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Got Your Picnic Tickets?
September 2's the Date!

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OUR COVER

PICNIC BID — Here's 8-year-old *Patricia*, daughter of West Hollywood Operator *O. F. Carlson*, selling President *J. L. Haugh* a ticket to the employes' picnic that occurs on Sunday, September 2. In the role of chef is *Norman D. Thompson*, chairman of the picnic committee.

"All you have to bring is an appetite for good food and fun," says Chairman *Thompson*. "There'll be plenty of both."

Follow the arrows from the southeast corner of Griffith Park (Los Feliz Avenue and Riverside Drive) to the Metro picnic grounds.

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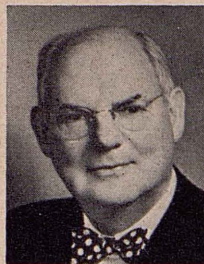
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See You at the Employes' Picnic!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, will be a most enjoyable day in our history. On that date, a system-wide picnic is to be held at Griffith Park for all Metro employes, their wives, children and friends. It is being sponsored *by and for* — you!



J. L. HAUGH

A splendid program, in addition to excellent food, is being prepared by your picnic committee, composed of volunteers from the various divisions, with *Mr. Norman D. Thompson*, a West Hollywood operator and president, West Hollywood Mainliners Club, as chairman. There will be a softball game to determine the champion team of the Metro league, presentation of the trophy to the winner, games and prizes for children as well as adults, and music and square dancing.

Your picnic committee is planning for an attendance of at least 2,000. What a wonderful gathering to be privileged to attend! I am looking forward to this greatest friendly get-together event in our history, and hope to see everyone there who enjoys a good time. — Of course, this includes you!

President.

Courtesy Trophy Contest

THE COURTESY CAMPAIGN will be implemented, beginning October 1, with a courtesy trophy contest among the divisions, announces Superintendent of Transportation *John D. Puffer*.

"Two trophies will be awarded the winning division every three months," he said. "One trophy will be a roving one, with the names of each winner to be inscribed on it. The other trophy will be the permanent possession of the division which wins either the courtesy or safety award, or both, for that quarter."

First presentation will be made in mid-January for the three-month period including October, November and December. It is planned to make a gala occasion of each presentation by having refreshments and inviting family members to attend, *Mr. Puffer* said.

Basis of the courtesy award will be the fewest complaints received per 100,000 passengers handled by each division.

During September, October and November the roving trophy will be on display in the instruction coach, according to Chief Instructor *J. T. Johnston*.

Pictures of the two trophies will appear in the October issue of METRO COACH NEWS.



UNVEILING the sign at the gate identifying the new West Hollywood Division are, from left, President J. L. Haugh, Vice-President and General Manager R. F. MacNally, Secretary-Treasurer Richard L. Haugh, and Superintendent of Equipment R. W. Anderson.

OVER-ALL VIEW of West Hollywood Division, looking north.

OPEN HOUSE

at

West Hollywood

ALTHOUGH unofficially in operation some days earlier, the spanking new \$515,000 West Hollywood Division was officially opened to public view at an open house held Monday, July 16.

Numerous civic leaders—including Sheriff *Eugene Biscailuz*—as well as employes and their families, were taken on tours of the garage and operators' facilities by specially designated tour guides. Refreshments were served by the West Hollywood Mainliners Club in the transportation department headquarters.

Community leaders at a luncheon given by President *J. L. Haugh* (Continued on Page 6—more pictures on Pages 4 and 5)





TOUR GUIDES, from the maintenance department, included, from left, Earl Zwiebel, then leader, West Hollywood; George Wells, general foreman, division garages; Gus Gundersen, general foreman, paint and body shop, Torrance; Otto Draviner, foreman, unit repair shop, Macy; Robert Arrington, night leader, West Hollywood; Ernie Kelso, foreman, Van Nuys; Clarence Hatzer, general foreman, Macy; Bill Lynsky, leader, Macy.

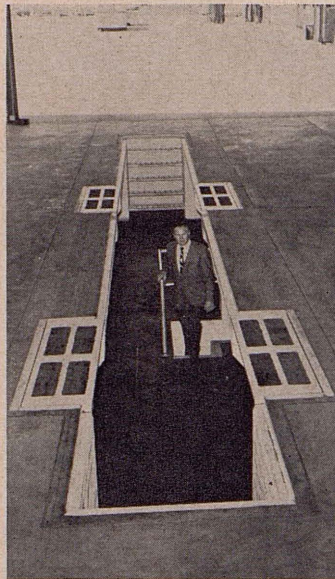


THE PADDLE SYSTEM at West Hollywood Division being explained by Instructor Joe Anderson, tour guide, to Mrs. J. D. Feller, center, and Mrs. Ken Rogers. Both are wives of operators. Instructors A. E. Kemp and A. E. Stowe also served as guides.

OPEN HOUSE at West Hollywood



DISPLAY of cylinder liner (in hands), injector parts, chrome rings, and pistons, being demonstrated at open house by Otto Draviner, unit repair foreman.



INSPECTION PIT—one of three—being shown by Earl Zwiebel, then acting as leader at West Hollywood Garage.



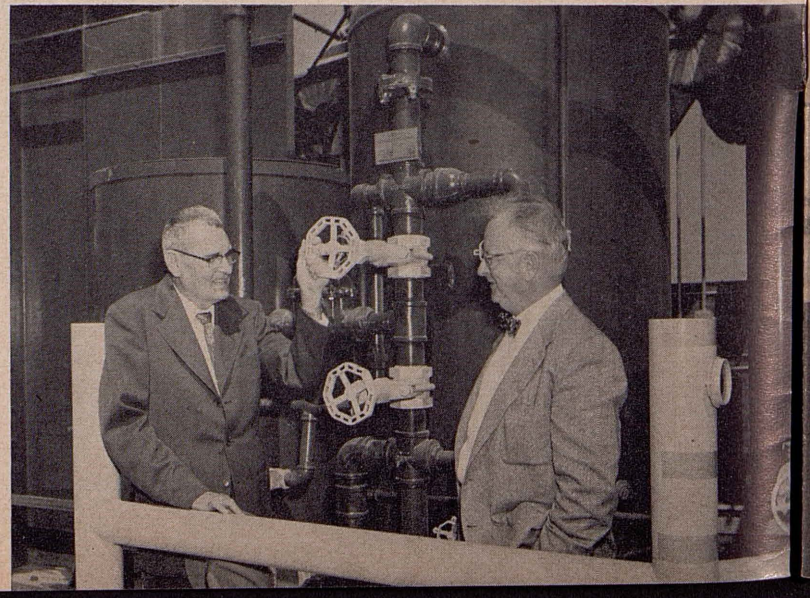
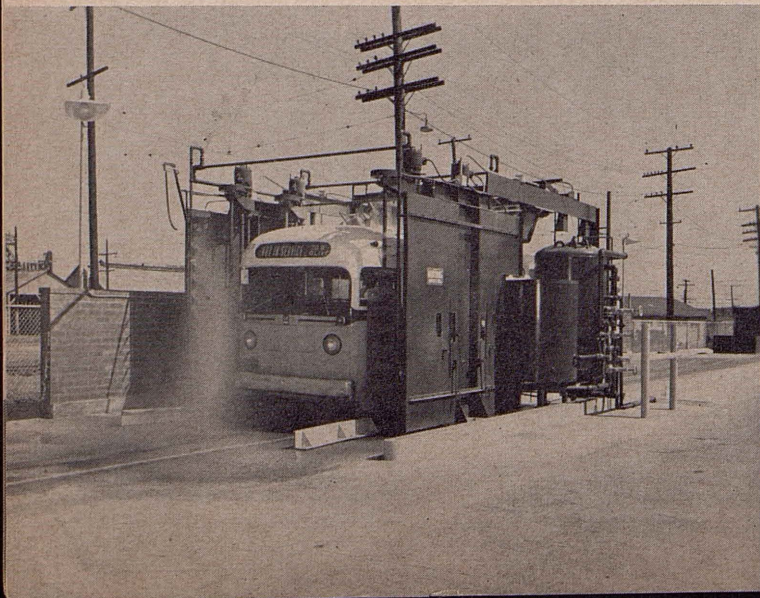
JAMES MUKAI shows what the well-dressed mechanic wears.



VACUUM CLEANER in operation. This one has a spray arrangement for washing papers, etc., off screen at rear of refuse container, to improve suction.

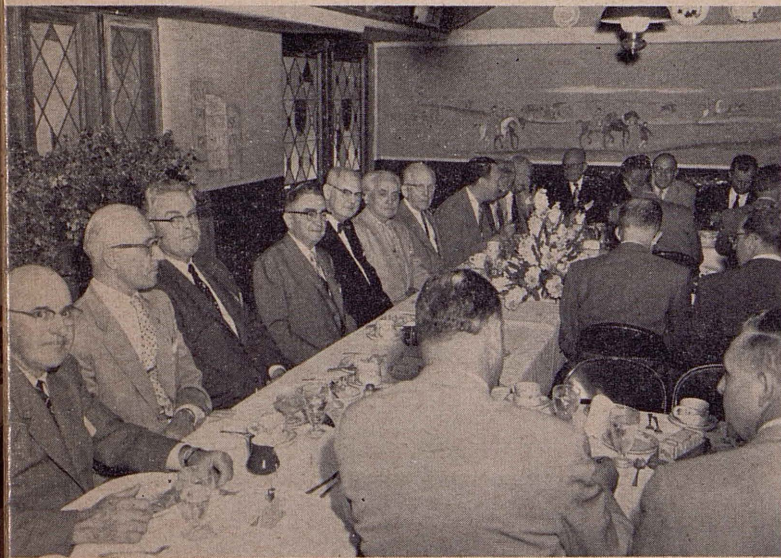
BUS WASHER at work at West Hollywood Division. New feature is the installation of a water softener, which greatly improves the wash job. Soft water cleans better and reduces spotting.

A. L. BRISTOW, new automotive division foreman at West Hollywood, shows water softener on bus washer to T. F. McDermott, of White Motor Sales. Mr. Bristow was formerly at El Monte.





CROWD OF GUESTS in new operators' quarters at West Hollywood open house.

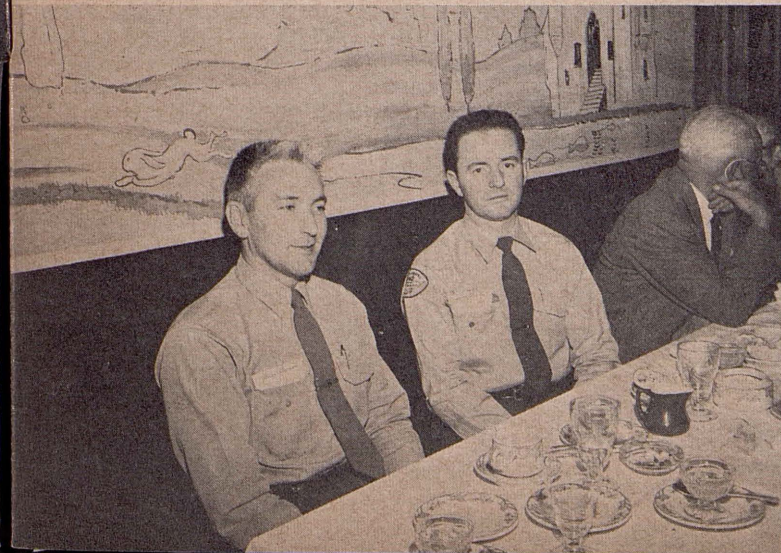


CIVIC LUNCHEON sponsored by Metro at the Castle Restaurant before civic leaders toured the new division. At left is head table group, including, from left, E. C. Houghton, president Los Angeles Transit Lines; Judge Henry Draeger, Municipal Court, Beverly Hills; Wallace Linville, head automotive engineer, Air Pollution Control District; Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz, Los Angeles County; Metro President J. L. Haugh; Jack Gotch, pub-

lisher, West Hollywood Tribune, emcee; J. G. McKinney, president West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce; Fred Meyer, chairman, merchants division, Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce; Ray Nortvedt, deputy representing Supervisor J. A. Ford; Harrison R. Baker, president, Metropolitan Traffic Association; George B. Hanson, assistant to president, Southern Pacific Co., and president, Pacific Electric Railway Co. — At right, other guests.

