

Phone Company Meets Wartime Service Demand

Wartime demands for telephone service on the home front and for the armed forces reached all-time peaks in 1942, according to the annual report to shareholders of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. issued this week by N. R. Powley, president. The Pacific Co. is owner of the Southern California Telephone Co., which serves this area.

"In this critical war period, our organization has the heavy-

Seamen Injured In Highway Crash

Two Navy seamen were injured Saturday afternoon on Pacific Coast highway between Crenshaw Blvd. and Hillworth Ave., when the car in which they were riding collided with a truck driven into the highway from a side road by Garrett C. Perkins, 21, of Wilmington. Herbert M. Bruckner, 35, seaman, of San Francisco, who was driving the car said the flagman who usually guards the highway at that point was getting a drink of water at the time of the collision. Bruckner said he swerved his car to the opposite side of the highway in a fruitless attempt to avoid the crash.

The injured men, Howard Estrate, 26, and Carey Williams, 37, both radiomen, 2/c, attached to Port Hueneque, were taken to Torrance Memorial hospital by Torrance police for emergency treatment and later removed to a Navy hospital.

American farmers in 1942 produced 20 per cent more food than 1939, but 13 per cent of it went to the United States armed forces and to our allies.

The accident prevention program of the U. S. Department of Labor saved over a million man-days for war production last year.

lest responsibilities ever imposed on it in the history of the company," Powley said. "With the full realization of these responsibilities, every effort has been made during the past year, as it will continue to be, so to conduct our work on the home front and for the armed forces that our company will play its full and effective part in taking our country through to victory and peace."

"To a sympathetic, understanding and friendly public for their cooperative assistance in aiding our company in its all-out war effort, the directors and officers express their grateful acknowledgment and sincere thanks," Powley concluded.

48 Hour Week

Another notable illustration of the fact that the American people are often ahead of their government leaders in recognizing the need for changes in their way of life to aid in putting the country on an all-out war basis is brought sharply into focus by President Roosevelt's recent action in establishing a 48-hour work week.

While there may be sharp difference of opinion on that phase of the presidential order which preserves the right of workers to overtime pay for work in excess of 40 hours per week, there will be little or no public opposition to the lengthening of the work week to 48 hours. To the man on the street, and the man in the field or the factory, it has been apparent for months past that it was foolhardy to attempt to wage total war on a 40-hour basis, and the demand for a longer week has come from the people, not from Washington.

Farmers, with no compulsion, other than their country's need, have been working 60 and 70 and 80-hour weeks ever since the war began, and thousands of men in business and industry, beset by problems which could not possibly be mastered in a nominal work week, have been doing the same. Now that a beginning has been made in getting rid of some of the luxury labor standards of peace time which have crippled the war effort, it is to be hoped that our leaders in Washington and Sacramento will go the rest of the way in stripping for action. An immediate objective in California should be the suspension of the archaic Pull Crew Law, which requires that six or seven brakemen be employed to do the work of two or three on freight trains, with the result that trains are delayed in departure by lack of workmen and vital shipments of war materials are delayed in reaching our fighting men.

President Roosevelt, in preparing us for new changes to come, has warned that all of us on the home front must "adopt for the duration a Spartan standard of living and take patriotic pride in it." The American people are ready for that; they just want it fairly applied with no exceptions.

Deductions Allowed Motorists On Income Returns are Listed

Southland motorists burning the midnight oil in computing their 1942 income tax returns, are entitled to list certain deductions which can be made for sums paid out or losses sustained in connection with ownership and operation of automobiles. Substantially the same deductions are permitted under both Federal income tax and the California personal income tax laws.

Deductible items are summarized as follows: All sums paid during the calendar year as registration fees, vehicle license fees, Federal use tax fees, personal property taxes, and municipal taxes.

Interest on money borrowed for the purchase of an automobile.

The amount of financing charges on automobile purchased, which covers the interest on the loan, when specifically set forth in the contract, but not the amount covering the premium on insurance to protect the finance company's interest.

Business Car Exemptions. Retail sales tax imposed by the State of California on purchase of tangible personal property—such as automobiles or accessories—but not the California gasoline tax.

Automobile insurance on cars used for business purposes.

