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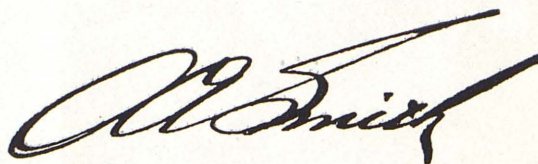


## Yuletide Greetings

*A* *T THIS TIME*, following the fine old Christmas custom of extending wishes to our friends, it is my pleasure and privilege to express to the officers and employes of this Company all that the meaning of the Yule-tide Season implies, in appreciation of their efforts in the interest of our joint endeavor—the maintainance and operation of our transportation system; to wish each and all a most joyous Christmas, and to express the hope that the coming year — 1940 — may bring the realization of all right desires.

*MAY HEALTH AND HAPPINESS  
BE YOURS IN FULL MEASURE*

*Sincerely yours,*

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Al Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and a long, sweeping tail.



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E. C. THOMAS.....EDITOR

**M**OST Pacific Electric Employees own their own home, or are at least acquiring one. They all realize what the annual tax bill means each year, and how it has increased from year to year, becoming more and more burdensome. Well, just get out your pencil and figure what the interest on \$10,000,000 in revenue bonds, plus \$250,000 per year for an indefinite number of years, plus unknown expenses, rent of office building, garages, and other innumerable charges, will mean when converted into more taxes which ultimately you will be called upon to pay in addition to your present taxes. And all these additional taxes will be brought about by the desire of three men to legislate themselves into four years at least of office-holding at \$5000 per year each, during which time they will construct one of the smoothest running political machines ever produced to maintain themselves in those jobs perpetually. Nice prospect, isn't it. Sweetest little "gyp" ever concocted. Better knock their ears down on December 12th by voting NO on Proposition No. 1—and you had better interest a lot of your friends to do likewise.

**J**OBS or Municipal "Jaloppies"—that is the question for Pacific Electric employees to ponder, and its nothing to joke about or consider lightly. If you have any friends in this town you had better be working on them, getting them interested in voting NO on Proposition "1", and SEE THAT THEY VOTE on December 12th.

Opportunity often knocks . . . but some people are too busy knocking the other fellow to hear it!

There may be splinters in the ladder of success, but you don't notice them unless you are sliding down.

## SANTA CLAUS AND CHRISTMAS

St. Nicholas was known and honored in many parts of Europe long before white man set foot on the shores of the New World. This benevolent bishop, dating back from the Middle Ages, never was more loved than by the boys and girls of Holland and Flanders whom he visited each December 6 on St. Nicholas' Day to distribute his rewards to those who had been good. And when the early Dutch settlers came to America, 'tis said they brought St. Nicholas with them.

In the New World St. Nicholas took on new ways. He shortened his name to Santa Claus. He dropped his bishop's garb and put on a suit of bright red trimmed with fur from his head to his foot. He grew chubby and plump and his complexion took on a rosy hue. Reindeer and sleigh took the place of his famous gray horse. He even forsook his own day on December 6 and adopted Christmas Eve as the time for distributing his gifts and presents. No longer does he mete out punishment to naughty children, but by his jolly, twinkling, laughing manner has come to represent the spirit of Christmas itself.

Christmas is both a time for rejoicing and thanksgiving and here in America, this Christmas, we have much to be grateful for: For peace, for our jobs, for means of security against life's uncertainties. And so as this joyful season draws near, let's give three cheers for Santa Claus and Christmas!

## THE MUNICIPAL BUS PROPOSITION

Aside from any personal interest any employee of this company may have in the Special Election, every one of us owe it to the future well-being of the city in which we reside and in which we earn our living to use every means possible to defeat Proposition No. 1 that appears on the ballot of that election.

There is no other source from which the promoters of the scheme may obtain their money except from the taxpayer, and you are one of that number.

It is a certainty that you are now paying about all the Taxes of various kinds that you can carry, and it is equally certain that if Proposition No. 1 carries, you will have to carry a large amount more.

Proposition No. 1 is the most dastardly, iniquitous measure ever placed before the people of Los Angeles, and unless defeated it will wreck the existing transportation companies, force \$10,000,000 of revenue bonds upon the city; mulch the City Treasury of \$250,000 per year for an indefinite number of years (and that \$250,000 would have to come out of the taxpayer) and besides that, you would have to pay your proportion, through taxes for a list of costs and expenses that will be a staggering.

You can best help in defeating Proposition No. 1, by a liberal use of your telephone on election morning.

Call up every friend you know that is a resident of, and a voter in Los Angeles, and ask them, as a personal favor to you to go to the polls and vote "NO" on No. 1.

Read and familiarize yourself with the facts about No. 1. Tell these friends of yours about them. You have all had folders giving you full information, but read the following, and act quickly and effectively to pile up votes against No. 1.

Here are some Questions and the Answers for you:

### Does Proposition No. 1 Offer a 5c Fare?

No. The proposition plainly calls for a fare not to exceed 7c for both children over six years old and adults. Another statement in the proposition says that the fares are to be just and reasonable. The proposition DOES NOT guarantee a city wide 5c fare, neither was it ever intended that there should be a 5c fare. The only limit on amount of fares is that they be "just and reasonable."

### About Fares for School Children . . .

Proposition No. 1, as it appears on the December 12 ballot, states that school children shall pay the same rate of fare as adults. The present transportation system carries over half a million children to

school each month at half regular fare.

### Who Will Buy Equipment and Operate The Proposed Bus Line?

This is the real joker in the proposition. The proposition itself names the three original promoters of the scheme to be Commissioners in charge of the transportation system at salaries of \$60,000 for a four-year term. That wouldn't be so bad if any of the three ever had any material business experience of any kind. They do not even claim to have any knowledge of any transportation problems.

One of the promoter-commissioners has twice failed to be returned to public office by the voters. A second is the owner of one or two gas stations and the third is gener-



ally known as a promoter of schemes similar to this.

#### **Do They Receive Anything Besides the Salaries?**

Proposition No. 1 states that the commissioners shall have their salaries AND EXPENSES. These expenses are NOT LIMITED in any way and may be as high as they themselves desire to place them.

#### **Does the Proposition Call for Anything Except Buses?**

It does not. It is a plan to throw the entire burden of transportation to Motor Buses and does not state the operating areas, nor does it guarantee that the so-called system will adequately cover the city.

#### **Is This a Practical Scheme?**

According to the best advices of transportation experts such a plan would defeat its own purpose because it has been found that it takes  $2\frac{1}{2}$  buses to care for as many passengers as a single street car and therefore a motor bus transportation system would so clutter up traffic that the buses could not operate efficiently even if all other traffic were taken off the downtown streets.

#### **What Powers Are Given These Promoter-Commissioners?**

The powers granted the proposed inexperienced Commissioners under Proposition No. 1 are unlimited. No dictator ever had wider powers. They may purchase millions of dollars worth of equipment, garages, automobiles, shops, etc., without a vote of the people and without making any accounting to any properly qualified official.

They would be empowered to draw up to \$250,000 a year, for all time, from the general city treasury to make up for any operating losses they may have. That such losses are expected is proved by the fact that they are asking for this sum.

#### **What Will the Promoters Get Out of it?**

In the first place they get their annual salaries for four years. Besides this they are allowed an unlimited expense account. They are at liberty to employ as many men as they wish at any salaries they desire. They are authorized to pay anyone for any services rendered before or after this proposition goes into effect, if it passes. THEY ARE BUILDING A POWERFUL POLITICAL MACHINE TO RUN A PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO BE PAID FOR WITH PUBLIC MONEY.

#### **Where Will These Millions Come From?**

A municipality, such as the City of Los Angeles, has but one chief source of revenue—TAXATION. The expenditures in this case will be millions for equipment, additional millions for supplies, still more millions for salaries of political henchmen,

interest on bond indebtedness and a yearly deficit up to \$250,000. TAXES MUST BE RAISED TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THIS SPENDING . . . THERE IS NO OTHER WAY.

#### **Does Proposition No. 1 Call for a Real Municipal System?**

NO. It calls for a POLITICAL bus system. It is a selfish scheme on the part of the promoters that will cost millions. The present systems in Los Angeles, under the direct supervision of the Los Angeles Board of Public Utilities and Transportation and the California Railroad Commission IS MORE OF A PUBLIC MANAGED SYSTEM THAN THE SCHEME IN PROPOSITION No. 1 EVER CAN BE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSITION ITSELF.

#### **There'll Be a Loss in Tax Collections, Too.**

The proposed bus system will pay no taxes. The present systems pay about two and one-quarter millions and this would be materially reduced or eliminated so that the average taxpayer would have to make up that difference and have it added to his tax bills.

#### **In New York . . . Is There a Loss?**

Walter Winchell's universally known column is authority for the statement that for every nickel collected by the conductor on the Municipally-owned cars, the tax collector follows to collect 10c more.

#### **Was This Proposal Defeated Before?**

YES. Practically this same proposal was defeated TWICE before by the voters. This Proposition No. 1 is changed in some minor ways that make it even more dangerous to Los Angeles taxpayers than either of the other two.

#### **Who Pays For Street Repairs?**

The present system has laid and maintained street paving equal to a highway 16 feet wide and 200 miles long. This was done without cost to the taxpayer. If Proposition No. 1 should pass this expense would have to be paid by the city OUT OF TAXES.

#### **What About Claims?**

Damage and personal injury claims would become a liability of the proposed bus scheme should Proposition No. 1 pass on December 12. At present these are cared for by the transportation company without cost to the city.

#### **Why Are the Promoters Interested?**

Primarily, perhaps, to get good jobs for themselves and their political friends, but no less so because of the great power these vast expenditures of money and the political machine they are building for themselves, which could easily be conceived to grow to such power as to absolutely control the political situation in Los Angeles.

#### **What Will Be the Total Cost?**

If Proposition No. 1 should pass the taxpayers would be called upon to pay millions for equipment they don't need. They would pay three commissioners and their friends hundreds of thousands in salaries; they would pay interest on bonds and mortgages running into hundreds of thousands of dollars; they would foot a bill of EXPENSES that is unlimited; they would pay up to \$250,000 a year for deficits.

#### **THREE ON HONOR ROLL**

Three employees of the company, who have labored long and faithfully in their respective departments, have retired from active service since the last issue of the Magazine.

The best wishes for their future happiness is extended on behalf of their many friends. Those who this month were placed on the honor roll, are:

Florence B. Sanders, Accounting Department, with 33 years to her credit.

Axel Soder, Engineering Department, 21 years.

Smith Hirst, Equipment Department, 21 years.

#### **Some Idea**

Two Irishmen roomed in an eight-story apartment on the top floor and could not sleep on Sunday morning, as the sun would shine in the windows and wake them up. They bought some black paint and painted the windows and lay down to sleep. When they woke up they realized they would be late for work, as it was seven fifteen. They rushed to their jobs and the foreman looked at them in bewilderment. Pat says, "Faith, and what's the matter boss? We're only twenty minutes late?"

The Foreman: "Twenty minutes. Where were you Monday and Tuesday?"

#### **Sagacious**

"Would you-er-er advise me to marry a beautiful girl, or one that's sensible?"

"'Fraid you'll never be able to marry either, old timer."

"Why not? I've got the marryin' bee in my bonnet."

"Well, a beautiful girl could do better, while the sensible girl surely would know better."

#### **In a Bad Way**

A doctor received a note which read as follows:

"Please call and see my husband. It's about his head. He's had it off and on all yesterday, and today he's sitting with it in his hands between his knées."