AMONG THE GUESTS at the civic luncheon were operators Grover H. Todd, left, and J. F. Shea, who drove the special

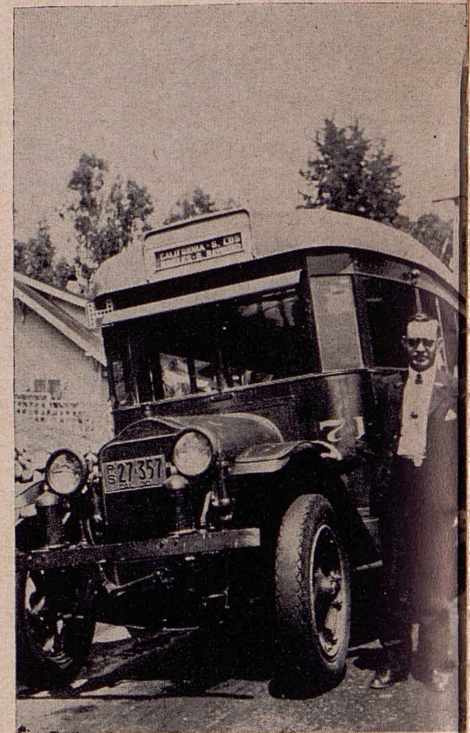
coaches which picked up the civic leaders (as in picture at right) along the route from Los Angeles to West Hollywood.





TODAY—Operator R. M. Steele and his modern streamliner.

YESTERDAY—Mr. Steele and his coach of 1930.



R. M. STEELE:

Today and Yesterday

"WE CHANGED our own tires in those days — or, at least, worked at it until a mechanic finally arrived," mused Operator *Richard M. Steele*, as he recalled the memories brought back by a 1930 photograph showing him standing beside an old White bus made and used by Pacific Electric on the Pasadena local lines at that time.

"No, tire trouble didn't happen too often, but I'll tell you this: buses

weren't nearly as dependable in those days as they are now. We'd hardly get by a day without having to change buses at least once, and often two or three times, because something would go wrong mechanically."

Mr. Steele also had a considerable experience with the one-man Birney cars then used on the Pasadena local lines as well as elsewhere in the U. S. In fact, his transit ex-

perience began on these cars in New Haven, Connecticut, back in 1914, with wages at 22½ cents an hour. His PE service, including bus and one-man rail car operation, began September 13, 1920 on the Pasadena local lines, at 45 cents an hour. He worked out of the Pasadena car house. The bus in the photo indicates "California-Los Robles-S. Raymond" on the head sign.

Open House At West Hollywood

(Continued from Page 3)

spoke highly of the new facility: "Really an addition to our community," said *J. G. McKinney*, president, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

"This is an objective step forward toward the solution of our No. 1 problem—traffic," said *Ray*

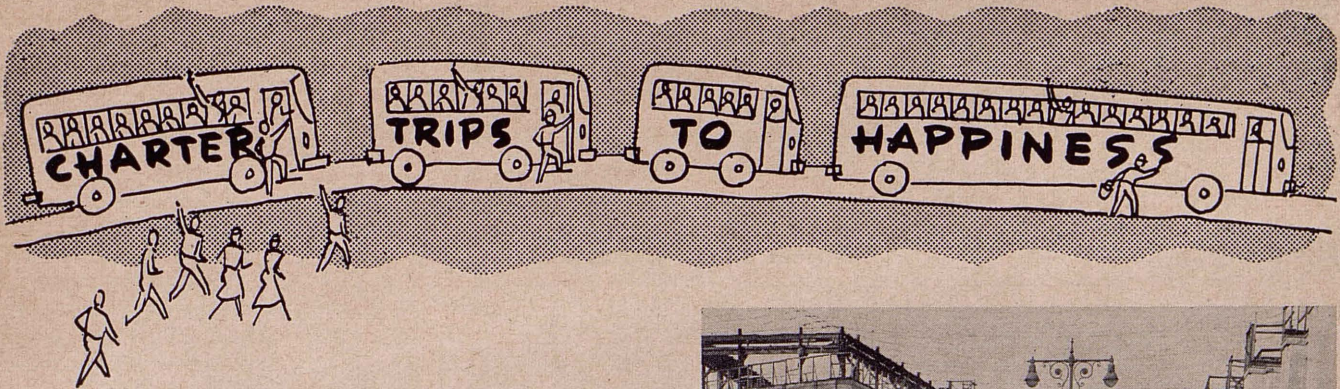
Nortvedt, deputy representing Supervisor John Anson Ford.

"It is gratifying to see the development of transportation in this area as represented by this improvement in Metro," said Sheriff *E. W. Biscailuz*, whose new sheriff's substation is being built adjoining the new division.

On a completely paved five-acre lot, the West Hollywood Division,

a wholly modern plant, contains administrative offices and quarters for 240 employes, as well as storage and maintenance facilities for 132 coaches. Operators' quarters are air conditioned.

A. L. Bristow has replaced the late *E. H. Harper* as automotive division foreman; *Glenn Banta* remains as transportation division foreman.



RENTAL of a Metro coach to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for a motion picture, and a charter trip to Disneyland by the 350 students of University High School Senior "A" class were among the non-schedule uses of Metro coaches in the past two months. (See pictures). Other outstanding charters included transporting a convention of 700 people to Disneyland in June; bringing a group of 60 elementary school children in from Manhattan Beach for a tour of the Sixth and Main Station and a rail trip to Long Beach; and bringing another elementary school group of 60 in from Las Flores School, Bellflower, to tour the Sixth and Main Station.

Good revenue business!—"And football season is mighty close!" gleefully chuckles Charter Supervisor Frank J. Screech, visualizing the crowds.

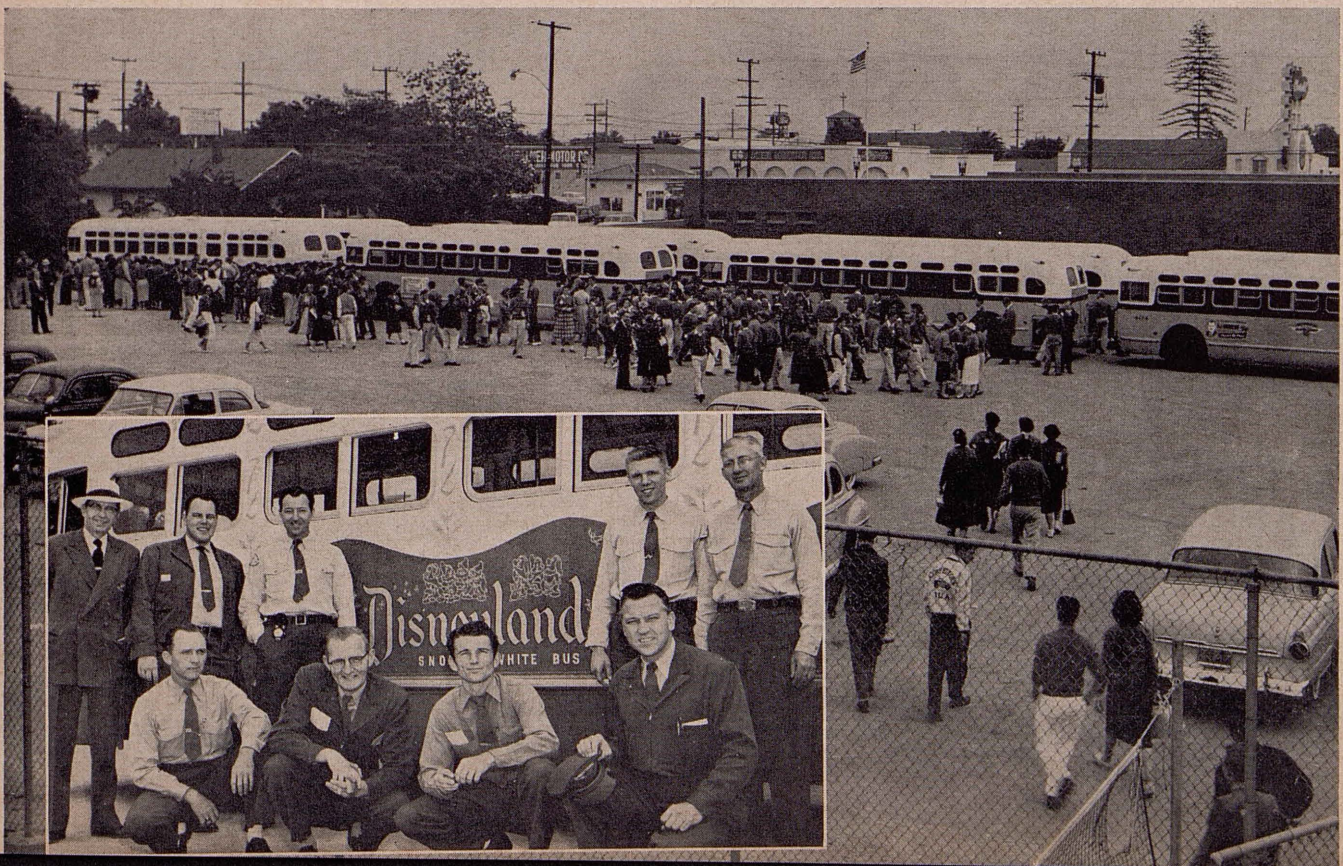
EIGHT COACHES were required to carry the Senior "A" class of University High School, Los Angeles, to Disneyland for a frolic shortly before school was out in June. Inset are Supervisor DeVern Ladhoff (extreme left) and the operators who drove.



—Photo courtesy of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures

BUS AT M-G-M—Coach 2825 became Fifth Avenue Coach No. 2547—and had a coat of water paint—for a forthcoming picture, "The Opposite Sex," with cast headed by June Allyson.

Standing, from left, are: A. S. Boyd, C. F. Bloodgood, G. L. Wiser, and K. L. Hartwell; kneeling, A. M. Powell, H. M. Donnelly, J. D. Bauer, and F. A. Anderson. "Students had a hilarious time," reported Charter Supervisor Frank J. Screech, who went.



Program For Progress

Now Service to Knott's

FASTER, more frequent, and more complete service was inaugurated on the Los Angeles-Santa Ana Line 58-S July 23.

Nine midday express trips were added between Los Angeles and Santa Ana on hourly headways, with savings of 45 to 55 minutes over then existing schedules. The new service operates via Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, Buena Park, West Anaheim, Disneyland, and Manchester Avenue to Santa Ana.

Knott's Berry Farm and Stanton are being served by Metro for the first time, since a portion of the new service is routed from Buena Park over Grand, Lincoln, Stanton, and Katella Aves. to Disneyland. There are two round trips Monday through Friday, three on Saturday, and five on Sundays and holidays.

