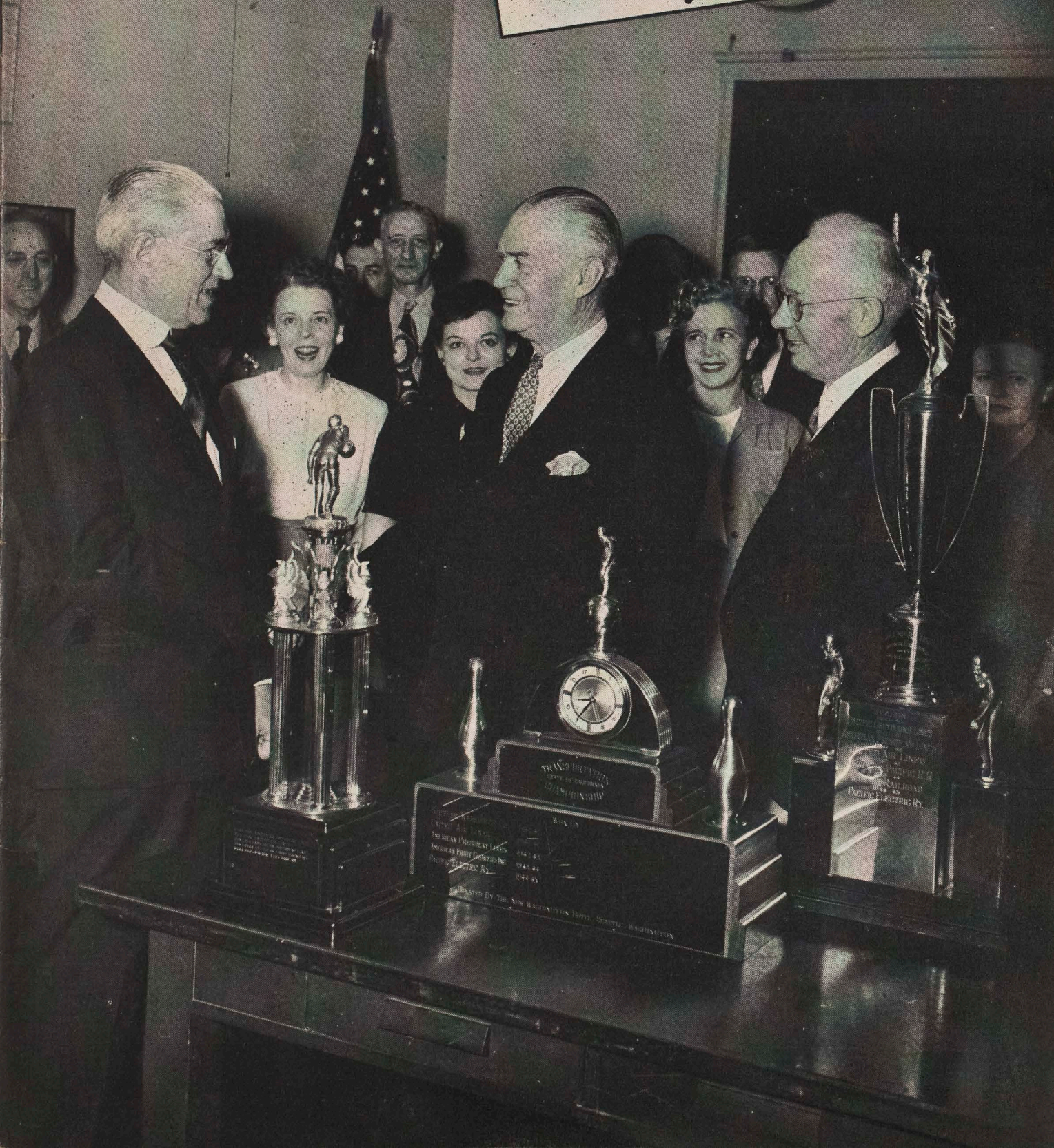


MAY 1945
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The War in the Pacific

FIGHTING in Europe has terminated. Our country's full military might will now be directed to the Pacific and our fight with the Japs. I feel it important that all employees be given a comprehensive picture, as accurate as it is possible to give at this time, of the situation as it probably will develop in the Pacific. It is extremely important that we all comprehend the extent of the task that apparently lies ahead in the matter of transportation service in this locality, particularly for Pacific Electric.

Speaking of full military effort, we must realize that up to the present time the major effort has been in the war with Germany, and only relatively minor effort in the war with the Japs in the Pacific. While the total combined effort may be reduced somewhat, activities in the Pacific will be vastly greater than they are now. This means a large increase in the amount of military supplies and personnel to be moved, and a vast increase in the amount of servicing, ship repairs, etc., to be done in the Pacific Coast area.

Moving vast operations to the Pacific will require considerable time, probably eight months to a year before the peak is reached. They will commence immediately, and gradually increase. Military bases must be constructed to handle military supplies and men. Armies must be moved from Europe, some of whom will go direct into the Pacific, but a large number will be brought back to the United States, given furloughs, then congregated at camps and sent into the Pacific as shipping and bases are available.

Unquestionably there will be a large increase in military personnel in this vicinity, stationed in camps and on furlough. The call on Pacific Electric for passenger service to handle these men will be greater than at any time in the past.

War materials and supplies coming from

war plants in other parts of the country for transshipment to the Pacific will vastly increase, materially increasing the Company's freight traffic and taxing the capacity of harbor and shipping facilities of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors as well as all other harbors on the Pacific Coast. Although there will be some drop in the total amount of war material produced in this area, this traffic will be more than offset by the increased military shipments from other parts of the country.

We hear about reduction in employment in shipyards, airplane and other war plants. Offsetting this to a considerable extent will be a very large increase in repair work, and servicing of all kinds required for the army and navy.

During the summer months, due to the shortage of gasoline, automobiles, etc., and due to the need of the people for relaxation and recreation, a large increase is anticipated in travel to the beaches, particularly on week-ends.

Pacific Electric employees have made an enviable record in the handling of the war load up to this time. They are to be congratulated. It would be a mistake however to get the idea that the job is over and that things from now on will be easier. This is not the case. From all the information obtainable and after exhaustive consideration of the situation, my sincere feeling is that things will become tighter, the demands and problems will become greater, for approximately the next year, and will then continue at the same accelerated pace until the Japs decide to do what the Germans did, surrender unconditionally.

In the very gratifying knowledge of how men and women on the Pacific Electric have handled our war tasks in the past, am fully confident that they will meet the tasks of the future with the same conscientious endeavor and success.

O. A. SMITH,
President.

HONOR ROLL

Pacific Electric Employees Reported Entering the Armed Services of the Nation in April, 1945

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Haskel G. Lawler Rufino Suarez

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

Julian Arreguine Max A. Taylor
Lloyd A. Lewis

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

R. C. Milnes, Jr. Sol. C. Schiller
Lawrence M. Schultz James F. Warren

Reported Returned From Military Service

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

John R. Gates

STORES DEPARTMENT

Victor M. Torres

As of April 30, 1945

Pacific Electric Employees in Armed Forces.....	773
Employees Deceased while Serving in Armed Forces....	8
Prisoner of War.....	1
Missing in Action.....	1

Total - - - - 783

GOLD STARS

John DeGoede	Woodrow A.	Stanley Nemecek
Arnold G. Evans	Lewis	Wm. F. Nicolay
Iver Iverson	Raymond R.	R. B. Ruggeri
	Munoz	

PRISONER OF WAR

Charles A. Stein

MISSING IN ACTION

Lee O. Bogue, Jr.

MADE IN GERMANY

The soldier son of one of Pacific Electric's employees recently sent his father from Germany a wicked-looking cat-o'-nine tails that he said had been used by the Nazis to flog their slave-laborers into working harder. The whip is made with nine 18-inch leather thongs fastened to a heavy 12- or 15-inch whipstock. It's made of good, strong, durable leather, capable of considerable wear and tear.

DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU SEE RED?

Of course, you're angry. And we might mention here that, inasmuch as our troops have not begun to occupy the Japanese homeland, we don't know to what depths the little brown men may have descended. We can only guess.



SHE BELIEVES IN WAR BONDS—Ruth M. Shannon, seated, Steno-Clerk in the Auditor's office, is one of the most consistent purchasers of War Bonds among all 7,000 Pacific Electric employees. She enthusiastically supports the Pay Roll Savings plan by authorizing the deduction of \$18.75 out of each semimonthly pay check, and each month receives a \$50 bond. During each drive she purchases in addition either a \$100 or a \$500 bond. She gives War Bonds for Christmas and birthday gifts. She has been a subscriber ever since the plan went into operation, and has never cashed a Bond. She is able to buy Bonds, she says, because she has taken seriously government requests to stop buying all unnecessary articles.

In this picture Marie Hansen of the Cashier's office is shown bringing Ruth her regular monthly Bond. Finally convinced that her story, previously garnered from what newspapers refer to as "reliable sources," would promote the sale of War Bonds, Ruth at last consented to its publication, and to being photographed.

But being angry won't kill Nazis or Japs, nor will it destroy the threatening whip of barbarism—unless you turn your anger into some constructive channel. Such a channel, say, as buying more War Bonds. Especially during the Seventh War Loan drive, this April, May, and June.

Signing a Pay Roll Savings authorization, or buying an extra War Bond for cash, as soon as you receive the pink or white slip with your pay check, will do more toward strengthening the pillars of civilization than gnashing your teeth with useless rage will ever do.

Our men still need equipment; they must be paid; close to a million wounded men must be cared for now and perhaps for a lifetime; inflation must be kept down by diverting money away from the purchase of goods. The government is going to get the money either by your loaning it through War Bonds, which net you more than they cost you; or, that method failing, through heavier taxes, which net you a headache and a deflated purse. Within certain limits, you have a definite choice. Which is the more sensible one?

—Management-Labor War Production Committee



P. E. Bowling Team Wins State Title at Fresno!

By Charlie Hill

The Pacific Electric bowling team won the State of California Transportation championship, when on Sunday, April 22, the team defeated the strong Inland Freight Lines team of San Francisco, champions of Northern California. Rolled at the beautifully appointed new Playdium in Fresno, the match had been originally scheduled for San Francisco, but on account of the big Peace Conference in that city, hotel reservations were not available. Consequently the two teams met at a half-way point. Charlie Gonzalez (Captain), Stan Worsdell, Johnny Hubener, Archie Brahm, and Charlie Hill composed the team.

The P. E. boys got a big jump on the opposition, when in the opener Johnny ("Little Dynamite") Hubener's six straight strikes and 216 game appeared to demoralize them. "Poop-sie" Hill in the same game added four in a row. "Stan" Worsdell then led the attack in the second with a 210 score, which was a big factor in the 88-pin win. The third game was more closely contested; however, the P. E. team also won this by 13 pins. Thus they won the three-game match—and another beautiful trophy—by 195 pins.

After the match the San Francisco aggregation sponsored a fine dinner for 20 at the Californian Hotel in honor of the visitors from Los Angeles. The San Francisco boys were a bunch of wonderful sports in every particular, and were high in their praise of the winning team.

To recapitulate a bit:

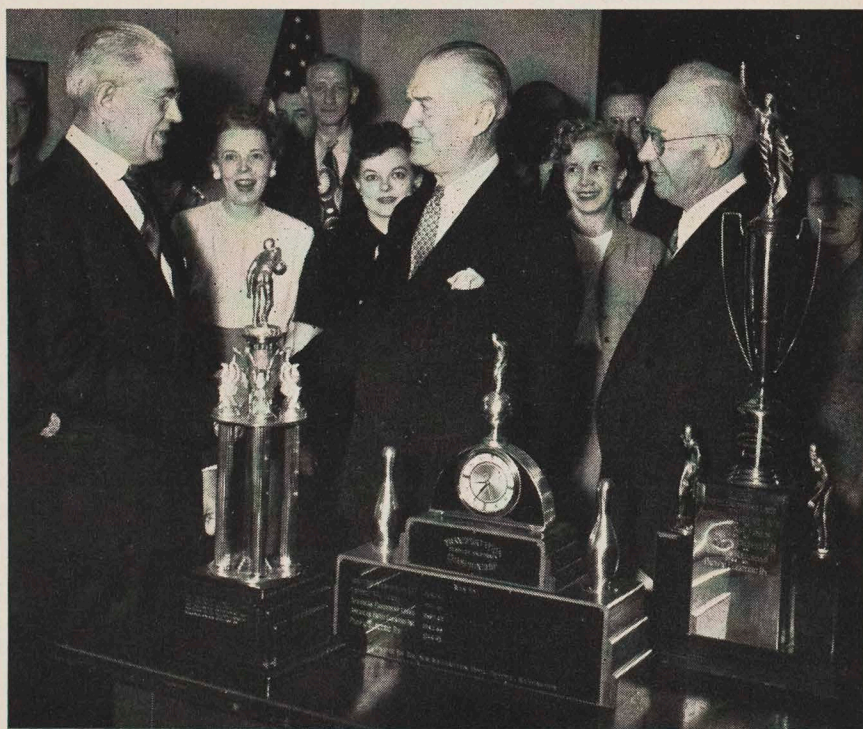
After winning the championship in the Steamship League, the Pacific Electric team met the Wabash team, winners of the Southern Califor-

STATE CHAMPIONS of the transportation bowling leagues by virtue of their victory over the San Francisco transportation champs are these five members of the Pacific Electric team: Left to right, Stan Worsdell, Archie Brahm, Johnny Hubener, Charlie Hill, and Captain Charlie Gonzalez. Give 'em a big hand!

nia Passenger Association Bowling League, for the Southern California Transportation Fraternity championship. This event was won by the Pacific Electric quintet after a closely contested match before a large gallery of rooters at the Angelus Academy. It was actually the tenth frame of the last game that decided the affair, when the electric railroaders put on a concerted spurt, to win out by 24 pins.

Much credit is merited by Captain Charlie Gonzalez, and the other members of his team, of which your scribe is proud to be one. This is the first time that any one team has become the possessor of all three of these coveted trophies, which will be turned over to the Pacific Electric Club for custody.

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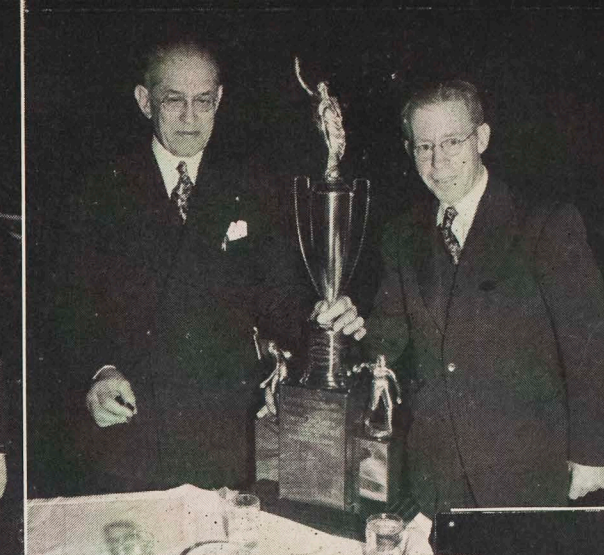
COVER PICTURE—On Wednesday night, May 2, the three beautiful bowling trophies were presented to the P. E. Club for safekeeping. In the foreground Charlie Gonzalez (left), Captain of the State champion team, is being congratulated for his team by Club Manager Neal B. Vickrey, with whom he is shaking hands. Glenn E. Collins, Club President, stands by Mr. Vickrey. A number of bowling fans were present for the occasion. The State championship trophy is the center one on the table; the Steamship League trophy is at left; the Southern California Passenger League trophy, at right.

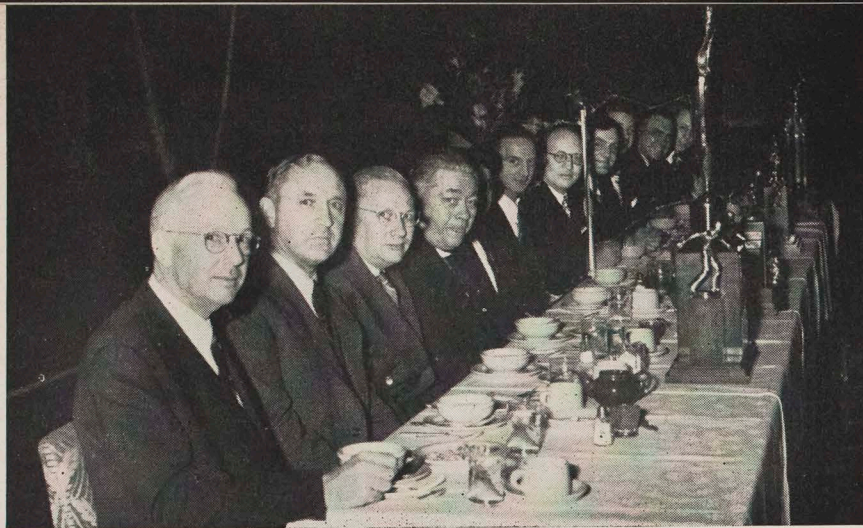


STEAMSHIP LEAGUE

BANQUET—mainly a Pacific Electric field day. Left to right across the top: Bill Sherman, Steamship League President, presents Captain Charlie Gonzalez of the Pacific Electric team the Mayfair Hotel Trophy symbolizing the League championship. Bill Coughran, President of the Southern California Passenger Association League, presents Charlie with the Empire Hotel Trophy, in token of the Southern California championship. At the banquet,

Ron De Long, Secretary of the Steamship League, acted as master of ceremonies. The lady at Ron's right is none other than Miss Arlene Johnson of the American Fruit Growers, Inc.; she is almost hidden in the picture of the head table on the following page. In the two pictures under that of Mr. De Long; the two ladies examining the trophies are Miss Ada Gliddon, left, formerly of General Superintendent's and Special Agent's offices and guest of Captain Gonzalez; and Mrs. Archie Brahm, team scorekeeper. Glenn E. Collins, President of the Pacific Electric Club, congratulates Charlie after the banquet on his team's success. Musicians Ferris and Trixie Robbins, in the center picture, provided entertainment for the evening in the shape of popular songs. Below, a picture of all the banqueters.