## AUTO MECHANICS CLASS VISITS TORRANCE SHOPS

By F. A. Shultz,

### General Foreman, Torrance Shops

To supplement their class work, the Pacific Electric group in automotive mechanics and maintenance, some 60 in all, visited the Torrance Shops Tuesday evening, November 28, for a practical demonstration of a number of the various operating practices incident to the overhaul of motor coach engines, parts and auxiliary equipment.

It may be stated that this class, organized under the auspices of the Educational Division of the Pacific Electric Club, for the systematic study of modern coach equipment, improved maintenance methods and interchange of ideas and practices, is often to all Pacific Electric employees interested in the subject.

For a large number of the group present, who were visiting Torrance for the first time and naturally unfamiliar with the modern system and methods employed at Torrance, it was a revelation to witness the care with which the equipment was handled, the thoroughness with which the repairs and overhauls are made, and the standard of precision and exactness demanded.

Following is a brief resume of the methods as demonstrated, followed in overhauling coach motors at Torrance:

When a motor is received at Torrance, it is immediately stripped and sent to cleaning vats. Upon return to the machine Shop all parts are carefully checked to determine which parts can be repaired and which parts must be renewed. Crankshafts are re-ground and when necessary restored to their original size by the metal spray process; cylinder blocks are re-ground, if of the hardened type, otherwise rebored in steps of ten thousandths of an inch, i.e., 0.010, 0.020, 0.030, 0.040. After reaching the limit in over-size, determined by the character of the block, it is re-sleeved, bringing it back to the original size. The cost of re-sleeving being about one-third the cost of new block. All re-boring is done with a cylinder boring machine of the portable type. The finished product by this machine makes honing unnecessary.

The crank case is then fitted with new cam shaft bearings and line reamed with a special fixture designed and made at Torrance Shops; then undersized main bearings are placed in case to be line bored to fit crank shaft. The procedure, briefly, is as follows:

Two heavy steel parallel bars are fastened to crank case pans. The bridge assemblies with the bar bearings are bolted in any desired posi-



tion; the two end main bearings are removed and centering disc put in their place; when the bearings on the bridges are properly set to the bar, they are ready to line bore.

The boring tool is set to any predetermined size by use of a direct reading micrometer, and bearing bored to allow 0.002 (two thousandths) clearance except on the larger motors when 0.003 is allowed.

New bearings are placed in connecting rods both at wrist pin end and crank shaft end. Wrist pin bushings are bronze and are reamed to size with an expansion reamer. Crank shaft end bearings are of two types, the babbitted type in which the babbit is tinned to connecting rod, and the shell, or removable type. In either case they are first bored to within 0.002 of size in a jig which insures the crank shaft bearing being bored exactly parallel to wrist pin bearing and the correct center to center distance maintained, then reamed to size with a connecting rod bearing reamer.

The pistons are then mounted on the connecting rods and placed in a piston aligning machine of the latest type to determine if the pistons are exactly square with the bearing and in the center of the rod. The machine will show variations of 0.001 of an inch.

Valves are faced in a specially designed machine which brings the face concentric with the stem, or that portion of the stem that operates in the guide. Seats are refinished by grinding with an emery wheel which slides over a guide set in the valve stem guide. Valves and seats finished in this manner require no further grinding. The valve facing machine also has an attachment for grinding tappets, tappet screws, and valve stems. Tappets may be ground to

any fraction of a degree as desired.

The motor is now ready to be assembled.

No attempt has been made to describe the many things necessary in the general overhaul of all of automotive units, such as starters, generators, carburetors, fuel pumps, compressors, air brakes, batteries, body, wheels, axle, etc., This work is all equally important and as carefully done. The methods used in repairing these many parts can perhaps be discussed in some later article after further visits of the class to the Torrance Shops.

## LONG BEACH NEWS

By C. H. Spence

Dan Cupid made another "Bull's Eye" this last month when Motorman Dave Cain and Mrs. Alta Olson were married. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Cain from the whole gang.

Conductors E. L. Bulmer and Mrs. Bulmer were called east suddenly on account of illness to Mrs. Bullmer's parents.

Long Beach on November 24th staged a parade of bands almost equal to the Pasadena Rose Parade. It was witnessed by 250,000 people including Art Bennett and Emmett Martin, who each claimed they were judges. Bennett claims that several majorettes should have had first prize, according to his viewpoint.

Motorman A. Greer has returned to work after being off several weeks on account of illness. He bumped back on his old run on 7th Street.

It is hard to keep from progressing after seeing another improvement at Morgan Yard. A new streamlined mirror has been installed at the "office", thanks to Guy Small.

Time Marches on.



### WALTER WATCHALL

When yours truly W. W. can't get the low down on a fellow he guards his inner life closely, so meet Mr. Geo. W. Orr that man who is well known but not known so well.



This gentlemen comes from that good old state of Wisconsin, the town of Oshkosh, born in the eighties. He started out as a school teacher in his home state but like a lot of other young men went West. He worked for the S. P. Co. and then in 1911, joined the P. E. family. His favorite pastimes are smoking that pipe, bowling and shooting pool. And it is said that he excels in all.

Hello folks, this is station W.O.W. As an added feature on account of the Holidays we have our microphone set up in the lobby of the P. E. building to interview folks as they come to work. Our question is, "What do you want for Christmas?"

Here is our first candidate, a big pair of shoes all by themselves. No there is some one in them, it is Mr. R. Swanson. Well Roy what do you want for Christmas? R. S.: I could use a new face, small feet and 100 lessons in how to bowl, would be nice. Well here is M. Cavender. Young lady what do you want for Christmas? M. C.: Send me a good looking man and a nice moonlight night, I want romance. Here comes Mr. Lee Bush. Mr. Bush what can Santa bring you? I have a habit, send me 25 lbs. of Mail Pouch and 12 goobboons.

I see that good looking young Irish girl Miss Fogerty coming this way. Miss Fogerty, what do you want? M. F.: Just give me a football team that can beat them Trojans, I'm broke. Here is Ann Beseman. What could Santa bring you, Miss Beseman? M. B.: Just give me a good looking Scotchman named George, I have ideas. Why here comes our Club President, Mr. Vickery. Mr. V. what would you like for Xmas? Mr. V.: Just leave me alone, I like to sit and dream of my past. Meet Mr. R. C. McClellan of the Redondo Beach bath house. What do you want Roy? R. Mc.: Just give me a red silk bathing suit with "Manager" across the front.

Here comes a popular P. E. girl Ruth Bushard. Hi Ruth, what do you want? R. B.: I don't feel so hot, I'll settle for a bottle of Lydia Pinkhams. Now Noble Cates, how about

you Noble? N. C.: I want a choo choo, a cap pistol and a set of blocks. Here is Mr. Perry, all the Auditors are coming in. What do you want Mr. Perry? I want a shoe store that sells shoes with sizes in two figures, this tailor made business is getting me down. Here is Gladys Sondag. What could Santa bring you Gladys? Just ask him to make every day Sondag for me.

Step up Gus. This is Gus Guercio. What do you want from Santa, Gus? G. G.: Just give me a good hideout, next year is leap year. And now we have Eunice Fischer. What is your wish Eunice? E. F.: I want just one night at the south pole so I can catch up on my sleep. There is our elevator man Mr. Madigan. What do you want in your sox, Jimmy? J. M.: Ugh, there is no Santa Claus, the ham and eggs fell through.

A big transportation man is coming this way. What would make you happy Mr. L. Jones? L. J.: Just let our team bowl the passenger traffic every Friday night, we would soon be in first place. Here is that big Clam Agent—I mean Claim Agent, Mr. Staden. What do you want, Mr. Staden? Mr. S.: Just give me a chance for a good talk with the Editor of the Magazine, I didn't like that story last month.

Step back girls and let him alone. PLEASE girls, let him alone. Come right up to the mike, Mr. Harvey Smith. What could Santa bring you that would make you happy? H. S.: If Santa would just make the girls leave me alone I would be satisfied. Well, if it isn't Alpha Sans. What do you want Santa to bring you Alpha? A. S.: I don't want a thing, I got me a man. And now Miss Haldeman. What would you like for Christmas Miss Haldeman? M. H.: I just want what is rightfully mine, the part of Scarlet O'Hara. Here is that steno in the Eng. Department, Miss Evelyn Emmons. What would please you, Miss Emmons? M. E.: I want everyone to be nice to me like

Vic Labbe is, he is so sweet. Oh, me, lights out. This is Station W.O.W. signing off.

Alhambra, Calif.  
December 1st, 1939

Mrs. Will Watchall,  
Corn Crib, Iowa.  
Dear Maw:

Your letter received and I believe you better hold off selling the farm, and stop writing the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce for literature. The management don't seem to appreciate talent, because I am still on the same job.

But Maw I have ideas. Just wait until the Angelus Oil well comes in and then I am going to buy this R.R. and just ride around and inspect my properties. Don't mention this to the neighbors as it might scare the Standard Oil Company and cause a drop in the stock market.

How do you like the way our Iowa boys beat that Notre Dame team. Our boys are good. These Trojans are not bad either. They should invite our boys to the Rose Bowl. If they don't the Iowa boys should start the Corn Bowl.

Well, Maw, I must cut this short as I have to go down to the barber shop and practice I am singing saprono in the quartet and besides I have yet to write to Santa Claus,

Your loving son,  
Walter.

### Encouraging

Wife (to husband, sick in bed): "Darling, I'm just writing to mother—er—how do you spell cemetery, with an S or a C?"

First Communist: Nice weather we're having.

Second (grudgingly): Yes, but the rich are having it, too.

"A husband like yours must have been hard to find."

"He still is when I need him."

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## PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB

**Monday, December 11:**  
Automotive Transportation Class — 7:30 p.m.  
Maintenance of Electric Cars and Locomotives Class—7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 12:**  
Motor Coach Maintenance Class—7:00 p.m.  
P. E. American Legion Post No. 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 13:**  
P. E. Rod and Gun Club regular Monthly Meeting—7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, December 14:**  
P. E. Women's Club Annual Christmas Party and Program—1:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 15:**  
P. E. Club Annual Christmas Party and Dance—Yule-time entertainment in Club Theatre at 7:30 p.m.—Santa Claus to treat the kiddies under a sparkling Christmas tree, followed by Annual Christmas Ball, dancing until midnight.  
P. E. Club Bowling League Matches at Sunset Bowling Center, 5842 Sunset Blvd. 8:15 p.m.—Spectators welcome.

**Monday, December 18:**  
Automotive Transportation Class — 7:30 p.m.  
Maintenance of Electric Cars and Locomotive Class—7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 19:**  
Motor Coach Maintenance Class—7:30 p.m.  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 321 Special Night Card Party. Bridge and Bunco—8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 20:**  
P. E. Masonic Club 6:30 p.m. Round table dinner, followed by regular Monthly Meeting and Election of Officers for coming year.

**Monday, December 25:**  
Christmas Day. Club Rooms closed all day.

**Tuesday, December 26:**  
P. E. American Legion Post No. 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 28:**  
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Meeting and Program—1:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 1:**  
New Years Day. Club Rooms closed all day.

**Friday, January 5:**  
P. E. Club Bowling League Matches at Sunset Bowling Center, 5842 Sunset Blvd.—8:15 p.m.—Spectators invited.

