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"Very seriously affected," was how Mr. Philip Tuck, of Davis and Sons, Chepstow auctioneers, described Chepstow market trade on Monday as a result of the foot-and-mouth ban which covers Gloucestershire.

"We have only half our normal amount of stock and half the number of buyers. Normally we get four or five from Gloucestershire including one from the Cotswolds, but they are not here today," he added.

**STRONG** opposition to the reported government plans to decentralise the railways and operate them as separate regions has been recorded by the south-western district council of the N.U.R.

The council represents 22,000 employees in forty branches from Wimbledon to Reading, Portsmouth and Southampton.

The council adopted a resolution from the Wimbledon branch calling for vigorous action by the union.

Some delegates advocated a withdrawal of labour if the break-up of the B.T.C. materialised.

The council decided, as a preliminary step to approach the southern, eastern, London, central counties and Swindon district councils for a joint meeting to consider a national protest in co-operation with the union's headquarters.

# Newport man's son is U.S. senator

**T**HE son of a Newport man has been elected senator for Washtenaw county in the state legislature of Michigan, U.S.A.

He is Stanley Gwynfryn Thayer, son of the Rev. Stanley Thayer, of 36 Oakfield Road, and the late Mrs. Thayer and a cousin of Norman Morgan, full back for Newport rugby team.

Mr. Stanley Thayer junior was born on August 16, 1923, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, three years after his parents emigrated to America, where his Llan-hilleth-born father settled in

Michigan as a Methodist minister.

Young Stanley was editor of the school yearbook, an active debater, member of the school band, and emerged with honours for his studies in high school. He served in the U.S.A.F. in the last war from 1943 to 1946, when he trained as an officer in the medical corps. The Korean war also saw him in uniform, this time as legal officer for the American air force in Japan.

In 1948 Mr. Thayer graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in political science, and two years later

graduated from that university's law school.

Four years later, after more time in the services, Stanley Thayer began his law practice in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he lives with his wife Marie and three daughters, Gwen, Bobbie and Victoria.

He is assistant director of the university's alumni development council, and has served as chairman of the city Republican committee.

Since 1947 he has been a justice of the peace in the township of Ann Arbor, and has been acting municipal judge in both

his home town and Ypsilanti (Michigan).

Although Mr. Thayer has always had a great interest in politics, it was not until the early 1950s when his wife suggested he should stand as a candidate for public office that he really thought seriously about politics as a career. He enjoys campaigning, which he thinks is "tremendous education," and "is a way of informing people and of training a candidate for public office."

Mr. Thayer senior returned from the United States to Monmouthshire to live only last year.

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