GUESTS OF HONOR were seated at the head table for the Steamship League banquet. Left to right: Glenn E. Collins, Assistant to Pacific Electric's President and President of the Pacific Electric Club, which sponsors all P. E. sports; Harold J. Clark, Pan American Airways; Louis Menning, American President Lines; Al Hill, editor, Commercial News; Miss Arlene Johnson, American Fruit Growers, Inc.; Bill Sherman, President, Steamship Bowling League; Ronald De Long, Secretary of the League; Eddie Kleckner, owner of the Angelus Bowling Alley, where games were played; Carl Skolfield, Vice President of the Steamship League; V. E. Duckworth, California Fruit Growers Exchange; Bill Coughran, President, Southern California Passenger Association.

P. E. Bowling Team Wins
(Continued from page 4)

The P. E. team was highly honored in being accompanied to Fresno by Bill Sherman and Ron De Long, respectively President and Secretary of the Steamship League; also by Mes-

ladies Worsdell and Brahm. These four aided quite materially by their ardent support. All hands had a wonderful time, and those of the party who landed ahead, from all reports, had a most glamorous Saturday night.

P. E. Bowlers Bring Two Trophies Back
From Steamship League Banquet

League Championship, City Championship, Won
By Sharpshooting P. E. Men; Go to Fresno

Champions of the Steamship League, winner of a play-off match with the Southern California Passen-

ger League champs, and consequently city-wide transportation champions, the Pacific Electric bowling team,

TEAM CAPTAINS present at the Steamship League Banquet included, left to right, George Buckley, Transportation Club; Carl Skolfield, J. St. Paul White, Marine Insurance; Johnny Moore, pinch-hitting for Mickey Ohlson, Grand Trunk R. R.; Arthur L. Hewitt, Western Air Lines; Ron M. De Long, American President Lines; Bill Sherman, American Fruit Growers, Inc.; Evelyn Peskay, Freight Transport Co.; Roger Pierson, Wells Fargo Carloading; Ed Hensley, Pan American Airways; Charles G. Gonzalez, Pacific Electric Railway.

under the captaincy of Charlie Gonzalez, received two mammoth trophies at the annual Steamship League banquet held Tuesday night, April 10, at the Royal Palms Hotel, 360 South Westlake Street. Approximately 75 bowling enthusiasts attended. Glenn E. Collins, Assistant to President O. A. Smith, was there as representative of the company management.

The Empire Hotel Trophy, symbolizing the city championship, was presented Captain Gonzalez by Bill Coughran, President of the Southern California Passenger Association, whose winning team, the Wabash Railroad, had been defeated by Pacific Electric in the play-off between the two leagues.

The Mayfair Hotel Trophy, symbolizing the Steamship League championship, was presented to the happy Mr. Gonzalez by Bill Sherman, President of the Steamship League

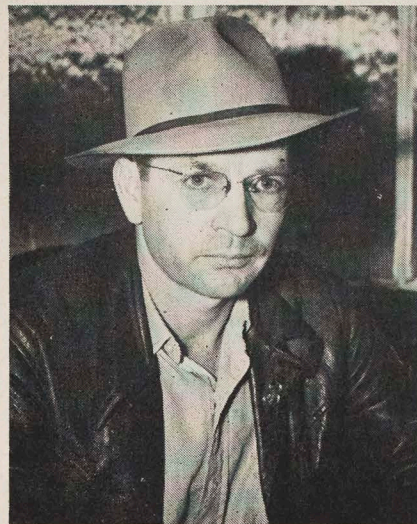
The Pacific Electric team also won more point and prize money than had ever before been awarded in league history, according to Ron DeLong, Secretary and Treasurer of the Steamship League. P. E. received \$40 for first prize money; \$88.50 for expenses of a trip to Fresno to play the winners of the Pacific Traffic Association League of that city; \$47.60 for high point money; and \$10 for high team series.

Stan Worsdell of the Pacific Electric team won \$10 for having high individual average for the year with 178.

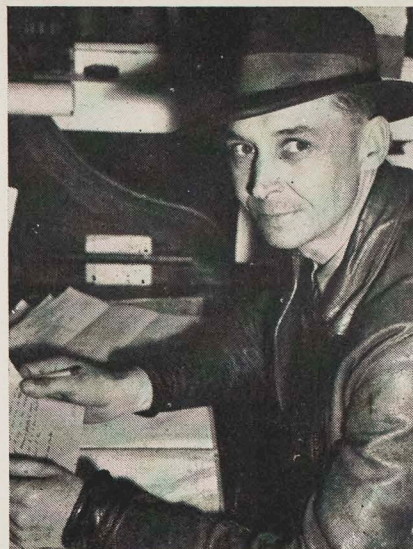
The following attended the banquet from Pacific Electric: The bowling team, consisting of Charlie Gonzalez (Captain), Charlie Hill, Stan Worsdell, Johnny Hubener, and Archie Brahm; two ladies, including Mrs. Archie Brahm (who ably assisted throughout the season as scorekeeper), and Mrs. Stan Worsdell; and, besides Mr. Collins, L. J. McGrath, Chief Supervisor of Schedules; Don Houston, Assistant Freight Trainmaster for the Pacific Electric system; and Photographer Jack Herold, Duplicating Bureau. Jack obligingly shot almost a score of pictures, of which one complete set was given to Ron DeLong. (Only those pictures of interest to Pacific Electric employees are here shown, however.)

"We've never had a team win the league that had the spirit behind them your team had," said DeLong in a telephone conversation subsequent to the banquet. He referred to the interest shown by non-playing P. E. employees in attending the banquet.

— Buy War Bonds —
Through Pay Roll Savings



W. R. TINGLER, new Assistant General Foreman, Mechanical Department.



J. W. WILCOMB, new Day Foreman, Macy Street Car House.



R. L. MANKINS, new General Foreman, Mechanical Department.

Four New Appointments Made
In Mechanical Department

F. H. Markley Enters Company as Equipment Engineer;
R. L. Mankins Follows J. F. Briggs as General Foreman;
W. R. Tingler, J. W. Wilcomb Appointed to New Posts

The addition of a new Equipment Engineer, and the promotion of three men to new positions of considerable importance are announced for the Mechanical Department by F. E. Geibel, Superintendent of Equipment.

Frank H. Markley, formerly equipment instructor for the Los Angeles Railway Company, assumed on March 1 the position as Equipment Engineer for Pacific Electric. A graduate in 1925 of Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He then worked for the General Electric Company for 12 years, the last three of which were spent in the capacity of field engineer on transportation equipment. After this experience he came to the Los Angeles Railway, where in his capacity as equipment instructor he conducted a night school for maintenance men. He was also for some time assistant superintendent of car houses.

(Hint to the Pacific Electric Rod and Gun Club: Mr. Markley is an enthusiastic fisherman and an expert shot, having been a member of his college rifle team.)

Roy L. Mankins, formerly Assistant General Foreman, was appointed General Foreman to replace James F. Briggs, who retired March 31. Mr. Mankins began work for Pacific Electric as a Car Repairer at Macy Car

House on October 8, 1919, became an Electrician in 1922, Day Foreman at West Hollywood Car House in 1940; Assistant General Foreman of the Western District December 1, 1941, and Assistant General Foreman of the Northern and Southern Districts on February 8, 1943, until his present new appointment. As General Foreman he has supervision over all rail passenger, express, and locomotive equipment on all districts, with office at Macy Street Car House.

Succeeding Mr. Mankins as Assistant General Foreman is William R. Tingler, former Day Foreman at Macy Street Car House. Mr. Tingler began work for Pacific Electric as a Helper in the Wiring Gang at Torrance on July 3, 1922, became a Wireman on October 1, 1923, went to Ocean Park Car House as Electrician in 1933, became Day Foreman there

on May 16, 1938, went to West Hollywood Car House as Night Foreman in 1940, and was made Day Foreman at Macy Street Car House on September 16, 1944. His present appointment was effective April 1.

Joseph W. ("Joe") Wilcomb follows Mr. Tingler as Day Foreman at Macy Street, his appointment having been effective April 16. He started for the company on April 11, 1925, as a Car Repairer in the West Hollywood Car House, became a Leader there on June 16, 1930, was made Assistant Day Foreman at West Hollywood on April 1, 1943, and remained in that position until his new appointment at Macy Street.

Pacific Electric employees welcome a new fellow-worker, Mr. Markley; and congratulate Mr. Mankins, Mr. Tingler, and Mr. Wilcomb on their promotions.

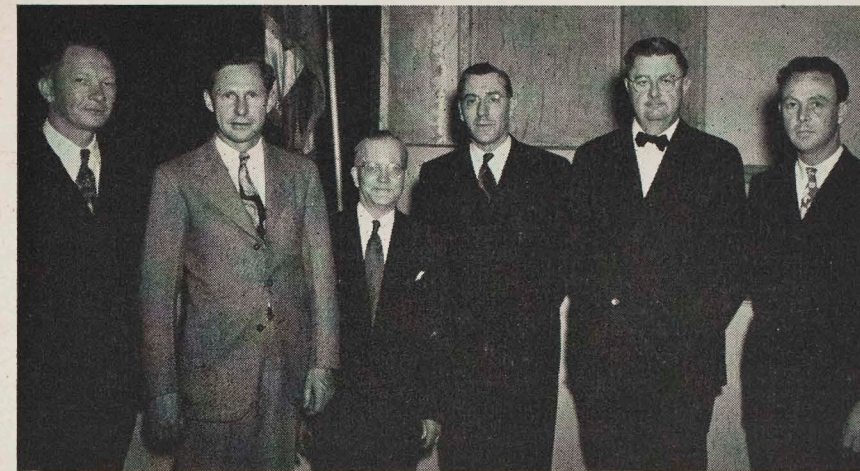
RETIREMENTS

Best wishes to the following employees, who retired during the month of April, according to the Treasurer's office:

NAME	Occupation	Department	Years of Service
John R. Cattle	Clerk	Accounting	31
Fred Gill	Electric Machinist	Mechanical	33
Fred W. Goldsberry	Motorman	Northern District	23
Thomas W. Hogg	Mechanic	Mechanical	22
Grace A. Reed	Clerk	Accounting	25
Harry H. Sloane	Conductor	Northern District	25



AT THE AGENTS' ASSOCIATION OUTING—Recognize 'em? (1) F. F. Willey, with a proper eye for beauty, keeps Mrs. Strand, wife of the police lieutenant, entertained. (2) Suzanne M. Jacquemin, right, brought her father and mother. (3) Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wagenbach jitterbugging on a dare from the other dancers. (4) President O. A. Smith at the microphone. (5) Conversation groups gather for a chinfest. There's D. W. Yeager gabbing with TLW; Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Vincent talking to Mrs. George Jehl. (6) Dancing to the music of the Rhythm Rogues. (7) Bob Rachford of the Clerks' union finds his element. Left to right, the ladies are Joyce Wagner, Bernice Lowham Leavitt, and Dorothy Orrell—all of whom are employed at the office of the L. A. Freight House. (8) Muriel Worthington, 13-year-old daughter of the gentleman in the lower left-hand picture, is snapped with Mrs. J. W. Butler, wife of the MT Supervisor. (9) Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blackburn, with son, Joseph E., Jr., 8 months, and daughter, Linda Ann. (10) J. R. Worthington was struggling to maintain his equilibrium between Margaret Senne and Mrs. F. F. Willey as Photographer Jack Herold seized an opportunity.



COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS for the Agents' outing included, left to right, Agent L. M. Duke, Santa Ana, Acting Chairman; Agent Mel Soper, Anaheim Bay; Station Supervisor H. E. Foskett; Senior Assistant General Superintendent T. L. Wagenbach; President O. A. Smith; and Agent Elden Rea, Watts, President of the Agents' Association.

Agents Hold Dinner Dance For 200

**Wives, Families Enjoy Elysian Park Outing;
O. A. Smith, Other High Officials, Attend**

By SUZANNE M. JACQUEMIN

On Sunday, April 18, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Los Angeles Police Department's Range Hall, located in beautiful Elysian Park, the Pacific Electric Agents' Association had an outing in the form of an afternoon dinner-dance. The affair is one that will be long remembered by

the 200 or more who attended. Main feature of the entertainment—besides barbecued roast beef with trimmings—was dance to the music of the Rhythm Rogues, a dance band directed by Bud Foskett, 22-year-old son of Station Supervisor H. E. Foskett.

The planning committee consisted of Agent (Santa Ana) L. M. Duke (Chairman), Assistant General Superintendent T. L. Wagenbach, Mr. Foskett, and Agent (Anaheim Land-ing) M. A. Soper.

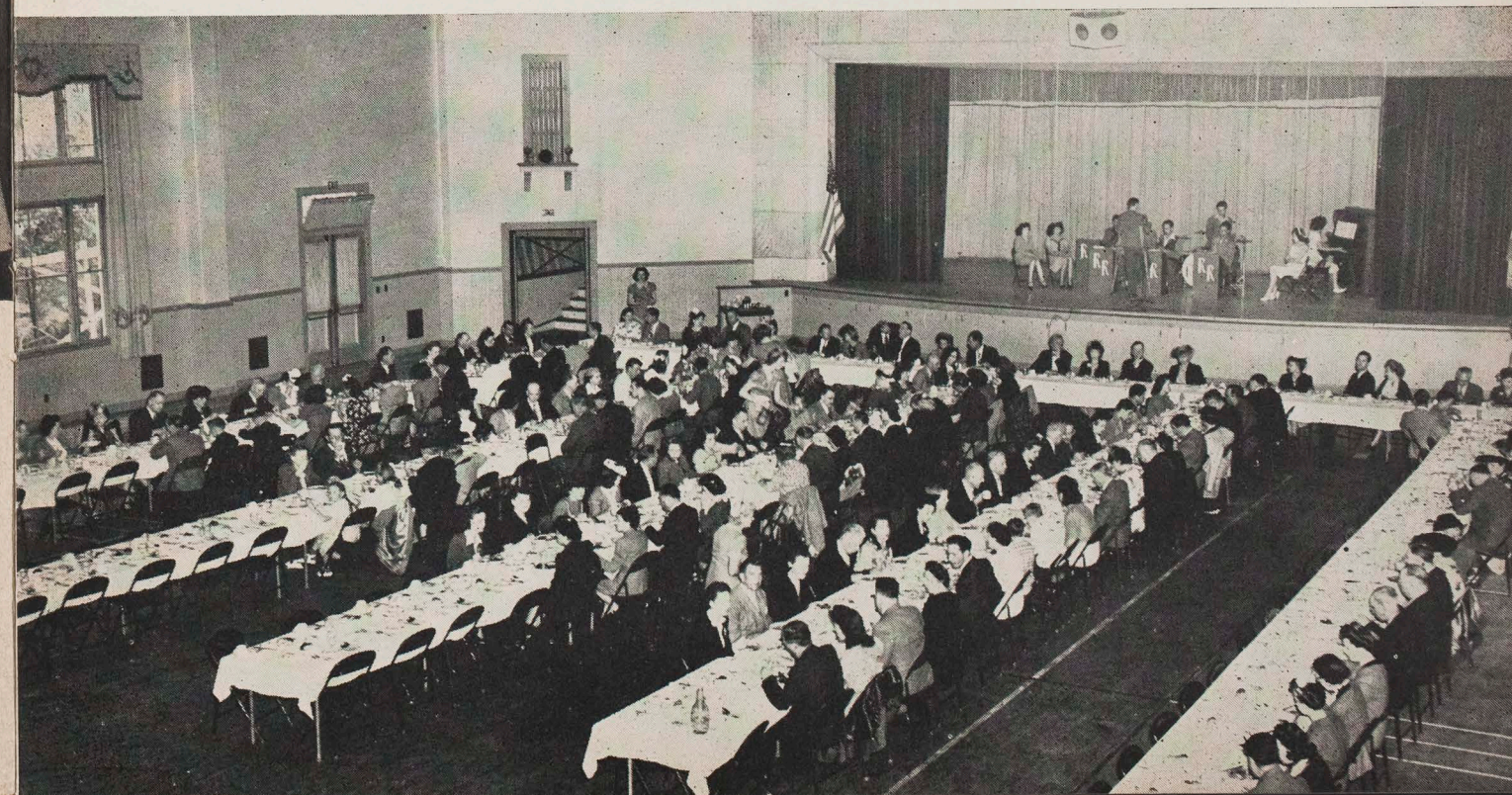
Elden Rea, Association President, and Agent at Watts, acted as master of ceremonies, introducing President and Mrs. O. A. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Wagenbach. Both gentlemen spoke briefly. Festivities were, it was said, laudably remarkable for brevity of speech-making.

