iowa-Illinois.

allow the material to be published in quests. The new law gives the tion about affiliated companies, even a newspaper"... for review by commission just 10 months to though the affiliated firms are not dential under both state and federal all those who do not understand the decide rate cases. intricacies of tax laws and it would generate questions and more nonissues that would be raised in rate cases."

John Cortesio, representing Iowa Power, said the rules exceed the commission's authority.

"To file a tax return which contains information the commission does not want or need seems to be overkill, particularly when it is set afloat on the seas of what may be public access," he said. He added the rule amounts to "going after a fly with an elephant gun."

Cortesio said the ICC could

"What's sauce for the goose is "A public utility doesn't give up its rights because it is a public utility. A The attorneys also stressed their public utility is entitled to the same

He noted that Gov. Robert Ray recently refused to make public his tax returns because he considers them private.

were adopted by the ICC on an ers and watchees only." emergency basis to implement a

The committee has until Sept. 8 to decide whether to object to the emergency rules. It took no action Tuesday but indicated it will discuss the rules again on Sept. 8.

While some lawmakers supported the utilities in their objections to the rules, Rep. Ned Chiodo, D-Des Moines, sided with the ICC.

"It seems ironic to me that if all this information is available, why an industry that lacks public confidence would proceed on a course that would lead people to believe they've got something to hide," he

Chiodo accused the utilities of having an "ulterior motive" in opposing the filing of tax returns with the commission. He said by not making the tax return information easily available to the commission, require the utility to supply the the utilities would be able to hamper commission with new data which the ICC's ability to meet the 10month deadline for rate decisions.

or not a public utility wants its tax

irrelevant to the commission's job of obtain the information it needs by returns made public and you have to Brice Oakley, administraive rules coordinator, said sharing the infor-

mation only with the commission staff as suggested by the utilities would be unsatisfactory. "Someone has to watch the watchers and one way to watch the

watchers is to watch the information the watchers are looking at," he "That's one way of building

unhealthy relationships — by sharand Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric tion from someone who understands The rules, in effect since July 1, ing information between the watch-

Iowa Power officials also objected new law designed to speed up to another portion of the rules that But, he said, the rules would settlement of utility rate hike re- requires utilities to submit informa-

> Cortesio said in the case of Iowa Power, that would make confidential information available to competi-

> Andrew Varley, chairman of the ICC, said informationn on affiliated firms is necessary if the ICC is to get a full pucture of a utility's resources.

> He cited a case involving Iowa Power in which the utility had made plans to build a nuclear power plant and had purchased land through a subsidiary. After deciding not to build the plant, the utility tried to pass on the costs of developing plans for the plant to the utility customers, while transferring the profitable property to Iowa power's parent company, Iowa Resources, Inc.

> Gale also objected to other portions of the rules, saying they would the utility does not presently gather.

Meeting the ICC's new data "There is more to it than whether requests, he said would take "six man-months" of work.

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## ment of Transportation, officials of the C&NW, Carcus Corp. and La Bairstown Drobe Ince in Cedar Rapids at 3:30 p.m. Caturday. The first freight run will be on leads to lowa City

Co-op, where the elevator plans to BLAIRSTOWN — Investigation ship 25 cars of corn to Cedar Rapids into the early Monday slaying of where they will be picked up by the Amos Wesley Jellison, 75, of Blairs-Chicago & North Western Railroad. town has led authorities to Iowa erates the La Salle and Bureau Cedar Rapids office manager of the County Railroad in the La Salle area state Division of Criminal Investigaand the Blue Island to Chicago tion.

McDonald, when questioned late division, according to Willmott. Officers of La Salle Transport are Tuesday afternoon on the status of Carus, who is president; Art Nelson, the probe, said officers "are investivice president and general manager; gating in the Iowa City and Blairs-Edward Boll and Paul Carus, vice town areas." He declined to say why presidents; and John Gohmann, vice the investigation is being conducted in Iowa City, which is nearly 30 Other corporate operations in miles southeast of Blairstown. Mcclude Carus Chemical Co., Open Donald said interviews with friends, He said the Iowa Northern will Court Publishing Co., and a maga-relatives and neighbors of Jellison details of the slaying, including the prompted agents to check out various leads.

