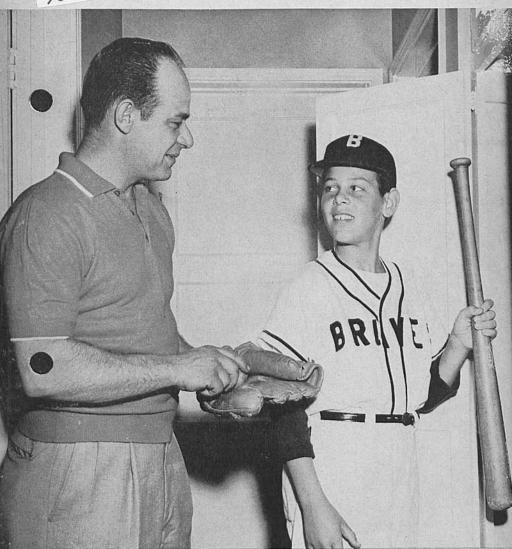


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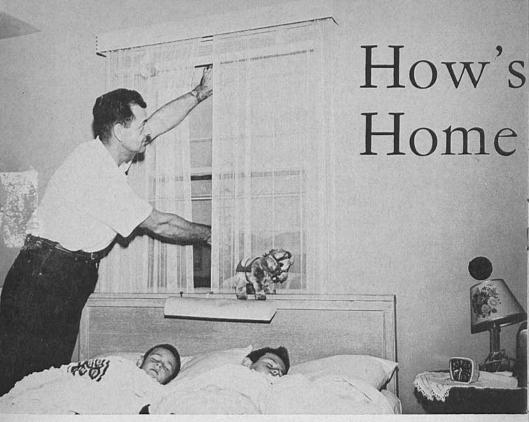
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OPENING A WINDOW when the gas heater is on is the safe way. L. B. Jensen, Operator, Division 4, plays safe for his two boys, Gale, 5 (left); and Buddy, 9.

EMPLOYEES are safe workers at MTA. Safety on the job is placarded, preached, and practiced, day by day. Our record, the Personnel Department tells us, is good — 125 lost-time injuries and 3,958 days of work lost in 1959.

But what about safety off the job — in our homes? — Not so good, says the Safety Department. Pretty terrible, on the basis of National Safety Council statistics, collected nationwide.

Note in the table below these 1958 figures the NSC gives in its publication, *Accident Facts*:

On a national basis, twice as many deaths, and more than twice as many injuries, are caused in home accidents as are caused on the job! Hard to believe, isn't it?

Falls in the home caused 11,8 deaths in 1958; fire burns, and other deaths associated with fires, 5,700; poisons (solid, liquid, gaseous), 2,150; firearms, 1,150; and other miscellaneous causes, such as choking, drowning, 6,200. (From NSC's Accident Facts, 1959 edition.)

Babies and the aged have the most accidents, but active adults have their fair share, too.

## Home vs. Work Accident Statistics (nation-wide)

(ALL INDUSTRIES) Work Accidents Home Accidents DEATHS 13,300 27,000 1,800,000 4,000,000

## Your Safety

# IQ?

### Test Yourself

Here's a list of 29 statements about most of the principal hazards around the home.

Make a check mark before each assertion—if you can repeat it aloud with no qualms of conscience as to its complete truthfulness so far as you and your household are concerned. If you can't, better take action today!

#### FALLS

- ☐ 1. Rugs in my home won't slip.
- 2. There are no loose steps anywhere around my home that might cause someone who might walk on them to do a Humpty-Dumpty.
- 3. There are no curled-up edges on rugs or linoleum over which Grandma or Mother might trip and fall.
- 4. All my extension cords are placed so that nobody will trip over them.
- □ 5. In using ladders on soft ground near the house, I always make sure the legs can't sink into the ground.
- ☐ 6. I've checked: all the rungs on my ladder are sound and tight.
- ☐ 7. Toys, shoes, marbles, balls, and bats are never left lying on the floor where any of us can trip over them.
- 8. Bureau drawers and cupboard doors are kept closed.