### HOLIDAY SEASON AT P. E. CAMP

By H. E. De Nyse, Manager

We have been receiving many inquiries about activities at The Camp over the holidays, whether the Camp will be open Christmas and New Years, what the rates will be, will meals be served, etc.

There is no closed season, The Camp is open throughout the year. We have cabins that accommodate four, six and eight persons, all complete for housekeeping, including bedding. Each cabin has natural gas for cooking and a wood stove for heating.

Meals will not be served in our dining room over the Christmas week-end unless special arrangements are made in advance. Meals will be served over the New Years week-end, beginning Friday night, December 23rd. Turkey dinner will be served Sunday, December 24th at one o'clock. The charge for break-

fast will be 35 cents, lunch 40 cents and dinner 50 cents. The turkey dinner will be 65 cents.

The housing charge will be the same as during the summer season, \$2.25 per day for two persons and \$1.00 per day for each additional guest in same quarters. For guests occupying separate quarters the rate is \$3.00 per day for two guests and \$1.00 per day for each additional guest.

The snow is coming early this year, 10 inches of the "beautiful" having fallen in the Camp just recently. We are hoping for more before Christmas.

The new all year ice skating rink at Blue Jay is very popular and ice skating is assured over the holidays. Ice skating among the towering pines—a thrill for addicts of this popular diversion.

Unless there is an unusually heavy fall of snow, skid chains will not be necessary. As soon as the snow begins falling the State Highway snow plows are operated day and night in order to keep the roads open. If you have chains, take them along, "just in case".

Last year the Camp was completely sold out over the New Years week-end, and many were disappointed, so don't delay. Make your reservation early and at the same time, state whether or not you want to take all or part of your meals in our dining room.

There will be dancing Saturday night, and Sunday night. The old year will be ushered out and the new one in with the usual noise and merrymaking. Join in the fun. Come up Friday night and stay until late Monday afternoon. Treat yourself to a real holiday vacation.

Many reservations have already been made, so act quickly. You can make your arrangements either at the Club, Los Angeles, or with the Camp direct. P. O. address, Twin Peaks, California.

Don't be alarmed if the baby girl doesn't talk the first year. She will positively make up for it later.

### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Am wondering if you know your Club Committeeman. You should make it a point to get acquainted, as much for his benefit as for yours. He represents you at the regular Club Committee meetings. The more contacts he has the better he is able to represent you. It is at these meetings that the business of running the Club is handled, and we want to run it for the benefit of all.

At the last Committee meeting it was brought out that some 700 employees do not belong to the Club or the Mortuary. Maybe one of that number is you or the employee working alongside of you. What are you going to do about it? We need a full membership in both.

The Club will distribute Christmas baskets to some 400 employees, retired and on sick leave. Then on December 15th we will have our big Christmas party in the Club Building. Sure, old Santa will be on hand. I'll be seeing you then.

FRED E. GEIBEL,  
Club President.

Dec. 10, 1939

### P. E. WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

By Mrs. W. A. Hasty

On October 26th the Women's Club opened its meeting with the Flag salute and the singing of "God Bless America". The President, Mrs. F. M. Hart, then conducted a short business session after which we had a very interesting and instructive talk by May Lillian Fox on "Courtesy, Correct Speech, Manners and Charm".

Miss Fox was educated in Paris, Oxford, London; and the United States and is an authority on this subject. Questionnaires were handed to each lady and we each had a confidential survey of our good manners. This was enjoyed so much by the

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members, that extra time was allotted the speakers.

November 9th, after the formal opening of our meeting, with Flag salute and the singing of the National anthem, Mrs. Hart, President, held a short business meeting. The general chairman for the Bazaar, Mrs. A. C. Smith, made her final preparations and assigned space for booths.

The meeting was then turned into an informal social hour, with readings by Mrs. Herrin on Thanksgiving, a duet by Mrs. Hasty and Mrs. Elvah Wade Fuller; and the reading of a "Puritan's Will", by Mrs. Confr.

Then a game and community sing was enjoyed by all members. In the absence of Mrs. Crunk who was in Arizona at a reunion of her family, Mrs. Hasty did the pinchhitting.

Last but by no means least, our Bazaar opened on the evening of November 14 and our labor and effort in getting ready for this big event was more than rewarded and we wish to thank every one who so generously supported us and made the Bazaar the big success it was.

We also thank the chairmen and their committees of helpers.

#### Chairmen

Door Prize: General Chairman, Mrs. A. C. Smith.

Hostess Set: Mrs. W. A. Bishop and Mrs. Clifford Curle.

Aprons: Mrs. Sharp, Harry Thomas, Frank Miller, and Miss Carla Sharp.

Fancy Work: Mrs. F. R. Howe, D. Barnard, C. Grannling, C. Leatherman, A. Kiddo, V. Vullenave, B. Edwards.

White Elephant: Mrs. J. R. Hermin.

Pot Holders and Miscellaneous: Mrs. W. A. Hasty, and Katherine Moore.

Gift Shop: Mrs. R. R. Crunk and Mrs. Pearl Anderson.

Flowers and Plants: Mrs. J. Adams.

Jams and Jellies: Mrs. Columbus.

Candy: Mrs. Neil, Lloyd Murphy, Daisy Burke.

Tea Room: Mrs. Frank Hart, June Rambo, A. Hornbuckle, A. J. Andrews.

December 14th will mark another happy day as this will be our big Christmas party. Come one, come all and bring a small gift for the tree or Santa's pack.

#### Fellow-Sufferer

Judge: "Well, what is your excuse for speeding fifty miles an hour?"

Defendant: "I had just heard, your honor, that the ladies of my wife's church were giving a rummage sale, and I was hurrying home to save my other pair of pants."

Judge: "Case dismissed!"

### P. E. CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa Claus has again promised to make a pre-Christmas appearance at the P. E. Club Annual Christmas Party on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th.

A fine Yule-tide program has been arranged for the occasion, there will be music, singing, dancing and a surprise act or two in the P. E. Club Theatre.

After which Old Santa will greet the kiddies with a package of sweets under a sparkling Christmas tree. Followed by the Annual Christmas Ball—Dancing until midnight.

### FIRST ANNUAL VETERANS' REUNION A SUCCESS

By O. R. Newhouse

On Tuesday evening, November 14th some 400 or more employees and their friends gathered in the Pacific Electric Club Theatre as guests of our First Annual Veterans' Reunion.

At 8:00 P.M. Commander Broberg called the audience to attention while the band played the National Anthem and the colors were advanced, following the opening ceremonies Commander Broberg made a short address of welcome and introduced Past Commander C. A. Newman, Chairman of the entertainment committee.

Comrade Newman then introduced Mr. O. A. Smith, President of the Pacific Electric Railway, who gave us a fine talk and congratulated the P. E. Post on its fine record and past achievements. Mr. Smith promised the continuance of the wonderful cooperation which he has given in the past. Mr. Smith then introduced Mr. Frank Karr, Vice President and Chief Counsel of the Pacific Electric and asked Mr. Karr to introduce the guest speaker, the Honorable Clarence L. Kincade, Judge of Superior Court.

In his introduction Mr. Karr gave us some of the Judge's background for at one time the Judge was employed in the Pacific Electric Law Department under Mr. Karr.

Judge Kincade spoke on Democracy and the American Legion and what they both mean to us.

Following Judge Kincade's address, Comrade Newman introduced Mr. Van Nebrac, Comedian and Master of Ceremonies and we were then entertained by the following artists: Charles and Emil, Accordion Duo; E. F. Mickie, Magician; Peggy Can-

ada, 6-year old singer and dancer; Lee Allen, song writer; F. J. Oriva, artist; and Mable Reynolds, impersonator, then concluded the evening's entertainment with a moving picture entitled Baseball. Music was furnished by the Lincoln Heights High School R.O.T.C. Band under the direction of Mr. Louis W. Tozier.

The best of speakers, fine entertainment and good music in all an evening well spent.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY By Patricia Oglesby

Pacific Electric Railway Unit 321 was honored with a visit from the 23rd District President, Mrs. Dorothy Baker, whom we were pleased to have with us.

A number of splendid reports were made by the Chairman. Mrs. Bernice Nichols, Hospital Chairman, gave a grand report on her work at the Hospital and also community service work. Mrs. M. Harper, Membership Chairman, reported the Unit over the top in having attained their 1940 quota.

Seven members and one guest attended the 23rd District Meeting at Culver City honoring the Department President, Mrs. Muriel Wright, who gave an inspiring talk on the various phases of the Auxiliary work and also told of her recent trips to Indianapolis where she attended a round table conference.

Mrs. Juanita Braley, Ways and Means Chairman for December, announces a card and bunco party to be held on Tuesday, December 19th in the Club lounge. Refreshments and prizes will be a feature of the evening, tickets 25 cents. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. M. Quillin, Ways and Means Chairman, announces fair progress is being made on the raffle of the hand crocheted table cloth.

Mrs. Quillin is the lucky winner of the filled over-night kit, which was raffled by the Robert T. McColby Unit of Huntington Park. This kit was made at the Veterans' Facility at West Los Angeles by a disabled veteran.

Funny that some folks are so lucky.

#### His Advice

Mrs. Newbride: I took the recipe for this cake out of the cook book.

Hubby: You did perfectly right, dear. It never should have been put in.

#### On His Own

Mr. Henpeck (to boss)—Sir, I think it's about time I got a raise.

Boss—What are you talking about. We just put a raise in your envelope last week.

Mr. Henpeck — Why doesn't my wife tell me these things?



# PACIFIC ELECTRIC SPORTS

## ROD AND GUN CLUB NEWS

By Arlie Skelton

The passing to the Great Beyond of Stephen R. McNeill, Signalman an active member of our Club on October 30th was learned with much regret by his host of friends in the Pacific Electric organization.

For many years Mr. McNeill was esteemed as one of our true sportsmen in all that the name implies. He had many true friends here and by all he will be greatly missed.

Sincere sympathy is extended on behalf of the members of this Club to the bereaved wife and children.

Our November meeting was well attended, there being only two officers absent. Namely L. J. Bush and C. G. Gonzalez. No doubt their absence was unavoidable. There seems to be plenty of sports afield as plenty of registration cards are still coming in.

Our December meeting will close the 1939 tournament season.

The member whom we mentioned last month as having forgot to sign his card was present with plenty of proof to identify the registration as his own and he was none other than our old Charter member friend D. A. Terry. Dan was excused this time and his registration restored to the files. And everybody seemed happy again.

Date for our Annual Meeting and Prize Awarding will be Saturday, January 6, 1940, in the P. E. Club auditorium. The chairman of our Entertainment Committee Mr. H. P. Bancroft is now scouting for the cream of the talent to really put on a show imitated but not duplicated anywhere in the world. That streamlined smile of Banny's is a knowing smile and when he goes out for talent to put on one of his famous shows, he only considers the best. And he gets it. You come out and see his show and if you are not satisfied it was well worth your while, I will give you my prize. This is not a paid political speech.

Speaking of politics, there is an election coming up at our December meeting. Our Nominating Committee Chairman Harry Pierce, L. L. Lloyd, D. E. Porter, H. P. Bancroft and J. B. Rogers have been instructed to do their best for the good of the Club. In addition to their proposals other nominations will be in order from the floor. It is hoped as many members as can possibly be there will come and help with the election of new officers for 1940. It is your Club and it is up to you to help run it as you think it should be done.

## PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings and Averages for the  
Week of December 1, 1939

### TWELFTH WEEK OF FIRST ROUND

9.	Claim	28	8	28127	904
3.	Signal	23	13	28114	898
5.	Fr. Traffic	23	13	27798	873
13.	Hill Street	22	14	27834	887
1.	Amazons	21	15	27364	861
11.	Fr. Service	20	16	26966	828
7.	Psgr. Traffic	19	17	27180	880
17.	Glendale	19	17	26659	837
18.	General Office	19	17	26515	848
16.	Wilshire Lines	17	19	27814	889
15.	Schd. & Rserch	17	19	27280	860
2.	B. & B. Dept.	15	21	27316	858
6.	Engineers	15	21	17212	878
10.	North	15	21	26930	899
8.	Transportation	15	21	26757	877
14.	Medical	14	22	27061	872
4.	P. E. Club	13	23	27077	863
12.	Out Laws	9	27	26368	879

With the first half of our league drawing to a close, we find the Claim Department team still way out in front with a lead of five games over the Signal and Freight Traffic teams. Hot or cold, the Claim outfit seem to have what it takes in the "Clutch" to win games. With their opponents all out to take them into camp it speaks volumes for their pin smashing ability when they continue to stay out in front of the rest of the clubs.

Winners of high series prizes since our Magazine last went to press were: L. S. Jones, R. R. Wilson, C. G. Gonzalez and H. Smith. Those who gathered in high game prizes during this period were: Robinson of the General Office team, J. G. Coffman, H. C. Hampton, and E. Barnes. Congratulations.

On the night of November 10th the Schedule and Research took the Pas-

senger Traffic into camp and Beagle Jones led his cohorts to the kill with a nifty 502 series. The Medicos took complete charge of the P. E. Club, winning all three games and the Hill Street subdued the Freight Service handing them a nice goose egg. Claim took two from Freight Traffic; General Office whitewashed the Engineers; Glendale took a pair from the Amazons and the Outlaws took a 2-1 decision over the Transportation team. Wilshire Lines won two from the North and the Signal team won all three games from the B & B club.

The winners on the night of November 17 were the Signal, Passenger Traffic, North, Transportation, B & B, and General Office with two games each while the leaders of the league won three from the Schedule and Research.

November 24 winners were the Fr. Traffic, B & B, North, Claim, Hill Street, Wilshire Lines, Fr. Service, Engineers and Schedule and Research, Fr. Traffic, Hill Street, North, B & B and General Office came out on the long end of their series.

C. G. Gonzalez was really as hot as a firecracker on the night of Nov. 24, when he turned in a splendid series of 658, his high game of 258 earning him a silver pin from the Sunset Alleys. Gon really was at the peak of his game and what he didn't do to the opposition, the P. E. Club, was a shame.

On this same evening several of the P. E. bowlers really turned on the heat and a member of the fair sex, Miss Cooper turned in several fine games, as did Crownover of the Wilshire Lines and "Happy" Harry Hampton of the North. Another

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bowler in fine fettle was Art Pabst of the Claim, with two games over 200.

"Worry" Birmingham seems to have finally put the fear of something or other into those dodoes who go under the alias of bowlers on the Frt. Traffic team. "Worry" has a fine rooting section out each night, with Mrs. Birmingham and his three beautiful daughters all pulling for him. I know now what gives him the most worry. He just can't miss and expect a pleasant home life. But the rooting section are behind him to a man (or lady) and his spectacular rise in the averages speaks volumes for his support.

That lug Swanson ought to take the hint and get a rooting section. That also goes for Perry of the Schedule and Research and Oliver of the General Office. Their rooting sections would certainly have to learn to take it and come back for more.

The General Office team, a new entry this year, is coming along in fine style and they are certainly far from a push-over. They've even got Grey Oliver and Jimmy Gould improving in each game and when you can do that you're doing a big deed. N. Shafer of the Wilshire Lines is now tied for the league lead with Jay Gowanlock and Harry Welch at 182. These three leaders are closely followed by Barnes, Cuccia, L. W. Davis, Gonzalez and Woolley. Nice going indeed when you realize they are all above the 170 mark.

News bulletin: E. Cobb leads R. M. Cobb; Cooper is ahead of 60 per cent of the male contingent; Beranek has a lead over one-third of the field, Marion Lutes is creeping up on her lord and master and C. Wilson, F. Houston and K. Ohlinger are doing all right for themselves. Grey Oliver has improved, he is now leading 17 Coats and four little girls. Our smiling Nurse, Miss Chobostsky, is sporting a nice 142 average, leading such "experts" as DuBose, Herman "The Mayor" Grenke, Huber of the Glendale team; Beagle Jones, D. Houston, who is claimed to have taken the spotlight away from Gonzalez with a nifty 94; Garrett, and George Orr, and a host of others including "Pecan" Sayan and \$2.00 Gould.

Roy Wilson, after a nice climb in the averages, was unable to perform on Dec. 1 due to an injured ankle. He is now in the select 155 and over class.

Archie Brahm is slowly climbing up in the averages and this also goes for "Worry" Birmingham, Frank Epp, C. Oliver, E. R. Smith, the "Squire" from Macy; "Pop" Henry, Hasenyager and Dietz of the Hill Street.

It is a peculiar thing but some of our "best" bowlers seem to roll their best games in the "after the series" exhibitions they put on. 140 class bowlers and under suddenly blossom out into 200 class performers. Can it be due to the lack of tension or is it on account of round bottom pins in use at the time. There must be some explanation.

Joe Shafer, one of the pillars of strength in the Schedule and Research, secured a ride to town with one of the low average bowlers. At last reports they were both shoving the machine down Sunset Boulevard. Joe says next time he'll walk.

The foot race between a certain insurance agent and one of the medicos never came off. The insurance agent out-talked the Dr. and kept his skin in one piece. From appearances though he now maintains a discreet silence on the matter of double coverage, triple disability, etc. That Loveys is a diplomat. Especially when peeking at the hole card.

Bob Robertson and Les Lutes, both residents of our rapidly growing east side colony, say their fine bowling form is due to practice which they secure in weeding the lawn. May be something in that and this is a tip for Perry-Squirrel Stockberger, Ace Worthington and Bobby, the boss of the Weir family.

One more jump and our Outlaws will take full and complete charge of the P. E. Club team. Then watch those ladies take out after the Medical and Transportation clubs. But the dog-fight supreme will take place between "Murderer" Converse, who specializes in rabbits, and Le the "Roy" Swanson. That will be a contest to see who can out-talk the score keeper.

Ted Wolf, mastermind of the Glendale bowlers, has been "talking" some very nifty games for his fellow cohorts, and away from the opposition. If smiling Ted starts to bowl as well as he talks—all opposition beware—and his game is improving!

Charley Oliver has now become a permanent member of the P. E. Club. The Club gets a fine bowler,

but what Charley gets is another story. If he can pack that load he is a better man than Gunga Din or even "Lefty" Kinney, who has been staggering the load of packing the Freight Service, and boy, that is a load of loads.

Another packer of weights is Coffman of the B & B. I'll bet he thinks he not only has four men on his back but a couple of bridge timbers. He has been getting some help lately from H. Smith and the old gray eagle B. Manley. The only time Manley fell down was when the Outlaws took him for a pair. Bert was muttering about women in his hair.

#### Necessary Evil

"So you desire to become my son-in-law?"

"No, I don't. But if I marry your daughter, I don't see how I can get out of it."

#### Sold Out

Young Woman (helping at rummage sale): "I have sold everything out of that room."

Vicar's Wife: "Oh, dear, dear! That was the cloak room!"

#### Right Idea

"What d'ya say, Jim, we get our wives together tonight and have a big time?"

"Okay by me, Joe; where'll we leave 'em?"

#### Foresight

Roberta—Did you count with a daisy to see if Jack loves you?

Ruth—No indeed; it might have turned out wrong. I used a three-leaved clover.

Every year college deans pop the routine question to their undergraduates: "Why did you come to college?"

Traditionally the answers match the question in triteness. But last year one University of Arizona co-ed unexpectedly confided: "I came here to be went with—but I ain't yet."

## Wishing You All . . . A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

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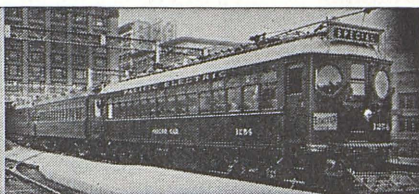
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# SAFETY NEWS



## MOTORING TOLL

At the end of 1938 there were 29,485,680 motor vehicles registered in the United States.

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In the wake of their purring exhaust pipes were 32,400 men, women and children, all killed in motor vehicle accidents.

These are grim statistical totals that appear in "Accident Facts," the National Safety Council's yearbook.

Traffic accident deaths were clicked off at a rate of one for every 16 minutes, 89 per day, 32,400 deaths for the year.

Non-fatal injuries suffered in motor vehicle accidents during 1938 occurred at a rate of one every 27 seconds, 130 every hour, 3200 every day, 1,150,000 during the year.

Read that again—SLOWLY.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Safety Committee Membership for December, 1939, will include the following:

J. M. Landis.....San Bernardino  
B. L. Brown.....Macy Street  
E. A. Chute.....Pasadena  
T. C. Garnett.....L. A. Street  
E. F. Lowary.....Long Beach  
F. O. Bradley.....Butte Street Yard  
V. Felston.....West Hollywood  
R. M. Woolverton.....Subway Terminal  
S. T. Cloud.....Ocean Park  
W. O. Toenjes.....Glendale  
L. Sommerville.....Motor Transit Dist.

The next regular meeting of the Trainmen's Safety Advisory Committee will be December 29, 1939, 10:00 A. M., in the Pacific Electric Club Rooms, Los Angeles.

We are hopeful that during the month and prior to the date of the conference the above named men will be especially conscious of the accident problems on the districts where they are employed, submitting any suggestions or subjects for discussion of a constructive nature in the interests of advancing our efforts to prevent avoidable accidents.

Each employe having any suggestions will further this endeavor by writing each suggestion on a separate piece of paper and handing it to his committeeman so it may be presented at the meeting.

## HOLIDAY SAFETY

Along about this time of the year we begin to experience an increase in accidents, and December is usually the banner month, as far as the accident record is concerned.

This increase is partly due to the fact that more people are traveling during the holiday season, both by street car and by private automobile; partly to the fact that as we are imbued with the Christmas Spirit we also take on some of the spirit of carelessness.

Our increase in travel for this month is made up largely of women doing their Christmas Shopping, and children who have come to town for their annual visit to Santa Claus. Let's take good care of these folks. We don't want to be responsible for anything that may spoil or mar their Christmas fun.

Lend a helping hand to that tired-looking lady with both arms full of bundles and packages, who is attempting to board your car. Remember that while she is boarding your car, your mother, sister or wife may be boarding some other car and in need of a little assistance.

Look out for those happy but tired youngsters, homeward bound after placing their orders with Santa. Their thoughts are on Christmas morning and well-filled stockings, and

not with such things as getting on or off street cars. But you wouldn't want some other conductor to close the doors on your kiddie, or allow him to fall from a step, so be as careful with the other fellow's youngster as you want him to be with yours.

And be extra careful about those automobiles and trucks that sort of run wild about this time of the year. They are doing more running around now than at other times of the year, and the Christmas Spirit that some of the drivers are infected with is not the kind that is conducive to careful driving.

Heaven helps those who help themselves, but during the Christmas Season it's up to the motorman, conductor and operator to look out for those who are too busy with other things, or in too much of a hurry, to look out for themselves.

Double your alertness during the Holiday Season, for during this period you must exercise care in operation for the other fellow as well as yourself.