Uncompensated losses sustained by reason of damage to automobiles used for business or pleasure.

Damages paid for injuries to persons or for destruction of property, provided the automobile was being used for business.

New War Power Act May Iron Out Difficulties

By United Press

California has a new war powers act and the Warren administration is going ahead with plans to coordinate defense activities as rapidly as possible, but there is still some trouble ahead before the federal-state-local situation is smoothed out.

Officials who have been handling the city, county and state defense activities have felt all along that the confusion in Washington has been of considerable harm to the defense picture.

It took quite a while for the Office of Civilian Defense to get organized and functioning on an efficient basis, and there are some who feel that even yet there isn't much coordination. And then there have been other agencies created to complicate the picture, such as the Office of Price Administration and its rationing programs, the office of War Relocation, the office of War Relocation, the office of War Relocation, the office of War Relocation.

Worthy of Operation. Rightly, or wrongly, most of the federal agencies have been dealing directly with local officials, by-passing the state council of defense. There have been times when local rationing officials would receive federal orders, or hear about it on the radio, and several weeks would be required before the orders came down through the various channels to the state officials.

One of Governor Warren's jobs, apparently, will be to convince federal officials that the newly-revamped state defense setup will be able to carry its weight and do many of the functions that the federal agencies are doing now.

Looking over the state as a whole, the defense arm itself is functioning in good shape. Local defense councils have done a good job in organizing air raid wardens, salvage groups, demolition squads, fire control and the other branches of the work involving large numbers of volunteers.

has been somewhat broadened to include deduction of expense of operation of automobiles used for the purpose of collection of income or for the management, conservation or maintenance of property held for production of income.

Non-Deductible Taxes. Where an employee receives an allowance or mileage from the employer for automobile operation, unless such allowance is declared as part of an income claim can be made by the employee for deduction on account of operating expenses.

Depreciation varies according to the use to which an automobile is put, ordinarily depreciation for a pleasure car being approximately 20 per cent per annum. Depreciation has been allowed in excess of that amount where a car is put to excessive use.

Non-deductible items include the California and Federal gasoline tax and the Federal taxes on lubricating oil, tires, tubes, accessories, new cars and trucks. A Federal ruling is that these taxes are imposed upon the manufacturer or distributor, not upon the consumer.

No deduction can be made for the amount paid for an automobile used for other business or pleasure, this being a capital expenditure and subject to claim for depreciation where the automobile is used for business.



TRIO OF CO-STARS—Maria Montez, Jon Hall and Sabu are co-starred in the Technicolor production, "Arabian Nights" which is now showing at the Grand theatre in Torrance.

Maria Montez wears only one veil in the Oriental dance which highlights the banquet sequence of Walter Wanger's "Arabian Nights." The veil, however, has seven colors for the Technicolor cameras, and is seven feet in length.

Maria's "Dance of the Single Veil" is a torpeshorean creation of her own, and is regarded more effective than the original "Dance of the Seven Veils."

The steps and body movements are taken from the ancient Arabic, and are strictly authentic. Research into early Arabian dance lore, according to Miss Montez, revealed that only one multi-colored veil, instead of seven, was the appropriate dancing attire for Scheherazade, the character she portrays in "Arabian Nights."

A T-Bone, Please!

The meat shortage (we're not going to try to solve it in this editorial) has not only proved that we are highly carnivorous by nature, but plenty cantankerous as well. In good times and bad times, we like our chops and steaks. But our cross-grained perversity shows up, according to restaurant proprietors, in the fact that the harder it is to get red meat, the more we want it—and order it!

In areas where the meat shortage has been most acute, restaurants which formerly served countless orders of chicken have almost stopped cooking it. No body wants chicken, it seems; everybody wants steak. Chaps who used to sneer if the waitress mentioned, "A T-bone, sir?" now glare if she can't produce it. And the thing that has the cooks mumbling in their beards is what in the heck became of all the cash customers who used to think that fried chicken and chicken fricassee were the most tempting items on the menu.

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P.T.A. Council Meet Postponed to March 4

The regular meeting of the San Pedro-Lomita P.T.A. Council which was scheduled for Feb. 25 has been postponed until March 4. Mrs. Cora Isaacs announced yesterday. The March meeting will be held at the Torrance Elementary school.

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