Special round trip tickets permitting a stopover at Knott's Berry Farm are on sale at the Metro Coach Depot, Los Angeles.

Fourteen minutes in running time between Los Angeles and Downey was saved by rerouting that leg over the Santa Ana Freeway and Paramount Blvd. instead of over Atlantic Ave., Telegraph Rd., and Lakewood Blvd.

Line 85 Extended

SERVICE to Northridge, Los Angeles State College, and Granada Hills will begin August 20 when the Van Nuys-San Fernando via Reseda Line 85 will be extended from its present terminus at Reseda.

The extension will run north on Reseda Blvd., east on Devonshire St., north on Zelzah Ave., east on Chatsworth St., north on Balboa Blvd., and east on San Fernando Mission Blvd., to San Fernando Rd., San Fernando.

From an operating standpoint, Lines 84 and 85 are to be tied together in order to provide hourly headways on both lines. (At the present time, Line 84 has 80-minute headways.) Buses on Line 85 continue as Line 84 buses, and vice versa.

From the standpoint of passengers, the two lines are regarded as one.

Line 86 Extension

AN EXTENSION of motor coach service on Line 86 from Panorama City through a rapidly growing residential area to Pacoima was proposed by Metro in an application filed with the State Public Utilities Commission July 31.

Backed by the Van Nuys, Panorama City, and Pacoima chambers of commerce, the extension would operate from Woodman Avenue and Osborne Street via Woodman, Van Nuys Blvd., Herrick Ave., Paxton St., and Glenoaks Blvd. to Louvre St. in Pacoima.

The extension would make transfer connections with Asbury's North Hollywood-Burbank Line 14 and Los Angeles-San Fernando Line 12. It would also bring the benefits of the Van Nuys shoppers' refund plan to thousands more Valley residents.

10% Tax Off Fares to 60c

REMOVAL of the federal transportation tax of 10% on fares of 60¢ or less will be effective September 1, according to terms of the Kean bill, which was signed by President Eisenhower August 7.

The new law amounts to a 10% reduction for thousands who pay cash fares of over 35¢ to and including 60¢ on many Metro lines. About 3,000,000 Metro passen-

Metro and Marilyn

MARILYN MONROE, in pictorial form as she appears in 20th Century-Fox's new feature picture, "Bus Stop," will soon adorn not only the sides, but also the top, of a Metro bus specially painted by the film studio. The bus is to be placed into regular service on various lines.

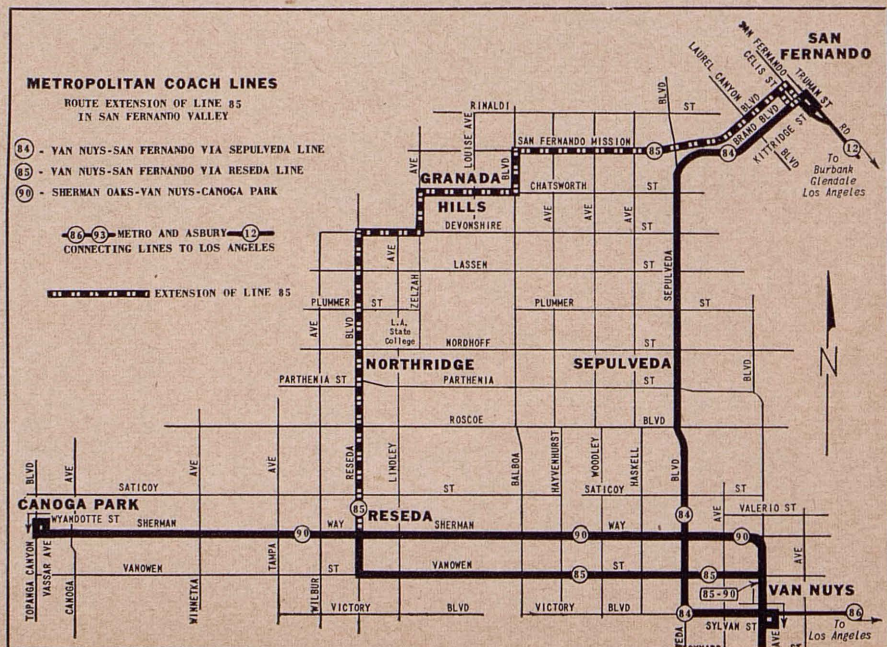
Metro and 20th Century-Fox have cooperated in an advertising campaign in connection with the picture—which will premiere at Grauman's Chinese Theater on August 29, and run for an indefinite period.

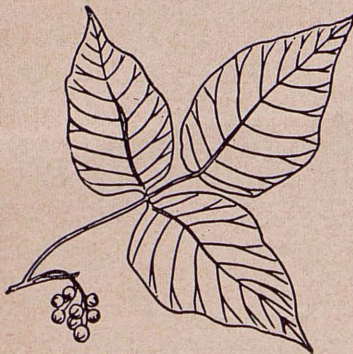
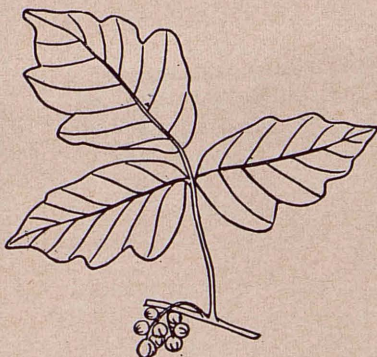
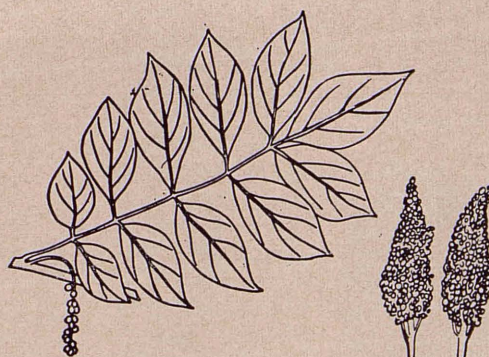
Both Metro, in TV and newspaper ads, and the studio, in its theater trailers and newspaper ads, are urging the public to travel to Grauman's by Metro, purchase an admission ticket, present a valid transfer, and receive a free token.

New San Fernando Agency

A NEW COMMISSION AGENCY which sells tickets, school books, and commutation books was established at 815 San Fernando Road, San Fernando, late in July. Mrs. Helen McConnell is the agent.

gers a year will benefit from the new range of tax-exempt fares, according to company estimates.



GOING VACATIONING IN THE WOODS?**Learn 'Em . . . And Spurn 'Em!****Poison Ivy****Poison Oak****Poison Sumac**

TAKE A GOOD LOOK at these leaves. Then avoid 'em when you walk in the woods. These poisonous plants are said to be found in every corner of North America.

Direct contact with the leaves is not the only way of catching the poison. Touching anything that has touched the plants — such as shoes, clothing, dog or cat fur — or even allowing the smoke from burning poison ivy, oak, or sumac plants to drift against your skin — may cause you to break out with a red,

itchy rash within a few hours to several days after exposure. The rash later turns into blisters.

The treatment, according to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., author of both drawings and information here printed, is to wash the affected area as soon as possible with warm water and yellow soap. Lather well three or four times and thoroughly rinse each time in clear, running water. If improvement does not soon follow, see your doctor.

Share the Ride? - Share the Street!

THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN to “share the ride” in order to lessen smog is praiseworthy, and Metro is sharing in this effort by urging more people to ride transit. The success of these combined efforts can bring about a reduction in smog.

Because of the large capacity of our diesel motor coaches, which are *not* principal smog contributors, one coach can replace many automobiles, which *are* principal smog contributors. If more and more people will share the ride the Metro way, the smog problems will be materially reduced.

Consider these facts:

A little over a year ago, the Los Angeles City Traffic Department conducted a “cordon count” of all people and vehicles entering and leaving downtown Los Angeles in a 16-hour period. This means that traffic checkers were stationed at every entrance to and exit from the downtown area.

Statistics derived from the study show that tran-

sit vehicles, constituting but 2.5% of the total number of vehicles entering the city, carried over 50% of the people. Put fraction-wise, this means that only about 1/40th of the total number of vehicles were buses or streetcars, and that they carried a half of all the people.

Since 2.5% of the vehicles carried 50% of the people, then 5% of the present total vehicles, could carry 100% of the people — if all of them used transit — and in the process eliminate 95% of the street traffic.

In view of the current traffic congestion, as well as of the fact that public authorities attribute most of the smog to automobiles, it is logical to ride public transportation and leave cars at home. A substantial reduction in autos on the street would speed up all necessary traffic, including public transportation. Think of the vast improvement in traffic speed and smog reduction if public transportation were used to a much greater extent!

VARIETY LINES

**WELCOME,
NEW EMPLOYEES!**

Machinist's Wife Passes

FLORENCE EMMA MATTEN, wife of Air Brake Machinist *Thomas Matten*, died peacefully, on June 15 in the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital, Glendale, after a long illness.

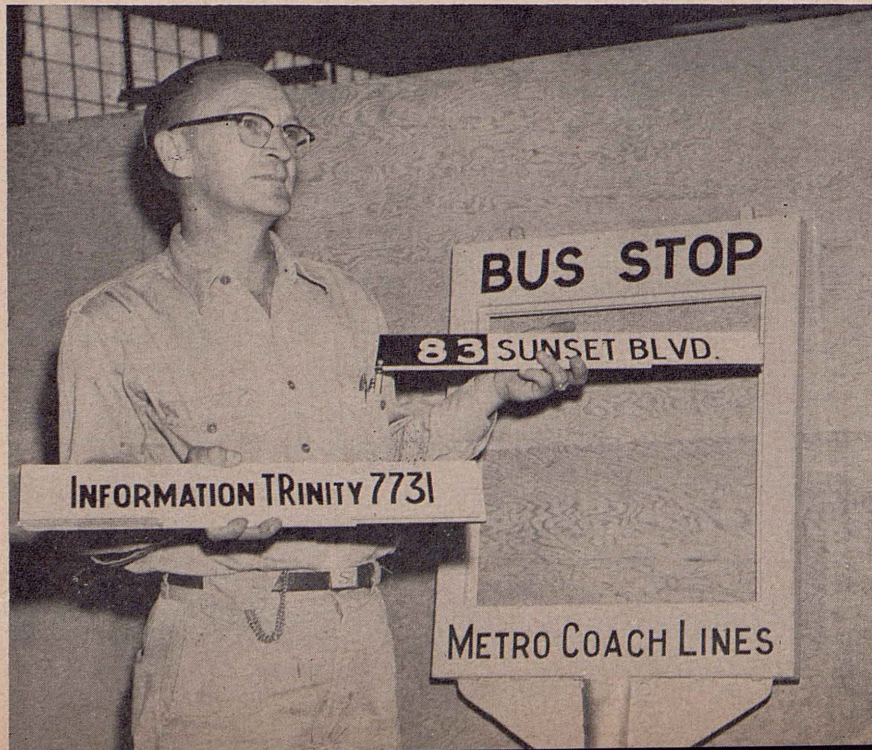


Florence E. Matten

Born Florence Emma Sutton in Leicestershire, England, February 25, 1893, she had been a trained singer for a period of 15 years, while she and her husband were living in Vancouver, she went to Vancouver Penitentiary and sang for the prisoners every Sunday morning. At that time the Mattens were members of the Salvation Army. At the time of her passing they were members of the Hope Union Church in Rosemead.