Jellison was found bludgeoned to death at his mobile home in Blairstown about 1:30 a.m. after his nephew, Daryl, also of Blairstown, La Salle Transport currently op- City, according to Tim McDonald, received an anonymous telephone call informing him his uncle had been injured and needed help.

> The Benton County attorney, Mark Mossman, said no warrants have been issued for the arrest of anyone in the case, but he would not comment when asked if any search warrants had been issued.

State and county authorities continued to cloak the investigation in secrecy, refusing to divulge further results of a preliminary autopsy performed Monday afternoon.

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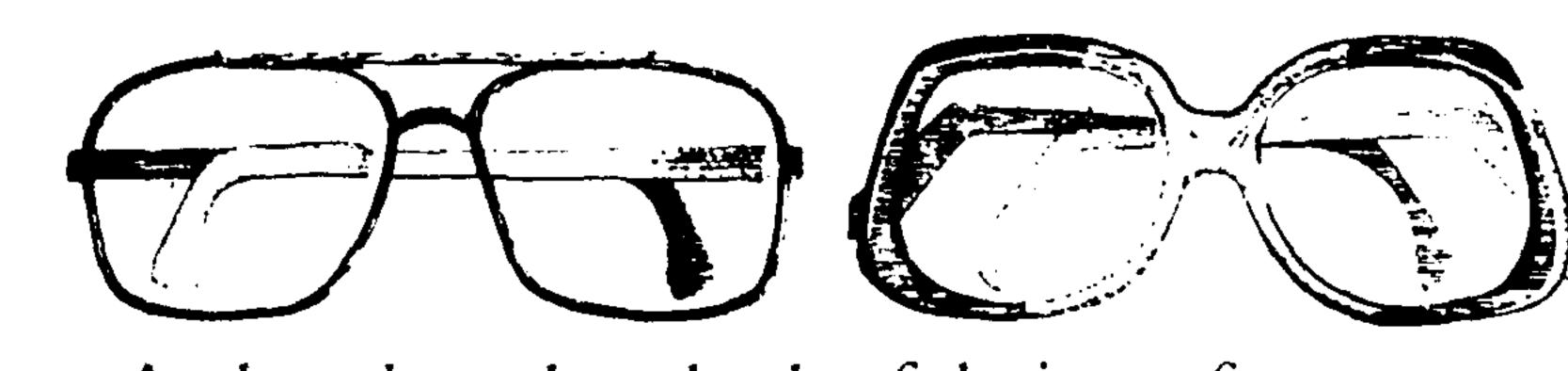
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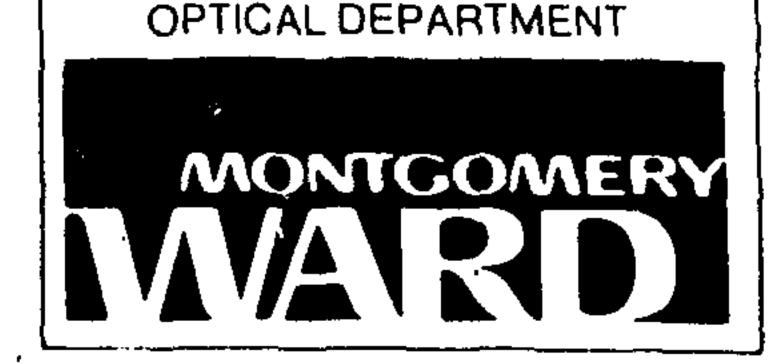
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The district's campaign committee, said can tax cut after he Chairman Doris Peick earlier had criticized Sears Portrait Studio of Cedar Rapids, cou-

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publican, with a com-plan, said Peick, the "We recognize the mendation of the state's Democratic committee need for tax relief, but three Democratic con-described the tax cuts the Reagan package gressmen for their op- as "weighted in favor of does not offer support

Tauke, she said, voted "for the Republithe package for containing too many 'Christmas tree' giveaways."

