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## The Season's Greetings

*M*OST SINCERE Christmas Greetings, and the best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year are extended to each and every employe of the Pacific Electric Railway and its friends. . . .

The year just closing has been to all of us one of constant endeavor; but our efforts have brought the reward of a knowledge that we have not labored in vain and that we have each rendered a good and necessary service. . . . .

In our steadfast co-operative labors we have strengthened the bond of unity of purpose and accomplished much in the rehabilitation of the property entrusted to our operation and care. . .

Again thanking you for the splendid spirit of helpfulness during the past year, and soliciting a continuance thereof during the New Year to the end that SERVICE may be brought to its full meaning and intent, I am,

Cordially yours,



President



## WE CLOSE ANOTHER YEAR

With this number of the Magazine another year is closed. The twelve months of 1940 are now days of the past, and many of the incidents of life that occurred during that period will and should be forgotten, and only those wherein happiness was bestowed on others or received from them remembered; and, what a blessing it is that the human mind can command that element of forgetfulness and that we may bend our thoughts to the future and its opportunities.

True, we are all getting older, if we keep count of the calendar of years; but the years of themselves mean nothing, it is the thoughts that attend them that count against us. And that reminds us of the wonderful philosophy of our old and very lovable friend, Sim W. Crabill, long a member of the Los Angeles Times family, long since passed to that land where age does not exist. One day, years ago, Sim sent us a small brochure entitled "Youth" that should be helpful to all of us when we are inclined to think of "years". It is not long. Possibly you would like to read it and treasure its contents.

"Youth is not a time of life—it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees, it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

"Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite of adventure over love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than a boy of twenty.

"Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

"Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and the starlike things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unflinching childlike appetite for what next, and the joy and the game of life.

"You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

"In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from men and from the Infinite, so long are you young."



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E. C. THOMAS.....EDITOR

So much for the year that is gone; however, we would be ungrateful if we did not express appreciation to the Magazine's Associate Editors who have each contributed most of that which makes the publication worthwhile; and, without whose contributions there would not be much of the Magazine. To them, most sincerely, my grateful appreciation, and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

### SERVICE COMMENDATIONS

It is always a very great pleasure to give recognition for services rendered our patrons by employes, to such an extent that the recipients of such service take the time to write the Management about the incident. Commendations are the "oil of joy" that makes the daily tasks lighter. How fine life would be if appreciation for favors were more often expressed.

This month commendations have been received for the following, for various acts of meritorious service:

J. W. Fitzpatrick, Motorman, Western District.

W. R. Peery, Conductor, Western District.

D. E. Coleman, Coach Operator Northern District.

B. E. Wasserman, Conductor, Southern District.

Lloyd Knapp, Western District.

L. F. Fleming, Conductor, Western District.

### FREIGHT LINES AUTHORIZED

The Railroad Commission of California recently authorized the establishment of two new motor freight lines by this company, one of which will serve the Inglewood, El Segundo, Manhattan, Hermosa, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Gardena sections; the other, the San Fernando Valley area.

Announcement of the service to be rendered has not as yet been made because of a number of necessary details to be worked out, but its inauguration is expected soon.

## DECEMBER'S LEADING EVENTS

So far as "John Public and his wife and children" are concerned the leading event of the month naturally is Christmas, and in honor of that event not only are decorations appropriate to the season being lavishly displayed in Los Angeles, Hollywood, and on the "Miracle Mile" of the Wilshire district, but outlying shopping centers all over the city are hanging decorations, staking out Santas, and otherwise trying to stimulate the Christmas spirit.

The street decorative idea has infected all the Southland and every city and hamlet is going strong in promoting Christmas. The leaders, of course, in the way of attractions, are Altadena, with its mile of living Christmas Trees; Hollywood, with its Santa Claus Lane; Downtown Los Angeles, with its highly ornate light standards; and the Wilshire "Miracle Mile."