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THROW RUGS like this can be prevented from slipping by painting the backs with rubber cement. Mrs. V. E. Delmar, wife of the Division 6 Operator, gives a demonstration. Why don't you try this?



H. V. PRATT, Division 20 Operator, puts boards under ladder on soft ground before he climbs up to paint the eaves.

## How's Your Home Safety IQ?

(Continued from preceding page)

#### FIRE HAZARDS AND BURNS

- 1. I never smoke in bed, because I'm afraid I might go to sleep and allow my cigarette or pipe to fall on the bed covers and catch them on fire.
- 2. All flammable liquids, such as gasoline and cleaning solvent, are kept in metal containers, not glass ones.
- 3. There are no curtains, papers, or other easily ignited materials permanently kept within 18 inches of any open flame.
- ☐ 4. We keep all matches up out of the reach of small children.
- 5. Just to play safe, we have our gas stove and heater inspected once a year by an expert.
- 6. We've had our electric company representative check to see that we don't have too many appliances on any one circuit.
- 7. I replaced that sparking electric wall switch (or wall outlet) with a new one.
- 8. We never start a wood fire in our fireplace without putting a screen in front to prevent sparks from jumping out onto the floor.
- 9. We make sure at our house never to dry-clean anything near an open flame.
- □ 10. When things are cooking on the stove, we make sure to turn the handles of pots and pans so they can't be easily knocked off by accidental contact, or grasped by mother's little helpers.
- ☐ 11. We have insulated holders handy for hot pans and dishes, and when a holder wears thin or a portion gets burned, we throw it away.

#### POISONS

1. At our house we keep medicines and household cleansers out of the reach of inquisitive little fingers.

- 2. Our garage door is always open before we start the car when it's parked inside. We know about carbon monoxide poisoning.
- 3. We decided that the safety people knew what they were talking about when they said never to use carbon tetrachloride as a home cleaning agent. They say it's much too poisonous. We never use it.
- 4. We make sure always to look at the label on the bottle before taking any medicines. If we're not sure what the mdicine is, we throw away.

#### OTHER SAFETY MEASURES

- 1. We keep firearms unloaded and locked up. Ammunition is also locked up.
- 2. Anybody can find our emergency telephone numbers for doctor, ambulance, fire department, and police. We keep them posted in sight close beside the telephone.
- 3. I bought one of those long-handled fruit-picking gadgets in order to eliminate climbing trees or using an extension ladder to reach high boughs.
- ☐ 4. Our swimming pool is fenced and locked.

CALL THE DOCTOR! — The value of having emergency phone numbers in plain sight close to phone is shown by Division 2 Operator and Mrs. A. R. Bauer.





HE PHONE RINGS . . . Shall she leave Baby Glen in his bath while she answers it? n photo at right, Mrs. C. E. Brackett, wife of Division 5 Operator, solves problem.

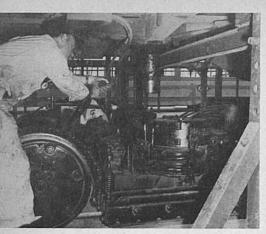
- 5. There's a handrail on our cellar stairs and a guard rail where it's needed on all high walks, cement slabs, and outside steps from which someone might fall.
- ☐ 6. All my power tools are properly grounded.



OUT OF HARM'S WAY go the matches. Elevator Starter Joe Steele puts them out of reach of her grandson, Eric Barron.



NEW EXTENSION CORD replaces an old, frayed one with cracked insulation. Accounting Division Clerk Gladys Prather takes no chances on fire or shock.



STANDARD-GAUGE trucks are temporarily installed in PCC Car 3148 at South Park. Lead Man Eddie Johnson wiring.



TEST OPERATOR, Instructor M. J. Thomason, of Division 20, presses button of specially installed horn before test trip.

## Long Beach Rail Test "Successful"; New PE Trackage Lease Sought

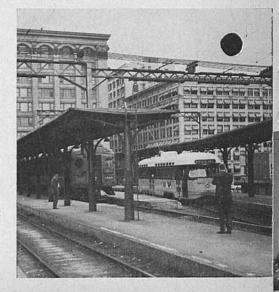
THE SUCCESS of tests with PCC car No. 3148 on the Long Beach rail line in February was a factor leading to an Authority decision to seek a long-term lease from Pacific Electric for the trackage involved.

