

WM. VAWTER, JR. IN U. S. SIGNAL CORPS

News of the enlistment in the U. S. army signal corps of William Vawter, Jr., son of Mr. and

We Learned On Arabia's Sand Lots

THE DESERT ran a temperate. Nothing else moved faster than a crawl. A camel wouldn't walk a mile—if he could help it—not even for another camel. Trucks just groaned and gave up. Transportation, when this Company went after oil in Saudi Arabia some years ago, was gosh-awful.

But the headaches we had were all for the best. Trackless, blistering desert challenged our experts to devise transit that would make up its own roads as it went along. They designed special three-axle, all-wheel-drive trucks and trailers with very low-pressure tires that looked as big as a full moon.

Some of these quaint gas-buggies are enough to make you think you've met a dream walking—a bad dream, that is. But they're the first motorized vehicles to lick the desert. From their time, horse-and-camel days stretch back across the desert to the beginning in nearby Eden.

We enjoy those headaches today because we have been able to pass our experience on to our government, and some of the chaps who really grabbed our desert transport problem by its throat are now with the Army's desert forces. It's a comfort to feel that every lesson we learned on the vast sand-lot of Arabia may make things some mite easier for our desert soldiers—wherever they may be.

Standard Oil Company of California

Mrs. William I. Vawter of San Carlos, Cal., former Medford residents, was received here today. Young Vawter, well-known in Medford, successfully passed his examinations for officers' candidates school and was sent to Salinas junior college where he will take three months basic training in signal corps radio work. A talented vocalist in a number of orchestras on the peninsula, he is a graduate of Sequoia high school and San Mateo junior college.

MRS. MERRITT OF CENTRAL PT. DIES

Catherine Lucretia Merritt of Central Point passed away at the family residence Monday. Mrs. Merritt was born at Pontiac, Ill., April 3, 1870. She spent her early life in Illinois, and was united in marriage to Clarence M. Merritt at Clyde, Kan., in 1893. They lived in the midwest until 1904 when they moved to Colfax, Wash., coming to Oregon in 1908, living 17 years in Merrill, Klamath county before moving to Central Point, 17 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Edna Book of Bly, Ore., three sons, Elmer F. Merritt, John D. Merritt and Eugene Merritt, of Klamath Falls; two brothers, Will Fullerton of King City, Mo., and George Fullerton, Hanford, Calif.

Funeral services will be conducted from Peri Funeral home, Wednesday at 2:30 p. m., the Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment will take place in Siskiyou Memorial park. Central Point Rebekah lodge No. 165, of which she was a member, will conduct services at the graveside.

The Grange

Gold Hill Grange will observe booster night Wednesday at 8 p. m. with the public, especially prospective Grange members. After the program cookies and punch will be served by H.E.C. All Grange ladies are asked to bring two dozen cookies or juice for punch.

Grange was host to about 100 people Saturday night, including 18 soldiers from Camp White. Post lunch dinner was served and was followed by music and dancing. The music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dusenberry and son and Tom Henderson and Mrs. Janie Marsden with accordion selections by the Christensen sisters and little Ann on the flute.

Among the soldiers was Lieutenant M. A. Michele from New York state and Lieutenant Daniels from Georgia. Program and recreation was in charge of John Gray, lecturer.

SOLDIERS TO PICK VICTORY QUEENS

Victory Queens are being selected for the USO carnival to be held October 19 at the Oriental Gardens. Soldiers may vote any time during the evening for the Junior Hostesses who have registered that night at the USO center. A girl may attend USO as many nights per week as she chooses and at the end of each night votes are counted and a girl chosen as "queen of the night."

At the end of each week a girl is chosen as "queen of the week" and the four queens chosen over the four-week period will be final contestants for Queen of the Carnival. Votes will be cast at the carnival, counted at 10 p. m. and the queen announced and crowned. Girls who have been queens of the week will serve as princesses and accompany the queen in her crowning.

LIVESTOCK

Portland, Sept. 29 —(UP)—Cattle 250, calves 65, market rather slow on kinds available; few sales steady; steers \$11-\$12; common-medium fed heifers \$8-\$10.25; canner-cutter cows \$4.75-\$6; heavy Holsteins to \$7.50; medium beef cows \$7.75-\$8.50; vealers \$14-\$14.50; few to \$15; heavy calves \$12.50 down.

Hogs 300, market 10-25c lower, extreme top to 25c off; good-choice 175-215 lbs. \$14.65, few \$14.75; good sows \$12.75-\$13.25; feeder pigs \$14-\$15.

Sheep 500, steady; good spring lambs \$11.50; good feeder lambs \$9.50; range feeders \$10.50; cull and common lambs without bids; feeder ewes \$9; good slaughter ewes to \$4.50.

