

SP APPOINTS RAILROADETTE TO NEW POST

Mrs. Marjorie Jane Warren of Sacramento, a member of the women's corps recruited by Southern Pacific to help relieve the manpower shortage, has been appointed to the newly-created position of supervisor of women for the northern district of the company's motive power and car department.

Mrs. Warren will look after the activities and general welfare of approximately 930 railroadettes employed by the railroad in the territory from Oakland to Portland to Ogden, according to B. M. Brown, general superintendent of motive power. Particularly, she will see that they are placed in jobs best suited to them and that they are familiar with the company's safety rules.

2200 Employed
A former school teacher and practical nurse, Mrs. Warren went to work as a laborer in Southern Pacific's Sacramento shops last September. She was soon promoted to pipefitter's helper.

More than 2200 railroadettes are now employed in the motive power and stores departments of the company's lines. With 10,000 of its former employees in the armed forces, Southern Pacific has called upon women to fill many jobs previously handled exclusively by men.

PTA Notes

ALTAMONT ELEMENTARY
Altamont Elementary PTA celebrated Founder's day at a night meeting, Tuesday, February 9. The meeting was opened by group singing led by Mrs. Powers. After the chili supper, Mrs. Burt Hawkins, as honor guest, cut the birthday cake. Mrs. Hawkins, long active in PTA work in Klamath county, spoke on "The Pioneer Klamath PTA." Mrs. Larsen gave the history of the Altamont Elementary PTA. A short musical program followed including Mr. Pask, violin solo; Mrs. Moore, vocal solo; Margaret Johnston, vocal solo. Ted Medford explained the rationing program and gave some humorous sidelights. After a clever reading by Mrs. Kjerchug, games were led by Mrs. Lella Thurman and Nora Mettler.

From September 1, 1942 to December 31, 1942, the Altamont elementary schoolchildren have purchased \$1599.45 in war saving stamps and 32 bonds. From January 1, 1943, up to date, \$300 in stamps have been purchased.

ROOSEVELT
Due to the present war rationing schedule, Roosevelt PTA will not meet February 22. The next regular meeting of the PTA will be held March 9, according to tentative plans.

Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press
Production of butadiene is the bottleneck in America's synthetic rubber program, Harvey S. Firestone Jr., president of the Firestone Tire and Rubber company, said on a Portland visit, but he predicted the nation would stay on wheels until synthetic is available if it stays within 35 miles per hour and does no non-essential driving. . . . Capt. Abraham E. Salte, 85, Columbia river boat skipper for 62 years, died at Astoria. . . . Jackson County Agent R. G. Fowler predicted at Medford that Rogue River valley tomato growers would get \$25 a ton for field run, with culls out, compared to \$18 last year. . . . Six-year-old John Lawson, believed to have tossed lighted matches into the tank of an abandoned automobile, is in a Portland hospital with critical burns suffered in the explosion. . . . The Multnomah county coroner sought identification of the body of an elderly man found near a cemetery. . . . The men who contend they are duly elected officers of the Portland Boiler-makers union filed a suit in equity at Portland to force incumbents out of office, the new action replacing a recently dismissed mandamus proceeding. . . . The Rev. Thomas A. Steiner, C.S.C., Notre Dame, Ind., provincial of the congregation of Holy Cross, suggested at

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MRS. MARJORIE JANE WARREN

WINCHELL ORDERED ON INACTIVE DUTY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox informed the house naval committee today that he had ordered Walter Winchell, newspaper columnist and radio commentator and a lieutenant commander in the naval reserve, placed on inactive duty.

"I think the secretary did the proper thing," said Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.), committee chairman, in disclosing the action. He reported the order was effective as of yesterday.

Beyond the bare announcement, there was no explanation, but Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) recently charged Winchell on the house floor with making "inflammatory" and derogatory remarks about members of congress in his radio broadcasts.

Knox previously informed the committee that Winchell was on active duty as a lieutenant commander when he made several statements about which Hoffman complained.