Once a new contract has been signed, a decision will be made as to the type of equipment that will be used on the line, according to Executive Director C. M. Gilliss.

Alternatives now being considered are rebuilding the red cars now in use on the line; use of PCC cars; or purchase of cars from the Key System, Mr. Gilliss said.

The test car was equipped at the South Park Shops with a pair of standard gauge trucks borrowed from the San Francisco Municipal Railway. Modifications were made to the shock absorbers.

LEAVING THE VIADUCT at the Sixth and Main Sts. Station is Test Car 3148, with MTA officials and newsmen aboard to experience a trial run to Long Beach.





REDONDO PREINAUGURAL — South Bay Daily Breeze photographer takes pictures of three participants in MTA-sponsored activities introducing 5200-class (interurban-type) Dreamliners to Line 51 on Feb. 12. Being photographed are Robert G. Beverly, left, Mayor, and Mrs. Eunice Patterson, Councilwoman, of Redondo Beach, with R. F. MacNally, MTA's Assistant General Manager and principal speaker at civic luncheon for 50 which had preceded picture-taking. Watching activities near photographer are C. W. Tinker, who operated the special coach which picked up and delivered participants; and R. O. Christiansen, MTA's Manager of Community Relations, who organized and emceed affair for the Authority.

## New Claimants for "First" '60 MTA Baby

BEST CLAIM as parents of the first MTA baby born in 1960 is that of Operator d Mrs. Felix Miranda, shown with ix, Jr., 2, and Steven, born Jan. 2. In this photo Steven is two months old.



TWO NEW CLAIMANTS for the distinction of having the "first MTA baby of the year" have arisen since publication in February of the story of the birth of Tammy Goins to Operator and Mrs. Jesse Goins on Jan. 10.

Best claim at present is held by Division 20 Operator and Mrs. Felix Miranda, whose son, Steven, was born Jan. 2 at the French Hospital, Los Angeles. The family home is on Roseberry Avenue, in Huntington Park. The young father, whose seniority dates from May, 1957, has a relief run on the "P" line.

In second place are Division 8 Operator and Mrs. Elwood R. Banks, to whom a son, Robert William, was born at Encino Hospital on Jan. 6.

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## Commendations

#### Feb. Operator of the Month, Ken Strobel, Courteous, On Schedule — and Artistic!

A LETTER from a passenger which credited Kenneth G. Strobel, of Division 20, with the capacity for unvarying courtesy without the sac-

rifice of on-time performance induced three judges from the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce to name him February Operator of the Month.





K. E. Strobel

still had time, due to complete efficiency, to bring his car through on schedule," according to the letter.

Now working mostly on the R line, Mr. Strobel began his transit career in 1935 at the age of 23.

His father, the late Thomas Strobel, retired from a predecessor company in 1946 after 25 years of service as Motorman, Operator and Stenographer.

In 1934 Kenneth married Grace Giffin, a girl who had been his schoolmate through Jefferson High School. The couple have two children: a son, Wayne, 18½, a student at East Los Angeles Junior College and pitcher on the college baseball team; and Linda, 12½, a seventhgrader at Wilson School in San

For the past 20 years, the Operator has made an avocation of art. A former student at the Los Angeles Art Center and the Chouinard School, he is a commercial artist, cartoonist, and watercolorist. His watercolors have been exhibited in

#### **Honored during January**

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 74 Operators, who received commendations during January:

T. P. Alameida, Division 4; S. M. Alexander, 3; P. R. Allison, 11; K. C. Anderson, 4; H. D. Apel, 4; L. A. Beasley, 4; N. P. Beauchamp, 8; T. F. Benedict, 4; D. L. Bolton, 2; G. A. Briggs, 6; N. L. Brown, 4; P. T. Butcher, 8; J. J. Campbell, 3; T. H. Carey, 20; H. S. Christie, 7; R. H. Coleman, 2; D. J. Christie, 7; R. H. Coleman, 2; D. J. Chish, 20; John Corr, 8; H. F. Culpeper, 20; J. J. Christie, 7; R. H. Coleman, 2; D. J. Chish, 20; John Corr, 8; H. F. Culpeper, 20; J. J. Christie, 7; R. H. Coleman, 2; D. J. Christie, 7; R. H. Ch nish, 20; John Corr, 8; H. E. Culpepp 20; E. W. Deane, 3; H. L. Diamond, 3; S. F. Dispennette, 3; Clifford Ellyson, 3; J. D. Evans, 3; W. G. Fisher, 4.