All these examples of promotional work adds to the gaiety of Christmas and doubtless produces increased revenues for the sponsors; and, naturally we hope will serve to increase traffic over our lines.

The Santa Anita Racing Season will open on December 28th and continue until March 8th, and as usual the devotees of the racing game will flock to the track. Indications are, judging from other business conditions, that the attendance will exceed that of last year, and it is our hope that our rail traffic to the event will increase in an even greater proportion.

Then, just around the corner from the close of the year, is the great Pasadena Rose Tournament of New Year Day with its gorgeous floats and thrills, followed in the afternoon of that day by the annual Foot Ball game in the Rose Bowl. We all know what that means in traffic to be handled. The theme of the Tournament Parade this year is to be patriotic in character and promises to exceed anything that has previously been attempted and with a largely increased number of entries.

### FIVE MORE RETIRE

From the Auditor of the company, there is reported since the last issue of the Magazine the names of five of our fellow employees retiring from active service. To all of them very best wishes are extended.

Matteo Olocco, Mechanical Department, 22 years service.

Thomas H. Young, Transportation Department, 17 years service.

Thomas L. Skillington, Transportation Department, 20 years service.

Herbert W. Vaughan, Transportation Department, 21 years service.

Charles Salazar, Transportation Department, 32 years service.



### MILITARY SERVICE NOW CREDITABLE TOWARD ANNUITIES UNDER RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACTS

The Railroad Retirement Acts of 1935 and 1937 have been amended to provide for creditability of military service, prior to January 1, 1937, subject to the following conditions:

1. The military service must have been preceded by employer service rendered by the individual in the same or in the preceding calendar year.
2. The individual must be entitled to credit for employer service prior to January 1, 1937.
3. Military service to be creditable must have been rendered prior to January 1, 1937 and either
  1. The military service must have been preceded by employer service
    - a. During a war period, or
    - b. Immediately after a war period by an individual who was in service at the end of a war period and was required to continue in military service, or
    - c. During a period for which the individual was required by an Act of Congress (or by regulation, proclamation or order pursuant thereto) to enter and continue in military service.
  4. Military service will in no event be creditable so as to make total years of service more than thirty.
  5. Military service rendered after December 31, 1936 is not creditable under this amendment, however, a bill is now pending in Congress which proposes to credit such service.

M. S. WADE, Secretary,  
Pacific Electric Railway Board of Pensions.

### FRIENDS SHOCKED BY TRAGEDY

#### Three Well-known Fellow Employees Killed in Highway Accident

A pall of sadness enveloped the Pacific Electric Building on Monday morning, November 11th when it became known that three of our fellow workers had just met death in an automobile accident near Gorman's, on the Ridge Route between Los Angeles and the north. The accident occurred at approximately 6:30 a.m. causing the deaths of F. A. Alspach, Assistant to Manager of the Land & Tax Department; G. L. Breininger, Supt. P. E. Building; and Harriet Barnes, Stenographer-Clerk, of Land and Tax Dept.; and seriously injuring Ethel I. Merriam, secretary to the Manager of the Real Estate & Tax Department. Mrs. Merriam received compound fractures of both limbs, a broken thigh and numerous severe bruises, but fortunately will make a complete recovery, though not for some time.

Responsibility for the accident was fixed by the Coroner's jury on the driver of the opposing machine, which came suddenly, at high speed, from behind an auto and trailer into the machine of Mr. Alspach who, at the time, had the right of way in the middle lane of a three-lane highway at that point. The Alspach machine was practically demolished.

It had been a happy party that left Los Angeles on the previous Saturday afternoon for a week-end outing at

the mountain home of Mr. Alspach at Frazier Mountain Park, where it was his greatest pleasure to entertain groups of his friends; the group at this outing comprising G. L. Breininger, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dake; Mrs. Merriam, sister of Mrs. Dake; and Mrs. Harriet Barnes, formerly employed in the Accounting Department, but for the past two years employed in the Land and Tax Dept. After the holiday, they had begun the journey early in the morning for Los Angeles to resume their duties at the office when the tragedy occurred as stated above.