South San Francisco, Sept. 29 —(UP)—(USDA)—Cattle 250. Steady, quality plain; Monday top 997 lb. grass medium steers \$13.00. Today two loads common 850-940 lb. steers \$11.00-\$11.50, sorted \$10.50; medium to good heifers \$11.00-\$11.50; load good \$7.75 lb. c. w. \$10.00. Calves: none.

Hogs: 300. Around 20c higher; one load good to choice 188 lb. Oregon \$16.00.

Sheep 500. Active, undertone steady; good to choice lambs scarce, quoted \$13.00-\$13.50, package shorn medium to good lambs \$12.00-\$12.50; medium to choice ewes quoted \$4.50-\$5.00.

Chicago, Sept. 29 —(UP)—(USDA) Livestock:

Hogs—13,000; mostly steady; good-choice 160-300 lbs. \$14.65-\$15.35; sows \$14.85-\$15.35.

Cattle—9,000; calves 1,000; largely fed steer and yearling runs, bulk \$13.25-\$16; top around \$16.90 paid 1,400 lb. averages; several loads \$16.25-\$16.60; best heifers \$15.50; weighty cutter cows to \$9.35; heavy sausage bulls \$12.40.

Sheep—2,500; early bids on native spring lambs barely steady \$12.50 down.

Portland Produce

Portland, Sept. 29 —(UP)—Anjou pears were \$1.25 with fall butters around the same price as were some very ordinary Bartlett's.

Carrots sold 40-50c dozen bunches. Beets 35c and turnips 80-90c.

Potatoes moved \$2.50-\$2.65 orange box for best locals.

King apples were \$1.50-\$1.65 box for good sized with some uncolored Spies to \$1.25.

Dressed turkeys—selling price: new crop 36-38c.

Cantaloupes — Yakima standards, \$2.25-\$2.50.

Grapes — Oregon Concord \$1-\$1.10 lug.

Peaches — J. H. Hale \$1.30-\$1.40 box. Cauliflower — local No. 1 \$2.25-\$2.50.

Cucumbers — field 80-90c; pickling 85c-\$1.15.

Onions — green 50-60c.

Potatoes — Klamath \$3.50-\$3.70; Idaho \$3.40-\$3.50.

Spinach — No. 1 75-85c.

Tomatoes — No. 1 local \$1-\$1.10.

Country meats — best butcher hogs 21c.

Portland Wheat

Portland, Sept. 29 —(UP)—Grain markets: wheat range:

Open High Low Close Dec. 112A 112 112 112A

Cash grains: wheat:—

8, white (hd. wh. app.) 114; 8, white (hd. wh. No. rex) 116; hard red winter; ordinary 110; hard white-Baart.

Montana Wheat:—

Hd. red app. 14 p/c 131½; dk. nor. spring 60 14 p/c 138; hard red winter 114; soft white no rex 115; white

club 117; western red 116; hard winter 110 Baart 10 p/c 118.

Coarse grains:—

Oats No. 2 38 white 3225; barley No. 2 45 west 2700.

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Wall St. Report

New York, Sept. 29 —(UP)—A

spurt of activity in Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway stimulated interest in railroad issues on the stock market while the remainder of the list was irregular in quiet trading.

Santa Fe soared to a new high since 1937 at 50½ up 3½ points before running into realizing.

The rise came when directors declared a dividend of \$2.50 on the issue.

USO SPONSORING CARNIVAL OCT. 10

USO is sponsoring a carnival to be held at the Oriental Gardens October 10 with music, dancing, booths and stunts. An army band will be on hand to furnish music for the dancing and service clubs of the city are invited to set up booths.

The affair will give the townspeople, it was stated, an opportunity to get acquainted with the men at Camp White. War bonds and stamps also will be on sale and a large sale is anticipated.

Use Mail Tribune Want ads.



HENRY H. SHARP PASSES AGED 79

Henry H. Sharp, 79, a resident of the Table Rock district for the last 25 years, passed away at a local hospital Saturday after a brief illness.

Mr. Sharp was born in England and came to Canada when a young man and followed the mining business both in Canada and Alaska, and since coming here has also been actively engaged in that industry.

He leaves no known relatives in this country, but several kin-folk in England.

Funeral services will be held in the Conger chapel at 2 p. m. Wednesday with the Rev. Louis C. Kirby officiating. The remains will be cremated.

CORVALLIS HOLDS HOPE FOR HOUSING

Corvallis, Sept. 29 —(Spl.)—The Corvallis Housing corporation has met all the necessary requirements of the federal housing administration and at a meeting of the stockholders Friday night directors were given a vote of confidence to go ahead with the project which will re-

quire the construction of 100 units of housing.

JENNINGS—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry L., Jacksonville, September 28, a girl, five pounds, at Community hospital.

