

No Truck Too Heavy for Two Women Drivers

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No matter how heavy the truck, two Riverside county women who are now playing important wartime roles in fire protection can handle it.

The two are Mrs. Eleanor Schnurr, driver for the state forestry fire fighting unit stationed at Temecula, and Eleanor Hebert of the Perris forestry headquarters staff.

Both are licensed drivers, having passed necessary tests and proved their ability to handle heavy motorized equipment.

Mrs. Schnurr was formerly in charge of a state forestry station at Del Mar. Recently transferred to Temecula, she has already merited her reputation as a crack driver. Her work during a heavy brush fire that swept over a large section of the Santa Rosa ranch was lauded recently by fellow fire fighters.

Mrs. Hebert has been a driver since March and is set to go when needed. She readily admits that she spends some of her days off transporting livestock to Los Angeles. For three years she was an active driver of hauling equipment in the San Jacinto mountains.

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WOMEN GUARD FOREST AREAS

Two women, known throughout the state division of forestry as Butch and Addie the "suitcase" lookouts, are stationed atop Mt. Palomar watching for forest fires. They have relieved the monotony and lonesomeness by building a huge snow man in front of their lookout cabin.

The lookouts are Mrs. Eleanor Schnurr, and Miss Adelaide Carll. Mrs. Schnurr is a top-rate fire fighter, and has worked as a truck driver for the state division of forestry. The women spend their time now going from one lookout station to the next to relieve regular lookouts. They arrived at Mt. Palomar last week to allow Mr. and Mrs. Wally Rutan to spend their vacation in the city.

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Foresters Save House, Furnishings

A defective kerosene water heater was determined as the cause of a fire which threatened to destroy the home of George T. Hall, U. S. immigration officer, near Temecula yesterday afternoon.

A state forestry truck and crew headed by Orville K. Hammer and Eleanor Schnur, the latter one of the two women drivers in the state forestry in Riverside county, cleared the house of all furniture, saving it and most of the dwelling.

The bathroom and a porch near the rear of the house were destroyed by the blaze, reported at 3:08 p.m. Mrs. Harry Walters of Fallbrook is the owner of the house.

When trash was thrown in the Cabazon dump about 11:30 yesterday morning, a fire broke out which might have proved serious. The Beaumont forestry truck and crew, directed by Waldo Sherman, assistant ranger, got the fire under control before damage was done.

San Diego Personnel roster from 1946 fire plan... E. P. Schnurr, Firetruck driver = Eleanor Schnurr

STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY Fire Organization Directory San Diego County

PERSONNEL	POSITION	TELEPHONE
La Mesa Headquarters - 4715 Date St., La Mesa, Box 187-Homeland 6-3233		
E. S. Miller	State Forest Ranger	Bayview 5841
E. H. Bertsch ✓	Associate Forest Ranger	
G. D. Marvel	Assistant Ranger (Dispatching)	Homeland 6-3116
R. G. Marshall	Assistant Ranger (Whse & PE)	
Stuart T. Stuver	Auto Mechanic	Hilldale 4-7001
H. A. Holcomb	Sr. RT Technician	Homeland 6-3287
Mary D. Gardner	Senior Clerk	Homeland 6-3855
Leona M. Allen	Inter. Steno-Clk.	Randolph 8338
Grace O. Greene	Inter. Clerk	
Ramon Charlie ✓	Foreman	
W. E. Martin ✓	Forestry Equip. Oper.	Hilldale 4-5388
Ralph L. Fenner ✓	Asst. Ranger (Training & Prev.)	
R. Reynolds ✓	Firetruck Driver	Bayview-5813
E. P. Schnurr ✓	Firetruck Driver	
E. M. Lyles ✓	Forest Firefighter	Homeland 6-3378

Woman Drives Big Fire Truck

There's a lot of hard work connected with her job, but Mrs. M. Eleanore Hebert, State Division of Forestry employe in Riverside county, is equal to the emergency of filling a man's place in this war-time world.

Slim, titian-haired Mrs. Hebert has held several positions in connection with the forestry service in this county, including the important one of fire truck driver at the San Jacinto headquarters.

She worked first at a lookout station, high in the Santa Rosa mountains. She joined the state forestry division just two years ago.

Since June 1, 1942, she has served as a fire crew cook, lookout, dispatcher at the Perris headquarters of the county fire department and as truck-driver.

She wears the slacks and shirt and heavy boots of the service uniform, and her close-cropped hair takes a minimum of time from a strictly feminine angle.

Doing a man's job has always interested Mrs. Hebert, for she previously drove an oil truck between Los Angeles and Phoenix, Ariz.

She is a native of Los Angeles, where she grew up and attended schools.

Marine Visits Parents

NORCO—Wayne Keast of the Marines recently spent a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Keast. He is attending school at Redlands.

NOTICE OF SALE OF STOCK



ANOTHER BUSY WOMAN—Mrs. M. Eleanore Hebert, one of the county crew of the State Division of Forestry, is an old-timer when it comes to piloting heavy equipment. Formerly she drove an oil truck between Los Angeles and Phoenix, Ariz., but now she has a place with the forestry crew and on occasion drives one of the trucks which bring aid to fire-embattled regions of the county.

Charlie Van Fleet



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...but take a closer look at the tailboard, those are braids! and I'm pretty sure, that's Eleanor.

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Jobs As Forest Rangers to be Open to Women

Girl rangers and fire fighters will move into local forests soon, State Ranger Joe Scherman announced at Orange forestry headquarters today.

Shortage of manpower has so handicapped his department that he must risk the spark-producing presence of blondes and redheads in the forest areas, Scherman explained. So he has announced competitive examinations for five classifications of jobs in the state forestry division, to be held September 19, between 9 a.m. and noon. These will be open to women for the first time.

Femininity will move into the forest in such jobs as forest firefighter foreman, paying \$110 per month; fire crew cook, paying \$100 per month; fire fighter, paying \$70 per month; fire truck driver, paying \$110 per month, but requiring two years of experience; and assistant truck driver, at \$85 per month, requiring six months experience. In addition to salaries, the compensation includes board and lodging, or cash allowance in lieu thereof.

Examinations will be conducted at Scherman's headquarters.

Eleanor Hebert later married William Bradford of Aguanga. She died in 1955 and is buried in San Jacinto cemetery as "Mary Bradford"