

## **B) New Jobs Open**

Republic Aviation, June, 1942

### **New Girls, Switchboard For Telephone Division**

A force of five new operators and an additional three-position switchboard have been added to the Company's telephone division to provide 24-hour-a-day telephone service. The telephone department went into rapid expansion immediately after the national war emergency brought three shifts to the production lines and longer hours for office workers at Republic. When the order for immediate 24-hour service went through on December 15, the Company's three veteran operators, Jeanette Bohing, Dorothy Simpson, and Virginia Dick manned the switchboard night and day until additional operators could be hired and adequately trained to control the board. For a period of ten days the only sleep they obtained was snatched in the hospital bedroom at short intervals off-duty.

Newsday, September 17, 1942

### **There's No Stopping 'Em, Fellow**

First it was war plants, then the Army, then the Navy, then the air ferry service - and now women have invaded one of the last male strongholds, the filling station.

The Gulf Oil Corp. has set up a school at its station at Lond Beach Rd. and Seaman Ave., Rockville Centre, to teach girls how to pump gas, wipe windshields, change and fill tires, change oil, do a grease job and perform all the other little tasks and courtesies expected of good station attendants. The girls are paid while they learn, and when they've completed the training course successfully, they'll take over Gulf stations all over the County as male attendants are drafted or lured away by war jobs.

Hempstead Sentinel, December 3, 1942

### **Local Western Union Hires First Girl As Messenger "Boy"**

The Western Union office on Main Street now has a girl messenger "boy." She is Mary Gerehan, a senior at Hempstead high school. She gets around the village with her messages on a bicycle. Miss Gerehan is the first girl engaged by the Western Union office for this type of work. She still goes to school but works afternoons and on Saturdays and Sundays.

Farmingdale Post, February 4, 1943

### **Radio Program To Recruit Women Workers At Grumman**

The nation's need for several million more women to replace men experienced in aircraft assembly lines is so pressing that on Monday night, February 8, the radio program VOX POP will begin a drive. The initial broadcast will be from the plant of the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation at Bethpage from 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Several thousand Grumman male workers, most of them residents of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, have entered the armed services and the company has been making a valiant effort to replace them with women from Long Island. In hundreds of cases, the patriotic women relatives of these former Grumman workers, have entered the plant to fill the places formerly held by the men. Thousands more women are needed if the Grumman record which won the company two Navy "Es" for production last year is to be maintained.

Questions:

- 1- Which of the jobs discussed in the articles were traditionally held by men?
- 2- Why was it necessary for women to fill these positions?
- 3- In your opinion, are women able to do these jobs as well as men? Why?