Henry Gallas, 1; Frank Gardner, Jr., 11; Oscar Gibson, 2; J. F. Glines, 11; F. D. 11; Oscar Gibson, 2; J. F. Glines, 11; F. D. Glover, 5; D. C. Grayson, 12; R. E. Hamilton, 3; J. M. Hardy, 20; F. E. Harris, 9; Charles Hatfield, 11; J. D. Haynes, 3; J. Y. Holmes, 7; L. D. Jensen, 4; W. B. Jones, 4; J. M. Kienegger, 8; I. R. LeGras, 5; E. P. Lewis, 7; N. T. Lewis, 4; H. A. Mathews, 1; M. W. McBrayer, 9; Willie McCoy, 3; H. J. McDonald, 5; C. J. McKinish, 3; Frank Mieczkowski, 11; A. C. Moore, 6; R. H. Morgan, 8; L. J. Morris, 3; J. W. Parker, 20.

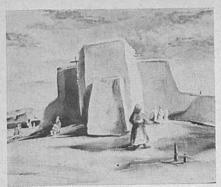
Jackson Ridge, 4; R. W. Riley, 3; Creighton Rinderknecht, 4; D. L. Sanders, 4; P. D. Schmidt, 5; D. T. Scoggins, 7; H. Q. Scott, 4; G. E. Serres, 9; W. P. Spendlove, 2; J. W. Stevens, 4; D. E. Stewart, 3; G. J. Stoddard, 4; Ralph Stone, 3; K. G. Strobel, 20; E. A. Thomas Bennie Varon, 4; R. C. Waldon, 5; L. Warner, 8; W. S. A. Weary, 4; D. B. White, 4; W. W. Wise, 7.

47 galleries, including that of the American Watercolor Society. For years he has contributed cartoons, on a free-lance basis, to various publications, chiefly labor newspapers.

His studio is his garage.

On the opposite page is a picture of Mr. Strobel in his studio. Accompanying photographs show some of his work. Unfortunately, the halftone reproductions, in greatly reduced size, do far less than justice to the colors.

Gabriel.



WATERCOLORS — Mission de Taos (above); Arizona landscape (below). Originals are much larger — size 3' x 2'.



TYPICAL Strobel cartoon.

## Operator As Artist

(See story on opposite page)





AS ARTIST —
Operator
Ken Strobel
in his studio,
improvised
in his
home garage.



ROBERT F. MacNALLY Assistant General Manager Retiring from service



M. EDWIN WRIGHT Assistant General Manager Succeeds Mr. MacNally



GEORGE F. GOELS Gen. Supt. of Transportation Succeeds Mr. Wright

## Wright Becomes Asst. General Manager as MacNally Retires

Goehler Appointed Gen. Supt. of Transportation; Coburn, Supt. of Schedules; Rise, D'Arcy, Hartsell, McGovern and Swindell Are Also Promoted

THE APPOINTMENT of M. Edwin Wright as Assistant General Manager heads a series of promotions that followed the retirement of Assistant General Manager Robert F. MacNally on March 18.

#### MacNALLY CAREER OUTSTANDING

Mr. MacNally had held the office of Assistant General Manager since the inception of MTA as an operating company. Vice-President and General Manager of Metropolitan Coach Lines until its purchase by MTA, he held the same position for the San Diego Transit System and the San Diego & Coronado Ferry Co. from 1945 to 1953. For the previous ten years he was Operating Assistant for the San Diego companies.

In earlier days he attended Wittenberg College and the Naval Academy at Annapolis, making his mark as athlete at both schools. He also served as a Lieutenant in the Navy.