Mr. Wagenbach then proceeded to introduce various other personages, including Mr. and Mrs. Foskett, Freight Traffic Manager and Mrs. W. G. Knoche; Assistant Freight Traffic Manager and Mrs. H. C. Kuck; Trainmaster and Mrs. D. W. Yeager; Supervisor and Mrs. L. H. Lutes; Assistant System Freight Trainmaster and Mrs. Don Houston; Road Foreman of Engines and Mrs. W. O. Baker; Trainmaster's Clerk Suzanne M. ("the Duchess") Jacquemin, representing State Street in lieu of Trainmaster E. G. Johnson, who was in San Bernardino; Assistant Station Supervisor and Mrs. E. W. Swanson; and others.

Mr. Wagenbach also took occasion to thank the Los Angeles Police Department for their courtesy in permitting the Agents' Association the use of their hall. Police Lieutenant Strand, in charge of the hall, was present at the banquet. Mr. Foskett had made the arrangements with Chief of Police C. B. Horrall.

Before the war, according to Mr.

AGENTS' ASSOCIATION BANQUET, held at Police Pistol Range Hall, Elysian Park.





Give Your Car Better Brakes

To educate automobile drivers into brake consciousness, police nationally and locally are giving a simple brake test which tests whether or not maximum useful pedal pressure may be applied on the foot brake. The test consists merely of inserting a one-inch thick wooden block between the brake pedal and the floor board and then pressing down on the pedal. If the pedal strikes the block before the brakes begin to take hold, the brakes are inadequate and may be dangerous.

Though the national program ends June 1, the Los Angeles Police Department reports that the local campaign will probably continue indefinitely.

Why take a chance on being caught and fined? Have your brakes checked over. Even if they pass the pressure test, your brakes may still be dangerous from worn out linings, leaky hydraulic lines, etc.

— Buy War Bonds —
Through Pay Roll Savings

HOSPITAL LIST

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following employees, who were confined to St. Vincent's Hospital as of May 7:

Otto Bellman, Car Repairer, Mechanical Department.

C. K. Bowen, Assistant to the President, Executive Department.

Cecil Cropp, Substation Operator, Engineering Department.

James L. Daniels, Freight Car Repairer, Mechanical Department.

Alphonso J. Flores, Conductor, Northern District.

Herman R. Grenke, Assistant to the Auditor, Accounting Department.

James R. Groom, Conductor, Southern District.

Leonor Hernandez, Car Cleaner, Mechanical Department.

Earl Martin, Carpenter, Mechanical Department.

William H. Payne, Helper, Mechanical Department.

John Prestegard, Freight Car Repairer, Mechanical Department.

Thomas E. Rokola, General Foreman, Mechanical Department.

Burt B. Starr, Freight Motorman, Northern District.

Charles White, Conductor, Southern District.

— Buy Extra Bonds for Cash —

PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB BULLETIN

TUESDAY, MAY 10:
P. E. Women's Club Sewing Unit—10 a.m.
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Business Meeting and Program—Election of new officers for coming year—1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 15:
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3956. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 17:
P. E. Women's Club Sewing Unit—10 a.m.
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Card Party. Prizes to the winners—1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 22:
American Legion Post No. 321. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 24:
P. E. Women's Club Sewing Unit—10 a.m.
P. E. Women's Club Business Meeting and Program—Installation of new officers for coming year—1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30:
Memorial Day — Legal Holiday — Club Rooms closed.

THURSDAY, MAY 31:
P. E. Women's Club Sewing Unit—10 a.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5:
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3956. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7:
P. E. Women's Club Sewing Unit—10 a.m.
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Card Party. Prizes to the winners—1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12:
American Legion Post No. 321. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13:
P. E. Rod & Gun Club Monthly Meeting. Club Theater, 7:30 p.m.—Added Attraction of Interesting Motion Pictures featuring 1944 World Series in Theater at 8:30 p.m.—Families and friends invited to enjoy this show.

— Buy Extra Bonds for Cash —

HERE AND THERE With THE WOMEN'S CLUB

By Mrs. Lon Bishop

The program held on March 22 was the kind of a program most women love—all about nice new ways to cook things. We've been accustomed to cooking just one way most of the time. Mrs. Palmer presented Miss Heilman from the Home Service Department of the Gas Company with her colored slides and story titled "Tricks and Treats." It seemed to most of us that some parts of it were pre-war stuff, for whoever sees refrigerators stacked with whole hams, pounds of butter and loads of other things you remember seeing before? Try and get them now!—But oh, what a box to raid!

At the first meeting in April, Mrs. Palmer introduced Mr. M. Kimball, County Farm Advisor, speaking on Victory Gardens and the importance of raising your own vegetables, chickens, rabbits, etc.

In the musical part of the program little Miss Marilyn Monroe, five years old, sang several songs, played a tiny violin, and with her teacher, Mrs. Smith, played a duet on the piano—a very versatile little artist, announcing her own numbers: "I shall play 'Long, Long Ago,'" or, "I shall sing 'Alice Blue Gown.'" Phyllis Andrews joined her in the last number, accom-

panied by Mrs. Smith at the piano. They were like little dolls, both attractively dressed in floor length dresses with garlands of flowers in their hair.

Mrs. Gallagher, our talented pianist, delighted the group with two lovely old numbers, turning the second one into a regular "sing fest." It is wonderful to have among us one so willing at all times to share her great talent as a musician.

Little messages from the "Moms" in the audience about their boys—one from Mrs. Howe of Torrance; her boy suddenly appeared at the back door with "When do we eat?" Mrs. Hendrick had heard from her boy, and "Moms" Palmer, Hasenyager, and Brearley from theirs. Mom Ashcroft was looking for her girl, just released from Manila, and is expecting to hear she has landed in San

Francisco any day now.

Our hearts were again saddened at the loss of one of the old members—Mrs. Wm. Baglin. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Baglin.

The Red Cross pictures show the stacked work ready to deliver—quilts, ditty bags, women's gowns, heavy and light robes for men, men's pajamas, wool sweaters, wheel chair robes, baby blankets and gowns, and just dozens and dozens of those three-cornered affairs so popular with the younger set.

In the second picture, the two workers are displaying the rose and gold quilt which is being raffled—it was made by the Torrance group and quilted by Mrs. Smart's Tuesday group of Red Cross workers. The other group are having the regular weekly quilting party—better come in and help.

RED CROSS UNIT of the Pacific Electric Women's Club—two pictures of the group that delivers the goods. In the top picture, left to right, are Mesdames "Mom" Curle, Edythe Bean, Jack Childs, Kathryn Hasty, Gertrude Columbus (Red Cross Chairman), A. J. Andrews (Women's Club President), Betty Leasman, Herbert Womersley (81-year-old sweater girl), and Mrs. McKinney (proud as a peacock over the beacon robes she has tied up). Out in front is everybody's assistant, Phyllis Andrews, in Red Cross uniform.

Below is the quilting section. Standing holding the rose and gold quilt to be raffled off are Mrs. Grace (Lon) Bishop, left, correspondent for the Women's Club, and Mrs. Fern Byrne. Seated, left to right, clockwise, are Mrs. Herbert Green, "Aunt" Martha Huelsman (as full of pep as any 16-year-old), Mrs. Will Thomas, and Mesdames Adams and Le Brun.



THE RHYTHM ROGUES provided lively dance music for the Agents' outing. They're an organization of Compton teen-agers gathered together and directed by Bud Fosskett, 22-year-old son of Station Supervisor H. E. Fosskett. Bud is at left; Estrella and Elizabeth Saucedo, song stylists, are at the mike; Bob Hatch (tenor sax), Wayne Dunstan (alto sax), and Allen Ackerman (alto sax), are behind the desks; Marian Stricker, seated with arms folded, is the band's sweet singer; Virginia Ryan is the pianist; Kenny Whitman is at the drums; trumpeters Bill Warnock and Wendell Morgan are not in the picture. Bud has distinguished himself throughout the Southland as an organizer of teen-age clubs.

Fosskett, every February an annual Agents' Association Banquet was held—a stag affair. War conditions making an annual affair impracticable, none had been held since 1942. The April 8 outing was the first planned as a family affair, with dancing for those who wished, and games for those who preferred more sedentary pleasure. Many expressed their delight with the arrangement, and hoped it might become a custom. A number of the ladies mentioned their pleasure in meeting other women of the Pacific Electric family.

VIGNETTES

Various group pictures taken by Photographer Jack Herold. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wagenbach jitterbugging—by popular request—to "Little Brown Jug." . . . Girls' cheat, where we actually got a break and could dance with the fellows our choice. . . . The time when Mr. Wagenbach and daughter Anita (Mrs. Henry B. Nathe), Mr. Worthington and daughter Muriel ("Mimi"), and Mr. Jac-

quemin and daughter (your reporter) tripped the light fantastic toe. . . . Mr. Wagenbach dancing with his granddaughter Constance (2), who loved it. . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Baker waltzing and discussing Mr. Baker's vacation, which started that day. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo Vincent busy talking about their new baby, Nadine, just a month old. . . . Yardmaster Jack Martin, from State Street, and Mrs. Lillian McNie, El Monte Bill Clerk, enjoying the beautiful scenery around the Academy. . . . Mr. Rea announcing that R. V. ("Bob") Rachford of the Clerk's union was present, unattached—and the wolfess calls from the orchestra section. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Swanson enjoying just watching. . . . Jimmy Lewis, Eighth Street Trainmaster's Clerk, thinking it too late for reservations and missing great festivity. . . . Margaret Senne and Leota Butler looking adorable in their striking suits. . . . Assistants to the President Donald Batman and C. K. Bowen actively enjoying themselves.

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS

March 21, 1945, to April 20, 1945
DEATHS

NAME	OCCUPATION	Died	Group Insurance	Mortuary
*Roper, M. P.	Conductor	3-18-45	No	No
*Campbell, John F.	Motorman	3-18-45	No	No
*Cheever, David K.	Time Checker (Ret.)	3-19-45	No	Yes
Hinton, William C.	Conductor	3-23-45	Yes	Yes
Jenkins, George F.	Helper	3-28-45	Yes	Yes
Jones, Leslie	Elevator Operator	4- 5-45	Yes	Yes
Caplan, Jack N.	Towerman	4-18-45	Yes	Yes
Pounder, John E.	Motorman (Retired)	4-20-45	Yes	Yes
**Miller, Ike	Sub-Foreman (Retired)		Yes	Yes

EMPLOYEES' WIVES' DEATH BENEFIT FUND

NONE

*Reported subsequent to last publication.
**Date of death not received.

Eastwood Writes From German Prison Camp

Sgt. John R. Eastwood, reported last month in the Magazine as missing in action over Germany on a combat mission, is at the present writing a prisoner of war in Germany.

His parents, Motorman and Mrs. John Eastwood, of Compton, received on April 24 a post card in their son's handwriting postmarked from a German prison camp and dated February 6, stating that the youth was alive and well.

Perhaps by the time this is published Sergeant Eastwood will be one of the thousands of prisoners who have been liberated by Allied troops plunging into the heart of Germany.

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And then...trouble moved in. And how we quarreled.



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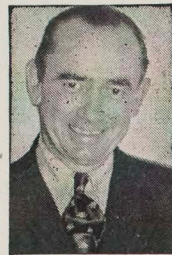
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PACIFIC ELECTRIC ROD AND GUN CLUB



By
Arlie Skelton

Greetings, Rod and Gun Clubbers! Hope you have checked over your fishing tackle and made the necessary repairs. I found the tip eye and two guides missing on my old faithful rods. A little mouse had played havoc with an almost new line and the moths have taken a few nibbles on my flies, but the hardware and sinkers seem to be in good repair.

Sorry, deadline on this column prevents writing it after the May 1 outing to Arrowhead for the opening of trout season. The way it looks at this writing, everything is all set to go. Last minute changes have changed the picture somewhat. There will be lots of new faces present and a lot of old ones will be absent. Among the absentees this year will be such familiar faces as: B. F. Manley, Harold Smith, W. G. Knoche, E. L. H. Bissinger, Dave Porter, and Rollin A. Podlech.

FLASH! ABOUT BOATS! In the past it has been the custom for the Club to reserve 20 boats for the opening of trout season at Lake Arrowhead. These 20 boats were more than sufficient for the regular members, the surplus being turned over to guests of members. This year the 20 boats were like two cartons of cigarettes in a smoke shop. The squabble was on for who gets the boats. It is proposed that you make your own boat reservation for the opening of trout season on May 1, 1946. By so doing, you will know you have your own boat and you can have it alone or take one or more with you and divide the cost to suit yourselves. Inquiry will be made as to whether this can be so arranged with the Arrowhead Company. Announcements will be made to those on this outing at the camp in time to secure the reservations while there and, of course, will also be carried in this column at a later date. This is only a proposal, and of course we do not know how it will pan out at this time. No doubt the thought of fishing three men to a boat this year caused several members to change their plans and arrange to go elsewhere.

P. E. Post 3956 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

By **T. E. Dickey**

The presentation of colors by the Pacific Electric officials was made Saturday night, April 21, 1945, at Patriotic Hall, and was witnessed by national and departmental officers, members of the Post, and their families and friends.

Commander Harry L. Young accepted the colors on behalf of the Post and then called on Fifth District Commander Jesse B. Fisher to dedicate them.

After the presentation and dedication the officers for the ensuing year were given the Officers' Obligation. The new officers and their stations are: Commander, Earle C. Moyer; Sr. Vice Commander, George Weatherby; Jr. Vice Commander, Jas. Boswell; Chaplain, Roy Powell; Quartermaster, Chas. Wakefield; Adjutant, Wm. Pelant; Officer of the Day, R. U. Mudgett; Trustees, Ludwig Otterstedt, Herman Grenke, and W. A. Martin; Guard, J. W. Chaplain; Patriotic Instructor, Tom Dickey; Post Service Officer, Jas. Boswell; Post Legislation Officer, Geo. Weatherby; and Sgt. Major, Tom Dickey.

In accepting the Office of Commander, Comrade Moyer stated that his objectives would be to increase membership with both World War No. 1 and No. 2 men, and that the younger service men of World War No. 2 would be encouraged to accept offices in the Post and carry on the work necessary to obtain the objectives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Commander Moyer is very enthusiastic about his new duties and extends a cordial invitation to all those who may be eligible for membership to submit applications.

Junior Past Commander Harry Young was presented with a Past Commander's lapel button by Comrade Chas. Wakefield, who was instrumental in organizing the Post.

As usual the meeting was short and snappy.

The next regular Post meeting will be held in Pacific Electric Club Quarters, Pacific Electric Building, on Tuesday, May 1, 1945, at 8:00 p.m.

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VFW PICTURES

In order to make room for a last-minute important message from President O. A. Smith, an entire page of pictures of the VFW installation ceremonies had to be omitted. It will appear next month.—Ed.



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P. E. POST 321, AMERICAN LEGION



By
**C. E.
Wilcox**

The potluck dinner held before the last meeting was enjoyed by the membership of the Post and Auxiliary. The dinner, and the Post and Auxiliary meetings which followed, were well attended.

Edward Riha and James T. Kelly were admitted as new members, and A. T. Holstrom transferred from Joliet, Ill., to our Post. Welcome, comrades, to our Post.

The death of President Roosevelt was a shock to many, and his passing will be keenly felt in the crisis that our nation is involved in at the present. Then, a week later, the death of Ernie Pyle, G. I. Joe's friend, was deeply felt, as these two men were considered the best friends the fightingmen knew.

Ye scribe has not been in the best of health recently and by the next issue of the magazine I hope to have more news for the comrades to read.

The 23rd District is now in first place with its membership quota,

and we of this district hope to keep it there.

A letter from National Commander Edward J. Scheiberling was read at the last meeting praising our Post for the work done toward the advancement of the American Legion.

Comrades, the clothing drive is still on, so look around and see if you have anything you can donate to this cause.

Have you bought another bond yet?

— Buy Extra Bonds for Cash —

H. G. McDonald Son Killed in Flight

Friends of H. G. McDonald, former Pacific Electric Building Manager, will learn with great regret that his son, Lt. Harrison G. McDonald, Jr., 27, of the Army Transport Command, was killed in flight in the China-Burma-India area on January 6, 1945. The first intimation Mr. and Mrs. McDonald had that all was not well was a notice from the War Department that their son was missing in flight. News of his death came in a letter dated April 6 from the Adjutant General.

On the night the plane was reported missing, Lieutenant McDonald was the check pilot on a C-47 transport plane which participated in a cargo mission to Chabua, India. It is reported that the plane was caught in a severe storm, but details as to

what happened are lacking.