Lawyer: "If a man is on his hands and knees in the middle of the road, does that prove that he is drunk?"

Policeman: "No so, it does not, but this one was trying to roll up the white line."



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## AN EDITORIAL ABOUT BLOWING YOUR HORN

Intelligent use of the horn speaks a motorist who applies intelligence to all phases of his driving.

Horns generally either are used too much or not enough—rarely in the proper proportion.

The motorist who uses his horn to frighten a pedestrian out of his path is a menace on the highways and should be treated accordingly. The driver who blows his horn vociferously to persuade the traffic policeman to give him the "go" sign deserves a reprimand.

Every motorist at some time or other has had the misfortune to have his engine stall. Then is the time the horns come out in force! Sensible, indeed, and most helpful, too, is the motorist who realizes that a man isn't blocking traffic because he wants to, isn't struggling with a balking automobile for the fun of it, and refrains from "standing on the horn."

Horns have their vital uses. It would be impossible to drive cars without them. But it should be remembered also that horns can be a danger and a menace, that they can contribute to accidents as well as prevent them. And none should forget that one's good breeding certainly is clearly indicated in proper, discreet horn use under all circumstances.

—Reprinted from National Motorist

## BE HONEST AND SINCERE

Sincerity and Honesty are twin virtues and the very foundation stones upon which you can build your personality. This means honesty with yourself, your company and the customer.

Honesty no longer means simply keeping within the law, keeping out of jail, keeping out of trouble. Today's standard of honesty is higher than that. The honest man or woman now seeks not merely to avoid criminal acts but to be straight-forward, square, fair and fearless in both action and expression.

Are you giving yourself a square deal? Are you putting sufficient energy into your work? Are you working to the maximum ability and capacity of which you are capable? Are you treating the customer the way you would like to be treated if you were in his place?

Advise your customers truthfully and do nothing to give the customer a chance to doubt your integrity. If you don't know the answer to your customer's question, acknowledge it and offer to find out. Bluffing may get you by for a while but you can't keep it up. You have to know what you are talking about and you have to mean what you say.

Avoid knocking and oversensitive-ness. Don't talk disparagingly of your work after hours. Be honest with yourself and give the best that's in you all the time. And, remember, you can not be too sensitive in this world. When a customer snaps, be sincere with yourself and the customer. Do not hold it against him. You are not necessarily at fault when he "jumps on" you but assume that you are. If it is the customer's fault, perhaps he has indigestion. Let them growl and take it out on you. It is not meant as a personal insult. You just happen to be there and get it.

A fat lady stepped on the scales not knowing they were out of order, and put a penny in the slot. The scales went up to 57 and stopped. A newsboy standing by noticed the situation. "My Gawd!" he cried. "She's hollow!"

Teacher: "Jane, who was Anne Boleyn?"

Jane: "A flat-iron, sir."

Teacher: "What do you mean?"

Jane: "Well, our history book says that 'Henry having disposed of Catherine, pressed his suit with Anne Boleyn'."

They say the first time a Scotchman used free air in a garage, he blew out four tires.

"My wife explored my pockets last night."

"What did she get?"

"About the same as any explorer—enough material for a lecture."

"I am a woman of few words," announced the haughty mistress to a new maid. "If I beckon with my finger, that means, 'Come!'"

"Suits me, mum," replied the maid. "I'm a woman of few words myself. If I shake my head, that means I ain't comin'."

He: "Women can never keep a secret."

She: "Yes, they can. I have kept my age a secret since I was twenty-five."

He: "But one day you will let it out."

She: "No, if I can keep a secret eight years, I can go on keeping it."

The cabinet of Franklin Pierce served the entire term without a change in personnel—1853-1857.

## REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS—NOVEMBER, 1939

Death Claims		Group		
Name	Occupation	Died	Insurance	Mortuary
Charles Wolborg	Retired Carpenter	11-16-39	\$ 500.00	Yes
Gus Smith	Retired Janitor	11-17-39	600.00	Yes
William A. Phillips	Retired Helper	11-21-39	500.00	Yes
Frank H. Gilbert	Retired Clerk	11-28-39	1250.00	Yes

## EMPLOYEES' WIVES' DEATH BENEFIT FUND

Name	Died	Wife of	Department
Isolene R. Beals	11- 1-39	Charles H. Beale	Transportation
Mary J. Mysewander	11-19-39	Carl W. Mysewander	Transportation
Goldie M. Caldwell	11-25-39	Thomas J. Caldwell	Transportation

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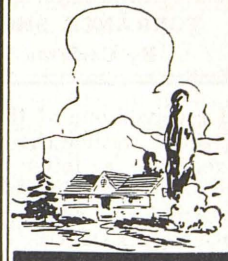
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## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

By Victor P. Labbe

Happy birthday to you: W. D. Boyle, 1; Gustave T. Roberts, 6; John D. Mendenhall, 19; Leo J. Bush, 25.

Hugo Meneghelli is going to the extremes in this picture taking. Bill Hubbard should know.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Stephen R. McNeill, Signalman, who died suddenly Oct. 30.

H. E. De Nyse and wife had a splendid vacation—back to the New York World's Fair and seeing lots of the good old U.S.A.

Jack Shay, who retires from service Nov. 30, has had quite a varied railroad career. Born in County Kerry, Ireland, he left for Australia at the age of 18. Three years later he came to the U. S. and settled in Boston, Mass. Worked for the Boston Electric Light Co., then the Boston Elevated R. R. as signalman, later given the position of general foreman of Construction in charge of all construction, maintenance and interlocking.

Forced to resign on account of his wife's health and came to California, starting work for the P. E. as chief wireman in 1915. In 1918 resigned, going with the U.P. as gang foreman, in signal and interlocking department. Returned to the P. E. in 1920 as construction foreman in signal department. In 1925 made Inspector of signals and interlocking. In 1931 entered the Tower service where he has stayed until his retirement.

Vic Westerberg would like a good cure for his limp. Leave hints with Mr. M. B. Morris.

Jean "Patricia" Fogarty and Nancy Kelly took in the Santa Clara-U.C.L.A. game. Seems Jean won ten dollars and Nancy was to go free. Well, you know, good hearted Kelly.

Jessie Eaton is certainly burned up with all the ones who have chances on football games, etc. Says no one asks her to take a chance. Remember she is in Room 695.

Welcome to the Engineering Department, the new stenographer,

Evelyn E. Emmons.

Harvey Smith is having a love affair again. We hope this time it takes and Harvey settles down to normal.

Emma Smith spent her vacation in Arizona and had a splendid rest.

Gus Guercio seen in some late spots with "Snow White". Why, Mr. Guercio.

Ed Hasenyager would like to have some coaching lessons on bowling. Claims he is slipping and to retain his prestige will pay well for real coaching.

George McClure is getting ready for the racing season at Santa Anita. Figured on a box this year but on second thought prefers parading around and giving the ladies a treat.

Notre Dame's true and staunch supporter took bets from right and left on the U.S.C. game. Well, no need to mention her name but she paid off quite a sum. Sentiment is her motto.

Faye Compton would like to have his letter returned?

Lucky "Miller" can soon retire on his football winnings.

Cupid "Dorner" is no longer Mayor of Hawthorne. Claims he will soon campaign for higher honors and wishes everyone's support after the first of the year.

Al Smith was asked to attend the girls in the Tournament of Roses Parade but blushing refused unless he was made King.

Art "Hilde" Brandt says the girl with the brown eyes still likes him and although the football season will soon be over, he will still see her every week. Hope this doesn't mean a trip to Reno.

Two things have bothered the commuters on the Redondo Line: one was why Daner some times gets on at Rosecrans and what kind of tobacco does he smoke.

Both questions were answered a few months ago when Mr. Daner was seen in a Jap's cabbage patch filling his tobacco pouch and brief case full of cabbage.

Very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Hugh K. Nickerson's father who passed away Friday, November 24th in San Bernardino.

## MACY STREET TERMINAL

By Chet Collins

The Christmas season is now in the air and it will not be too long before we turn into the new year. Here's wishing all of you a happy holiday season and a fine New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Grable were on a combined vacation and business trip early in November, taking two weeks for it and going back to the middle west. Frank took care of business affairs as executor of his father's estate and also sold some property of his while there. In off minutes they visited with friends and relatives. Frank reported that all went well and that they both had a good rest while on the trip. They now plan to build a new home here and are in the process of making plans for it. Here's wishing them much success.

Everybody was glad to see Bruce Holbrook return to work late in November, after having been in the hospital for two weeks as a result of head injuries received in an unfortunate altercation while on duty on the Watts line. We hope that there will be no further friction in that section in the future.

Several others were on the sick list during November, among them being: R. C. Scaggs, off resting up for a week; F. G. Campbell, off sick with a cold; R. E. Willis, off sick with a cold and later with an injured eye; and H. S. Dowdling who was off with a weeks illness. They are all back at work now and we hope they have no further trouble.

R. C. McPherson has been filling in a vacancy in the dispatcher's department resulting from sickness.

I. H. Lundy has taken an extended leave of absence and will be working on his new ranch in Oregon. Good luck, Lundy.

Sincere sympathy is extended to A. D. Terfinger and family, in the unexpected loss of his father, November 23. "Terf" left immediately for Chicago, in order to attend the services which will be held about 140 miles east of Chicago, and expects to be gone for several weeks.



## TORRANCE SHOP NEWS

By Carleton B. Bell

I received one of the big thrills of my short lifetime the other day when I received a letter from Mr. Ed Thomas, Editor in Chief of this fine Magazine. He addressed me as "AS-SOCIATE EDITOR" and that title made a big hit with me, it is the first real title I ever had on the P.E. It did not detract from my pleasure one bit that he also similarly addressed all other Department Correspondents. Thank you, Mr. Thomas.

Joe Berdelle once in a while comes over from the Pipe Shop to the Control and Air Shop and I often wondered just why he always looked so worried like—I just now found out the reason for the deep concern—Joe is out of Copenhagen snuff and is looking for someone to lend him a lip full.

Mighty glad to see our old friend Batista Zanoto (Joe to you) back on the job after a long three months off on account of an operation for appendicitis. Joe is a little pale and a little lighter in weight but still claims to feel as young as ever.

Walter Bloomfield, Walter Burgess, Al Kelly, and Hom Hislop all went hunting the other day, away out beyond Lancaster. They left home at 4:30 A.M., drove 300 miles, tramped the desert wastes all day in the hot sun and got home about 8:00 P.M.—with only one rabbit. One cannot help but wonder just how much that rabbit was worth to them.

That swell new De Soto coupe you see out front once in a while is Ed McGuire's. Mc thinks that raising up such a fine preacher as Ed, junior, has turned out to be entitles him to indulge in the best. We surely agree with you Mc.

Several of the men in the Control Shop chipped in and made up a little pot from which to buy a fine Thanksgiving dinner for a fellow employe less fortunate than they. I believe each of these fellows enjoyed the money thus spent more than if it had been spent on themselves and I know from personal observation that recipients enjoyed it. This is an idea that might be followed up at the coming Christmas time. Start it yourself, in your own little group, it does not take much from several to make some family of kids mighty happy.

Bill Parker is a great Legionaire and was observed marching bravely in the Legion Armistice Day Parade in Los Angeles. The observer was telling me about it and remarked how wonderfully Bill's chest stuck out. I questioned the "Chest" part of the story and took him around to see

Bill from the side again and he had to agree with me the protruding chest was a bit low, in fact so low that it might not be his chest at all. Never mind Bill, you are not the only Legionaire that has developed one of those misplaced chests during the last few years. My own uniform only lacks six inches of coming together.