"She's here in spirit," declared Mr. Matten to friends who had as-

NEW TYPE SIGN—Paint Leader Kenneth L. Stepp shows new type bus stop sign intended for use in the downtown Los Angeles area at point where several lines meet or parallel each other. Square frames are of metal, painted light green with black lettering. Individual line signs, detachable from the frame, are also of metal and painted in black and white. Mr. Stepp did the painting. (He also did most of the painting on the bus for naval recruiting pictured in June issue of METRO COACH NEWS.)



Dr. Tyroler Honored

DR. FREDERIC N. TYROLER, of the Hospital Association, was appointed to the State Board of Medical Examiners on June 18 by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight. Dr. Tyroler's term of office as examiner will continue until January 15, 1960.

Duties of the 10-man board are to examine all applicants who wish to practice medicine in the State of California.

"We consider it a great honor to have one of our doctors receive this appointment," said *George Perry*, business manager of the Hospital Association.

Since the work of the board requires only part time service, however, Dr. Tyroler will continue to serve the Hospital Association as usual.

sembled to bid him farewell when he retired a few days after her death. He wants to thank all men of Macy Street and Watts for their sympathy and help in connection with her illness and passing.

Accounting Department

Sorter Clerks: Virginia L. Brown, Moira P. Cox, Carole J. Dahleen, Della M. DeVol, Jacqueline Vanden Berg.
KARDEX Clerk: Geraldine C. Hibberd.

Maintenance Department

Cleaner: Johnny H. Howard.
Cleaner - Operators: Jack L. Normand, Albert R. Sampson.
Auto Repairer: Victor Lacrouts.

Traffic Department

Typist-Clerk: Dean H. Hedtke.
Pressman: Albert Latvala.
Multilith Operator: Philip F. Podrasky.

Transportation

Ticket Clerks: Dan C. Coons, Evelyn D. Schofield.

Operators: Lewis Allen, Robert Benning, Paul W. Cole, Herbert R. Cooley, Robert L. Davis, Howard M. Donnelly, Arthur C. Erickson, Eugene A. Ficaro, Patrick J. Foley, Anthony G. Garfold, Edward F. Groom, Paul H. Hunt, Edward A. Jones, John R. Larzalere, Harry J. Luttmann, Norman C. Martin, Jack Michelson, Rudolph J. Monikean, Thomas N. Mooney, Lyle C. Moore, John P. O'Connor, Russell W. Rangey, Buford Shepard, Norman I. Simmons, Larry B. Smith, Thomas N. Taylor, Edward C. Trimble, Rex E. West, Clarence G. Whitmire.

Transfers (from operators)

To ASSISTANT SERVICE DIRECTOR: Howard D. Cotterman.
To DIVISION CLERK: C. R. Curd, J. H. Hoover.
To PACIFIC ELECTRIC: W. G. Burnham, A. L. Luckie, W. H. Heflin, Myron G. Lytle, J. E. Owens.
To MILITARY DUTY: G. L. Wiser.
To TICKET CLERK: R. R. Prickett.
To ASBURY: L. N. Modrall.
To METRO FROM ASBURY: J. R. Campbell, I. G. Hofstetter, Virgil D. Wolven.
To ASSISTANT PASSENGER DIRECTOR: Earle S. Sipe.

Transfers (Various)

Claude N. Brown: From Service Director to Operator, Transportation.
Joseph J. Bukowski: From Traffic Checker, Traffic, to Assistant Service Director, Transportation.
Michael J. Mason: From Mail Clerk, Accounting, to Mail Clerk, Transportation.
Harold E. Whitney: From Terminal Foreman to Operator.



HIS BIRTHDAY — Operator D. L. Collins of the Wilshire Blvd. Line receives birthday cake from rider, Miss Lucell Atwood.

Riders Fete Operator

WHEN Operator D. L. Collins brought his bus to a stop at 8:02 a.m. for a layover at Ocean and Colorado, Santa Monica, last June 21, three lady passengers surprised him with a birthday cake and gifts of sun glasses and — a wig!

"He's always talking about getting bald," explained Miss Lucell Atwood, ringleader of the plot. She herself made the wig — as well as the cake.

The trio had also made a sign to put in the bus — a streamer reading: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DON JUAN!"

The other two party-givers were Mrs. Redunn Linder and Miss Marion Cline.

"We think Mr. Collins is a wonderful bus driver — always smiling and always ready to help with information or in any other way," said Miss Atwood. "He's such a fine representative of Metro we wanted to give him a party."

Eighth for the Rondels

MAKING A BID as the largest family among Metro employes are the Jerome Rondels — he's a West Hollywood operator.

Jerome and Betty had their eighth child, Virginia Lee, seven pounds, 14 ounces, on June 28 at Queen of Angels Hospital.

This makes four boys and four girls for the Rondels. — Anybody who can top that figure?

Softball

"IT LOOKS LIKE a championship playoff between Van Nuys and Ocean Park at the employes' picnic," says Floyd Griggs, general manager of the Metro softball league, looking over the score sheets.

"Ocean Park won the first round of play ending July 6, but up through August 3, the Metro Valley Club had won four and lost none in the second round, while Ocean Park had lost one and tied one."

He said it with pardonable pride, for he's also the manager of the Van Nuys aggregation.

His team has already defeated Ocean Park by the narrow margin of 5 to 4 in the second round. Whether they can do it again when the chips are down and a championship depends on the outcome is in the lap of the gods — and the quality of the players. Both teams are long on competitive spirit.

You're likely to see some good softball at the employes' picnic September 2. Don't miss it!

Smokey Makes the News

HIS LIKING for peach ice cream got Operator E. L. ("Smokey") Stover's name in the public prints in mid-July.

Change in TV Spots

A CHANGE in time for one of Metro's new TV spots, effective July 29, threw the former 9:30 p.m. Tuesday spot on Channel 11 (KT-TV) to 9:30 Sunday, over the same station. It comes between "Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal" and Paul Coates' "Confidential File."

Other Metro spots are as usual on Mondays, Channel 2 (KNXT), at 10:30 p.m., after the David Niven show; and on Thursday, Channel 13 (KCOP) at 7:59 p.m., after "I Search for Adventure."

Said Matt Weinstock, Mirror-News columnist:

"A girl, a regular passenger, recently told Smokey Stover, who drives a Sunset bus, that she'd made some peach ice cream. He chided her for not giving him some.

"The other day she handed him a package, a cold package. Inside he found ice cubes in waterproof paper, a peach, a half-pint of cream, and a note:

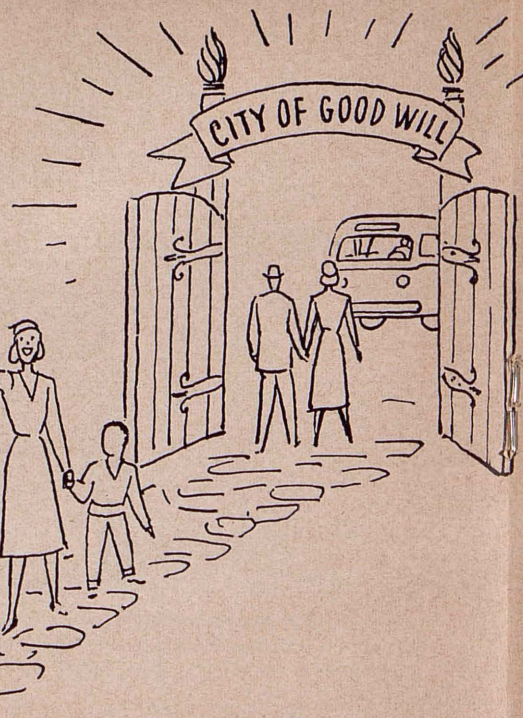
"Genuine peach ice cream do-it-yourself kit."

—According to Passenger Loader Francis L. Srack, who turned in the clipping, the "girl" is "Bonnie — a charming young miss."

"WHO'LL WIN IT THIS YEAR?" Jean McGill, public relations secretary, asks Glenn Banta, division foreman of the 1955 champions of West Hollywood, who have been keeping the trophy on display in their quarters since winning it at last year's picnic.



"How can I, as an operator, best build public good will?"



To this all-important question, some of our best operators have provided some thoughtful answers on the next page:



- WILL
- HT
- HAITHC
- NEATNESS
- GOOD GROOMING
- SMILES
- KNOW TRANSFERS
- KNOW ROUTES
- KNOW FARES
- RELAXED ATTITUDE
- OBSERVE SCHEDULES
- CORDIAL TONE OF VOICE
- CALL ALL STOPS
- HELPFULNESS
- KINDNESS
- SAFE DRIVING
- ALERTNESS
- THOUGHTFULNESS



"WE SHOULD PUT OURSELVES in the passenger's place and treat him as we ourselves would like to be treated. We must be courteous, even though it hurts, to both the motorist and the passenger. We serve the public; let the public serve us by proclaiming our courtesy to their friends. Word of mouth can be one of the most effective ways of influencing others as to whether or not they are going to ride our buses." — Ernest A. Abbott.

Mr. Abbott also believes the operator's neatness is important. "People have more respect for a neat-looking operator," he maintains.

"START THE DAY'S WORK with a smile and be that way always. Get to know your riders, if only by sight or by a nickname. They like that. If they tell you a joke, you tell one, too. When they ask you a question, answer to your best ability. If you don't know, tell the passenger that you don't, and he'll think the world of you for being honest about it. And don't forget that if you have a lot of problems of your own, your passengers on your bus may have many more than you. Give your passengers a good cheerful ride — they expect it when they get on your bus.

"The motto that I have worked on all through my driving days is this: Never have an argument with your passengers. The passengers are always right — even if I (privately) don't think they are. After all, they are the people who are paying our wages." — E. A. ("Swede") Anderson.

"IN MY OPINION, there are three major causes for complaint. The first is passing up passengers. The second is discourtesy. The third is not maintaining a schedule. In short, to eliminate complaints, pick them up, treat them courteously, and get them to their destination on time." — Frank Blumenthal.

"WHEN YOU GET UP in the morning, get up with a smile. When you go to work, go with a smile. Give the automobile drivers a break, too. Smile and

the world smiles with you. That's the best recipe I can think of for creating good will in the minds of the public." — G. J. ("Tony") Brancato.

"I ENDEAVOR to do three things: first, treat the passengers as my equal; second, keep myself and the passenger in a good mood; and third, give them the best ride I can, remembering at all times that they are the one who are responsible for my pay check." — Walter S. Churchill.

"BUILDING a sound and profitable business in transportation is selling one's self to the public by serving with honesty, courtesy, and kindness to all. A company is judged by its employees. Therefore each operator should endeavor to gain patrons by thoughtfulness of them. Serving with a smile and a cheery 'Good morning!' or 'Good night!' is the greatest asset in selling transportation. — Nor can we afford to forget kind treatment of children, for today's children are tomorrow's patrons." — W. K. Holsberry.

"I HAVE FOUND, in the many years I have been dealing with the public, that if you show a little courtesy, the great majority of the people appreciate it, and in return are courteous to you. I feel that courtesy pays big dividends." — H. R. Kerley.

"IN MY OPINION, the easiest way to avoid complaints is to relax. By being relaxed, a man can operate his coach more efficiently, and when he is doing that, he will avoid unnecessary complaints." — R. A. Moen.

"I BELIEVE complaints could be reduced by treating the person boarding your bus just as you would like to be treated. Also, a pleasant 'Good-by!' or 'Good-night!' when a passenger is leaving doesn't hurt anyone, and leaves a good impression on the passengers remaining in your coach." — Jack L. Patterson.