Mr. Alspach began his railway service in Los Angeles Nov. 28, 1904 as a draftsman with the Los Angeles-Pacific Railroad Company which later became a part of the Pacific Electric system. Upon the consolidation of the electric lines in 1911. From 1908 until 1916 he was assistant to W. V. Hill, Tax Agent of the L. A. P., and continued in the same position upon the appointment of E. L. Young as manager of the Land & Tax Department.

G. L. Breininger prior to coming to the Pacific Electric was engaged in contracting and building. He entered the service of this company in 1917 as foreman of the repair department of the Pacific Electric Building, later becoming Superintendent of the Building and occupied that position at the time of his death.

All of the persons involved in this most distressing accident were well

and favorably known to a large number of their fellow employes, and to many of us who have known them for years, their loss is a very personal one, and memory will linger long.

Mortuary services for our friends was under the efficient, kindly direction of Graham & Isbell.

To the bereaved relatives and friends most sincere condolence is extended.

#### ROBERT J. ADCOCK

Sympathy is expressed to Edna J. Tilley, of our Information Service, because of the death of her father, which occurred on November 19th at Mrs. Tilley's home, 3030 South Hoover Street in this city.

Mr. Adcock was a native of Illinois, coming to California over 50 years ago, and for a half century was a well-known and able practicing attorney in this city, where, during the many years he was a resident, he had acquired a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 22, with interment at Inglewood Cemetery.

#### W. I. GILBERT

Death claimed a shining mark, when, after a brief illness of only eight days it removed on November 28th, to the great beyond W. I. Gilbert, one of the west's greatest lawyers, a counsel for the Southern Pacific Company, and a stalwart friend of the Pacific Electric and its officers. His passing is a loss to this country that will be realized more and more as time goes on, and particularly will he be missed by the fraternity of law in which he was outstanding.

#### GEORGE C. ROHWER

Condolence is extended to Catherine Rohwer, of the Information Bureau; and Mrs. Geo. H. Blyth, wife of Geo. H. Blyth, General Agent Passenger Traffic Department, because of the death of their brother, George C. Rohwer, at the home of Miss Rohwer, in Glendale, Nov. 29th.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 2, and interment occurred at Forest Lawn.

Additional street widening and improvement on portions of Olympic Boulevard are now being made, requiring detour from regular route at two points between downtown Los Angeles and Fairfax Avenue on the Beverly Hills-Santa Monica Motor Coach Line.

Work is progressing slowly on the Glendale-Beverly Boulevard grade separation, but completion of the project will take many months more. When completed, however, it will mean a great deal in the elimination of traffic congestion.





**PRESIDENT SMITH PRESENTED WITH CITATION OF MERIT**  
 Left to right: W. G. Knoche, Freight Traffic Manager and Past Commander of Pacific Electric Post; Myra Belle Clemons, President of the Legion Auxiliary; President O. A. Smith; Commander W. E. Sames; Adjutant C. A. Newman.

**TWO SERVICES ENDED**

The Long Beach correspondent of the Los Angeles Times announced the close of service on November 25th for both A. O. Williams, trainmaster of the Pacific Electric at Long Beach; and, the final run of local car lines in that city.

In his story to the Times, the writer said:

"His day is done, Albert O. Williams, trainmaster of the Pacific Electric here and ranking seniority man of the transportation system, announced today.

The last red car ran along its tracks last week. The car had been running only once daily for several months in the "owl" hours to maintain a franchise which now is served by a bus concern.

"Now the franchise has been voided. The local Pacific Electric system is a thing of the past. Today workmen began the task of removing tracks and overhead equipment.

"But it was a thing of the future when Williams came here in 1904 as conductor of a construction train. He had learned the transportation game with the Indiana Traction Co. He saw crews build the local lines here. He saw all the interurban lines in Southern California constructed with the exception of the Los Angeles-Whittier and Los Angeles-Long Beach lines.