Al Winkler really is the same old guy but looks very, very different since he has his face lifted. With another lift or two they will have made a handsome man out of him. Al blames the changed appearance on a fine new set of store teeth.

Louis Ugalde is on a trip to Mexico City to visit his daughter Xochilt who is attending Medical School there. The daughter took her pre-medical course at U.S.C. but is to finish her Medical training in Mexico City.

Dave Roberts was a lucky guy recently. He bought a raffle ticket and won a fine ladies purse on it. When I asked Dave what he did with the purse he blushed deeply but gave out no information.

Bill Simmons is learning to be a "pill roller" (Army vernacular for Hospital Corps man.) He is a member of the 115th Medical Corps, National Guard of California, with headquarters in Compton. He is much interested in the valuable training he is receiving and thinks it is much better than learning to shoot.

Never have been able to get news about Earl Schaller. He is either too quiet or too modest. Surely, it is not because he never does anything newsworthy. Did learn though that he celebrated Thanksgiving at home with a large company of friends and relatives. Claims he did not over-eat.

Roy Brucker is strong for quail hunting. The other day he went to Temecula to find these elusive birds and finding none went a hundred miles or more the other direction, north of Mojave, to find them. He met with some success.

Conrad Offinger, also well known hunter, went out for quail with his young son along to carry the quail he killed. The son himself shot ten quail and his dad only got two, and a guy that claims he saw them says they were only humming birds.

Bill Thomas was a sad sight on news day. His usual beauty had been marred by a blow upon the bridge of his nose, necessitating much red paint and adhesive thereon.

Dirk Mol is a proud grandfather. Took his wife, step-son and wife, and grandson all to Bakersfield for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Harry Pierce's faith is growing by leaps and bounds. A few weeks ago she prayed for rain after the hot spell and was nearly drowned

next day in the deluge. Since then Harry has put a new roof on their home and she is now praying for rain to see if the new roof leaks. I hope her prayers are answered again.

Dolph Cain has a fine flock of love birds for a hobby. Spent Thanksgiving day in friend Gilliam's mill making a new bird house for them.

Ralph Crosby is a great one to have a hobby that pays him back. Just now it is something that made a direct hit with me—Blueberries. I did not even know that they could be grown in this state but Ralph is picking oodles of them this Fall and I was fortunate enough to get a quart of them. Only trouble was they made my wife homesick.

Fred Gill passed out fine cigars—event, his marriage to Miss Gilgrass of Redondo on Thanksgiving day at the home of a preacher friend in North Hollywood. The Gang chipped in and bought him a fine floor lamp for a wedding present. Welcome to the big P. E. Family, Mrs. Gill, and much of the best of everything to both of you is our wish.

Everybody was glad to see Ralph Moore return to work again after being off with a bum leg for twenty long months. Here's hoping all the breaks for you hereafter will be good ones, Ralph.

Roy Sherman and wife celebrated their fifteenth anniversary on Dec. 2nd by having in a party of friends for the evening. Congratulations to the Shermans.

I just stopped and looked when I came around the corner of the tool room the other day. I saw there a handsome big new machinist there who was big enough, with the addition of a little more padding, to give big George Foster some real competition. Thomas Laurison is his name and modesty seems to be an outstanding trait of his. He is married, has two children, and lives in Long Beach. He is just a new man with the P. E., starting to work Nov. 24. He was last employed building and repairing gold dredges away up under the Arctic circle at Dawson, Alaska. We expect him to get thawed out completely soon. We are just a big family here on the P. E., so make yourself right at home, Tom.

George Lallich swears by this one—he was fishing at Redondo pier the other day and caught a mackerel, the mackerel at once spoke up and asked him if he had seen two pole Cain down today. It does beat heck how the fame of a great sportsman does spread.

Speaking of this Store Dept. employe reminds me—I have been jealous of the Store ever since their Ralph Long became the father of those fine red headed twin baby boys.



I just want to call this addition to the family to the notice of our young men, not to find fault at all but just to let you know what the neighbors are doing. I would be mighty happy to write something of the sort for the Mechanical Department.

And then that reminds me of something else—I name Tommy Kendrick as the biggest liar for this month. He has been bragging and making claims that no one believes he can back up. Will be glad to take all this back and give you all the favorable publicity you desire if you can only "SHOW ME".

George Frank Jenkins and wife are to make a trip down the Mexican coast to spent Christmas at Mazatlan, Mexico.

George Carrol and Howard Bernhard went hunting the other day up in the little hills near Lancaster. George claims the altitude affected him. Anyway he had to stop to rest every five or ten minutes and on the way back to the car Howard had to carry George's gun and one quail. Howard also carried his own four birds. George is just back to normal weight and wind by now.

The Clark family, Harry R. and wife, and Howard with wife and little daughter Evelyn, spent Thanksgiving at Santa Barbara with Harry's daughter Agnes and her family.

Our old reliable P. E. Restaurant proprietor, Mrs. O. M. Davis, informs us that night watchman Mann is driving a fine new auto these days, or is it nights. I do not quite get the reasons involved or particulars regarding the machine and it was too late to get them as I write this but would not think of failing to grant a request of Mrs. Davis.

A long step in the right direction. That is what I would say about Prof. Appel's personally conducted tour of the Automotive Departments of the Torrance Shops the night of November 28th. About sixty auto mechanics and helpers from all points, most of them members of the Automotive Maintenance Class conducted by this Company under the instruction of Mr. Appel, visited the Shops at Torrance and were shown the entire course of a bus through the Shops, from time of entry till it is turned out with good-as-new operating parts and fine new paint job. All Supervisors having to do with the buses course through the shop were present to explain each detail of the work done, headed by Shop Superintendent George Evans. Machine Shop work was explained by Foreman Floyd Shultz and demonstrated by Clarence Burnet and Bill Schenk. Bus compressor work was demonstrated by Frank Thompson and generator and starter work by Dan Barnard. Further words of

explanation were offered by Harry Clark and Joe Hardesty and many questions asked and answered fully. Great interest was displayed by the visitors and from the many remarks overheard they gained much valuable information and held a much higher and more complete conception of the amount and thoroughness of work done at the Torrance Shops. Shop Superintendent George Evans issues the following personal invitation: any one who wishes to learn more, or more in detail of any specific part of the work will be welcomed at the Shops any time they can get away from their job to visit Torrance Shops again. Their wants will be taken care of as fully as possible without undue interference with routine work.

Much credit is due those responsible for making this visit possible. (A bus was provided for the trip from 5th and Los Angeles Streets to Torrance and return.) and to Mr. Evans for his careful and complete arrangements to make the time spent at Torrance valuable for each of the visitors.

A little aside: The visitors inspected the demonstration car No. 608 and heartily approved of the entire interior and the orange and red side of the exterior.

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### CONDUCTORS' ACCOUNTS BUREAU

By Marion Snowden

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Honoring our old friend Mrs. Sanders of the Accounting Department, who retired on November 30th, about thirty of her friends in the building attended a dinner sponsored by Mildred Edwards and Marion Snowden in the dining room of the P. E. Club. Colorful chrysanthemums decorated the long table which made a lovely gathering place for the lively chattering group. With "Sandy" goes our wish for a 100 per cent return on the sweetness and unselfishness she has scattered through her thirty-three years of service.

Vacations still linger on, or, as the poet has it, "Lingering sweetness, long drawn out" — and don't ask which poet. Helen Sawyer made a hurried round trip to Des Moines. We've always heard that Iowa is a good place to come from. Lois Brown — on a ranch at Sacramento — for Thanksgiving dinner. Ethel Chandler — (what, again?) — McKittrick instead of staying at home and enjoying her new house. Esther Quast — It's a far cry from being a bridesmaid to being a dude rancher on the Y Lightning Ranch at Hereford, Arizona, but that's what our good old buster Esther did — only in reverse.

Anna Shofer, to give a grand wind-up to the vacations, took in all the choice spots everyone else missed. She visited Mt. Rainier, Centralia, Bremerton, and Seattle, all in Washington (sotto voce, a la Charlie McCarthy on the side: "If she likes Washington that much, why doesn't she move up there?"), and San Francisco where she helped 'em close up the Fair. If we missed any other places she visited, we hope she'll let us know. (And all that in two weeks!)

### Seen by Winch at the Keyhole:

Emma Taylor at Coxie's candy-box with the old alibi, "Dovie wants some candy."

Grace Shreeves leaving her windows down on the scorchingest hot days.

Florence Haldeman's sweet potato vine — what there is left of it after the toothpicks, typewriter brushes, rubber fingers, and empty adding-machine spools it has sprouted at intervals. One more dash of red ink and it will bear "yaller yams".

Arvilla Curran's face in the assorted odors of perfume and soap that find their way to her keen nose.

"Topsy" Wirz taking all the whiffs out of Fannie's inhaler.

Frank Screech, our one and only, around and about like a hen on a hot griddle.

The wide-open spaces in the front of our office. What for?

The conference appearance taken on by the old rest-room. With all those chairs and a telephone in this public thoroughfare, who said "rest"?

Shofer Ann blowing her brains out every day in sneezes.

Our new drinking fountain which, if it misses your neck and ears, gives you a foot-bath. (Not bad at that, but what a licking of chops it calls for!)

The dirty doors on the coat cupboards. Volunteers please call at Snowden's junk shop and borrow a can of BABO. Don't rush.

Odessa Carter "queening" it over the boys at West Hollywood. You know, the Queen contest?

Dorothy Littlefield trying to do justice to her Arizona football Hero with her local heart-throb sitting on the other side of her. Ts, ts, ts! (How do they spell that doggone sound, anyway?)

Helen Sawyer "now DEAR"ing the mail boys.

Stragglers coming in on election day, from Florence Cox who arrived at eight to those few who couldn't make up their minds how to vote, and stayed until the last dog was hung at nine-thirty.

Esther Quast as a sweet old-fashioned girl in a bustle 'n everything



doing the bridesmaid act at Alpha's wedding. The groom could hardly make up his mind which sister to "Love, honor, and obey".

Winnie Littlefield Martin visiting her old cronies with son Jimmie. (Where have we heard that phrase before?)

"Snowie" Snowden doing a rushing business in the new stamp issues.

Jack Cross hanging around Mr. Suman's office. His presence means only one thing—when do we start the fare check?

Interest is still running high in the BRS Queen contest, and from the latest reports, it's anyone's guess as to who will "engineer" the streamlined float on New Year's Day. Have you read all the folders singing the praises and describing the charms of the various contestants? Read 'em all again, add 'em all together, multiply by two (or more), and your answer is—Pinky! Odessa Carter to you. And you ain't seen nuthin' till you've seen Odessa smile. She's Conductors' Accounts Bureau's candidate for Queen.

## PASADENA NEWS

By Whitey

Who is going to win the cribbage contest in Pasadena. Started November first. Twenty-four contestants pitted their wits and luck (mostly luck) against each other. It still remains to be seen who wins first, second and third prizes.

Bill Richards hit the top again at annual chrysanthemum show at Brookside Park, winning first prize in the 6-6 class. (six flowers to a vase and an entry of 6 vases.)

Wedding bells rang in Yuma on October 12th for R. N. Penny. Miss Madeline Franklin of Pasadena is the happy bride.

