

Changes In Santa Fe Heads Given

W. M. Jeffers, president of the Union Pacific railroad, has announced several changes in the executive staff of the railroad, effective Dec. 1.

These include the election of G. F. Ashby as executive vice president of Union Pacific railroad and its lesser companies and Paul Rigdon as acting vice president of operations. At the same time Jeffers also announced the appointment of E. C. Schmidt as executive assistant, Dr. W. M. Barr as research and standards consultant and L. J. Bachman as assistant to the executive vice president and assistant secretary of the company and its lesser and subsidiary companies.

Ashby, now vice president and assistant to president, has been with the Union Pacific railroad since 1911 and is well known throughout Southern California. Rigdon, now office assistant to the president and assistant secretary of the company, began

Jeffers Announces Executive Promotions



G. F. Ashby (left), executive vice president of the Union Pacific Railroad, and Paul Rigdon (center), acting vice president of operations, both recently elected. E. C. Schmidt (right), promoted by President W. M. Jeffers to the position of executive assistant.

service with the Union Pacific in 1904 in the engineering department.

Last May E. J. Connors, vice president of operations, was granted an indefinite leave of absence by the Union Pacific to become associated with the Office of Defense Transportation in Washington, of which he is now the director of the railway department. Since it is indefinite as to when Connors will return to the railroad Mr. Rigdon has been named acting vice president of operations.

Schmidt, since 1936, has been assistant to the president in charge of public relations. He is a former Southern California newspaperman.

Dr. Barr, chemical and metallurgical engineer of the Union Pacific railroad, began service with the company as consulting chemist in 1916.

Bachman, who becomes assistant to the executive vice president and assistant secretary of the company and its lesser and

BOOKS DONATED

Over a recent two month period, the public donated 24,899 serviceable books to the Ninth Service Command Library depot, Presidio of San Francisco, California, the books are circulated by mobile field libraries, which make regular weekly visits to army units stationed at isolated locations.

subsidary companies, has served as statistician in the office of the president since 1922.

At the same time F. W. Robinson, senior vice president in charge of traffic, announced the retirement of L. T. Wilcox, assistant vice president of traffic, on account of illness after more than 42 years of service with the Union Pacific railroad.

Robinson announced that, effective Dec. 1, Wilcox will be succeeded by A. J. Seitz, now general freight traffic manager.

W. T. Burns, who recently went to Omaha from Chicago as freight traffic manager, will succeed Seitz as general freight traffic manager.

K. G. Carlson, formerly of Omaha and now assistant traffic manager at Los Angeles, will return to Omaha, succeeding Burns as freight traffic manager.



BILLY LEE METCALF... a carpenter's mate, 2/c, serving with the Seabees was recently awarded the Order of the Purple Heart and last week received a medical discharge. His wife is the former Billy Marie Stanley of 1637 203rd st., where she lives with her mother, Mrs. R. B. Stanley, Sr., and her small son, Ricky Metcalf.

Aviation Growth Of State Is Topic Of Conference

Discussions of steps to assure the continued growth of aviation in California will be main features of the California Aviation Conference Dec. 12 and 13 in the Hollywood Roosevelt hotel. Torrance will be represented at the hearing by Mayor W. H. Tolson and H. B. Lewis, executive secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Glen B. Eastburn, manager of the transportation department, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, who is director of the conference, said serious work and thinking on the part of California aviation leaders and legislators is needed to maintain in the postwar period the aviation leadership which California has had since the beginning of flying.

Airports, airport zoning, regulation, state and local government responsibilities and like topics are among subjects for discussion.

Creation of a state aviation commission charged with the duty of directing and developing the aviation industry and operation of air lines is being considered by the assembly interim

committee on aviation meeting in the state building under the chairmanship of Assemblyman William H. Rosenthal.

As envisaged by Chairman Rosenthal, the aviation commission would direct a program which includes zoning of airports; construction of airports in recreational centers now owned by the state; simplification of regulations governing air licenses to private and commercial fliers; establishment of aviation mechanics' courses in public schools; purchase by the state of surplus aviation equipment for use in schools.

ARMY CALLS NURSES
Major General William E. Shedd, commanding general of the Ninth Service Command, today appealed to qualified civilian nurses to respond to the army's call for 10,000 more nurses for duty in military hospitals in the United States and overseas.

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