"A BUS DRIVER should never get in a hurry. — Walk, talk and drive easy!" — Owen Whitaker.



J. L. PATTERSON



OWEN WHITAKER



E. A. ANDERSON



R. A. MOEN



E. A. ABBOTT



G. J. BRANCATO



FRANK BLUMENTHAL



W. K. HOLSBERY



H. R. KERLEY



W. S. CHURCHILL

COMMENDATIONS

Operators—All Districts

R. V. Allaway: Letter signed by six patrons who felt that he was unjustly accused of discourtesy by another patron. These people have ridden with him twice a day and have always found him courteous and efficient.

Louis Baca: "Helpful with everyone — and almost everyone that rode the bus asked him a question. His disposition was so nice and happy that he had everyone in a good mood."

A. J. Burns: Appreciated for neatness: he spread a newspaper on the newly upholstered seat at the front of the enclosed section of car, then stepped up on the seat to reverse the register.

W. E. Burris: Woman commended Mr. Burris because he killed an insect which had caused considerable discomfort to her two daughters while riding in his coach.

P. O. Cole (two commendations): (1) Courteous and efficient. (2) Kind and considerate in giving two ladies a ride home from the bus stop late one night.

D. L. Collins (two commendations): (1) He is commended in a letter signed by 47 people for his courtesy and efficiency. (2) One of the 47 people who signed the above-mentioned letter stated that he desired to write a separate letter to particularly commend him as "one of the best representatives our company could have."

Leonard Cox: Clerk from Southern Pacific Public Relations Department, expressed her appreciation for his courtesy and thoughtfulness in returning a pass case which she had lost on his coach early in May.

C. A. Dillingham: "... operator was far above the average in careful operation of the coach, in politeness to passengers, in courtesies extended to other motorists, and in neatness. He was immaculate in his attire, nicely shined shoes, and above all, wore a well fitted and neatly pressed uniform. This operator's appearance is outstanding and is certainly a credit to the company."

E. R. Folsom: Appreciation for his kindness in helping a lady reach her destination in Panorama City on the night of May 25.

E. E. Goodman: Showed kindness to a boy who became ill on his coach and put him in a cab which took him to school.

Roy Hird: Commended for removing a frightened kitten from the path of the bus and putting it in a place of safety.

G. L. Keely: Answered many people politely and courteously and made change for some of them.

J. L. Lindsey: "... for waiting for me yesterday on your bus on Milan Avenue and Oak Street in South Pasadena, and for giving me the encouragement to go after a ten-dollar bill which I dropped and a wily fellow passenger picked up."

L. E. May (two letters): (1) Courteous and efficient. (2) Patron expressed appreciation for his consideration in checking schedules and information in assisting her to travel around the Los Angeles area.

M. W. McBrayer: Man expressed appreciation for Mr. McBrayer's assistance to his wife when she was carried several miles past her stop while engrossed in a book.

H. B. McClure (two commendations): (1) Courteous handling of passengers, as well as efficiency in handling his coach. (2) Through his skill in maneuvering his coach, an accident was avoided.

W. M. Morgan: Sponsor of Brownie troop commends him for the courteous and efficient manner in which he operated the charter coach, and stated that he added pleasure to their excursion.

Dwight Parker: Woman appreciated the excellent charter service rendered on May 26, for transporting Brownie Troop No. 412 from Pacoima to Clifton's Restaurant and Olvera Street and return.

W. W. Rathbone: Patron commended him for his extreme kindness, courtesy, patience and driving ability at all times. He "gives one a feeling of safety."

R. W. Riley: Courteous and efficient in handling the group, and his

thoughtfulness helped make their "day in the country" a memorable one.

Hobart Shaw (two commendations): (1) Courteous and efficient. (2) Commended highly for his gracious, pleasant manner and extreme patience with all his passengers.

W. G. Shafer: Patron states that Mr. Shafer calls out streets in a loud, clear voice, so that all can hear on the coach.

C. R. Strong: Woman passenger lost her wallet on bus with \$21.00 in it. Mr. Strong returned it to her.

W. W. Theuringer: Mr. R. F. MacNally received commendation from a man who states that Mr. Theuringer continually shows exceptional patience and is always extremely courteous. He waits for passengers running for the bus.

N. C. Walters: Gentlemanly manner towards a woman passenger.

J. A. Warren: Commended very highly for his courtesy and consideration toward his passengers during a crowded trip.

B. O. Wickman: Patron commends Mr. Wickman for courtesy and efficiency and expresses her appreciation for his assistance in protecting an overnight bag which she had left in the station when she boarded his coach on the afternoon of May 5.

G. L. Wisler: Courteous and efficient. Patron stated that he could give good directions and "seemed to know the city better than most cops . . . He did many things beyond his duty."

T. J. Zito: Riding with him has given one of our patrons a great deal of confidence in the bus system, and he appreciates having him as his driver.

Other Commendations

B. F. Blair, G. F. Border, A. J. Burns, H. W. Butts, W. C. Crabe, D. H. Farris, M. W. Galloway, D. A. Fox, K. L. Hartwell, Charles Hatfield, C. D. Kidd, S. P. McGee, E. F. Morgan, B. R. Myrick, O. C. Pruess, O. V. Selig, L. J. St. Onge, K. T. Stock, S. C. Swanson, J. E. Vasconcellos, William Werner, Homer Wisler.

HEMPLINES

By JEAN MCGILL

Wedding Bells Ring For Martha Brown

A SMALL family gathering Saturday, July 21, at 1:00 p.m., in the North Hollywood Lutheran Church, witnessed the marriage of *Martha Brown*, IBM key punch control clerk, to *John Heminger*.



MARTHA (BROWN) HEMINGER

The couple met while working in the IBM dept. of Metro. John resigned last Sept. to join C. F. Braun & Co., Alhambra, as an IBM tab operator. Their courtship did not begin until last Dec. when John attended Metro's Christmas party.

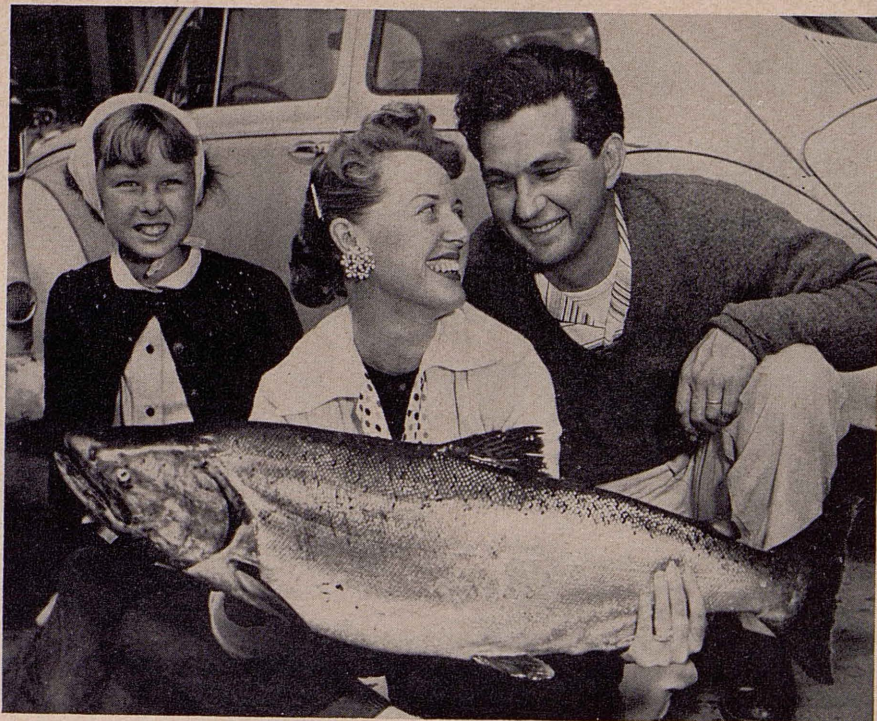
Their many Metro friends presented them with an electric skillet and combination waffle iron-grille as wedding gifts.

The happy couple chose Pierpont Inn, Ventura, for their honeymoon, following which they will make their home in Alhambra.

Conscientious Rider

"I DON'T WANT TO CHEAT the company," smiled a lady, apparently of Japanese extraction, as she placed six cents on the information counter at Sixth and Main Streets one afternoon in July.

"I thought the fare from Los Angeles to Atwater was 17¢, and that's what I paid," she told Information Clerk *Cora Wilson*. "I discovered later the fare is 23¢."



WOW!—*Marcie Haggerty*, secretary to Attorney C. C. Beery, smiles gleefully at her husband, *Joe*, as she holds up a 27-pound salmon she caught near Victoria, B. C., while on vacation. Daughter *Marcie Anne*, 9, was very proud of Mom's fishing skill.

TATTLETALES

Helen Jackson (transportation dept.) and hubby *Roy* hopped a plane for New York Aug. 16, "to paint the town red." They will spend some time in Washington, D. C. where *Roy* will attend a convention of union representatives.

Barbara LaKamp (exec. dept.) returned from vacation Aug. 6, with a bee-u-tiful suntan . . . reports she and Mr. vacationed at Laguna Beach and Carmel.

One of the busiest spots in the building is our information board . . . but I did manage to corner *Deane Koch* to give us the "low-down" on the gals . . . *Edna Tilley* boarded the train Aug. 8 to visit relatives and friends in her hometown, Galesburg, Ill. . . . *Helen Spafford* returned from vacation Aug. 7 after exercising her artistic ability (painting the house!) . . . *Helen Drew* took an extensive tour of Western Canada the last of July. . . . *Hazel Hyatt* is happy to be back to work after a week's siege of the flu the first of Aug. . . . *Barbara Hagen* vacationed at home in San Pedro the latter part of July.

Marcie Boats a Biggie!

CATCHING the biggest salmon of the season — a 27-pounder — during a family vacation trip to Victoria, B.C., led to the publication of *Marcie Haggerty's* picture, along with that of husband *Joe*, daughter *Marcie Anne*, 9, and the beeg fish in the *Victoria Daily Times*, July 7, 1956.

Marcie, salmon fishing for the first time in her life, took the 27-pounder she is holding in photo, plus a 15 and a 12-pounder. Daughter *Annie* caught a four-pounder, while hubby, *Joe* boated eight and five-pounders. (Of interest to the fishermen — these beeg ones were landed from Saanich Inlet.)

They left the salmon at a local cannery to be tinned and shipped to them in Los Angeles. Two weeks later, the 50-lb. shipment arrived — "It tastes out of this world," *Marcie* said gleefully.

Household Hint

THOSE PLASTIC DISHES may return from the vacation trip with stains. If so, soak them in a solution of $\frac{1}{4}$ cup bleach, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup baking soda and 1 cup vinegar. Then wash them thoroughly.