W. A. Leishman, H. A. Moulton, D. B. Gardner and R. N. Hosford are still on the sick list in Pasadena. Dickinson is in the Lutheran Hospital and would enjoy a visit from his co-workers. Moulton is up and around but his side is still giving him quite a bit of trouble. Bob Hosford was seen on the street the other day. He looks fine but has lost a lot of weight. Dean Gardner is in the Veterans' Hospital in San Fernando.

Jack Mahon spent four days on a hunting trip October 16th to 19th with his brother and a friend, about 60 miles north of Bakersfield. Thirty-eight quail were in their bag on the way home.

Funeral services were held at St. Elizabeths Church on Tuesday, Oct. 21st for Mrs. C. W. Nysewander who passed away Sunday morning, October 19th.

## ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

By W. C. Scholl

The very first thing this month is to get rid of an embarrassing situation. It seems my informant caused me to convey to you some erroneous news in regard to the standing of the candidates for Queen of the B. of R. C. Float in the Tournament of Roses Parade at Pasadena, New Years Day, 1940. The correct news (according to the latest report at the time of this writing) is that Odessa Carter is leading Betty Enscoe by some 1600 votes. I now offer my humble apology.

Did you see the picture of a very beautiful young lady? Said picture appeared in a local newspaper under the following caption — "Beautiful Box-office Girl on Honeymoon". In case you failed to read any further there was a young man, (not so handsome) by the name of Fred Middleton involved. It seems that Ruth Green and Fred decided the name Middleton was not so bad and the result was a trip to Yuma where the Justice of Peace pronounced those never to be forgotten words. Good luck to you both.

This is an interruption in the course of writing this news. Who should walk into the office just now, but one Earle Moyer accompanied by Mrs. Moyer. We are all very glad to see Earle up and around and hope that he will be able to be with us as a regular real soon.

Our genial friend, Ray Knowlton, enjoying his vacation by painting the house took a tumble from the top of an oil drum, which was taking the place of a ladder. The fall resulted in a broken left arm. It is reported that the Freight and Passenger Accounts Bureau presented Ray with a 4-foot ladder so that future odd jobs would be done with four legs on the ground. It is mighty uncomfortable wearing the upper portion of one of those steel casts and Ray has all our sympathy. We all know he will come out of it and be back to the office safe, sound and soon.

Betty Enscoe came to the office on or about Nov. 3, 1939, with a black eye also commonly known as a "pip" of a shiner. Betty says (and we don't doubt her story) that she fell from the porch and sprained her wrist as well as receiving the shiner. Not to be outdone Geo. Chrystal came to the office with another "pip" on Nov. 27, 1939, and believe it or not the same story (and we doubt his story) but George forgot the sprained wrist. There are a lot of good stories explaining black eyes George and I might say you should have picked one just a bit different than the one you used.

## The Colossal Feat

It was a bright and warm Saturday afternoon when Super-Man Perry accompanied by two of his trusty straight shootin' sleuths, "Tommy Tinkle" and "Becky" Thatcher, started on the hunt for one of the biggest things in Los Angeles or for that matter, this side of Texas. Perry was confident that the hunt would produce results. I might say a little too optimistic, but not so, his trusty aids, because they saw the case or cases from a different angle. The first stop was at an ordinary shoe store where after a few questions the store clerk shook his head in the negative. Was Perry down hearted? No! he traveled on and on questioning one after another without success. As the shadows were lengthening and his two trusty aids were drooping at the knees, they staggered into a shoe store. Here folks is where super-man had the cards laid on the table in cold bare facts. Perry was licked. He was humiliated beyond words. Why, oh why, had he brought his two trusty aids with him. Now the world would know his plight. We offer our sympathy to our friend, George, for even if they don't have shoes large enough to fit him in Los Angeles or within a 400 mile radius of Los Angeles he should not let that get him down, because lots of people have feet **almost** that big and have to have their shoes imported.

And now to the late vacationers—lucky people:

Fred Middleton: getting acquainted with the wife.

C. W. Knight: back east to buy a new car for a swell trip.

Bill Keelin: playing with the rattlesnakes in the desert.

Noble Cates: deah ole Memphis.

Geo. Perry: San Francisco.

H. C. Kuck: Southern California.

Ci. Saunders: home.

We are all very sorry to hear of Miss Bell's illness and hope that she will recover real soon.

Florence B. Sanders retired November 30th after many years of faithful service. According to the roster "Sandy" as she is affectionately known, entered the service September 23, 1906. She was the guest of honor at a dinner at the P. E. Club on the 28th. And on the day she left was presented with an occasional chair and satin-down comforter. You have earned your retirement "Sandy" and may you enjoy every hour of it.

Another one to leave the service was our good friend, Ruby Sadowsky. Some three months ago Ruby took a leave of absence to get a good rest. To say she liked the idea of duties and the dishes, etc., is not doing justice to her enthusiasm and



the result was that after faithfully serving the company for 28 years Ruby decided to retire. We hope you will always remember us Ruby and drop in to see us.

We are sure that a great many of you remember "Daddy" Gilbert who retired several years ago and will be shocked to learn of his death on Nov. 22, 1939. He was 84 years old and was one of the old timers in the railroad business. To his relatives and many friends we extend our sincere sympathy.

Emily Prior and husband took a trip up North over the week-end. On the way home while passing through Turlock, Calif., they gave an interview to a speed cop and came out second best. Later on—still en-route, they blew out the muffler on the car—\$10.00 said the mechanic. So ended a hectic week-end trip. Rather expensive too.

### MOTOR TRANSIT NEWS

By M. J. Creamer

Not much to shoot at—or much ammunition to shoot with—for this issue. Surely there is always something of interest—something humorous or news items of some nature—happening at our stations along the line but little is relayed to the Los Angeles office for print. Appreciation is acknowledged to all of those who have helped and sent in material but would like to appeal to all to help out so that we can make this column a bit more interesting and cover a wider field. Pictures are welcome and will be returned.

The passing of Austin T. Macklin, restaurant owner and a prominent figure on Fifth St. for over 20 years, who passed away early in November, was a surprising blow to many. "Mack" or "Dad" as everyone called him was known by many and his kindnesses and help to all—will be long remembered. For many—he was their "Ace in the Hole"—or a meal ticket—before paydays, but in all his transactions he was most fair. We can say in all sincerity that many will miss him. His funeral was attended by many, amongst whom were many of the various bus companies in the city, waitresses who had worked for him and old-time friends and patrons. Floral contributions were taken up amongst the Motor Transit "boys" and likewise by the Barber Shop employees located in the station.

We are happy to report that Bill Tribble's wife is doing nicely, since her recent operation and hope that her recovery will be most speedy.

Congratulations to "Tommy" Daiker—our smiling operator who is a proud "pappy" now—a lovely little girl 7½ lbs., Judith, and are happy



STATION FORCE—LOS ANGELES TICKET OFFICE  
Seated: Geo. F. Jehl, Agent; Standing, left to right: Jim Tucker, Ass't. Agent; Walt Rorick, Clerk; "Slim" Seifried, Clerk.

that all three are doing nicely. Alpha Sands, now Mrs. W. D. Seagraves, away on her honeymoon as this goes to press—and we wish both she and her hubby much happiness now that the "knot" has been tied.

**HERE AND THERE:** "Stew" Axton's extensive remodeling and refinishing of his home in Sunland is at last completed. Must be most inviting with all that new wallpaper—the white-bone finished wood work and the all-over carpeting. It's been a long siege for him but know that he has reason to be proud of the final result and that he has things just the way he wanted them to be. Richard Allen has been breaking in during his spare time at ticket work at our station and doing right nicely for himself it is reported. Lawrence Allen is scheduled to relieve him during Walt Rorick's coming Christmas vacation, when he and his family intend to drive to Death Valley. Walt is the proud possessor of a new 1940 Pontiac and is it a classy job! He's breaking it in the right way and watching the speedometer. Operator Levi Couch purchased a new Ford. . . . and not to be sniffed at! R. B. Harrington, ticket clerk, Riverside, confined to sanitarium — and our hopes are that his recovery will be a complete one. Our best wishes to Operator Bill Goff, who through physical disability has been relieved of his duties as operator but who, we are happy to state, is still with us in another capacity — now being employed at the Macy Street shops. He

has been wheeling the buses around for almost 20 years and has a record to be proud of.

The finishing touches on Jim Tucker's home in El Monte is near with the completion of his 6 foot fence surrounding the home. His Halloween party was quite the affair and was most original, and wish that all could have had a "looksee". His double garage adjoining his home was transformed into a dining room early in the evening and later into a dance floor. Decorations were in order even to a small cocktail bar done in cornstalks. Costumes of guests were original . . . even to bright red drawers (and I don't mean dresser drawers). Everyone had a grand time judging from comments passed along. There was a hayride later in the evening. It was a typical California night and a pleasant atmosphere. Those attending with their wives were: Geo. F. Jehl, Agt.; Howard Strong, Walt Rorick, and Harry Dostal of M. T. line-up. Tommy Hammit and wife of Greyhound, Ted Sluder and wife from Union Pacific Stages, "Polly" Parrot and wife from Santa Fe Trailways, Bill Roundtree and wife, Bob Rachford of Brotherhood of Ry. Clerks, and then Mrs. Frank Ellis and daughter of Alhambra and Paul Burke and wife.

Gene Wickham (Star Operator) drove in one morning recently with a hole in windshield of his bus. He was as pale as a ghost and as shaky as Slim Seifried on his weddin' day t's reported. Why? The hole in the



windshield was a bullet hole! It was a narrow escape and missed him by inches. Police have been handling thus far but with no arrests. Since then other bullets have whizzed by at private cars. We hope that whoever is behind this will come to justice in short order for if this be a prank or target practice—it is a most serious and hazardous one.

Red Cap Freeman Morgan, has a new role—that of playing guardian to a stray pup that was left in depot. Some patron took an interest in the dog and had Freeman take care of him for the night, paying him \$1.00 for feeding and watching over him. No legal owner called for the dog. The next evening this “good samaritan” returned again and paid Freeman \$1.00 again and took the dog to his home where he stated he had over 15 stray dogs that he has adopted. It seems unreasonable to think that any passenger would leave their little pet behind—and board a bus—hoping that someone would take care of the pet—but such seems to have been the case.

A true story in Reversia: POP Reynolds while wandering down Los Angeles street was approached by a “bum” who asked him for a handout. His story was sad! POP remonstrated that he *too* was broke and wished he knew where he could get a meal. The scene changed—the bum confided in POP that he had the best racket in town. Makes \$7.00 or over every day and wouldn't work for anybody even if they gave him a job—and to top it all gave POP 25 cents and told him to buy himself a meal (which Pop took with great thanks.) Seeing this bum passing out cards to patrons in the depot—having been kicked out of the depot so often it's monotonous—he, who pretended to be a cripple but who can really sprint when the time comes—we still wonder!