"After 36 years of service, Williams will retire next Sunday (Dec. 1st). No more flat wheels, no more washouts, no more tie-ups for him. A train will become a thing to catch, not something to worry about, he said today."

**"JACK" BIRMINGHAM RETIRES**

John A. Birmingham, familiarly known to a lot of us for many years as "Jack", says he is going to take a rest. All of us who know him, know better. He is Irish, and whoever heard of an Irishman taking it easy when there's any fighting going on in the world as there is now. He's just quitting his present job after about 42 years of railroading to begin looking for something a little

more exciting. Anyway, his resignation took effect on December 1st, and from then on he's his own man and the devil take the rest of 'em.

Going to miss the old boy around here, although we'll bet a peanut he comes back often to rub it in on the balance of us.

Jack has had a record of railroading that bristles with experiences. Back in 1894 and from then until 1898, he was employed on the London, Ontario Street Railway. Was with the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company from 1901 until 1905, coming to the Pacific Electric in 1906, his record here showing the following: Conductor, Northern Division, 1906 to 1917 including service as Guide on Old Mission Trolley Trip; Traveling Traffic Inspector and Traveling Passenger Agent, 1917 to 1922; Motor Coach Service, 1922 to 1930; Assistant Trainmaster Western District, 1930 to 1933; Terminal Foreman Pasadena, 1933 to 1939; Conductor, Northern District, 1939 to 1940.

Much luck, Jack; and many happy days.

**IMPROVEMENT UNDER WAY**

Last month notice was given of the building of a new Garage at Vineyard for the use of the Los Angeles Motor Coaches, that company being jointly owned by this company and the L. A. Railway. The work is progressing rapidly and indications are that it will be ready for occupancy and service soon after the first of the year.



**THE CITATION OF MERIT PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT SMITH**

"For his encouragement, inspiration and guiding spirit of altruism in the fostering and perpetuating the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy in accordance with the aims and ideals of the American Legion, the Pacific Electric Railway Post 321, Inc., Department of California, and its Auxiliary, present this Citation as an expression of their sincere Gratitude and Continued Good Fellowship."





### ELECTRIC CLUB "P. E. DAY"

As has become the custom once each year, our company was honored on December 9th by the Electric Club of Los Angeles in designating that date as "Pacific Electric Day", and other members of the organization attended the noon luncheon at the Biltmore to see this company "strut its stuff", which it did in good form and with eclat.

President Smith led off the program very interestingly by explaining the Pacific Electric plan of rehabilitation.

F. E. Geibel, Superintendent of Equipment, led the audience through a maze of mechanical intricacies as he described the new P.C.C. cars.

Enjoyable musical entertainment was provided by May Moyer Barlow and her talented accompanist.

For the enormous size of the project, the separation of grades on Aliso Street, at the Los Angeles River crossing, progress is being made at quite a rapid pace. Not only in the matter of cost, but as to labor and material this project is outstanding.

#### Just Wait, Liza!

Marcellus — Yo' is de fo'th gal Ah've took home dis week dat Ah've had a' argument wif.

Liza—But yo' ain't had no argument wif me.

Marcellus—No, but we ain't home yit, neither.

#### Foresight

Our grandpop has been having such interesting dreams lately he's taken to wearing his spectacles to bed.

With the opening of the new all-rail service to Glendale-Burbank, and the consolidation of the Edendale Line with that service, a change in the method of collecting fares became necessary in order to expedite the Service and reduce the inconvenience to passengers in the collection of fares and the issuing of transfers.

It is thought that the problem has been solved by the introduction of a group of new turnstiles on the main floor of the Subway Station, where the patron passing through pays his fare or delivers his ticket, thus completing all the transactions at one time, saving himself further annoyance; and, providing the Conductor with more time for the proper operation of his train enroute.