#### WRIGHT BEGAN AS HELPER

General Superintendent of Transportation for the past 15 years with MTA and Los Angeles Transit Lines, Mr. Wright began his transportation career 40 years ago as a schoolboy, carrying out part-time work as Mechanic's Helper in the streetcar shops at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Through the years he made his way upward in streetcar and bus operations at Fort Smith; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Springfield and Chicago, Illinois; and Lincoln, Nebraska.

#### GOEHLER, FORMER BUS DRIVER

Succeeding Mr. Wright as General Superintendent is George F.

SMILE TIME — Why not? This Schedule Department trio have just been promoted. Left to right: David S. Coburn, from Supervisor of Schedules to Superintendent of Schedules and Statistics; Fred W. D'Arcy, from Assistant Supervisor of Schedules to Supervisor of Transportation Statistics; and Maxwell L. Rise, from the last-named position to Supervisor of Schedules.



Goehler, who started as a bus driver Los Angeles in 1930. Since 1945 had been Superintendent of Schedules and Statistics for MTA and Los Angeles Transit Lines.

#### COBURN A FORMER TRAINMAN

David S. Coburn, who became a Trainman on the interurban system in 1920 and came up through the ranks in predecessor companies of MTA, has succeeded Mr. Goehler as Superintendent of Schedules and Statistics. Mr. Coburn had been Supervisor of Schedules.

#### RISE A FORMER BUS DRIVER

Maxwell L. Rise, who began his transit career as Motor Coach Optor on local lines in Los Angeles 1937 and has been Supervisor of Transportation Statistics, is now Supervisor of Schedules.

#### D'ARCY STARTED IN 1923

Fred W. D'Arcy, Assistant Supervisor of Schedules, has been promoted to Supervisor of Transportation Statistics. He began his transit service in 1923 as Cost Clerk in the Mechanical Department of the Motor Transit Company.

#### OTHER NEW APPOINTMENTS

Ben L. Hartsell, who started in 1929 as a Motor Coach Operator, has risen from Schedule Maker II to Assistant Schedule Supervisor.

Don R. McGovern, who started in 1946 as a Typist-Clerk in the Schedule Bureau, was promoted from Schedule Maker I to Schedule Maker II.

Murphy Swindell, who began as Typist-Clerk in the Schedule Bureau in 1947, was promoted from Varitype Layout Operator to Schedule Maker I.



THEY'VE BEEN PROMOTED — Left to right: Don R. McGovern, from Schedule Maker I to Schedule Maker II; Murphy Swindell, from Varitype Layout Operator to Schedule Maker I; and Benjamin L. Hartsell, from Schedule Maker II to Assistant Schedule Supervisor.

A. J. EYRAUD Elected MTA Chairman



F. S. DEAN Re-elected Vice-Chairman



M. W. HALL Appointed New Member



N. R. DUMONT Appointed New Member

## Eyraud Succeeds Miller As Authority Chairman

Dean Re-Elected Vice-Chairman; Governor Appoints Hall, Dumont, To Succeed Quisenberry, Jones

ALBERT J. EYRAUD, President of the Asbury Transportation Co., succeeds Carl P. Miller as Chairman of the Authority as a result of an election held by the seven-man board at its meeting March 8.

Fred S. Dean, President of Dean's Electronics Long Beach and Burbank, was re-appointed to another term by the Governor and re-elected as Vice-Chairman by the board.

Also re-elected were Virginia L. Rees as Secretary, and William W. Wakelee as Treasurer.

Mortimer W. Hall, President and General Manager of Radio Station KLAC; and Nathaniel R. Dumont, President of Dumont Aviation Associates, were appointed by Governor Brown to succeed, respectively, Members Russell Quisenberry and Hayden F. Jones, whose terms of office on the Authority had expired.

Mr. Hall, a native of New York City, joined the New York *Post* in 1946, and three years later became its Business Manager. In 1950, he became associated with Radio Station KLAC, which he now owns.

In civic and community affairs, Mr. Hall is a Director of the Hollywood Boys Club; and a member and viser to the Radio Television Recording and Advertising Charities, Inc. He was recently appointed by Governor Brown to the Metropolitan Area Commission.