**HILITES:** B. A. Rudd and A. M. Spilsbury carrying Benny Kimball bodily from the dog-house to Denton's lunch counter where they MADE him buy them coffee! Did Benny lose a bet—or was he just too tired to walk to the counter—or was that part of the wager? Then we have people who keep **SECRETS** Operator Ronald E. Spye, vacationing for a week. Henry Stone, our Relief Dispatcher who we learn now used to play a violin to perfection! Is it a lost art, Henry? Geo. Shively relating his DREAM to Sam Porter, mechanic, and would it be telling if it wasn't a dream of the Sahara Desert but one in which he almost was overcome with remorse—(please ask Geo. for details.) Did you ever see Hank Faulkner when he COULDN'T tell a story? Did you ever tell Geo. Jehl a story he COULDN'T remember? A good New Year's resolution for Newt

Potter might be to CLEAN OUT that over-night case he calls a wallet. . . . it just bulges with old papers (or is it money?) He has to all but stomp on it to get it in some shape to insert back in his pocket. Operator F. Pilerton and wife back from 20 days vacationing in the East. Operator O. L. Gardner's wife and youngest girl heading east to Springfield, Missouri, for the Christmas holidays, going by train. Bob Cruson's wife—(yea, it happened again) has gone back to Amarillo, Texas, to complete her visit—making her the most seasoned traveler of any wife—in the M.T. line-up. “Guy” Rhinard (man of many alias names) installed in his own shatto, having moved from El Monte (while his wife is in the East). For your information do not call before noon and then only by appointment. . . . reasons? I'll guess with you. Noted he went horseback riding recently—3 hours worth (no riding habit, however) no spill—but were there thrills? Early Byrd is more contented when assigned to dead-heading cars to the shop. Some say if Ira Junkins is wanted—t's best to just stand on location and WAIT . . . you know the ol' story of sooner or later! Walt Rorick reports that his daughter has acquired a variety of pets including a dog, three cats, a turtle and now a pet duck. He's wondering where all this will end. Suggestions are turtle soup and roast duck for part of the over-stock. I'll never tell—but which one of our personnel is in the dog-house because after awaking from a sound sleep and being down with a cold, grabbed his wife's silk stocking on the floor thinking it was a hanky and went merrily on with his Ka-Chew! He'll probably be buying said wife something lovely in silk for Christmas!

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS:** (Birthdays in Dec.) L. E. Irby, Dec. 3; C. L. Heflin (Agt.-Redlands), Dec. 8; L. V. Blackmore, Dec. 9; F. G. Wakefield (Sup't. office), Dec. 17; L. H. Faulkner, Dec. 17; Bill Tribble, Dec. 19; E. Wickham, Dec. 24; A. S. Murray, Dec. 25 (and a Merry Christmas); Andy Torbet, Dec. 28; Ralph Shaw, and J. B. Dunn, Dec. 30. (I quit having mine effective Dec. 3rd.)

**ANNIVERSARIES** being celebrated in December are those of C. M. Allen, Asst. Supt., 21 years. Operators E. Wickham and Alex Petersen, 20 yrs; Herb McCollum, 14 yrs; “Slick” Towers, 12 yrs; M. Van Sandt, 11 yrs; and then we have the two-year olds—F. K. Pilkerton, “Soapy” Casteel, D. J. Smithson and A. G. (Boog) Evans.

News reaches us from Pomona that the one-day a week relief man “Max” Hess, is the only live galoot that comes around the lethargic morgue. This “Bon Vivant” of San Bdo and

other gay places has even turned the tables on Joe Hernandez (Pomona) and he is deluged with literature and solicitors offering treatment for ailments—“CURE THE RAT” methods.

Speaking of brethren — a true story—a domesticated mouse in the Pomona ticket office that came into existence through partaking of Joe's daily BEAN sandwich. The little “squirt” knows just when it is time to come out for his crumbs and if Joe is late, he comes out to remind him it's time to eat. Quite often he has had to be rescued from the depths of the waste-paper basket. THEN CAME THE DAY when Agent Turner reported him found dead and the black drapes were to be hung—when lo! and behold!—out came mouse! (Joe says he is feeding him food containing all the body-building elements. WHY? says he, because I've named him “Maxie”—being aware that when he outgrows the mouse stage he will develop into a big RAT—and then it will be plain “MAX”. AWOW! AWOW!

**HALLOWEEN** in Pomona was celebrated in grand fashion. The arteries through town were scattered with bales of hay (set afire). Some bus schedules had to be rerouted. There was quite a commotion at the depot when a bunch of youngsters were attempting to pull away the portable ticket wagon (used by L. L. MacDonald each year at Pomona Fair). With the help of policemen they were able to rescue it. Officer gave them assurance that if he should find it later at Ontario or Chino—he'd see that it was returned.

Jim Ned Johnson, Ontario agent and avocado magnate took a Monday off recently while Joe Hernandez filled in his shoes. Many of the gang have accused Jim of spreading the bull—but the truth is that he purchased some tons of fertilizer and was busy taking care of his retreat at Vista.

#### Throw Another Log on the Fire!

Strong (Clk-LA) addressing patron: “Can I help you please?”

Patron: “Why yes—I wouldn't be here unless I wanted something, would I?” (Grr). (Strong did a slow burn!)

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#### PURCHASING DEPT. NOTES

By Ray Cragin

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The big battle to be Queen rages and our little lady Miss Beranek is right up near the top through the hard work of herself, her manager Geo. Quesenbery and her many friends and we hope to have her name on top when they give the checkered flag for the finish of the race. So all you boys and girls try just a little harder that she may be



on top at the finish.

That young blond fellow who now works in our office, Mr. Bill Nicolay hates to leave the office, he says the girls all want his autograph and after all a fellow gets tired signing his name. Better look out Lucille or I should say Mrs. Nicolay. Maybe we should put a sign on his back—"Married—no open to engagements."

George Quesenbery finished up the vacation he had left which was about five days and came back to work with a smile because he is a big Trojan rooter. The smile faded a little when he saw the work on his desk but George can take it.

Jimmy Livermore and his family are strong rooters for the Torrance High School team and he said things came out even. He had a little wager on them every game and the teams percentage was .000 and his bank account was .00. 'Twas rumored the Torrance Coach was seen over in Gardena looking over the Grammar school kids trying to get some players for the future.

Earl McCall took two days off to go duck hunting and returns with the story that birds got off their course and not many got this way. Four ducks and a few quail was his report.

#### The following news from Torrance:

The one and only lady of the Torrance Store, Miss Alpha Barrett was surprised the 25th of November when the Gentlemen of the Torrance store presented her with a birthday cake. It read "Happy Birthday Alpha". Sunday the 26th was the day, and the young lady was very happy to think she was remembered.

Miss Patsy Van Der Zee has returned from a vacation spent in Iowa and Michigan visiting with friends. She reports a fine time and cold weather. She finished her Nursing course at St. Vincents in June and is now preparing for the State Examination.

Bert Orday has deserted his old hunting grounds, the Torrance mountains and was seen up San Bernardino way hunting rabbits with his young son. He reports the young man got a quail and he came home with sore feet. Time Marches On.

Bill Kitto is now seen daily around the Torrance Store doing his one good deed every day. It got the boys at the Store for awhile but the news finally leaked out. He is a Scout Master now. He was chosen over several candidates because of his fine shot with the cap pistol.

We regret to report the death of Gus Smith for many years janitor at the Torrance Store. He was a loyal and faithful worker for the Company and his many friends are sorry to learn of his passing. He has been retired for the last three years. He



This is picture of twin boys, Gale and Gary Long, sons of Ralph Long of Torrance Store. They were 3 months old December 3rd.

was buried on November 22nd. To his family we extend our sympathy.

From West Hollywood we learn many things. The battle between Camp Curle and Fort Gill still rages. General Curle says he is glad that one C. Wakefield moved on as he was ready for pension anyway. And that in his place he has one James Wagely who is an expert with the bow and arrow. But from Fort Gill all we learn is that the grapes that grow in West Hollywood are sure sour.

And now that James Wagely comes up with the news that he and one good looking young lady named Margerite Belcher are going to "middle-aisle" it soon. Congratulations, Jimmy. I bet you are going to live in West Bell.

#### WEST HOLLYWOOD

By G. R. Stevens

Conductor Alexander has transferred to Ocean Park. Conductor Alexander's wife is the well known music writer and composer of sacred ballads. West Hollywood's loss is Ocean Park's gain since they are also making their residence there.

Mrs. O. E. Senay, wife of Motorman Senay, has just returned from an eight week trip in the east. Mrs. Senay visited friends and relatives in Buffalo, N. Y., Niagara Falls, Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, London, Canada, and Detroit, Mich. She returned home by the way of San Francisco where she was welcomed by friends and visited the Golden Gate Exposition. Mrs. Senay reports she had a marvelous trip, but there's no place like "Sunny California" for

Our sincere sympathy to Motorman C. H. Beale whose wife passed away recently.

Bus Driver Harold Sanders has the largest amateur short wave radio set in southern California.

Conductor W. C. Hawes was among the six men who came from Long Beach to work out of West Hollywood.

#### FREIGHT TRAFFIC NOTES

By J. E. Blackburn

If you missed these comments in the last issue of the Magazine please pardon the absence thereof. The writer had heard and written so many nice things about the Treasure Island Fair he sold himself on the magnificence of it and consequently was there when the November issue went to press. It really was well worth seeing in my opinion not only as a marvelously planned and constructed exhibit but from a highly education standpoint.

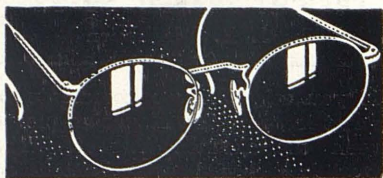
George Koltz has just returned from a pleasurable trip east as far as Buffalo, New York, by way of New Orleans, St. Louis, Cleveland, etc. George has numerous relatives in New York State and regretfully found he had not allowed time enough to see them all.

Ralph Perry finally lost his patience after having found himself stranded en route somewhere several times in the 35c car he had driven for seven years and bought himself a new Plymouth. The 35c car mentioned was one he won on a 35c theater ticket in 1932.

Frank Conners thinks Roy Swanson missed his calling by choosing the railroad industry for a career. Roy gets along so well with the women Frank believes he should be selling vacuum cleaners, washing machines, or some other household implement.

Gentlemen, by virtue of some very good luck as well as a little high class bowling, your bowling team is now in undisputed possession of third place in the Pacific Electric Bowling League and that is really not bad in an 18-team league. If our good luck and good form continues we have a chance to pull into second place this week when we meet the formidable Signal Department team. Jack Birmingham has proven to be the star bowler of the team so far, consistently improving his average from 140 on the first night to a very good 162 in the present standings. We have had some excellent moral support in the last few weeks at the bowling courts—Mr. and Mrs. Willey, Mr. and Mrs. Norrbom, with Gloria and occasionally Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Layne, accompanied by Peggy Jean, even George Koltz, (Frank Conners has been threatening to come out for the past two years), and Mrs. Birmingham with her three charming daughters who are certainly enthusiastic rooters. The bowling team hopes that you enjoy watching the matches as much as we enjoy having your interest.





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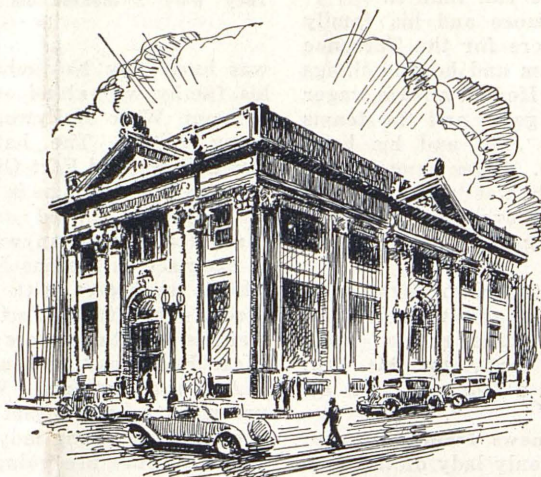
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