Two brothers are serving in the Army and the Navy overseas.

Pacific Electric employees extend their sincerest sympathy to the young lieutenant's father and mother.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

By Martha Harper

Mrs. Amelia Clifton, 23rd District President, honored the Unit with a visit on April 24, at which time Mrs. Marion Franklin, 23rd District Pan-American Chairman, was the speaker. Her subject was Cuba, which is the study topic for our Pan-American program. Mrs. Franklin gave us many interesting facts and much information regarding our friendly neighbor. The members of the Post were invited to join us at this meeting after which refreshments were served.

The potluck dinner given by the Unit on April 10 was well attended by members of the Post and their families.

Several members of the Unit have been ill and confined to their homes. We wish for them all a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Kathryn Brown, Poppy Chairman, reminds us that Poppy Days will be May 25 and 26, and presents these facts:

That the American Legion was the first national organization to adopt the poppy as a memorial flower, having taken this action at the Convention in 1921;

That the American Legion Auxiliary pledged the profits from the poppy sales 100 per cent to welfare relief for service men and women and their families;

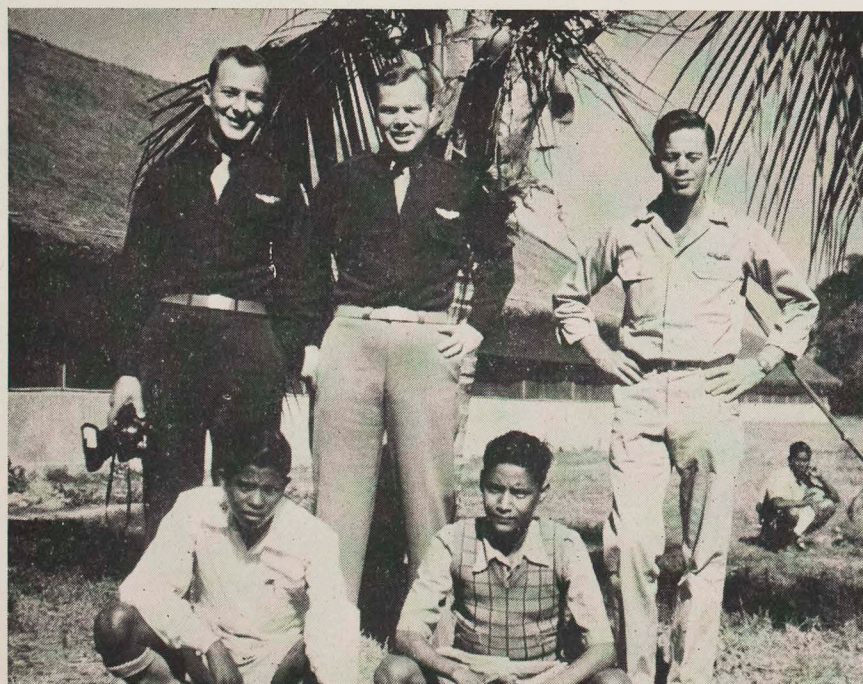
That the American Legion Auxiliary, in order to protect the memorial poppy from the inroads of commercialism, adopted a National Poppy Program in 1924 which eliminated the commercial poppy;

That the poppy is made of red crepe paper, by hand, by disabled veterans in hospitals and poppy work rooms in 40 states, and the workers receive pay for each one made, the materials being furnished by the Departments in the states where they are made;

That this relief is extended to veterans and their families of both world wars.

We therefore urge you to give generously and wear a poppy in memory of our heroes of both wars.

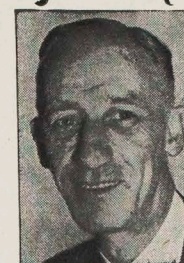
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LT. HARRISON G. MCDONALD, JR., center, with friends, somewhere in the China-Burma-India theater of war.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC BOWLING NEWS

By
**Charlie
Hill**



The curtain fell on the 18th season of the Pacific Electric Bowling League schedule on April 20, to be followed by Sweepstakes on April 27 and then a big meeting at the Pacific Electric Club on May 2, when prizes and point money will be presented.

The Motor Transit team, captained by "Ole" Swanson, was the well-deserved winner for the season just closed, which was one of the closest races in the history of the league. The winning aggregation took the lead on February 2, after a three-weeks' tie with the Subway Terminal team, remained in the lead until again tied, this time by the Claim Department, for two weeks—March 9 and 16, and although closely pressed all the way, did not relinquish the top rung of the ladder, finally winning out by three points, with 74 wins and 46 losses. While none of the members of this team is what you might call a top bracketed bowler, all of them, including Ed Brown, "Ole" Swanson, Ernie Pont, Bill Hanratty, and "Wimpy" Comstock, rolled consistently throughout the season, which really brought home the bacon. We extend congratulations to all of the members of the Motor Transit team.

The Schedule Bureau, with a "Frank Merriwell" finish, landed second place with 71 wins, only three points behind the top notcher. On January 12 this outfit was in 15th place with only 35 wins to its credit, and since February 23 annexed 30 out of the possible 32 points. Unfortunately for the schedule makers, they got started just too late to aspire for first-place honors. Your scribe as Captain is very proud of the final showing of his team, which gained second place. The other members of the team were Joe Shafer, Dan Brown, "Ted" Wolfe, and "Herby" Eaton.

The L. A. Street Terminal Team, captained by "Vic" Prettyman, and

Archie Brahm's Claim Department ended in a tie for third place (68 wins). The former team is a strong aggregation, manned by Oliver Stuernagle and Claude Kazee, the two highest averaged bowlers in the league; and Jess Greene, "Vic" Prettyman, and E. D. Borders. They were imminent contenders until the last stages of the contest, when they received a bad break. Stuernagle led the league with an average of 174.59, while Kazee came in a close second with 174.43.

The Claim Department led the race for seven weeks during the first part of the season, and since then has been below third place only two weeks. This team, too, received some tough breaks, which kept them from the top. Harry Welch was the real spark plug for his team, and finished as the third high bowler of the league. Other members of the team consisted of Charlie Gonzalez, Archie Brahm, Dave Coburn, and C. Dunbar.

The race between the P. E. Scrubs and Timekeepers, both composed of all ladies, has been close all the way, and may land in a tie for fifth and sixth places (67 wins), as the Timekeepers have a tie score to roll off with the South District team. If these ladies should lose this point, then the Scrubs will take fifth place by one point. The Scrubs are captained by Jean ("Pee-Wee") Kappers, and Phyllis Chubbic has that honor for the Timekeepers.

Jack Gerhardt's Subway Terminal team was around the top place most of the season, and still reckoned for two-three positions up to the last night, when they were nipped for all four points by the Trainmasters, which slipped the subway men down to seventh place. "Chet" Studer was the high bowler for the Subway.

The South District, captained by Dave Newman, were also contenders during the major part of the season, but, as did others, met with devastating reverses. With Jim Latimer and Ona Gregg, fourth and fifth place respectively, league bowlers, it appeared that they would really land up there.

The above winds up the first division teams, and the balance of the teams finished in order: (9) North District, (10) Trainmasters, (11) P. E. Club, (12) Hi Lo, (13) Vineyard, (14) Field Engineers, (15) Electrical Department, and (16) West District.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC BOWLING LEAGUE

Team High Game			Team High Series			*Individual High Game			*Individual High Series		
Mar. 30	Motor Transit	(908)	Timekeepers	(2573)		R. M. Jones	(194)		R. M. Jones	(557)	
Apr. 6	Hi Lo	(966)	Hi Lo	(2684)		A. Brahm	(214)		R. M. Jones	(517)	
Apr. 13	Schedule Bureau	(952)	Timekeepers	(2651)		C. H. Kazee	(222)		C. H. Kazee	(596)	
Apr. 20	Trainmasters	(973)	Trainmasters	(2687)		C. P. Hill	(231)		J. Kolar	(579)	

*Individual scores do not include handicap.

Long Beach Ticket Agent Weds His Ticket Clerk

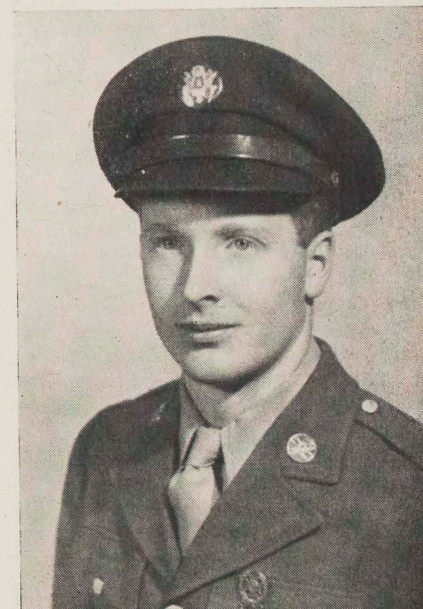
By H. E. Foskett

R. W. McDougall, Agent at the Long Beach Ticket Office, was married to one of his Ticket Clerks, Mrs. Alice Morley, on Sunday, April 22, in a noon-time ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church of Long Beach.

Mrs. McDougall recently resigned as Ticket Clerk at Long Beach. What is our loss is Mac's gain, and we wish both every happiness.—Don't forget, Mac, Alice is the boss now!

Mr. and Mrs. McDougall will make their home in Azusa, where the groom recently purchased an 18-unit court.

Mr. McDougall has two sons, one in the armed services, and the other employed in a defense plant. Mrs. McDougall has a charming little daughter five years old.



ANTITANK FIGHTER—Pte. Pierce M. Mayo, 19, is the son of Mrs. J. W. Kipp, Clerk in the Personnel Department and wife of the well-known Motor Transit Supervisor. Now in Germany with an antitank unit of the 63d Division, the young man entered military service July 9, 1944, following his graduation from Mark Keppel High School. During his basic training he ranked first in his unit in ability to identify types of aircraft, and has qualified as Expert Rifleman and Expert Machine Gunner. His most recent letter was dated March 25, and was written by the light of a homemade flashlight in a foxhole.

NEWS SERVICE and RESTAUR-ANTICS



By
J. A.
Degerman

Greetings, Friends and Associates! We're here again this month with the gleam of the spotlight on our Office Personnel. We know, too, that the gleam is kept bright by the swell support and indispensable assistance of every member of our organization, headed by our Superintendent, Mr. C. F. Hill. . . Yes, you'll find him in the office, too! In fact you'll find him wherever his efforts are needed at any time, and believe us, they usually are! An imperishable asset of any successful businessman lies in his ability to inspire confidence and respect. Example . . . CFH!! Ask any of his employees. A wealth of experience in his field, a willing acceptance of responsibility, and the fine characteristic of bringing the "human side" to the fore, make him inspirational.

In times like the present, when demands for many things rigidly test

THE SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

P. E. RESTAURANT & NEWS SERVICE OFFICE FORCE—Left to right are Miss Kathryn ("K") McArthur, Secretary; Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Steno-Clerk; and Mrs. Alice Graves, Typist-Clerk. They're three of the pleasantest people you'll find 'most anywhere, and always eager to help.

the resources of our energies, it is most important that a SMILE, in countenance and voice, be maintained wherever we may be stationed.

Whenever you hear "P. E. Restaurant and News Service" on the telephone, the cordial voice is that of Miss Kathryn McArthur, secretary to Mr. Hill. Always taking her work seriously, after almost fifteen years of a varied career in the business world, she has specialized in the secretarial realm and brings to her present job proof of this experience. Aply assisting we find Mrs. Margaret Thompson, who, before coming to the fold, had no previous office experience, but with fortitude, patience and a determination to "make the grade" is doing a grand job. Margaret, as she is known to all of us, after more than a year of an uphill journey, has really "arrived" and deserves a big hand. Let's give it to her! She is among the most efficient and loyal of our staff.

Miss Alice Graves joined our forces at the beginning of this year and gives us able support in keeping an important wheel turning. She helps us to keep our accounting functioning. Whenever we're called upon (sometimes in a hurry!) for statistics—we call upon Alice. Quiet, capable and sincere, Alice has earned unanimous esteem.

And . . . now you've been introduced to our Headquarters, the Office—that busy place where we do our job which helps to keep all cogs in the "News Service & Restaurants" machine in working order. AND, as Asst. to the Sup't. I've just made a tour of all of our units for today and found we had sold out of a popular item which calls for an "Eighty-Six" and reminds me . . . I'm out of news! So, this is JAD closing shop until next month.

About Blood Plasma: A Heart to Heart Talk

"We are all discouraged when we hear that our war factories have fallen behind in their vital output. Yet each of us, with any sort of heart, has a private factory on a twenty-four-hour shift. We are contemptuous of people who are guilty of hoarding, but each of us who walks the safe streets is hoarding in his veins a much needed contribution to the war effort. Every man who merely KNOWS someone in our armed forces should offer a grateful part of himself. And every woman who is related by blood or love to someone overseas should think of her gift as flowing directly from her heart into the heart of that person she loves."—Quoted by Sunny Elderkin, Blood Donor Center, from a recent story by John Patrick in Harper's Bazaar.

If You Are Willing To Donate Blood—

Prospective blood donors are asked to contact N. B. Vickrey, Manager of the P. E. Club, 917 Pacific Electric Building, or call him on 2171, so that he may make all necessary arrangements regarding convenient date, time, and transportation to and from the Blood Bank.

Charles Stein's Mother Receives Air Medal for Son, Now War Prisoner

By H. E. Foskett

At a beautiful ceremony held at March Field April 19, Mrs. Eula M. Stein, mother of Technical Sgt. Charles P. Stein, former Agent, now a prisoner of war in Germany, accepted for her son an Air Medal, presented by Col. Stanton T. Smith, commanding officer of the field. Sergeant Stein was attached to the Army Air Forces as flight engineer on a B-17.

Accompanying the medal was a citation, reading: "For meritorious achievement and display of courage, coolness, and skill during great hazard while over continental Europe."

Charles' last position held before his induction was that of Relief Agent at Beverly Hills, but he had been awarded the agency at Yorba Linda.

While on a mission over Germany on September 11, 1944, he was shot down, but parachuted safely to the ground, where he was taken prisoner. His present whereabouts is unknown.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

By Vic Labbe

What kind of a show did the Structural boys put on for Jean Fogarty?

Did you notice the pierced ears on Edna Klein? She also has a charm bracelet, but no charms yet.

H. W. is the new redhead in Passenger Traffic. Oh, boy!

Maud Kirby's mother has been very sick. We hope she gets well before long.

Maxine Hansen's boy friend came to town for a visit.

Marie Denman and Faye Kuykendall attended a farewell party at Newport Beach for the Navy. Must have been some party.

Mabel Forsberg paid the Engineering Department a visit to get ideas for the San Berdoo office.

Frances Easterman is blue these days. Reason: Bill shipped out.

Grey Oliver said he hopes they put more seats on the 1299, as he gets tired standing up. That's good for your waist-line, Grey!

Nancy Kelly is back from Mexico, all loaded down with Mexican trinkets. She met a bullfighter while attending one of the affairs and he took a fancy to her. Never can tell about these unattached women!

Ask George Brown how he happened to pay you a visit to the Special Agent's Office.

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SIGNAL DEPARTMENT



By
Virginia
Simmons

It's all over but the fragrant aroma of burnt insulation! Yep, we mean the fire in the Subway Tower. A crew of 18 Signal Department employees worked the clock around for two and one-half days, to replace wiring and relays. And . . . no delays to traffic! 'Twas a nice job, fellows.

Something to add to your Victory garden—herbs and spices. Clarence White raises chives, basil, mint, sage, and marjoram. Comments that they really add zest to the salad bowl.

Leonard Andersen and Johnny Neff sporting nifty new spring suits. And we heard, "the last thing in men's

clothing is women!"

Herbie Eaton . . . oh, so proud of his cute little daughter Adele (5'½" —100 lbs.) who is Pin-Up Girl of the University of Redlands. Is a finalist for the Pacific Coast college title.*

Almost confidential: Oscar Sewing has moved his headquarters from Ivanhoe to the Subway (Reason: Cigarettes). Arlie Skelton, plus overcoat, finally made it to work one hot afternoon. Hoofed it from 9th & Hooper to 6th & Main (street car tie-up). Frank Nolting, that man from Missouri, says he can play anything with strings, except a violin. (How about a harp, Frank?) Pete Day caught the chicken pox from small daughter Penn. (Pete's looking forward to a new day.) Stanley Reid and "the Missus" spending a night off to hear Gipsy Smith. Harry Conery's youngest daughter (he has three) just joined the Waves. Orville Fackler passing out stalks of celery—thanks, friend. We surely miss George Prell at Washington Street Yards. He broke a blood vessel in his leg. Bert Brainard pinch-hitting for George on the housekeeping. Bert enthusiastic over seeing "the Fighting Lady"—his first show in two and one-half years. Also happy to report his son, Al, is now a Lieut. j.g. Jesse Edmunds back on the job after several weeks off, account illness. What's this about Hi Ravey swinging a wicked mop? Jessie Eaton rides to work with Coal-oil Johnny. (Floyd Benoit). Mrs. Allegra Bancroft sent Mrs. Eaton (by Harry McGarvin) a box of beautiful and assorted camellias from her garden. 'Twas nice to hear from Mrs. "Banny."