The other new appointee, Mr. Dumont, a native of New Jersey, obtained his early commercial training in the hardware business.

In addition to his position with Dumont Aviation, he is a director of several other companies in the field of missile engineering and aircraft parts.

He is Co-Chairman of the Governor's Business Advisory Council, a member of the American Management Association, a member of the World Affairs Council, and a substantial supporter of welfare and charitable enterprises.

## New Faces

A HEARTY WELCOME to the following new employees who joined MTA between January 16 and February 15, inclusive:

#### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMATION

Assistant Manager, Public Information: Lawrence Avers.

#### ELECTRICAL

Electrician: William S. Cathro. Linemen: Takeshi Hirano, Lavern J. digan, Edwin T. Shephard, Jr.

#### **EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

Janitor: Stanley S. Plato. Mechanic "B": Henry T. Allen, Kenneth "C" Darnell, Forrest W. Fenster-maker, Howard L. Guinn, Donald L. Hamilton, Robert E. Watson.

Utility "A": Rudolph L. Clark, Woodrow John, Patrick V. Kelley, Jessie M. Lynum, Ralph Packhorse, Merinus A. Smith.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Operators: Harold O. Aalgaard, Division 12; Thomas V. Albury, 7; Bobby Baker, 6; Jack B. Baldwin, 11; Melvin C. Barnett, 6; Richard M. Castleman, 8; John H. Cockburn, 33; Richard A. Creer, 8; Willis E. DeBarry, 8; Edward E. Eaton, 5; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 33; Anthony D. Carfold, 12; Albert M. Graev, 5, 12 and 12 and 13; Albert M. Graev, 13; Anthony D. Carfold, 12; Albert M. Graev, 14; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 33; Anthony D. Carfold, 12; Albert M. Graev, 14; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 34; Albert M. Graev, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Eric C. Fisher, 15; John S. Enright, 11; Anthony D. Garfold, 12; Albert M. Gracy, 6; Earl M. Greathouse, 6; Ezra Hill, 6; Arthur C. Jones, 7; Wayne M. Kendrick, 2; Carroll G. Kook, 9; George Kozel, 8; William C. Laird, 6; Merton H. Lathrop, 11; Arthur W. Lawrence, 6; Peter Marquez, 5; James L. McLennan, 11; Roscoe C. Neeley, Jr., 7; David F. O'Neal, 5; Daniel R. Ortiz, 2; Ernest M. Perhus, 7; Donald R. Ravens, 8; Richard B. Slutsky, 11; Wallace E. Smith, 11; James A. Staver, 6; Allen R. Steen, 9; Robert C. Swayne, 2; Lewis W. Thompson, 5; Clyde S. Tibbetts, 6; Claude J. White, 5; Michael J. Wszolek, 9.

## In Memoriam

THE EMBLEM records with regret the death of the following:

Luis Armendariz, 76, retired Terminal Janitor, Way and Structures Department; March 6; company service, 1911-1950; vived by his wife, Maria.

Ronald L. Burnes, 37, Operator, Division 1; March 13; company service from 1954; survived by his wife, Louise.

Thomas A. Dinkins, 62, Operator, Division 11; March 13; company service from 1945; survived by his wife, Elsie.

Thomas P. Doolittle, 69, retired Motorman; Feb. 13; service, 1923-1950; survived by his daughter, Mrs. Lillian How-

Mrs. Ethel R. Gardner, wife of Aubrey D. Gardner, General Storekeeper; March 16; survived by her husband.

George A. Howard, 50, Towerman, Transportation Department; March 7; company service from 1935; survived by his wife, Eva.

Elwin McClenathan, 91, retired Flagman, Transportation Department; Feb. 6; company service, 1907-1951; survived by his daughters, Mrs. Florence Moore and Mrs. Edna McInturff.

Mrs. Doris L. McCollum, wife of Herbert B. McCollum, Operator, Division 9; Feb. 25; survived by her husband.

Charles M. McRoberts, 85, retired General Claim Agent; March 2; company service, 1911-1932; survived by his son, lames.