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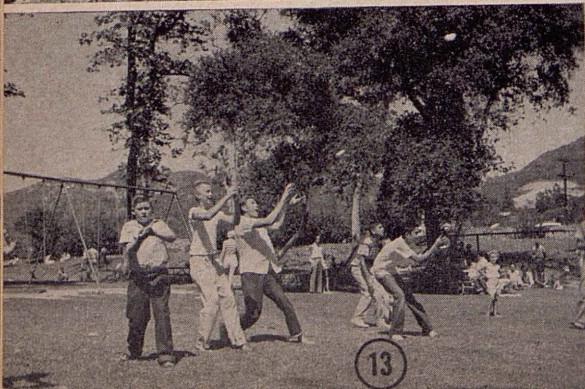
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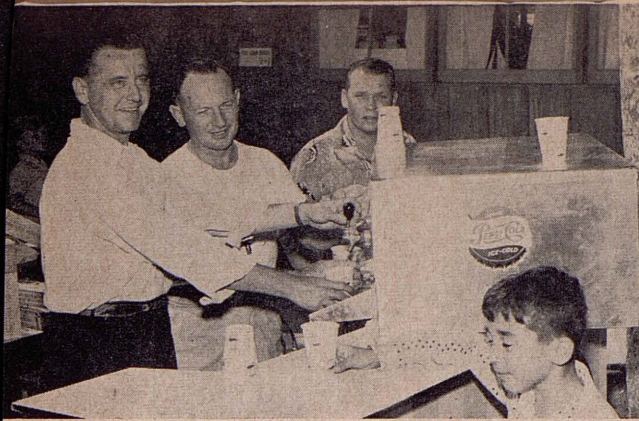
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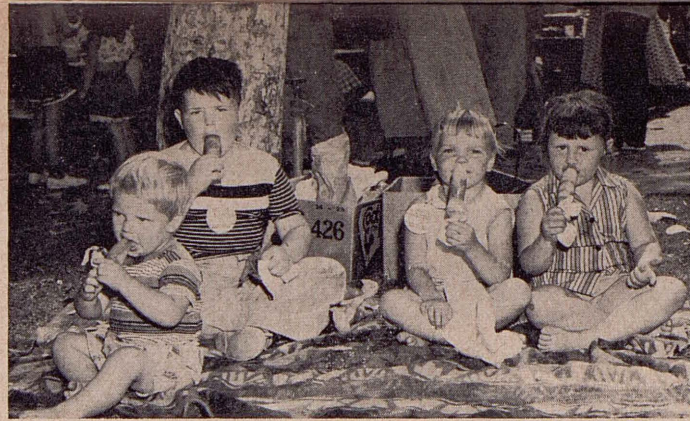
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GLENDALE PICNIC

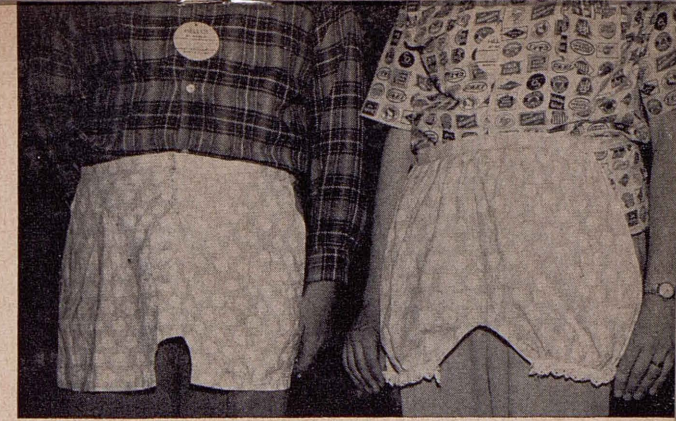
(1) Ducking for soft drinks. (2) Picnic committee. From left: E. A. Nelson, president, Metarts club; G. J. Brancato, club treasurer; B. C. Lamb; L. E. May, member, entertainment committee; R. M. Melton, chairman, entertainment committee; S. W. Axton; H. H. Hays, P. D. Proud. (3) Asbury Operations Manager and Mrs. Tom Arnott, Glendale Division Foreman and Mrs. Kenneth E. Parker, Metro VP and Mrs. R. F. MacNally. (4) Art Peters (left), of entertainment committee, and Bob Melton. (5) Diana, three-year-old daughter of Operator P. D. Proud, drinks deep. (6) Mrs. Richard Veeh, left, Mrs. John Kienegger, and Mrs. K's dog, Chad. Both ladies are wives of Van Nuys operators. (7) The four at left are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rodriguez and their children, Alice Sarah, 6, and Helen, 5. At right are Mr. and Mrs. Victor Garcia. Men are gassers and cleaners at Glendale Division. (8) Playing cards are, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Dietz and their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scott. (9) Dodge ball—boys vs. girls. (10) Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Heurkins (left); their married daughter, Mrs. Dolores Edwards; her children, Maureen, 4, and Larry, 2. (11) Some executives and their wives root for their favorites at the ball game. Standing, from left, Manager of Personnel W. C. Scholl, Tom Arnott, Personnel Assistant J. S. Wilkens, Superintendent of Transportation J. D. Puffer, Assistant Superintendent Jack Stewart. Kneeling, from left, Mrs. Arnott, Director of Public Relations R. O. Christiansen, Mrs. Scholl, Mrs. R. F. MacNally, Mr. MacNally, Chief Instructor J. T. Johnston. (12) Softball game between Glendale and Van Nuys ended 17-6 in favor of the visitors. (13) Egg-throwing contest, won by (14) Bobby Bierman, son of Supervisor R. J. Bierman; and Linda Lamb, daughter of Operator B. C. Lamb.—A highly successful affair.



SODA JERKERS—K. C. Steinert, left, assistant secretary, Dieseleers, and Glenn E. Serres, publicity man, same org., serve pop to Dennis Medeiros.



WHAT PICNICS ARE FOR—Nieces and nephews of Jim Panek cool off on ice cream bars. From left: Gordon Hovland, Gerald Inforzato, Beryl H., and Jill I.



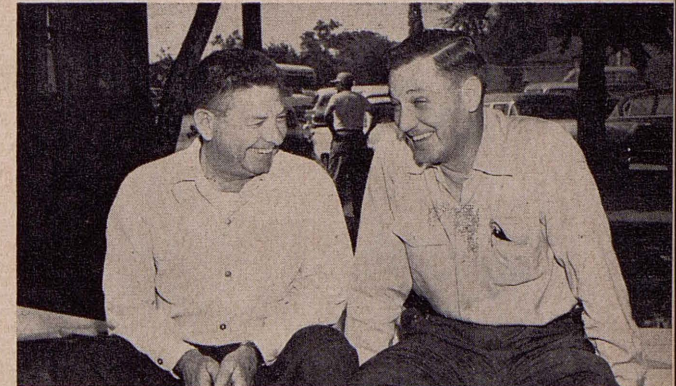
FANCY PANTS—These cute little unmentionables—the aprons, we mean—adorned the delicate limbs of Stalwarts Barham & Slocum—let's see: Who's who?



SOFTBALL GAMES—Pancho Ruiz larrups out a single during a rousing contest between El Monte and West Hollywood. Winner was probably team with most runs!

EL MONTE DIESELEERS' PICNIC

JUNE 24, 1956



AMONG THE GUESTS was former Division Foreman R. G. Curnutt, right, pictured discussing a weighty problem with his friend R. F. ("Shorty") Desloges.

SACK RACE being won by Bob Hovland. Many games for young and younger were arranged for and operated by Glenn Serres and Mrs. W. K. Barham—prizes, too.

PRIZE CAKES—Mrs. W. J. Gerhardt, first prize, left, and Mrs. Roger Brann, second, with judges: J. D. Puffer, left, W. K. Barham, R. O. Christiansen.

BANANA GAME, won by Carolyn Miller, left and Mrs. C. W. Alexander. Object is to see which pair of contestants can finish feeding each other bananas first.





FAREWELL GIFT in honor of his retirement is being presented to Air Brake Machinist Thomas Matten (center foreground, and inset) by Superintendent of Equipment R. W. Anderson, as co-workers look on.

Sad Retirement for Matten

RETIREMENT was a sad occasion for *Thomas Matten*, air brake machinist at the Macy unit repair shop, as well as for his many friends.

He had planned to retire, after 30 years of service, in order to devote full time to the care of his wife, who had been a nearly helpless invalid for years.

Only two weeks before his retirement, Mrs. Matten died.

Hence, the large gathering of fellow-employees who greeted him at the retirement ceremony contained many eyes moist with sympathy.

Born in Kent, England, Mr. Matten met and married *Florence Emma Sutton* in Toronto, Canada. Their wedding date was May 24, 1912.

Thomas came to Los Angeles looking for a steady job, and was helped by his brother-in-law, *William Sadler*, now a PE auto machinist at Watts, to get work with Pacific Electric. All of his service has been at Macy—car cleaner, car repairer, auto machinist, and air brake machinist.

Juett Won't "Sit Around"

LIKE MOST retiring employes, *Thomas Albert Juett*, better known as "Al," doesn't want to sit around doing nothing. He plans to develop a hobby, look for part-time work, and perhaps build a duplex on his R-3 lot.

Building a duplex is right up his alley, since he worked as a carpenter at the Torrance paint and body shop from 1940 on. He made wooden freight cars, rebuilt wooden passenger cars, and did considerable body work on buses.

A man of varied experience, Mr. Juett was born in 1888 in Ballard County, Kentucky, and was reared on a farm. "My father was a physician, but he bought a farm in order to have a place away from the city in which to bring up six sons and two daughters," said Al.

Farming held few attractions for Mr. Juett, however. He went into the pottery business, and later the coal and ice business, before coming to California in 1937. Upon arriving here, he first went to work for the Broadway Department store.

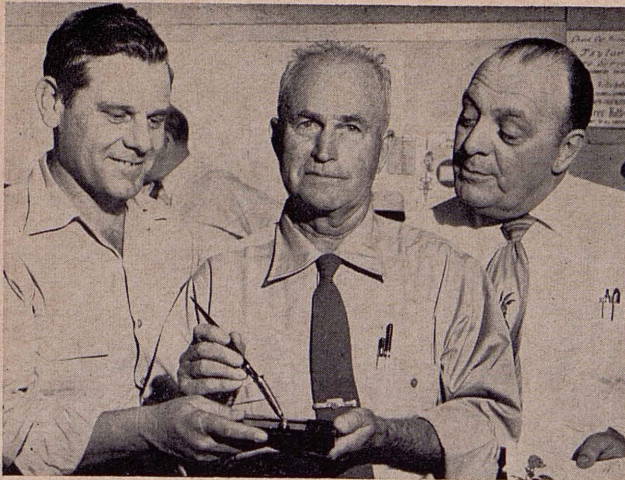
He hopes to visit Hawaii soon

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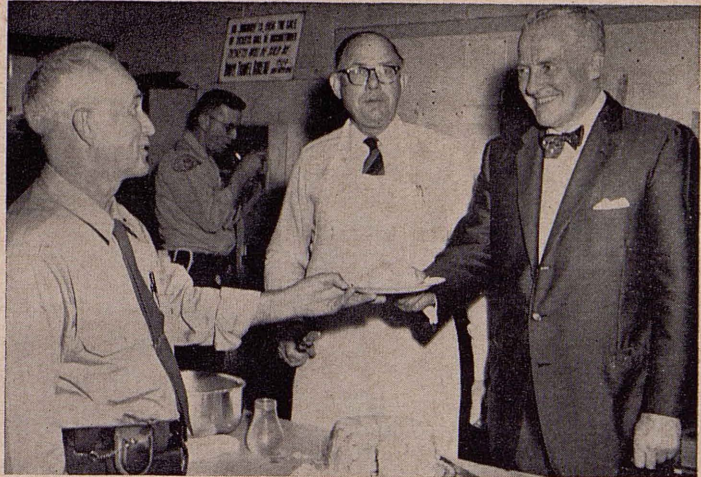
to see one of his three sons, who is stationed there as a lieutenant colonel of marines.