Wally Bone's son, Al, out of the hospital and back with his division in Luzon. Home on furlough was Cpl. *How about a picture, Herbie?

MIGHTY BUSY, or so it would appear, are these members of the Signal Department office force at Washington Street. Left to right are Signal Foremen Walter Stratman and Felix Brac, Bonding and Welding Foreman Ernie Hargreaves, Signal Foreman Bill Moesby, and Signal Clerk Jessie Eaton.



Chester G. Huber, son of Johnny Huber, after two and one-half years in the Pacific. Harvey Fuller's son, Bryce (1/c F, Merchant Marine) traveled aboard three ships to get home. Plans to enter O.C.S. at Alameda. J. L. Doolan's son, Dean Doolan, Pharmacist's Mate, is in the Navy Recruiting Offices in the P. E. Building, and is to be featured in the dramatic new V.F.W. radio series, "My Silent Partner," broadcasts to begin May 20.

IN MEMORIAM: We were shocked and grieved over the passing of Jack N. Caplan, Towerman, who succumbed April 18 of a heart attack. Jake, as he was called by all his friends, was born Dec. 9, 1895 and entered P. E. service first in 1917, and worked till 1923. He re-entered service August 8, 1941, and had been off sick since August 14, 1944. His unfailing good humor and jolly personality (plus the fact he was one of our finest Tower Operators) made him one of the best liked men in the department. He will be sorely missed. He is survived by his widow, Viola Helen Caplan, and a daughter, Marjorie.

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Schedule Bureau Moves Again

Coming up to the ninth floor to see someone in the Schedule Bureau? Don't!

The Schedule Bureau moved into quarters on the second floor, with entrance at 234 Pacific Electric Building, on April 28.

The Claim Department, which used to occupy the 234 quarters, is now on the fourth floor—has been, in fact, for some time, but we neglected to say so—with entrance at 454.

EASTERN DISTRICT ENGINEERING DEPT.

By

**Mabel E.
Forsberg**



April 9 seemed to be a day of action, as one-half of Extra Gang 9 started the re-arrangement of wye tracks at Rialto Avenue and "F" Streets, San Bernardino. This called for a complete change of rail, a change of the degree of curve from the Substation to the entrance of San Bernardino Yards at the Santa Fe Crossing, and relocating three turn-outs. All service was suspended while this was being done and those famous words "When can we have it?" were uttered by the Yard Office staff repeatedly. Finally the time came for business as usual—then the new layout worked overtime, as our yards were full of cars from Colton, and the passing tracks on the main line were loaded down with cars from Los Angeles coming into the yards to be transferred to Colton.

The other half of Extra Gang 9, on the same day, started the construction of single track and trestle along Rialto Avenue from Waterman Avenue to "D" Street, San Bernardino. While excavating on Rialto Avenue, Tom Sharp and his gang unearthed some history in the form of an old narrow gauge railroad that formerly connected San Bdn with Redlands.

The Mill Street curve is being relaid with 75-lb. C. S. rail from Mill Street to Lytle Creek Bridge. This work is being done by Rosario Chavez and his men on Section 33.

Mr. Clyde Webb, Motorman on

hauler between Colton and San Bernardino, stopped in the Engineering Office the other day to show us a picture of his son, Louis Webb, Lieutenant in the Air Forces, who was home on an 18-day visit. He has returned to Camp La Junta for his assignment for overseas duty. Lt. Webb received his wings on March 12 at La Junta. Good luck, Lieutenant!

It was most gratifying to Charlie Shunk, Foreman of Section 32, and his family to receive word from the War Department that their brother-in-law, who was wounded in the Philippines, was improving favorably.

Manuel Ramos, member of Section 32, is enjoying a well-earned vacation. Claud Proctor, B & B Carpenter,



LT. LOUIS WEBB of the U. S. Army Air Forces is the son of Clyde Webb, Motorman on the hauler between Colton and San Bernardino.

is another member of our group who enjoyed one of those "work hard at home" vacations.

The passenger stations at Alta Loma and Etiwanda are all dressed up with new paint and the Rialto station is nearing completion. Many compliments have been received on the re-decorating at these three stations.

The temporary ticket office used during the remodeling of the San Bernardino Passenger Station has been moved to a new location. It will serve as a future Yard Office in the San Bernardino Yards.

Where do you suppose Earl Martin, B & B Painter, found that cute little green bow he wears on the front of his skull cap? Very chic!

Mr. Lee Cash, Assistant Signal Engineer, was in San Bernardino on April 19, making arrangements for

the installation of double wigwags at Arrowhead and Rialto Avenues, on the Sunkist Line.

Thanks to all of you in Los Angeles for your helpful suggestions during my recent trip to the "home office." It was nice meeting you, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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FIELD ENGINEERING NEWS

By Bettie McAnally

Our office has that certain gleam—could be the new fluorescent lights. Everybody happy, but noticed a certain reserve in our genial janitress, Mrs. Penelope Semponis, who is probably a little discouraged in keeping up with the many changes—really has a difficult time to find out where things have been placed.

Mabel Forsberg, from Mr. Widman's office, San Bernardino, honored us with a business visit, as a result of which we hope to improve coordination of business handling by better understanding our joint problems. We found her just as charming as we had anticipated.

A hearty welcome back to our wandering vacationists: Nancy Kelly from Mexico—como Esta Usted, etc., Mr. Jonas Frownfelter from his ranch in Soledad Canyon, and Mr. R. B. Lucas from his extensive victory garden. Cheer up! Only 365 more days until the next one, folks!

Our best wishes for a pleasant vacation trip to Bette Jo Wells of our Chief Engineer's Office on her trip east with Virginia Carroll, formerly with our Law Department.

A hearty welcome to Mr. Sydney Weintraub, our new Chairman, who is fast acquiring that tan which causes many a feminine heart to flutter.

We regret our loss of Barbara Van Vuren, who has transferred to the Office of Engineer of Planning and Development, and we wish her luck in her new work under Mr. F. W. Spencer.

Happy Birthday to Nancy Kelly, April 1; Harry Bieker, April 7; and W. R. Wilkinson, April 12.

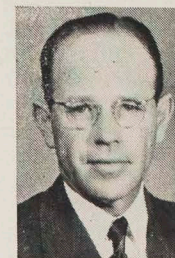
Our only woman Chainman, Virginia Lovell, has left the service of our company and reports progress in her new work.

Surveying equipment in room 3 on the mezzanine floor has been rearranged for anticipated repainting—soon, we hope.

Dame Rumor has persisted that there is a romance developing in our office.—Could be.

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT Western District

By
**Milton R.
Clark**



A review class in general engineering problems has been started in the form of a forum for the men in the Field Bureau. It will be somewhat novel in that instructors will vary, being those who are most intimately acquainted with and who comprehend best the problem to be considered. Beginning with Tuesday, May 1, classes have been set for every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and will last until 7:30.

Bettie McAnally, Steno-Clerk in Field Engineering, has been with the company, and in her present capacity, since May 5, 1944. When not engineering the Engineers, she's vocalizing, for practice, or singing mezzo-soprano solos at San Gabriel Mission, service hospitals, women's clubs. Hopes to be an opera star some day. Singing is a big enough hobby without any others, says Bettie. Born in Seattle, she's lived in Los Angeles or San Gabriel all but one of the relatively few years of her existence. Cross out the word "relatively." She's wedded only to her art, boys.—Thanks for the good column, Bettie!

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Senior Substation Operator Gives Dinner for 16 Friends

Exactly 500 years of seniority were represented by 16 Pacific Electric workers who, old friends of Senior Substation Operator Charles L. ("Fitz") Fitzgerald, gathered on Saturday, April 21, at his invitation for a dinner at Clifton's Cafeteria on Olive Street. That represented an average of 31 years apiece. One or two of those invited were unable to come.

Present were both active and retired men, all but three being members—past or present—of the Electrical Division of the Engineering Department. Julian Adams, who retired a year ago as Electrical Engineer, was guest of honor and second in years of service to Host Fitzgerald.

Reminiscences and jollity were the order of the day. A birthday cake came with the dinner. Fitz as host cut the first piece and then asked Mr. Adams to finish the job.

Present, in order of seniority, were Mr. Fitzgerald (1903), Mr. Adams (1905), Ralph M. Cobb (1905), Wm. H. Black (1905), Walter G. Ohlinger (1906), Lee Pulliam (1906), T. H. Ewers (1906), Ed. J. A. Hasenyager (1910), Robert T. Nores (1912), L. H. Appel (1912), Thos. W. Kennedy (1913), Olus L. Loftin (1918), L. J. McGrath (1919), Carl Magill (1923), Jack B. Herold (1940), W. W. Silliman, Jr. (1942).

lieve that interesting bits of news about ourselves and our fellow workers will help us to become better acquainted. Thus a better spirit of understanding and cooperation will prevail which, I am sure, will make happier working conditions for us all.

First on the docket, which is of interest to us all, is the appointment of Roy Mankins to General Foreman, a position made vacant by the retirement of J. F. Briggs after 42 years of service. We extend to Mr. Mankins our hearty congratulations and wish him much success.

Mary Morrissey, Car Cleaner Leader at West Hollywood, has lost her father, who passed away March 3, 1945. We all extend to Mary our deepest sympathy.

Carl Wright, Head Switchman at Ocean Park, has been off for some time. It is rumored that he has bought a goat farm.

Kent Perry, who takes care of fare boxes, fans, etc., at West Hollywood, promised the gang a fish dinner. Instead of the usual story about the big ones getting away, Kent claims the water was too high and dirty, so, no fish.

George Young, the one and only Machinist at West Hollywood, has additions to his family: Jock, Harry, and George, born March 30. Nice looking kittens! I don't know whether or not they are up for adoption, but

IT'S NOBODY'S BIRTHDAY, but something much like a birthday cake is being cut by Host Charles L. Fitzgerald at his dinner party at Clifton's, April 21. Seated, left to right, are T. H. Ewers, Wm. H. Black, and Ralph M. Cobb. Others, left to right, include L. J. McGrath, Lee Pulliam, Walter G. Ohlinger, Warren Silliman, Robert T. Nores, Thos. W. Kennedy, "Fitz," Carl Magill (behind his host), Olus L. Loftin, L. H. Appel, Ed. J. A. Hasenyager, and Julian Adams. Being the photographer, Jack Herold couldn't very well get into the picture.



SIGNALMEN at San Bernardino. Left to right are Henry Williams, Rene Hunckler, and Harry Null.

Cliff Curle might investigate. I understand he has been looking around for a couple of cats.

Joe Wilcomb of West Hollywood has been appointed Foreman at the Macy Street Car House, effective April 16. We are sorry to have Joe leave us, but are happy that he has made a step upward and extend to him our best wishes.

Arvin J. Cash, Leader, has been appointed Assistant Foreman, and Charles E. Hewitt, Electrician, has been appointed Leader, at the West Hollywood Car House. We wish both of these boys much good luck in their new, advanced positions.

Bob Byrd, Night Foreman at West Hollywood Car House, has been off for several nights with a bad cold. Understand from some of the night gang that he caught the cold while out shooting snipes. I don't believe it.

With the cooperation of all of those he represents, Milton R. Clark, Day Foreman at Toluca Yard, will write a column for employees of the Mechanical Department in the Western District. Please be sure to send him your news, folks. Milton says this writing business is new to him, but since he's an Ephebian (1932) from Poly High night school (five years of it), we're not worried. Starting with the company in 1919, he used to play the sax in the P. E. Band and Orchestra until they were discontinued. Instead of tooting his own horn, he'll now toot yours. Official welcome, Milt!

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MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

North and South Districts

By Guy F. Gehde

Hiya, there, my friends! Greetings to all employees with Pacific Electric. April was a memorable month with the appointment of Roy L. Mankins as General Foreman of the Mechanical Department. Our genial Day Foreman, Wm. R. Tingler, advanced to Assistant General Foreman, and the popular Joseph W. Wilcomb to Day Foreman. Welcome, Bill and Joe—I'd say here are three great horsemen!

May is the writer's first anniversary at Macy. My association is most gratifying. On Mr. Briggs' retirement he and Mr. Mankins asked me to write a column for the Mechanical Department, Northern and Southern Districts. I appreciate the compliment, and hope to be equal to the request.

Taken so by surprise, I have not much news. However, I am sure with the cooperation of the "Good Fel-

lows" and their help from each point in sending me news items, I shall be able always to write an interesting column for all concerned.

Let's not forget our "Flora-Dora" (Mrs. Flora Greenough), Steno-Clerk at Macy. Her husband, recently discharged from the Coast Guard, will be coming home soon. They must have a place to live. So if you know of a place—please phone where it is, et cetera.

Cheerio!

Mechanical Department readers of the North and South Districts have an unusual and interesting personality for their new correspondent in the shape of Guy F. Gehde, Clerk at the Macy Car House. Born of a German father and an English mother, he majored in interior decoration at Yale, took his degree from Texas U., for ten years worked as researcher for a movie scenarist, and in his younger days was a singer of talent. Came to P. E. in 1941. His hobbies are interior decorating and endless reading. Accomplished, but not clairvoyant, he wants you to tip him off on the news. Welcome to the staff, Guy!



YOUNGEST—Gus M. Gundersen, Foreman of the Sheet Metal, Welding, and Bus Body Repair Shop at Torrance, is the youngest (35) of the Foremen. Understand his lady mechanics baked him birthday cakes last month, and that no wrenches were found therein.

TORRANCE TOPICS (Mechanical Department)



By
Jack
Wright

To acquaint you with our supervisory staff here at Torrance Shops, Mechanical Department, I "hope" to feature one Foreman each issue. To this end, may I introduce: Gus M. Gundersen, Foreman in charge of Sheet Metal, Welding, Babbit and Bus Body Repair.

Gus is a native son, born in the "City of Angels!" (Since then it's been called Los Angeles, for he was . . . or should I say "is" . . . no Angel.) Not too many years after he graduated from high school, Gus found his way to the P. E. Shops at Torrance, starting to work in the Sheet Metal Department. He is the youngest Foreman, both in age and seniority. Gus is married (as are all our Foremen), has a charming wife and two children; Melvin, 9, and Marsha, 4. Fishing is his favorite pastime.

In keeping with the feature of an individual Foreman, it's up to that one to furnish the news of his department, so-o-o—

GUS SAYS:

Ralph Crosby and wife are having good luck with their chickens. Ralph has a little farm out El Monte way; P. E. is just a sideline.

Joe Ochoa and wife have recently been blessed with a baby girl. Congratulations, Joe; I think it should happen to every young married couple.

Albert Obrist bought a lot out on the desert. (The ole desert rat.)

Wilfred Clark was one of the early vacationists. Now aren't you sorry you didn't wait, you could have had two weeks—or could he?

Thomas Edwards is recuperating nicely from his recent operation.

Jack Stokes is very particular who he has a collision with . . . yeh, he has to pick on the Torrance Police Department.

Mazie Brown is back on the job after taking a much-needed rest. Why, Gus, I didn't know you were a driver.

I had asked Gus to try to give me a special brief on romance, centering around Cora Hewins. "Junior," she being the only eligible of his "female

Tinners"; but a little more time is needed, says he . . . mebbe so next time around. . .

Latest additions to the Department are Dora Mitchell and Walter Preston, "a pair of tinners."

Well, thank you, Gus, for the helping hand.

We have quite a number of our fellow workers who have been off sick for some time. I want to take this means of wishing you each a speedy recovery and return to work . . . special mention to those who are in the hospital recovering from operations, or serious illness: Walter Kwiatkoski, Oliver Goins, Eddie Priestley, William Payne and William Schenk.

Well, so long . . . I gotta get busy to find the feature for JUNE.

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TORRANCE TOPICS (Stores Department)

By
Fred B.
Hopkins



We just learned a short while ago that Cliff Ruppel was with the Tank Division that landed on Okinawa on Easter Sunday morning. No word has come from him direct to us as yet but you all know what has been taking place on Okinawa, so we can't help thinking of Cliff. We got the news from Cliff's wife who had heard from him.

One of the experiences that gave your correspondent a thrill during the month of March was when I had an opportunity to entertain for a few days a cousin, Harry Olney, of North Scituate, R. I., who is in the Navy and whom I had not seen for 30 years. He had just returned from across the Pacific Ocean. Then another thrill that came to me recently was to receive a letter from Bob Cain, written from Germany. I'd like to quote a bit from his letter; "I am glad that you are sending me the P. E. Magazine, as I miss the link with the railroad, which was almost part of my life. You know, with all the newer employees I feel that I am really an old-timer. A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since I saw you last. . . . Thanks for the clippings and please send more, as it's a link with home life in good old sunny California."

Friends, we must write to these boys more often and give 'em the dope in the form of news clippings, funny items and cheering messages from our local papers, dailies, etc.

Bill Jolley reports that he has heard from his son, William S. Jolley, Jr., that he is now a Corporal in the Signal Corps, Aviation Division. After having attended school in Paris he was back in the Netherlands.