Courthouse Records

Complaints Filed
Julia E. Roberts versus Clay Cecil Roberts. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. W. Lamar Townsend attorney for plaintiff.
Cecile Knight versus Hugh Porter and Earl Porter. Suit to collect wages and overtime, \$112.57, fees and costs. Edward B. Ashurst attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court
Franklin James Carpenter. Operating motor vehicle with no muffler. Fined \$5.50.
Thomas Edward Desmond. Drunk in a public place. Fined \$100 or 50 days. Committed.
Jake Buster Renie. Operating a motor vehicle when license has been revoked. Fined \$50 and \$7.95 costs. Committed.
Henry William Vincoe. Overloading truck and trailer. Fined \$35.

The war emergency is not being used as a cloak to cover unlooked-for reforms or change for the sake of change.—WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson.

Portland that elementary schooling be shortened by two years if the army continues military training of 18-year-olds after the war, thereby enabling students to complete two years of college before entering training.

Meyer Levin, Bombardier With Colin Kelly, Killed

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP)—Staff Sergeant Meyer Levin, 25-year-old Brooklyn bombardier who with the late Captain Colin Kelly bombed the Japanese battleship Haruna, was killed in the Pacific, his father, Samuel Levin, said today the war department had informed him.

The father said he received the notification Sunday, but that no details were given. Young Levin was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for a Haruna bombing, and won recognition on two other occasions for gallantry in action and skill as a bombardier.

Kelly lost his life in the crash of his plane after the Haruna bombing during the first week of the war. His ship had been disabled and he told his crew to bail out. He was given credit by the army for destroying the Japanese warship.

Levin was awarded the Silver Star after he scored a direct hit on a 15,000 ton transport in the battle of the Coral Sea last May, and the Oak Leaf Cluster for bravery with General MacArthur's forces in the southwest Pacific.

Levin said he believed he lived a charmed life. On two occasions, he was forced to bail out of his planes. When the Philippines fell, he escaped—on March 13—by plane. Then he joined a squadron in Australia and took part in more than 50 raids.

Blinding Curtain of Smoke Defends Panama Canal Zone

By CHANDLER DIEHL
U. S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Panama Canal Zone, Feb. 18 (AP)—Smoke—a billowing, blinding curtain of dense vapor that hides the Panama Canal and its vital areas in a very few minutes—has become a primary line of defense in the protection of this strategic waterway linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

The smokescreen has been under development for months and at present is reaching its maximum effectiveness.

Today, for the first time, correspondents were permitted to write about this new line of canal defense—although many important details naturally still must remain secret.

The smoke blots the canal from view far more quickly than one would imagine.

At the first sign of danger a siren sounds. The men assigned to the smoke generators rush from their alert huts with flaming torches in hand. They touch off the burners which are set out in patterns suited to the terrain and air currents. Smoke is generated at the instant of lighting and in almost no time the canal seems to disappear.

It is easy to imagine the plight of any enemy aviator who might, by some unusual combination of events, succeed in penetrating the canal's outer defenses.

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HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

By ANITA GWYN
Wednesday morning home room was extended to allow time to nominate three girls. The following are the words that appeared on the ballot.



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It will be announced later who the girl is who fills all of these requirements.

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GANDHI CONDITION THOUGHT SERIOUS

BOMBAY, India, Feb. 18 (AP)—An India government communique reported today that there was deepening anxiety over the condition of Mohandas K. Gandhi, now in the second week of his projected 21-day fast.

The communique said: "Although Mr. Gandhi had a total of nine hours sleep he is not refreshed nor mentally alert. There is other evidence of uremia, which is progressive. His heart action is feeble. Anxiety as to his condition deepens."

The report, signed by six doctors, including the surgeon general of the government of Bombay, covers the period up to this afternoon. This is the ninth day of the fast.

I didn't pray. I hadn't prayed much before and I didn't think it fair to start when I was in trouble.—James A. Whyte, British seaman adrift 51 days.

In a single year, 90,000 planes arrived at and departed from Chicago's airport.

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