T. A. ("AL") JUETT



DESK PEN SET was presented to Operator R. M. Cooper when he retired from Van Nuys Division. In picture at left he is shown holding the set, flanked by his son-in-law, Operator J. E. Storey, left, and Division Foreman Earl Jardell. At right, Vice-



President and General Manager R. F. MacNally, right, presents Mr. Cooper with first piece of cake at a division party in the retiring man's honor. Superintendent of Transportation J. D. Puffer, center, donned an apron and cut cakes for the crowd.

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Cooper to Run Motel

LOOKING FORWARD to his retirement, *Robert M. ("Bob") Cooper*, Van Nuys operator with a hobby of selling real estate, bought a motel in Palm Springs last May.

When he retired from service last June 14, he and his wife at once moved to Palm Springs to begin their new life as owners-managers of the "Casa de Beverly," at 296 Palm Canyon Drive, in the desert resort town.

Mr. Cooper began his transportation career with Pacific Electric as a conductor out of West Hollywood, October 20, 1920. In 1926 he transferred to San Bernardino and worked as motorman, conductor, bus driver, freight conductor, and brakeman until 1935. He then returned to West Hollywood, where he stayed until his transfer to Van Nuys in 1954.

He married *Mary Puhl* August 1, 1922, and the couple have one child, *Mrs. Betty Marie Storey*, whose husband, *J. E.*, is a Van Nuys operator.

Thanks from L. E. Wise

"THANKS, FELLOWS, it's greatly appreciated," said Operator *L. E. Wise*, who was presented a gift of money at a retirement party in his honor at Long Beach Division in June.

Vice-President and General Manager *R. F. MacNally* presented the gift on behalf of those who contributed.

"I'm going to miss the association with all of you," added the retiring man.



"HAPPY RETIREMENT" is the wish printed in frosting on the cake being held up by Operator *L. E. Wise*, whose retirement from the Long Beach Division was reported in the June METRO COACH NEWS. The party was subsequent to the announcement. Cake and coffee were served, and Vice-President and General Manager *R. F. MacNally* presented a gift of money to Mr. Wise on behalf of contributing fellow-workers. The three men standing at rear are *D. T. Meade*, left, *Raymond Hightower* (supervisor), and *C. W. Worden*. Others, from left, are *J. E. Holmes*, *C. A. Woods* (supervisor), *R. W. Krafft* (division foreman), *J. D. Puffer* (superintendent of transportation), *J. S. Wilkens* (assistant to personnel manager), *Tory Davidson*, *Mr. Wise*, *Mr. MacNally*, *D. L. Correll*, *W. C. Scholl* (personnel manager), *John Shelton*, *J. T. Johnston* (chief instructor), and *Jack Stewart*, assistant superintendent of transportation.—Lautenschlager photo.

Beeson Merry Go Round

THREE-YEAR-OLD *Johnny Long* was the proudest boy in Mrs. Robertson's nursery school in Paramount on Tuesday, May 8. His big playmate, El Monte Division Operator *Harry V. Beeson*, had made him a shiny new toy merry-go-round with horses that went up and down as he turned it. All the boys and girls crowded around, fascinated, as Johnny showed them how the merry-go-round worked.

Operator Beeson made the pretty toy, two feet in diameter and six or eight inches high, of scraps of wood he had lying around his garage. It was the second he had made for Johnny, who has been the recipient of many other wooden toys from the same source.

Who's Johnny? Just a neighbor boy the childless Beesons have practically adopted and brought up; he's no relation.

Among the other toys Mr. Beeson has made for Johnny are a small wagon, a tricycle, a ladybug, a toy train, a windmill, and a box for his toys — all completely of wood, and all in working condition. The ladybug has a jaw that clamps shut when put against clothing.

For a little neighbor girl, the clever operator made a small doll's bureau, just three or four inches long, with a real plate glass mirror that moves back and forth, drawers that actually work, and carved wood paneling on the sides and front. The drawers were complete with dovetail construction! Before he started it, he drew a working plan, as he does for most of his toy work.

His tools? Just a pocket knife,

a jig-saw, and a table-saw. Mr. Beeson carries pieces of wood around in his pocket to shape with his knife during spare moments. He calls them "conversation pieces," because sight of them is sure to start a conversation. One of his "conversation pieces" is a two-inch-square block with a dovetail running completely through it in two directions.

"People don't believe it when they see it," he chuckles.

"I've always tried to make things nobody else makes," he observed. "Eye appeal is the most important thing, but the toy also has to work, I don't care about making scale models."

One time he made a working wooden model of a jack-knife for a little boy whose parents refused to permit him to have a metal knife. "The parents were as tickled as the boy," he said. "The blades opened and shut just as they would on a real jack knife."

"I used to carry around a little book so I could jot down ideas for things to make, as they came to me; but it got so full I never had time to read it, so I threw it away. But I still have ideas enough in my mind to carry me through another 35 years."

No novice at gadget-making, he's been at it for a least 45 years. Not all the gadgets have been toys, either. He's built several homes and

trailers for himself and his wife, and even made their first icebox.

One of his favorite diversions used to be the making of toy windmills that would cause little figures of men, women, and animals, to move.

"When we lived on a main street in Rosemead I had some of these on a rose trellis in the front yard and they used to cause traffic jams on Sundays," he chuckled.

Making things in wood is not the only spare-time occupation Mr. Beeson carries on. He also plays the violin, the ukulele, and the piano, and played the banjo professionally for 20 years. He also draws and paints in any medium.

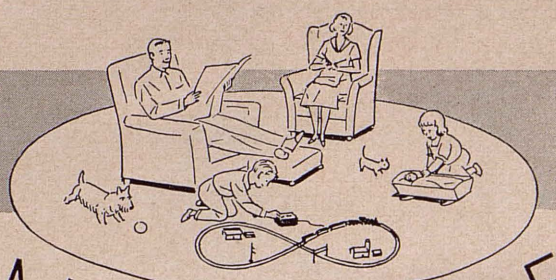
One day his wife showed him some plans she had found for a wooden flytrap. He made several, and, finding they worked very well, gave one or two to friends, including Operator *W. K. Barham*. "After I'd showed Barham's son how to make them, he and a friend made some and sold them all over their neighborhood one summer," said Mr. Beeson. "They got a write-up in the paper for it."

The talented operator started his transportation work with PE in 1943. Before that he was with the Railway Express Agency 26 years, most of the time at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but also including a period as agent for that company at Algonia, Iowa.



FUN AT NURSERY SCHOOL—Johnny Long, 3, whirls his new merry-go-round as its creator, Harry Beeson, and school kids watch.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY CIRCLE



Chatter From the Beach

By G. L. SADLER
(Reporter Pro Tem)

HERE WE ARE back in this little book after being absent for one issue.

We have been looking for a new reporter since *E. F. Gilligan* resigned. Our new reporter has been found and his first bit of news will greet you in the next issue. He is Operator *C. L. Robbins* at Ocean Park Division. Robbins wrote for our magazine before, so I am sure there are many of you that are familiar with his wit and chatter.

Ocean Park is happy to announce some of our blessed events that have happened (or will happen in the very near future). The *G. R. Andrades* have a lovely baby daughter and the *T. E. Pruetts* have a bouncing baby boy. The *Alfred Clintons* are awaiting their first and the *Arthur Samuelses* are also expecting an addition.

Operator *T. V. Griffin* is doing a swell job at Ocean Park as relief clerk.

J. T. Tucker, our night clerk, really was having a bad time. His twin nephews were visiting him from Texas and they are so much alike that when one pulled a trick (and not a few either) on him he didn't know which one to blame. And did they put him through the paces when they went to Disneyland. He has not been the same since.

Ocean Park has changed the name of its Benevolent Society to M.O.P. Beachcombers (Metropolitan Ocean Park Beachcombers).

Now for the sports at the beach. Ocean Park has a real good baseball team this year. They were in first place for the first half of the season. They have nine men batting over 300 average and all we can say to the rest of the teams in

the league is "WATCH OUT COME PICNIC DAY." We want the championship for good old Ocean Park.

As for bowling, we have one team that is now near the top in the summer league. When the winter league starts Ocean Park will put in two teams and we hope they will do as well.

Bowling News

By CHARLIE HILL

SWEEPSTAKES on August 17 will bring to a close the Summer Mixed Fivesome League. At this time it appears that the finish will be a race between the Plaid Room and Van Deeven teams, as these two teams are neck and neck, although the Deseleers still have a ghost of a chance. It will be recalled that last year's summer league ended in a four-way tie, making a play-off necessary to determine the champs.

At the annual meeting of the bowling league, held June 27, the

following were elected to office for the forthcoming season: *Carlyle ("Wimpy") Comstock* — President, *Charlie Hill* — 1st Vice President, *Margaret ("Peggy") Northcutt* — 2nd Vice President, *Betty Maloney* — Secretary, and *Jack Rowe* — Treasurer. The meeting was well attended and tentative plans were outlined for the coming season. The two branches of the league will be combined and will bowl on Friday evenings, beginning September 14, 8:30 o'clock, at the Sunset Bowl. At this time there still remains room for additional teams. We hope to use all of the 16 lanes.

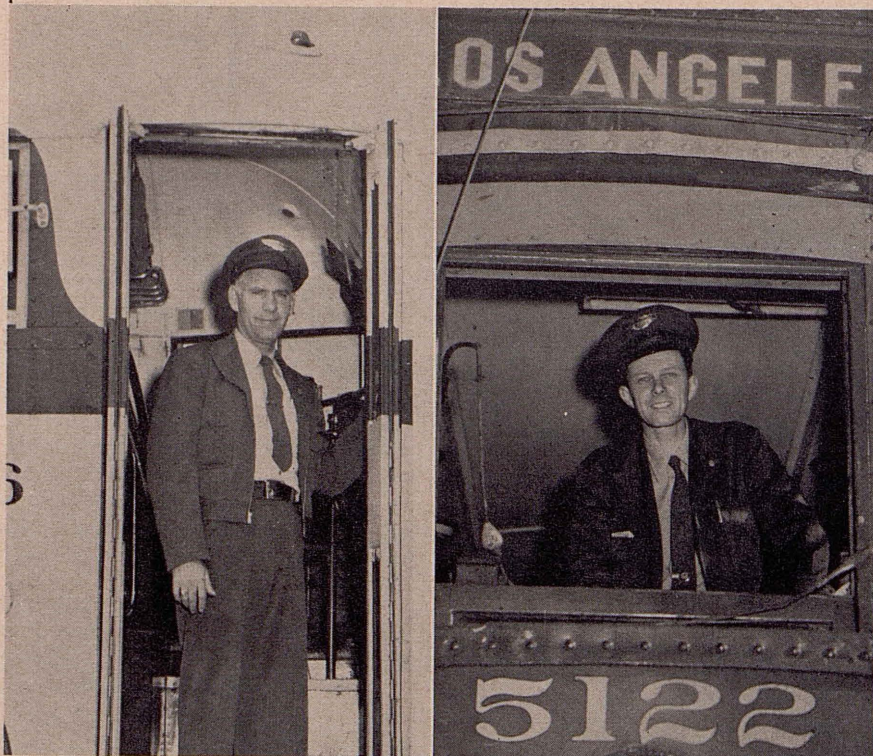
The final pre-season meeting will be held on August 29, and it will be of utmost importance that all captains be on hand at that time.

Now, just one personal mention. *Wilbur Hoffman*, the sixth man of the Streamliners team, rolled a big singles series that entitled him to a big cash prize in the State Tournament. Congratulations, Will!