We also learned with much interest and surprise that our former friend Carlos Gaglio had been seen by several of our Store Dept. folks in and around Watts. He had been wounded in action in Italy and, after having been hospitalized, was home on furlough and awaiting discharge from the Army. Also, Rosalio Martinez had been wounded in Germany and had been in a hospital at Sacramento, from where he had been granted a furlough to his home in Watts. Last reports had it that he was in a recuperation camp near San Diego and was also waiting his discharge from the Army. Both of these are dear friends of ours, and we are looking forward to seeing them again in the not too far distant future.

We received a very clever card from Mrs. Rose Wiese while she was away on her vacation up north visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bangle, who are now living in Alameda, while Edward is on duty at the Naval Base in that city. Remember Lura Bangle and her sailor husband, whom we pictured on the "bicycle built for two" about a year ago, at which time she was filling the position of Requisition Clerk in the Torrance Store?

My good friend, Joe Ayala, called in to see me the other day and told me that his brother Augustine, Seaman 1/c, who is a torpedoman in the U. S. Navy, had been home on 30-day leave after having participated in ten

major battle engagements, including battles of the Coral Seas, Indo-China Seas, Luzon, Guam and others. Joe is very proud of this younger brother of his who is now wearing campaign bars with stars for the ten battles, and we rejoice and exult with him in this justifiable pride.

And now I must tell you of the mystery of the missing picture—that which we told you about in our last article concerning the Bills. Bill is still looking, but we understand there are several clues as to its whereabouts. By process of elimination we have learned that it was last seen in Torrance and it is expected that any day now it will make its appearance. As a reward to the finder, whoever will turn it in to him, Bill is offering a sumptuous dinner of ham and lima beans at one of Torrance's most noted Eating Symposiums, which is renowned for its excellent cuisine and superior culinary art. Here's notice that only the genuine and bona-fide picture will be recognized—no counterfeits or duplicates of magazine pictures acceptable.

The following was submitted by my good friend and collaborator, Mrs. Evelyn Wright, wife of my fellow-correspondent, Mr. Jack Wright:

CAN YOU IMAGINE—

Lena Robertson not being first at her desk in the morning?

Betty Hay without her big smile?

Fred Hopkins not fuming and fussing about some requisition?

Lorraine Winterberg not "breaking in" some new girl?

Eddie Rieber not whistling some catchy tune?

Bill Lock not selling some item of scrap or junk to an employee?

Ann Higgins not calling out, "Look here, Fred?"

Teresa Vasquez not saying, "Hi-ya, Babe?"

"Pappy" Cain not fussing and

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Bill Jolley not getting the trucks off and on their way to Los Angeles in the morning?

AND last—but not least,

Bill Bone not looking for his picture?

CENTRAL TIMEKEEPING BUREAU



By
V. B.
Tellechea

Shall we talk about our wonderful climate, or start right in to digesting delicious little morsels of gossip? Right-o!

There's a guy named Jo (now somewhere) and a gal they call Helen—but Jo has another name for Helen: "To Beautiful." An orchid was an accompaniment to the sentiment, and which it was that Helen Sawyer glowed over more is not hard to imagine!

Of interest to some of us collectors is the conglomeration of objects which Marian Green ("Little Beaver") has received from Cpl. Tommy C. Smyth

of Pasadena, now in Germany. Cpl. Smyth (alias the boy friend) has not lost his perspective, and therefore, in his many travels abroad to wipe out the enemy, has not forgotten the good housekeeping! To mention a few articles. From Germany: pewter pitcher, silver dish and spoon, blanket (slightly used). Holland: size 12 wooden shoes (Sorry, Tom; it's strictly a 14 she wears!), Dutch boy and girl figurine. Paris: powder, (Coty) shampoo (they call it shampooing), silver bracelet. Belgium: figure of Christ on cross. Brussels: handmade doilies. Sitting pretty, eh?

Ouita Swanson is stumped! What to do when one's friend of over 20 years standing reads your mail! Oh, it's not what you're thinking—this person censors the mail coming out of France! To quote Ouita: "There just hain't no justice or privacy any more—a purty rugged deal, I calls it."

Cy Holway contends some women have a preponderance of nerve! Here's the low-down: As night fell on the little home of the Holways, March 25, and everybody prepared for bed, Cy (who had been running around ragged for months) set the alarm for 7:00. After a few loud yawns, Papa Cy, Mama Alice and Baby Dick were fast asleep. Soon (precisely at 1:30) there came a knock on the door, and who do you think was there—Oh, you do too know! Well—Mama Alice knew and Papa did too, only Papa was still trying to cling to the remnants of a honey of a dream, without success, and was gnashing his teeth in disappoint-

ment! At 2:45, Papa (a mite groggy) rushes Mama out, and slightly after 9:02 he is passing out bands with no cigars in them! (Shortages?) Dennis Boyden Holway, 9 lbs., 4 oz. is the cause of the whole trouble, and is Papa happy!—Aren't you, Papa?

Jo Ann Dudding: On a short trip to S. F. and dressed fit to kill! Bet she did!

We who have something to do with statistics were moved into Room 739, and is the quietude loud! An ick—take it slowly, boy—ick—beg pardon—can now be fully appreciated!

Predictions mean things to come, and Helen McDougall (just recently an aunt) has been told she will yet marry! A man had better be forthcoming soon, or we shall take back every little gift she received in the "fake shower!" Count Helen in as a very good sport!

Vacations: Marjie Helwig at Palm Springs—F. Eggeman and C. Jones in their backyards.

Welcome to Charlotte Gardetto—back after a long leave of absence.

Al and Leonell Manhart have changed their home address. Pasadena is still first love.

Open letter to U. L. Drake: Most abject apologies for likening you to an old hen—a drake is a duck—isn't he?

Payroll Deduction For Glasses Authorized

The company management has announced that a payroll deduction plan in connection with procurement of glasses, repairs to glasses, etc., has just been made with Dr. Walter F. Morrison, 818 Pacific Electric Building, Los Angeles, for the convenience of employees.

Dr. Morrison has been located in Los Angeles for many years, has a very high reputation, and has made glasses for many of the employees during the past. His services are of particular advantage to Pacific Electric employees because of the convenience of his office and the promptness of his service. Glasses are furnished within a few days after examination; new lenses to replace broken ones, as well as other repairs to glasses, are made promptly. Dr. Morrison maintains his own lens grinding facilities.

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Letter received by a company which manufactures corn syrup: "Though I have taken six cans of your corn syrup, my feet are no better than when I started."

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



By
Suzanne M.
Jacquemin

The death of our President on April 12 came as a great shock to us all, and regardless of party affiliations, we should truly support our new leader.

Vacations have begun with W. O. Baker again remodeling his car; Andy Moreno and family headed toward Mexico City; Jim and Lee Lewis say they're "building a fence around Texas" while Mrs. Frida Waterhouse holds down Jim's job at 8th Street; Violet Martin and Gladys Black giving Glendale the once over; Marie Shaw acquiring a Southern drawl; J. K. Kennedy and "O" "C" Jordon sharing dental woes.

Jack and Ann Gerhardt announcing the arrival of Janice Marie, 6 lbs., 5 oz., at the California Hospital on April 5.

R. E. Clary says he'll live in his caboose the way things are shaping up. . . J. H. Howard, R. Herr, D. L. Gladwell, M. L. Patrick and L. E. Stump are new men on the board. . . Dollie King, at El Monte, has her hubby "home for a little while." . . Neil Breese has set up a card-index which should prove very beneficial to all. . . Was pleasantly surprised on finding that Gretchen Erhardt (I. W. Erhardt's charming debutane daughter) was a fellow "Ephebion" sister of mine. . . Johnnie Grattidge will have a real "halo" (other than smoke-ring) if the excitement of a daughter's marriage, Captain Perkins' leave, badminton, Butte transfer, etc., don't stop. . . Call Station 4888 for additional transportation news.

Lucy Paige looking as fetching as "Pinky" in her mandarin coat. . . W. Spangler temporarily at Butte. . . H. H. Sloane (whose niece Helen graduated from Poly '37 with yours truly) is thinking of retiring. . . Jack Church and Missus had a 9th wedding anniversary on April 6 and Jack used Websters in this connection. Why, mister? . . . What admired official decided to give up two or three things for Easter? . . . Other riddle of the month is what is a "blink-block"? . . . Find "rip-rap" is big-rock and Don Donaghu's "sluice box" is for pencils, not gold. Myrtle

Shaw, still bowling on P. E., works for S. P. . . Roy Thornburg is a new and mighty congenial clerk. . . C. L. Settle decided on State in lieu of Berdoo. . .

April 3, Trainmaster Earl "Tennessee" Johnson ran one of the longest trains on record—91 cars—State Street to San Bernardino in charge of Conductor H. J. Beck and Jr. Engineer O. E. Olafson. State Street was no "baseball diamond" that day. . . Our mechanics always have such a nice unctuous (oily) look. . . Our cat is no more, and E. H. Treischman's white rat found a home with Burl Young. . . "O" "C" Jordon, C. W. Coutts, E. G. Johnson and Les Lutes have impressive-looking Masonic rings. . . Grandpa for the fifth time, John Walker is amplifying about the 6 lb. 3 oz. grandson born in Norman, Oklahoma to his daughter and son-in-law, the R. L. Nunns (picture Dec. '44 mag.) . . . Andy Moreno and Jack Walsh wish to know if the "Tortilla" and "Spaghetti" slouch are the same difference? . . . Met some very fine "home bosses," Mesdames R. F. Calvett, W. O. Baker, S. T. Sherritt, "O" "C" Jordon, C. B. McClure and R. Thornburg. . . Tiny Ross and Fred Stranad under Jack Martin hold down the afternoon shift at State Street. . .

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Harold F. Stewart Wounded In Action

News that their 22-year-old son, Harold F. Stewart, Conductor and Fireman on military leave, has been slightly wounded in action in the Philippines was received last month by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Stewart of Pasadena. They received official notification from the War Department. Extent of injury was not disclosed.

Harold wrote home on February 21

a colorful letter telling his impressions of the Philippines, characteristically—he has always been keenly interested in railroading—giving much space to a Philippine rail line, and describing something of the desolation brought upon the Filipinos by the Japanese occupation.

. . . "The normal gauge here is 3'6", the same as the Los Angeles Railroad at home. The locomotive I saw burned wood for fuel and had a big balloon stack. The boys were doing a little switching at one of the villages we came through and we had to wait while they cleared the crossing. They had a little difficulty getting the switch closed and the flagman and about half a dozen local residents were trying to close it. They kicked and yanked awhile and finally made it. The right of way appears to be in pretty good shape, with no weeds. The crew are all Filipinos. The engineer looked as though he were 195 years old, but he stood up at the levers as if he owned the railroad. (Maybe he does.)

. . . you see a lot of Filipinos along the road with their carts, pulled by their water buffalo; and sometimes you see a bicycle, but no automobiles. The Japanese took everything of value, including clothes, food, etc. It is one of the most pitiful things I have encountered, seeing the condition that the Filipinos are in because of the Japs. Very nearly all of the Filipinos speak a little English and a few of them speak it quite well.

"Most of the Filipinos live in thatched houses, built on stilts, with their chickens, etc., underneath. There are a few horses and pigs around, but they look very bad—just skin and bones. . .

" . . . I am with a swell bunch."

Harold's old friends on the Pacific Electric are glad he is with a swell bunch, and hope he will soon be recovered from his wound.

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INFORMATION HI-LITES



By
**Deane H.
Koch**

Evelyn Cook and Edna Tilley are both living under such a terrific strain just now, that it isn't surprising that they have both been ill. Edna's illness was really quite childish—measles, if you please. Possibly next month we will have more to tell you about these two. Neva Cooper was out for a few days, too.

Our co-worker, Adeline McIntyre, had her share of "time lost," with a bad sore throat. At least, that is what she told us. We have reason to believe her even though we do know the Subway has a certain fascination for her. Wonder if they want a new clerk there? And a visiting mother has been a sufficient reason, too. (Don't mind us, Adeline.)

We all miss Cynthia Hornek, who is on leave of absence, as is Florence Spaulding. However, we understand Mrs. Spaulding is to return by May 1. We do know Helen Drew needed a day or so off, but the Question is, why does a certain Ticket Clerk need be off at the same time? Of course, we cannot blame Catherine Haldeman and Thelma Bell for wanting time out as this is the time of year one must give one's "ranches" a certain amount of attention. One must prepare for old age, mustn't one! But enough of this chatter.

We must not let you think that the dear public has at last become educated. Far from it, as will be seen when we tell you or a conversation we had recently. A man called, asking time and fare to Long Beach, also the commuting rates. After being told all we knew on the subject, he said, "And you say the cheapest rate is 48 cents round trip by buying 30 rides?"

"Yes, that is right," was the reply.

"Single fares are 46 cents one way or 69 cents round trip?"

"Yes, that's correct."

"Well, all right, which way is the 46 cents?"

I wish I knew!

As for the writer having what the doctor said was a cold in the heel (Yes, laugh! We did.); It's even worse now. Having suffered a bad fall while getting off the street car on the way home from work, we

have been laid up with a sprained ankle and a cut knee.

As "misery loves company," Caroline Dalthorp was laid up with phlebitis. Caroline has had her share of hardships.

Some of our group are asking why they do not get replies from their letters to Tommy Meinert. He formerly answered so promptly, and our last word from him was received before Christmas. (Attention, Tommy, should you read this.) At last we learned Richard Burns' new mailing

address and have remailed greetings to him.

We are sorry to report that Lenore Teply was saddened, when she recently received word of the death of an aunt in Iowa. She has our sincere sympathy. Also, our sincere sympathy to Mr. E. C. Thomas, our retired General Agent of Publicity, at the passing of his mother, Mrs. Mary Wallick, on April 4, in her 92nd year. Mr. Thomas has many friends in the company who will be sorry to learn of his bereavement.

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOX

for

PASSENGER CONDUCTORS AND OPERATORS

By **W. J. Fenwick**
Supervisor, Northern and Southern Districts

"I read your column in the Magazine and think it great that you have started it going as it was very much needed to enlighten the new men of things of importance that they fail to get when making 'break-in' trips.

"In the article regarding Government Requests, I am of the opinion that your information on handling those issued to points beyond our line, was not correct. As to writing on back of same from point to point honored, name and badge number is OK, but you did not stress the fact that same should be written with indelible pencil or ink only. Also, that a request of that kind should be handled the same as a ticket issued from a foreign line, without a coupon for the Pacific Electric Railway Company, by using Form L-3790 (Foreign Line Ticket Honored but not Lifted). If this information were entered on the trip report by the Conductor, he would no doubt be informed by the Auditor to use this form in the future. If I am wrong, please correct me, as it may be another rule was changed that got past me.

"Why not inform the new men about retrievers on the 300-class cars? They are dangerous, and their use should be imbedded in the new men's minds. Also, why not inform new men that switch panels are always on No. 1 end of 300-type cars, and that bus line switches should be checked to make certain they are off when two motors are being used? These things, handled carelessly or without proper knowledge, have caused injury to both men and equipment.

—A. M. ENGEL, Badge No. 1186."

Thank you, Conductor Engel, for your fine letter.

Mr. Engel has been an employe of the company since 1922, and is now working run No. 739 on the San

Pedro-Los Angeles Line, out of 6th and Main. Mr. Engel will be glad to help any new Conductors, in any way that he can.

In reply to Mr. Engel's first question regarding conductor or operator signing back of Government Request in indelible pencil or ink, including of course badge number, name of Pacific Electric Railway Company and the points between which it was honored. Although desirable to use indelible pencil or ink, tariff instructions do not state this as a necessity. As many of us do not carry pen or indelible pencil, the Auditing Department has kindly consented to permit the use of a plain pencil.

Question No. 2—regarding the use of Form L-3790 for Government Request calling for transportation to a foreign line.

Although no mention is made in the tariff of using Form L-3790 in handling Government Requests, the Accounting Department states that it would be accepted should this form be used. Usually Government Requests reading from a point on the Pacific Electric Railway Lines to a destination on a foreign line is exchanged by agents for tickets as provided by PD-1850, Rule 19, Section "D."

Whatever you do, read the request over carefully and under no circumstances should you pick up request, if it calls for transportation to a foreign line.

As to your information concerning 300-type cars. Mr. Charles Shook, Chief of the Instruction Department, has agreed that this information is very necessary to the new man. He gives us assurance that such information will be stressed during student car trips or at some other period during instruction period.

ROOM 221 AND VICINITY



By
**Lucille
Paige**

Birthdays celebrated recently included breakfast at the Biltmore for Rose Ann Smith, we girls in 221 doing the honors; coffee and cake for B. G. Jones on March 29, with his charming wife, Elsie, present; and last but not least, a pipe for Lonnie Campbell, April 20. Lonnie's most unusual gift—a pipe—boasted an odd-shaped bowl, which literally was just that—a bowl, lid and all.

Dorothy Pratt, who was with us only a short while, suffered an acute attack of nostalgia and journeyed east to recover. She may be back. Dorcas Holly, from Schedule Bureau, is now on the position.