HUNTER—To Mr. and Mrs. C. J., Rt. 2, Ashland, September 28, a girl, eight pounds, at Community hospital.

HIATT—To Lieut. and Mrs. Harvey, Riverside Apts., September 27, a boy, seven pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

TESTIFIES — Elmer Davis, above, director of the Office of War Information, pictured as he tells Senate Committee that James C. Petrillo's ban on recordings by union musicians may hamper war information program.

BIRTHS

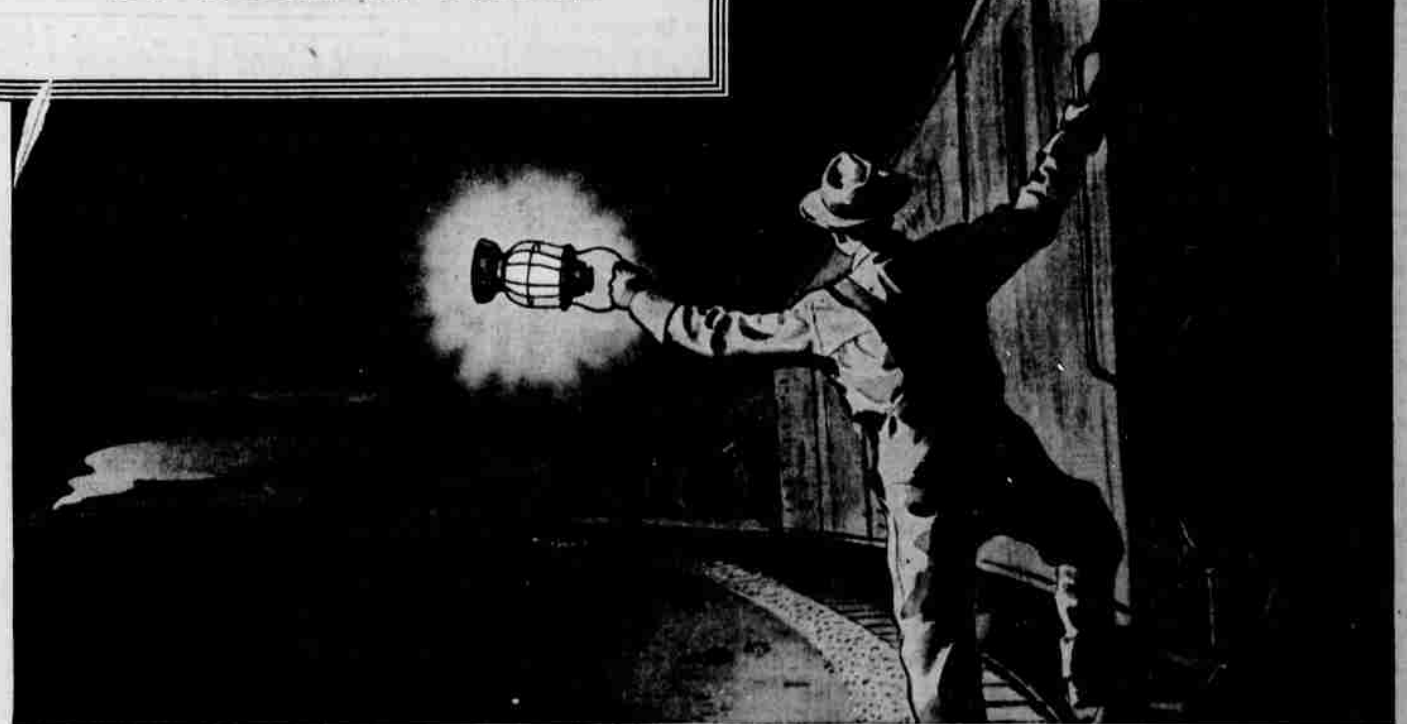
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When you do good work you like to have it recognized.

The encouraging commendation of Southern Pacific by the press and important individuals for the way our railroad has handled its wartime traffic under difficulties makes us very happy, too.

As the new President of Southern Pacific, it would be nice if I could take credit for this job, but I can't.

It is true that the officers of the railroad have by capable direction played a part by helping to make our equipment and manpower go far beyond normal expectation or accomplishment. But those who follow through, who actually move the trains and make the railroad run, are doing great work and they deserve to have you know about it.

The people who are doing this fine wartime job are the 86,000 men and women out on the line and in the offices — the engineers, brakemen and signalmen; the dispatchers, shopmen, clerks, waiters, trackwalkers and switchmen; the firemen, conductors, bridge and building men, telegraphers, porters and section men. They are proud of their common accomplishment and they have a right to be.

Southern Pacific's load is growing still heavier, and the next two months will be a peak period for us. But Southern Pacific people are doing and will continue to do the greatest job in their history. We officers of the railroad are proud to be part of such a team.

A. T. Mercier, President

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