Charles V. Means, 80, retired Passenger Agent; Feb. 15; company service, 1894-1945; survived by his wife, Florence.

Owen J. Moser, 68, retired Heavy Gang Foreman, Electrical Department; March 5; company service, 1919-1956; survived by his wife, Lela.

Antonio Pacheco, 65, retired Mechan-

Amonio Facneco, 65, retired Mechanic, Maintenance Department; Feb. 14; company service, 1921-1946; survived by his wife, Maria.

James L. Rose, 76, retired Substation Operator; Nov. 5, 1959; company service, 1919-1948; survived by his wife, Agnes. (Notification not received until March.)

Carl F. Smith 57 Operator Division

Carl E. Smith, 57, Operator, Division 9; March 7; company service from 1941; survived by his wife, Lillian.

William C. Unwin, 90, retired Watchman, Maintenance Department; Feb. 15; company service, 1909-1946; survived by his wife, Jane.

Guy E. Whiting, 81, retired Conductor, Division 2; Feb. 16; company service, 1919-1947; survived by his wife, Ada.

## Retirements

THAT MANY HAPPY YEARS MAY BE AHEAD for all retiring employees mentioned on this page is the wish of THE EMBLEM.

Heading the list of eight is Robert F. MacNally, Assistant General Manager. See page 10 for details.

"I appreciate very much the camera I received from the boys in the South Park Shops, and hope you'll say so in THE EMBLEM," said Carpenter Frank A. Taylor, who retired Jan. 30 after 38 years of service. He plans a trip east "sometime in 1960."

A lover of dogs, Henry E. Hammond, Carman, who retired Feb. 13 after 37 years of service, now has more time to help his wife, Florence, raise miniature dach-shunds at their El Sereno home. The couple came over from England in 1912.

An ardent fisherman, traveler, and hunter, Mechanic Palmer H. Butts (not pictured) was pleased to receive a farewell gift of an order for fishing equipment from South Park friends when he retired Feb. 2 from repairing fareboxes. Service: 37 years.

He'd like to spend his new-found leisure time hunting and fishing in Mexico, but a leg ailment slows him down, says Cecil E. Coombs (not pictured), Division 11 Operator who retired Feb. 3 after more than 36 years on the Long Beach, Santa Ana, and other Southern District lines.

Enjoying his 12 grandchildren and pursuing his leather-working hobby are among the future plans of Herbert W. Bradbury, Division 11 Clerk who retired Jan. 20 after 34½ years of service.

Playing pinochle, gardening, and "extensive traveling to all four corners of the U. S." are retirement (Concluded on next page)

H. W. BRADBURY Division 11 Clerk



FRED T. SWEATT Division 7 Clerk



H. E. HAMMOND Carman



H. N. OEHM Operator



F. A. TAYLOR Carpenter

#### OUR COVER

## Little League And the Hall Closet

AN ADVERTISEMENT for Little League baseball? Not in the least, although it must be admitted that the handsome couple on the front cover reserve some such use.

This photo actually ties in closely with home safety, our main topic for this issue.

Vince Content, Mechanic at the an Nuys Garage, is looking on with approval while his 11-year-old son, John, infielder for the Braves, puts his bat away in the closet instead of leaving it on the floor for Mother, Dad, or someone else to step on.

If you are among those who believe that all children always put away bats, balls, peg-tops, pencils, and assorted toys, instead of leaving them on the floor in the main line of march, to constitute one of the greatest of home safety hazards—then may your innocence never fall from grace over a marble!

#### Retirements

(Concluded from preceding page)

activities envisioned by Division 7 Clerk Fred T. Sweatt. He retired on disability last Dec. 1 after 22 years of service, all on the Western District.

On March 29, retired (Jan. 28 – after 17 years of service) Operator Henry N. Oehm and his wife Minna will leave El Monte to revisit their birthplace, Schaffenburg, Bavaria. They have reserved a stateroom on the S. S. Bremen – and a new Borgward in Germany! – Auf Wiedersehen!

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FIRST system ad of 1960, continuing series started last year with captions, "The friendliest people ride with us," and "The smart-est people ride with us." This ad appeared in metro-politan and many suburban papers during February.



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