'Twas a pleasant surprise seeing Lt. Col. Jim Blake, former Terminal Trainmaster, on a short furlough from the C.B.I. area.

Yon picture is the one and only Les Lutes, born in Charleston, Illinois, and an old-timer with the P. E. Entered the family, July, 1925, as Car Service Clerk in Freight Service Bureau; graduated to Asst. Chief Clerk in same bureau, January 1943; took another step forward when he became Asst. Station Supervisor, March, 1944, and at this writing is full-fledged Supervisor of Freight Operations and Car Service Bureau as of July, 1944, which is a just reward for his keen knowledge.

LIKES steaks—but thick . . . french fries . . . chicken (never heard of it) . . . sports clothes (off duty, of course) . . . the color blue . . . to receive a telephone call during a game of "pitch," as evidenced by his expression in above photo.

FRIENDS OF LUTES: His secretary, Leola Butler: "I envy his naturally wavy hair, blue eyes, and above all, those hips . . ." Senne: "Oh, my gosh!" . . . Clay: (a slight giggle) . . . MacDonald: (Censored). So at a glance, one can see —

Getting back to earth, Les always had me fooled, but since interviewing him, realize he's a man of few words, lots of humor, if you want to find it,

grows a mustache on the red side, has a personality on the sunny side, and a temperament that needs only a bit of equine conversation to make it perfect.

— Buy Extra Bonds for Cash —

Agent and Mrs. Crow Celebrate 25th Wedding Anniversary With Party

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Arleigh Russell ("Jim") Crow were hosts to 125 friends, many of whom were of the Pacific Electric family, at an elaborate party on April 7. The celebration started with cocktails at their home, when Charlie Malley and Charlie Hill proved to be expert bartenders, handling a rather "dry" crowd in great style. A turkey dinner, with all trimmings and a large wedding cake, was served at the parish house of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hollywood. Piano and accordion furnished the instrumental music during the dinner, with vocal numbers by Mrs. May Barlow and Dr. Ralph Holmes. Dancing followed the dinner. The Crows were recipients of many beautiful presents.

Jim is Pacific Electric Agent at West Hollywood.

Employees extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Crow.

— Buy War Bonds —
Through Pay Roll Savings

SIXTH & MAIN TERMINAL

By
**W. B.
Shrewsbury**



For thousands of years people lived without ever hearing of a vitamin. Now, all of a sudden, we learn that one has to crunch 5 or 6 vitamin pills every day or he will stop breathing. For some strange reason vitamins are named after letters in the alphabet. After all the letters in the alphabet were used up, they began adding numerals after the letters, so now we have Vitamins A-1, A-2, B-1, B-3, etc. The Army even has one they call B-29, which is used for the extermination of rats. This is probably the most successful vitamin yet discovered.

Uncle Walter Deal, Head Service Director for Motor Transit, is back in charge of his dog-house after a brief illness. Incidentally he told us



EVELYN LOUISE MURRAY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Murray, arrived on January 2 and weighed 8 lbs., 5½ oz. In this picture she is three months old and weighs 14 lbs. Needless to say how proud her parents are.

personally that he owes his recovery solely to the vitamin pills. Anyhow, everyone is glad he is back.

The Ding-Dong Division at 6th & Main has added a new Terminal Foreman's trick from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and "Andy" Anderson has taken over this position.

This month E. H. Craig, Earl Lamm, C. Francis, J. B. Henson, P. C. Saddoris, and M. O. Aubolee transferred from the Ding-Dongs to the Honk-Honk Division.

We were promised some news by Al Murry, who claims to have positive proof that the Santa Ana County population has been increased because of the combined efforts of the Santa Ana MT drivers. However, Al did not get his information in time to meet this month's deadline; so we shall send our Secret Observer down to Santa Ana next month to look the situation over, and we will submit his report to you next month.

Robert Eugene Larson arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Larson, on February 8, 1945. He weighed 5 lbs., 15 oz. Here is hoping we will have a picture of him to put in the Mag, too.

Dennis Herbert Faulkner, another newcomer, arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Faulkner, on February 20, 1945, weighing 9 lbs., 9 oz. These Motor Transit boys are really being represented.

MACY STREET TERMINAL



By
Ted
Harrison

Top of the morning to you-all folks. There's another month rolled by and we are just about ready for another Bond drive. Got your name down on the dotted line for another Bond? Better get busy, for they are just as good as gold.

Motorman Raymond came back a few days ago after being off on a sick leave. He settled on a night run on Baldwin Park, pushing Beeks off his run. Beeks, in turn, landed on Prewitt, and first thing we knew here was Prewitt pushing Ostrander off a Glendora run onto the extra board.

This is all hearsay, but I think there may be something to it! Some of the Macy boys, seeking new worlds to conquer, are breaking in on the South. Of course, these are Motormen. I heard Patterson, Conway and Ostrander were included.

If the powers that be had not been in such a hurry for copy last month, this little story might have made the April issue, as it came a couple of days after deadline. Anyway, here it is:

A certain Motorman at Macy Street, Harry W. Polzien by name, is a native of San Diego. A few months ago a very bright idea hit him right in the head. He thought after these many years he should once again visit the scenes of his childhood; and so, after many hours of hints and suggestions, got his better seven-eighths to agree to his idea. Next he sold the idea to "Van," his Foreman, who, in a weak moment, promised him he might be off. Then, after long conference with the Santa Fe R. R., and

with the right amount of folding money procured from friend wife, all arrangements were completed and the eventful day was eagerly awaited. At last it arrived, and with Mrs. Polzien carrying the suitcase and the lunch and our friend loaded with time tables, rule books, and equipment books, a start was made for the southern city. But what a disappointment! The Santa Fe got to San Diego without consulting him, no band was on hand to greet him, the old general store and the apple barrel were gone, not even his old cronies with their handle-bar mustaches and bright red beards were in sight. No sir! Motorman Polzien found a big bustling city, with many modern cars running about and everybody too busy even to check over his reading matter.



CPL. CECIL E. BEVER, 24, U. S. Army Air Corps, is the 6'5", 285-lb. son of Conductor-Motorman-Dispatcher-etc. P. J. Bever, and at last reports was in the Philippines. Cecil, after graduating from Pasadena Junior College in 1939, volunteered for military service at the age of 19. He learned all about parachutes—making them, folding them, using them—in his training course, and was made an instructor of foreign troops in the art of parachute usage. His parents haven't seen him since he left for an undisclosed point in the South Pacific at the end of 1943.

There's a rumor that he got hooked at a dinner he went to—something about getting his hat back. Cost him 25c, I think. Ask him.

We just got a report to add to one in the April issue. That of Conductor Hugh Cairns' boy. It seems Major David Ross Cairns has received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is based in the Marianas and is Squadron Commander.

A future Conductor or Motorman arrived at the home of Conductor De Forest. According to the proud father he arrived on March 20 and will be known as Roger Lee.

Mr. Polzien: Was that trip necessary?

— Buy War Bonds —
Through Pay Roll Savings

OCEAN PARK CAR HOUSE AND BUS LOT By Bill Williams

We notice that quite a number of boys who have been in active service are coming back to work. We can't do too much to make them welcome, and to help them in every possible manner, because we owe them more than we can repay.

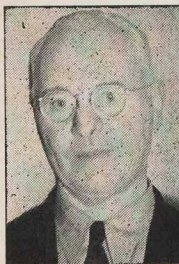
No column from this terminal would be complete without a few words about a fellow who is officially known as John Roughgarden, but affectionately known as "Roughie." You wouldn't suspect him of having had a college education, or of being acquainted with the "Prince of Wales," but he is a real diamond in the rough and we hope he stays with us for a long time.

A new man reported for work a few mornings ago, arriving about 30 minutes ahead of his assignment. The first man he happened to see was Conductor Phillips; by the time he had walked around Conductor Phillips once and had taken in all the points of interest, he had missed out.

One of the most popular trainmen at Ocean Park is "Smiling Sam," on the pay roll as Motorman Sam Cloud. Sam has been running up and down the Short Line for 25 years, and you never see him without that happy smile; women come out in the morning just to see him go by. There is only one thing that really worries Sam: he would like to know who puts the rocks in his lunch bag.

Paul and Mrs. Ingraham have two boys; both are "old-timers" in the Navy, although they are still just youngsters. Many of the trainmen will remember them when they were going to school, because they were outstanding examples of youngsters that come from a clean, loving American home. To Paul and Bob there is nothing in the world to compare with their home, though they have been away from it a long time.

SUBWAY TERMINAL



By
W. F.
Servranckx

Terminal Foreman W. C. Kennedy is still trying to clean his glasses because of all the smoke which collected when the cigars were passed out recently.

S. T. C.		CIGAR COUPON		THIS COUPON	
		I		when detached and presented at proper time will be honored for one War Time Cigar—not good, not bad but Guaranteed	
				For best results see our Asst. Production Manager J. GERHARDT	
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		JACK GERHARDT, Asst. Production Mgr.		29 30	
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THESE SUBWAY FATHERS are certainly getting clever. Look at this!

Motorman C. B. Bullington and his charming wife, Minnie, proudly announced the arrival of twins: a boy 7 lbs., 9 oz.; a girl, 6 lbs.; at Burbank Hospital, April 17. Mother and babies are doing very nicely. The proud uncle, Motorman A. A. Bullington, has the cigars, boys. Don't let him bluff you.

Motorman H. Vivian will spend his vacation at Las Vegas, Nevada, looking things over.

Conductor L. M. Bowman bought a home in San Fernando Valley, and is working a regular run at West Hollywood. Subway Terminal is sorry to lose that smiling boy.

Conductor Paul Porter received news from our Government that his son was killed in action while flying a mission over Italy. Our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Conductor Bill O'Hern played good Samaritan and had his fingers painfully injured. Hope to see you back soon.



VIRGIL D. STILLER, Chief Motor Machinist's Mate, U. S. Navy, is the son of Conductor and Mrs. Paul E. Stiller.

— Buy Extra Bonds for Cash —

Lt. Lee O. Bogue Missing In Action

A former Ticket Clerk, Lt. Lee O. Bogue, 21, last reported in the Magazine as an instructor in twin-engined training planes, was reported on March 14 as missing in action over Germany on February 27. It was said that his plane was hit by flak over Augsburg, and when last seen was heading earthward in a slow spiral.

Lieutenant Bogue had won the Air Medal for meritorious achievement and for sustained operations. He enlisted in the Air Corps in November,

1943, after a year's service in the Passenger Traffic Department.

Employees hope for the best, and assure Mr. and Mrs. Bogue, Sr., of their interest in and anxiety over Lieutenant Bogue's welfare.

— Buy War Bonds —
Through Pay Roll Savings

Garner E. McBride Weds Zelda Wheeler at Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City

West Conductor Garner E. McBride and Miss Zleda A. Wheeler will be married May 8 at the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City.

They will be at home at 2607 Marathon Street, Los Angeles 26, after May 17, following a honeymoon at Idaho Falls, home of Miss Wheeler's parents.

Garner has worked for Pacific Electric since January 15, 1940, mainly in the Stationery Store; he has been a Conductor only a short time. Miss Wheeler, who has been employed in the redistributing and salvage section of the U. S. Engineers, will continue working there until the war is over.

Best wishes for a long and happy wedded life to you both!

— Buy Extra Bonds for Cash —

PASADENA TERMINAL

By
H. L.
Woodford



Louie Taylor, former Pasadena Conductor, is the Main Street employment manager for the Company, and has a little office out in front of the Building. Louie informs me that Conductor Harold Stewart, now with the Army in the Philippines, has been wounded.

Charlie Shook, assistant to Col. C. H. Belt, was over in Pasadena getting some hearty handshakes from the old timers that haven't had an occasion to see him for some time.

Conductor A. Quentin Schilly will be fenced in after May 18, for that's the day he will be married to Miss Mickey Kennedy at the Wedding Chapel in South Gate at 8:00 p.m. Don't lose the ring, A.Q.

Birthday greetings for the month of April: Switchman Joe Rovai, the 7th; Conductor H. Rinehold Gavert, the 21st; Motorman J. E. Newman,

the 27th; Motorman J. C. Wierack, the 30th.

Sympathies to Conductor H. E. French, whose father passed away at Santa Monica April 18.

A welcome to Motorman B. A. Broge, who bid in a night delief run, and a goodbye to Conductor McKenny, leaving the service to go back to Boston, Mass.

Former Conductor and Bus Driver Hunter Horn, who left this Company about 1939 to take up farming at Grant's Pass, Oregon, was down here to renew old acquaintances and to visit his son, a marine pilot stationed at Santa Ana. Horn is a neighbor to two former P. E. men up in that locality, Ex-Conductor Lundy and A. C. Johnson.

Bumped into quite a few of the retired old timers this past month: Charlie Rose, John Schuster, John Ritter, G. W. Baldwin and Lou Bowers. All are looking fine and are enjoying good health.

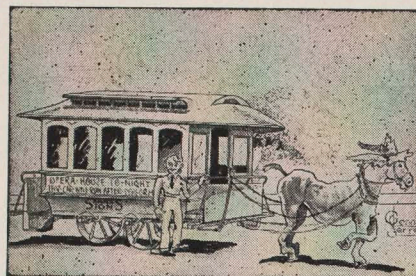
Heard Ex-Conductor, now Reverend Johnston preach over station KGER on a Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00. Understand he is with the Fuller Foundation. He is a fine preacher; tune him in some Sunday. You might also come down to the Car House some Sunday morn to hear Conductor John Clapper Curtis play the big bass horn in the Salvation Army band.

Well, as Ove Jensen would say, "Hold the phone."



"ALWAYS ON THE JOB"—Left, Conductor P. J. Murphy; right, Motorman A. F. Wilson—both of Pasadena. P. J., who has about 20 years of seniority, came out here from Detroit. A. F., who has three years with P. E., comes from Miami, Oklahoma.—"A good, reliable crew, always on the job," asserts Correspondent H. L. Woodford.

25 YEARS AGO



On the Pacific Electric

(From the files of the Pacific Electric Magazine for April and May, 1920)

By "Alec"

The Signal Department and thus the signal system of Pacific Electric was widely featured in the April number of the P. E. MAG, with due recognition to the safety value aside from the financial investment contained in the signal devices of Pacific Electric which at that time was evaluated at \$500,000. Sam Florence was then in charge and pictured among his signal maintenance and construction force in the April number; prominent in appearance were also Messrs. Nickerson, Patterson, Hume, Moesby, all of them still in active service.

The above issue also covered the appointment of Mr. H. O. Marler as General Agent, Mr. G. H. Blyth as Chief Clerk, Mr. J. E. Glancy as Traveling P. A. in the Passenger Department brought about by the appointment of General Agent Dick Kelly to position with the S. P.

L. A. Freight House news was the return from military service of "Bob" Rachford, who took over at 8th & Alameda.

"Smiling" Mike Levin and Herman Grenke, among others on the ball club, were mentioned in ball game reports, one of which reads that "afterwards there was an active demand for alcohol . . ." (Could have meant the rubbing kind.) No remarks.

The newly appointed Chief Clerk in the Transportation Department also made news then, he being C. P. Hill, now Schedule Supervisor in our Schedule Bureau, then prominent in sports, social and club circles.

Employees of Pacific Electric 25 years ago must have been more sociable with picnics, dances, band concerts, movies, ball games, pool tournaments, hikes, and resorts like Urbita Springs and Redondo Beach

within easy reach of everyone within the P. E. family—and going on all the time. With the end of this war now in sight, let's hope that some of these events will be resurrected for the good and benefit of all of us. How about it, Mr. Vickrey—Picnic this year?

— Buy War Bonds —
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Lee Shippey Finds Humor On Crowded P. E. Trains

Lee Shippey, well-known author, presented the public with two bits of local Pacific Electric color in his "Leaside" column in the Los Angeles Times for April 12:

ONE EASY LESSON

The Oak Knoll car was jammed so that everyone was standing on feet not his own, at least part of the time. Persons who lived in Oak Knoll because they wished to be exclusive were suffering palpably and not silently. The motorman, who was being jolted by everyone who got on or off, was the only good-humored man on the platform.

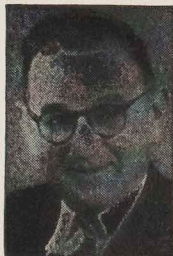
"I'd still rather be here tonight than in Berlin," he said.

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

Tuesday an Arcadia-Monrovia car had to come to an unexpected standstill far from any station to let a train loaded with war supplies have the right of way. There was a moment of silence in which everyone craned to see what had caused the car to stop there, in which a 4-year-old boy with a perfectly logical mind squeaked: "Oh, Mommy, has the streetcar run out of gas?"