TOUGH TEAM—Ocean Park softballers, winners of the first round in league play. In front row, from left, are *Arthur Samuel*s, *Paul Hill*, *Leo Fanchin*, *Carl Tones*. Back row: *Robert Monday*, *Ed Pruet*t, *Carl Lindberg*, *Leonard Herman* (manager), *Cecil Haines*, *Al Tieman*. Missing was *Robert Pearce*. Photo was taken by *C. L. Robbins*.

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TRAIN TALES

From the Long Beach Division

By JAMES H. HOOVER

CIVIC-MINDEDNESS and alertness on the part of Motorman J. W. Saunders and Conductor H. W. Butts in reporting a fire at La Cerritos Station, in the North Long Beach area, on June 5, potentially saved the lives and property of many residents in that locale. At 11:45 p.m. on that date, their train was passing the La Cerritos Station. Seeing the flames and knowing the area to be one of many oil wells, they hurried to the nearest telephone along the line. The damages of approximately \$100,000

could easily have been more, had it not been for the promptness of the train crew in reporting the fire. The firefighters were on the job throughout the night and up until about 8:00 a.m. the following morning, before they succeeded in extinguishing the fire.

Vacations have started for the Division Clerks. L. K. Annis and family traveled to Minnesota. Your reporter has moved into the office as relief clerk for the summer.

Speaking of the clerks, have you ever noticed how "Mac" McCullough uses the expression, "Oh my!" This is odd but much better than some of the expressions heard.

The last words: "The greatest of faults — is to be conscious of none."

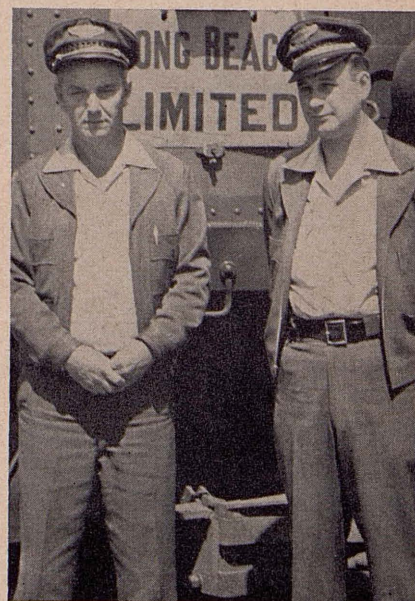


By GLENN E. SERRES

DEAR READER, I must confess I have contracted a terrible malady technically described as, *vacare* or *va-ka'shon*, meaning freedom or release from duty or a period of suspension from duty. If you are susceptible to infectious diseases I would suggest you discontinue the perusal of this article.

Although the suffering from *vacare* has been acute, it didn't seem to dampen the ardor of the men and their families of El Monte Division as we had our annual picnic at Baldwin Park on Sunday, June 24.

In case you wondered who the soda "jerks" were, they were *Kid Steinert* and your pencil pusher. Incidentally, be sure to get out to the all-Metro employe picnic at Griffith Park, September 2. I'll be on vacation, but have all the games picked out and prizes for them. Care has been taken to have games especially for children six through nine, and an endeavor has been made in that particular age bracket to have lots of prizes and games where a dozen or so at a time can be winners. Your Dieseleer committee will have competent help to operate the games, which will not only be for children of all ages, but also for Mom and Dad.



REPORTED FIRE—Long Beach Operators H. W. Butts and J. W. Saunders saw an oil fire from their train, quickly reported it.

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

By THE SCRIBBLER

REMEMBER THIS — “One reason opportunity isn’t recognized more often is that it goes around disguised as work.”—Key Notes.

Auditor “Eddie” Uecker spent most of two weeks at Twin Lakes, where he fished and loafed (what’s the difference?), and brought back the “key to the kitchen”—a bandaged thumb, result of a bout with the can-opener. Oh, so fishing wasn’t so good, huh?

Frances Moore loaded up with maps and plans for a motor trip to Oregon—Lassen Park. At least eating was good there, she’s pounds heavier, and of course in the wrong places. Anna Capo went to San Diego and hither and yon in the environs of Los Angeles—than which what better place is there?

Ray Albrecht’s vacation lasted two days at Guerneville Murphy’s Ranch, where the cold weather drove him back to sunny Southern California’s red hot (!) days.—Chamber of Commerce, please do NOT copy. (Florida, we’re just kidding.)

Marilyn Jarvis moved to a lovely new home in “The Valley.” Amelia Grenke, eight days in the thunderstorms of Yosemite and a day in San Jose. Fern Randack stayed in Oakland, above the bustle of the city, a pleasant vacation from heat and smog.

That’s all the vacationers except for those presently away—Cy Holway, three-weeking somewhere off the job. Johnnie Pujol ditto, but headed for the old home town, New Orleans. Florence McDonald cowboying at Murphy’s Ranch; Sara Bustle and Lois Athay, destinations unknown.

Cheerio to Helen McFarland, on leave of absence. Hi to the newcomers, Jacqueline van den Berg, Della De Vol, Virginia Brown, Carole Dahleen and Moira Cox; and goodbye to little Charlene Smith (hope to see you back, honeychile), gone to her husband stationed in Virginia. Moira Cox to stay at home (here today, gone tomorrow) and Mary Charters to return to her old home in Toronto (with a nice suit case from her friends in the accounting department). Welcome to the new ones, and our good thoughts go with the departees.



FOR FLOOD VICTIMS — Long Beach Operator and Mrs. E. H. Martin, their daughter, Karen, and their son, Richard, load up their station wagon with furniture, clothing, cooking utensils, etc., for Yuba City disaster victims. — G. S. Lautenschlager photo.

GENERAL CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

By PAUL A. KARI

ALL the Claim Department gang were happy to see Papa Charlie Schwertfeger passing around pink-wrapped cigars to the men and chocolates to the gals—his way of announcing the arrival of an adopted daughter, Susan Marie, on July 12. To Charlie and Patsy—Congratulations from us all!

Larry (more formally Lawrence A.) Rice and the missus spent the week of July 9 sightseeing in the Grand Canyon and surrounding desert region. After viewing one of Nature’s most glorious spectacles, Larry’s comment—“Yes, it was awe-inspiring, but was it hot!”

Mary Martha, twelve year old daughter of Mary Stevenson, arrived home July 9, after spending the past school term in England with her aunt. After seeing most of the larger cities in Western Europe, Mary Martha says home still looks by far the best to her. Mother and Dad had a wonderful welcome-home surprise—a new house!

Evelyn Jones returned from her two-weeks respite from office routine—Evelyn played it smart this year; she spent most of her vacation resting and taking things easy; at least, as easy as a housewife can these days!

Auld Lang Syne

(News of the Senior Employees Fellowship)

By F. B. EGEMAN

GLAD to report that Pat J. Murphy, retired Metro operator, on the sick list with a heart condition, is feeling better, has sold his home in Pasadena, and is moving to Newport Beach, where his daughter is building a new home.

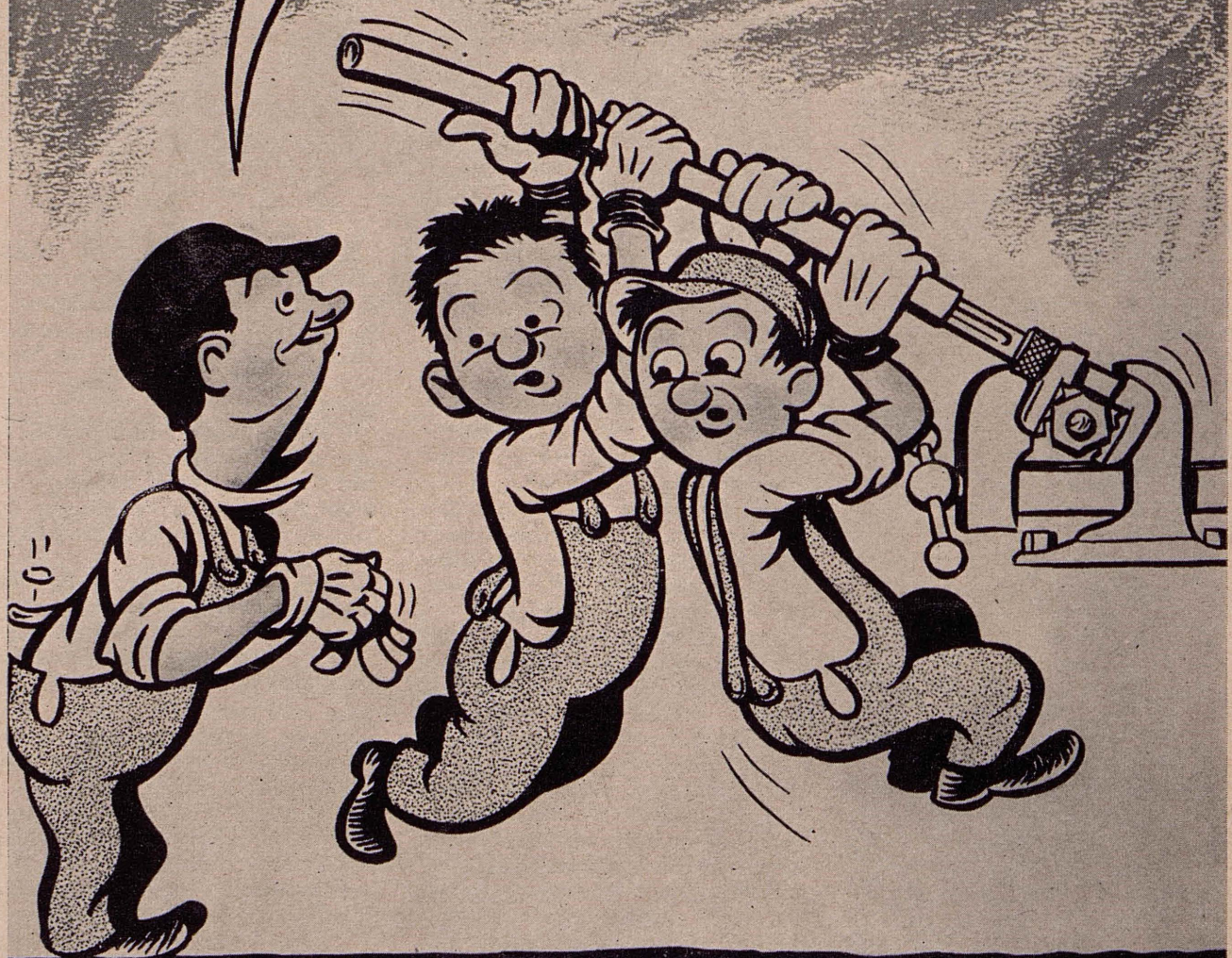
Charley Martin, retired Metro operator, Pasadena Lines, recently had C. B. Lewis and wife as overnight guests at his hideaway in the high desert country near Yucca Valley.

Alvin E. Babcock, retired conductor, Riverside Line, has grown some choice camellia plants at his home, where he has also designed and built some square redwood tubs, and pots made of roofing paper as containers for his plants. He would be delighted to see any of his old friends at 4812 North Earle Street, Rosemead, or hear from them. Phone Atlantic 6-1961.

Clyde Webb entertained 150 members and their families in the PE Theater at a Fellowship meeting July 17 with motion pictures of a vacation trip to Alaska and other movies showing scenes on the Western Pacific, CB&Q, and ATSF railroads.

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