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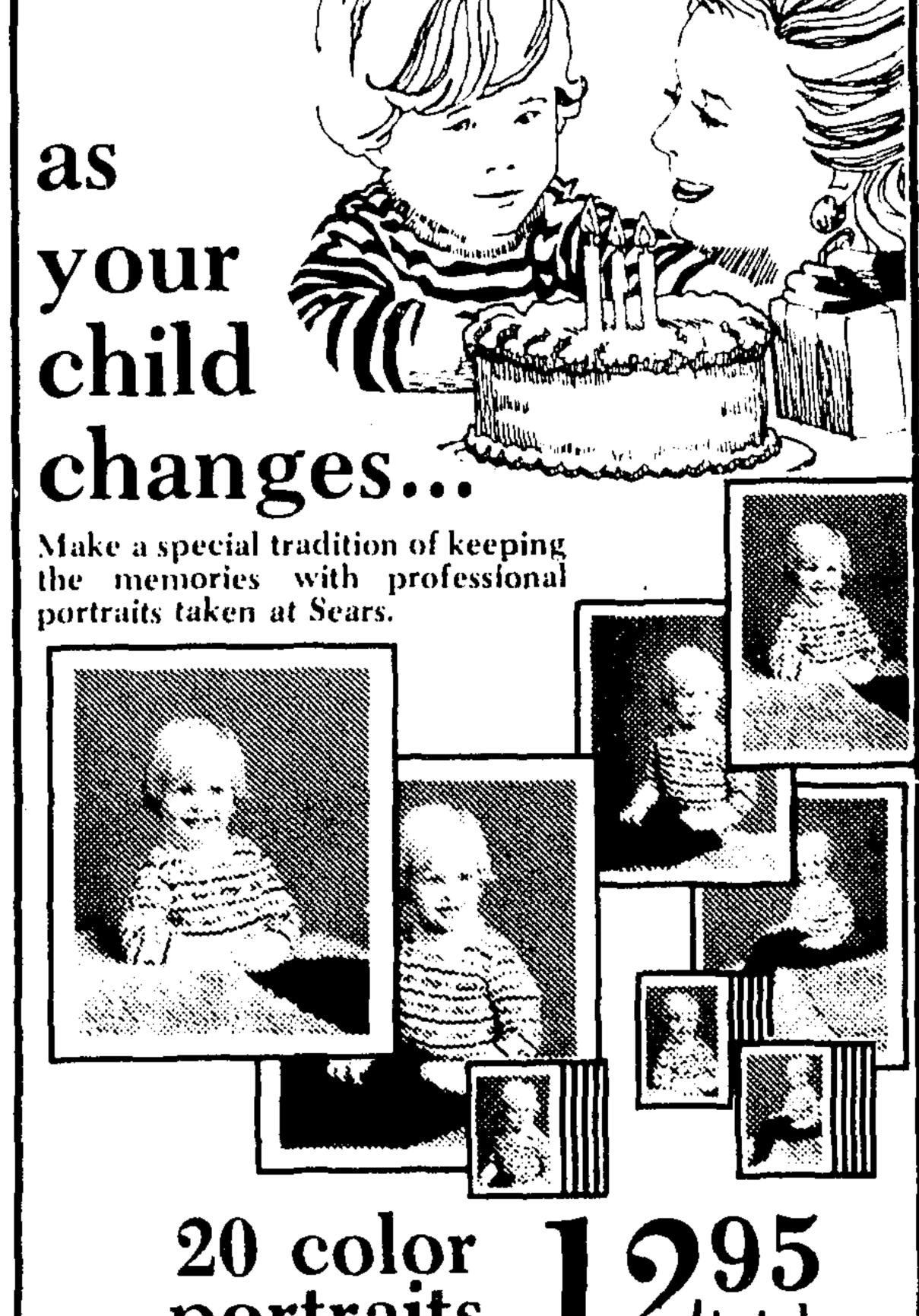
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