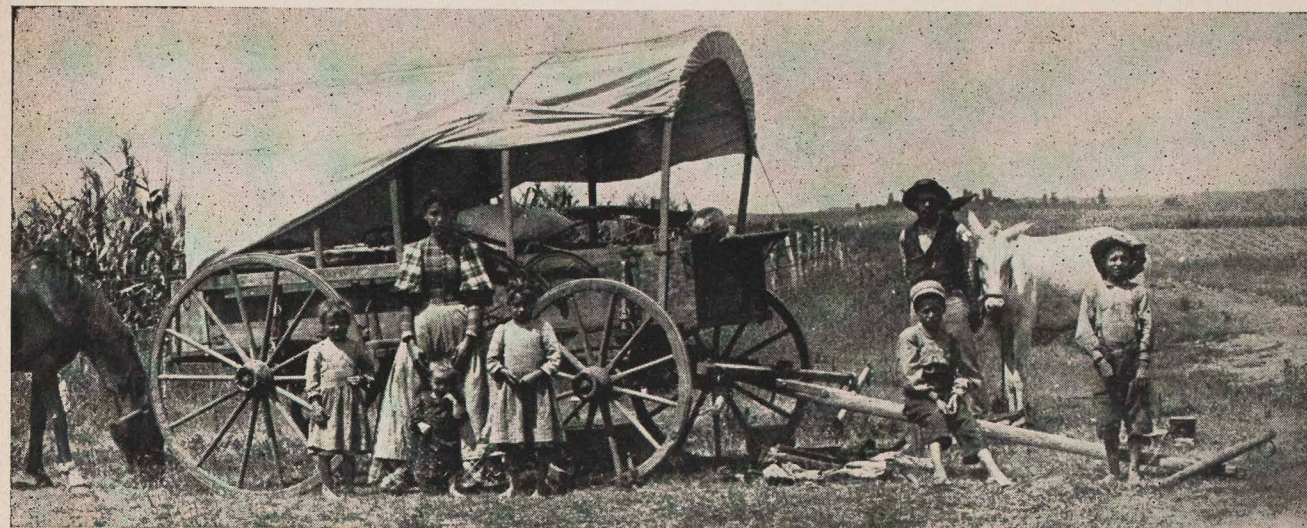
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LONG BEACH FREIGHT HOUSE



By
Jack
DeLaney

About the biggest news from the freight station this month is the loss of Mr. Berkhoel, Agent, who has been with us almost two years. "Berk" has gone back to the Harbor Belt Lines, much to our sorrow. Mr. Berkhoel made many friends while at the station, and was well liked by all the employees. To show our good feelings, a banquet was held Tuesday, April 10. About 70 attended, including employees with their wives and friends.



COVERED WAGON DAYS—Leonard E. Cole, Engineer on one of the diesel-electrics at Long Beach, is really an old-timer. Here he is at the extreme right holding up his pants leg back in 1895 just outside of Kiowa, Kansas, where his family was camping overnight. His mother and three sisters stand in front of the wagon, and his father stands behind his brother, who sits on the wagon tongue.

Vic Watson, an old-time faithful employe, acted as Master of Ceremonies. A. C. Hugg, District Freight Agent, spoke in behalf of our Agent. A. C. Morrill, Chief Clerk, also spoke; and A. H. Wilson, Traveling Auditor acting as Relief Agent, spoke a few words. A gold set of cuff links and a tie clasp was presented to Mr. Berkhoel by the entire group of P. E. and S. P. and P. M. T. employees from the local station.

A big addition to the yards will soon be ready for operation. F. L. Linne, Extra Gang Foreman, expects to have the 50-car storage tracks ready within a few weeks. This will be a big help for the many car loads that will be arriving here soon, and this extra space will be needed for storage.

Evelyn Metcalf, Demurrage Clerk, was proudly showing the "Purple Heart" that was awarded her husband, who is now stationed in the European theatre. He was wounded but is now back in service. Sergeant Metcalf was also awarded a Bronze Star, which he sent his wife.

Romance is in the offing at the Long Beach Ticket Office. Agent R. W. McDougall and Ticket Clerk Alice Morley have finally admitted it.

A new employe in the local freight station, Mrs. Nellie Thomas, formerly Miss Wainright from the Los Angeles station. Welcome, Nellie. Hope you will like working here as Freight Clerk.

LONG BEACH TICKET

Harvey Cranston is taking a short nine-day vacation. While away he will be relieved by Mildred Kennedy.

Beatrice Stone has just finished doing a good relief job, having relieved Bob Haynes, Fred Boren and

Norvel Knox for two weeks each. Sad news about it all is that Beatrice expects to resign April 20. Says she is going to San Francisco to renew acquaintance and make some new friends.

Mildred Kennedy will relieve Beulah Edwards while Beulah is on a short visit in Phoenix.

Alice Morley has put in her resignation effective April 21. Alice is amongst the old timers in the ticket office. We are sorry to have her leave.

Fred Boren spent his two weeks vacation getting his hog ranch lined up. Fred and McDougall expect to have pork on the hoof before the summer is over. They are taking orders for hams and side meat now, giving preference to Pacific Electric employes.

The following letter to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was written April 14 by Laura F. Stirn, Steno-Clerk at the local freight station, in behalf of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, of which she is Secretary:

The news of Mr. Roosevelt's passing has shocked the world beyond words and no doubt, you have so many cards and letters of condolence, it will be hard for you to read all of them, but our small Group of Railway Clerks here at Long Beach, would like to offer our little bit to you and your family, about one of the greatest men who ever lived, of whom you may certainly well be proud.

Please accept our deepest sympathy in your loss and the enclosed tribute* in honor of him who has gone beyond.

*A poem, too long to quote.

Agent W. R. Osborne, Huntington Beach, Dies

Willis R. Osborn, long and favorably known as Agent at Huntington Beach, died of a heart attack at his home at 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25.

Born at Woodbury, New Jersey, November 8, 1872, he had been an employe of the Pacific Electric since December 9, 1911, when he came to work as Cashier at Long Beach. He went to Huntington Beach as Agent in 1917, to Long Beach as General Agent in 1920, back to Huntington Beach in 1927 as Agent, and remained there until his death.

Mr. Osborn leaves his widow, Mrs. Albertha B. Osborn, of Huntington Beach, and a daughter, Mrs. Dan Vidal, wife of the Clerk Warehouseman at Huntington Beach.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, at Smith's Mortuary in Huntington Beach.

Employees extend sympathy to surviving relatives of Mr. Osborn.

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Clerk: "May I have Tuesday off?"

Boss: "And why, if I may ask?"

Clerk: "If you please, sir, it is my twenty-fifth wedding anniversary."

Boss: "What! Are we going to have to put up with this every twenty-five years?"

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Through Pay Roll Savings

Chief: "Boy, oh boy, am I happy; a bundle of joy arrived at our house last night."

Second Chief: "Congratulations! What was it—a boy or a girl?"

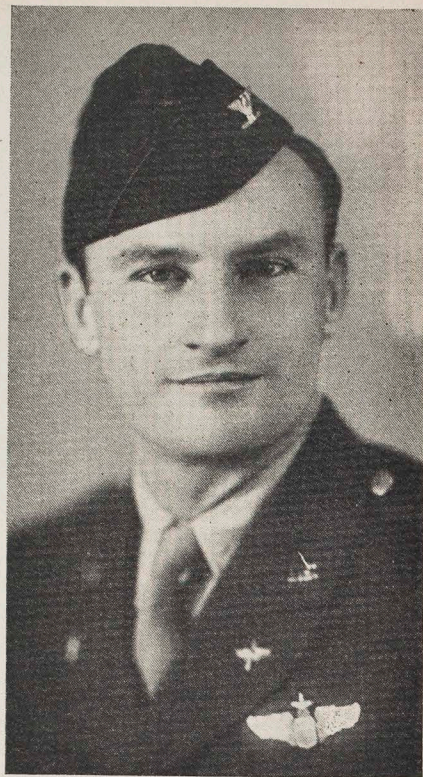
First Chief: "Neither. It was last month's laundry."

Modest Schedule Supervisor Pinkston Father of Air Hero On Italian Front

Should you happen into the Schedule Bureau, up on the ninth floor of the P. E. Building, you'd never guess, as you looked down the long room with its row of desks against the windows, and men sitting at those desks busily engaged in proof-reading schedules or making up new ones, that Schedule Supervisor W. D. ("Pinkie") Pinkston is the proud father of a much-decorated, often cited colonel in the American Air Force in Italy. Pinkie doesn't tell all he knows.

Nevertheless, Col. Gladwyn E. Pinkston, Pinkie's son, winner of the

Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three clusters, the Distinguished Unit Citation Ribbon, and several bronze battle stars, is in charge of a group of Thunderbolt fighter planes of the 12th Air Force, and, according to the Pasadena Star-News for April 12, led his group some time during the week of April 8 "in an assault on German gun positions which paved the way for the 8th Army's crossing of the Senio River in the vicinity of Lugo, Italy." An official Army announcement states that infantry generals at the front have commended Colonel Pinkston's

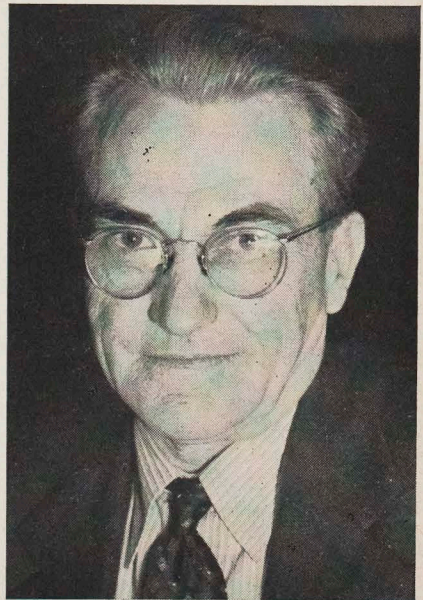


COL. GLADWYN E. PINKSTON

unit for "the most tremendous close-support ever given our ground forces."

Gladwyn, now 32, received temporary rank as lieutenant colonel before going overseas in December, 1943, and was promoted to a full colonelcy last July 24.

He received his DFC for an attack he led on January 25, 1945, in Yugoslavia. According to the citation:



W. D. PINKSTON, Supervisor of Schedules, and father of Col. Gladwyn E. Pinkston.

"... after a successful bombing attack on a railroad bridge, Colonel Pinkston led his formation, diving through a heavy barrage of enemy ground fire, and repeatedly strafed the concentrations, destroying or damaging 12 locomotives and more than 75 freight cars, many of which were carrying motor transports. On 70 combat missions his outstanding leadership, aggressiveness and steadfast devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

It goes without saying that all Pacific Electric employees who read this will share Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pinkston's pride in their heroic son.



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PASSENGERS APPRECIATE

Courteous Interest

February 28th, 1945
Pacific Electric Railway Co.
Gentlemen:

February 23rd my wife met with an accident while boarding the Montrose-Los Angeles motor coach at Windsor & Glendale Blvd. in Glendale, about twelve noon. After boarding the bus she noticed a lady endeavoring to get through the crowd in order to get off at that intersection. Mrs. Taylor excused herself and stepped backwards on to the curb and in some manner slipped and sat down on the curb, breaking her left wrist.

The motor coach operator [J. F. Knapp] immediately got off and assisted her on to her feet. He was very attentive and obtaining my phone number called and asked what he should do with her. . . .

A short time after [she had returned home from the emergency hospital], Mr. E. D. Hodges of the Claim Department called at our home and interviewed her. Mrs. Taylor told him just what had happened and also that she felt the accident was not caused through any negligence of the company.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all concerned in their taking such interest in this accident as it is appreciated by Mrs. Taylor and myself.

Sincerely,
J. D. TAYLOR

Station Agent E. S. Donaldson

Agent E. S. Donaldson of El Segundo is "priceless," according to Mrs. Victor D. McCarthy of El Segundo. She consulted him over the loss of an umbrella she had lost on a bus, and on March 24 wrote, in part, to Passenger Traffic Manager H. O. Marler:

"I called Mr. Donaldson last eve and asked if he thought writing a letter would help in the recovery and he suggested writing you. Without telling you I know you know that we think our local agent priceless, and as I've lived in the small city over 33 years I can speak without reservation. We all feel the company is very fortunate to have such a representative."

Bus Drivers In General

Pacific Electric Railway Co.
Dear Sirs:

I just feel I have to write and compliment your company on drivers.

I have been a client on the Beverly Hills Bus Line for several years now and just recently have had to use other bus lines besides, and in every way your drivers are most courteous, polite and I have observed, particularly attentive to elderly people.

I am in business myself and know these are difficult times, but even at that, I have never heard an impolite word from any of your drivers.

Again, sirs, may I compliment you on your excellent service and choice of employees.

Yours truly,
TIDDY HANSEN

Conductor J. G. Chapman

March 9th, 1945

Mr. G. F. Squires:

A passenger on the Pasadena Rail Line called at this office the other day to compliment conductor 32 [J. G. Chapman] on whose train he traveled last Monday about 10:00 a.m. from Pasadena to Los Angeles.

The passenger commented on the pleasantness and efficiency with which conductor 32 met the people and performed his duties.

H. O. MARLER

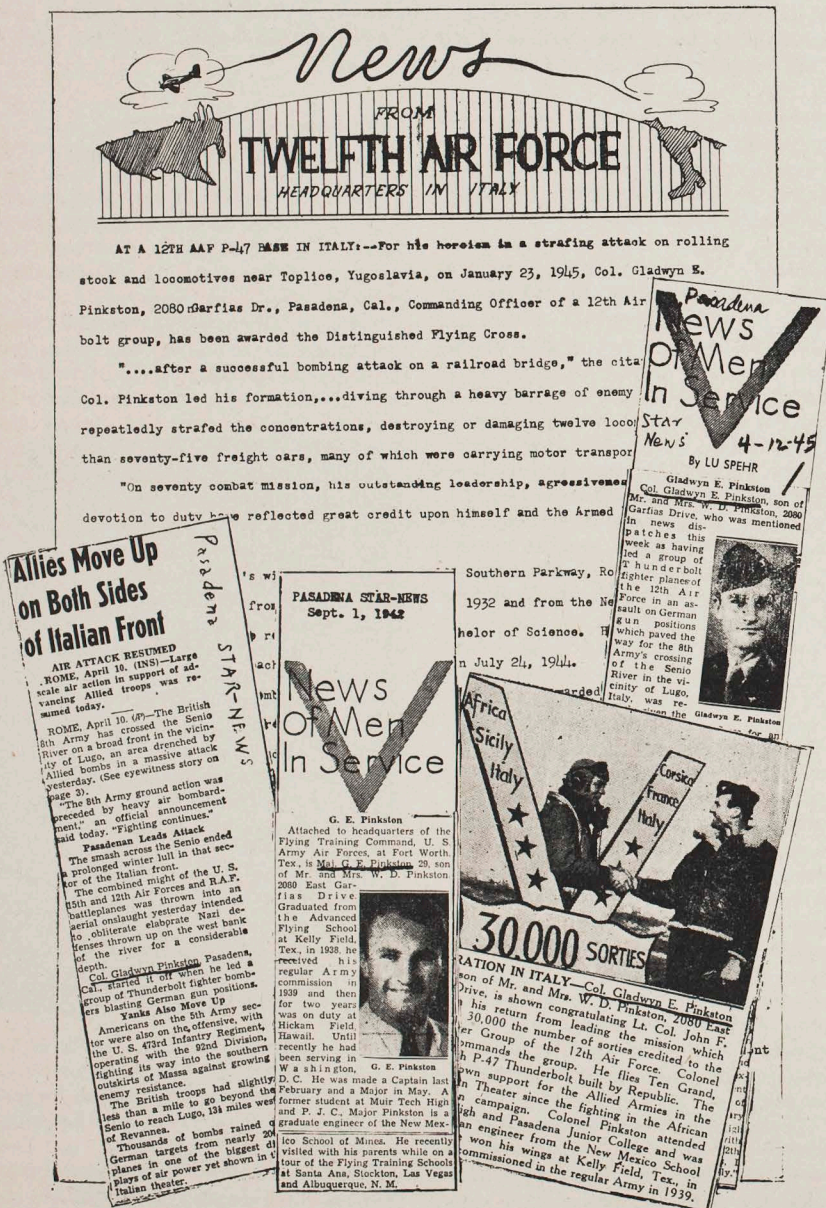
M. C. Operator E. W. Varner

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Los Angeles, California
Dear Sirs:

I can't tell you what a delight it is to ride with Bus Operator No. 1687 [E. W. Varner], on El Monte Valley Blvd. Local. His kindly greeting and good cheer expressed to his passengers is the last word in delightful service.

GLADYS NICHOLS

"Where did you get that cigar?"
"Someone gave it to me."
"A friend?"
"I don't know yet."



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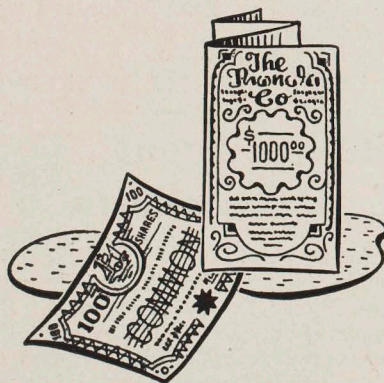
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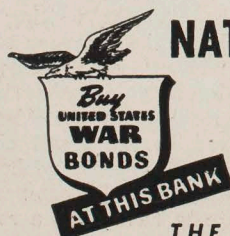
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