The new turnstiles are of the latest model, silent in their operation and do not impede traffic in the slightest degree. Their installation was made under the supervision of F. E. Billhardt, Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager.

### GLENDALE SERVICE BEGUN

The all-rail service to Glendale-Burbank went into effect on November 24th, the new P.C.C. cars and their team mates, the 600s receiving an ovation from patrons of that line; so much of an ovation in fact that for the first few days the traffic was really something to cope with; however, with minor schedule adjustments and greater familiarity with the new equipment by the motormen, things will soon be hotsy-totsy.

The newspapers of Glendale and Burbank have been more than kind and helpful in making known to the residents of those cities the changes brought about and have been liberal of space in praise of the new cars and service, for which we are grateful.

#### Sadie Is A Lady

"Sadie, what is a gentleman?"  
"A gentleman," answered Sadie, "is a man you don't know very well."

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**CALLING T.E.C.N.**

Los Angeles District Control Station of the Transportation Emergency Communications Net goes on the air with its new 300-watt transmitter.

When normal communications fail Los Angeles will be ready to transmit via short wave radio important traffic vital to transportation.

Amateur Radio Station W6SJD, constructed and operated by employees of the Pacific Electric Railway Company members of the "Red Ball Amateur Radio Club" is only one link in the expanding chain of similar emergency radio stations being established along these company's lines.

W6SJD is checked in on the network of stations every Monday night at which time equipment is tested and the station stands by for any test messages from other districts.

Area of coverage is best indicated by the contacts already established with amateur radio stations on the Atlantic coast and in the Hawaiian Islands, and by reports of good reception from numerous points throughout the United States.

Station W6SJD is located in the Pacific Electric Building with radiating antenna system on the roof.

**Wrong Anyway**

Boss: "No wonder we have so many mistakes with such careless writing. Now I could have sworn this three was a five."

Bookkeeper: "Why it is a five."

Boss: "Then why did you make it look like a three?"

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC CAMP**

**By H. E. DeNyse, Manager**

Snow is "on order" for the mountain region for the holidays, and we are making preparations for the usual big New Year's Eve Celebration at the Camp.

There will be dancing to the music of our regular Camp orchestra, noise makers to greet the New Year, and all that goes to make a sane, snappy, happy New Year's gathering.

Meals will be served from lunch Tuesday, Dec. 31st to lunch Wednesday, Jan. 1st, breakfast 35c, lunch 40c and dinner 50 cents. We will also serve sandwiches and coffee until midnight New Year's Eve.

The cabin rates will be the same as

in the summer season, \$2.25 per day for two persons, 25c for each additional bed for Employees and \$1.00 per day for each guest in same quarters. In parties of 15 or more the rate will be \$1.00 per day per person.

If you want to have a real "back east" Christmas dinner, we have the ideal setting for it at the Camp. If you would like to bring the family and a group of friends for the day, we will be glad to serve a turkey dinner to your party at any time that suits your convenience at 75c per person, providing arrangements are made at least a week in advance. Each group will be served separately, if desired.

There will be a large Christmas tree and the usual Yule-tide decorations in the Social Hall, and if we get the snow, as ordered, the picture will be complete.

There will be ice skating at the Blue Jay rink, and all kinds of winter sports throughout the mountain area, so come prepared to take a whirl at all of them.

During the off season months we especially want large outing groups. We have housing for 150 persons and your contacts and suggestions to any such groups could bring us helpful revenue without much effort on your part.

The Camp is open the year around, and reservations need not be made in advance for housing for families and small groups excepting on holidays.

If you are going to be with us for the New Year's party you should make your reservation as early as possible. Last New Year's Eve every cabin was taken, so to avoid disappointment this year, get your reservation in as far in advance as possible, either with the Club at Los Angeles, or direct with the Camp. P. O. address: Blue Jay, Calif. 'Phone Arrowhead 8180.

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## PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB MONTHLY BULLETIN

- Tuesday, December 10:**  
P. E. American Legion Post No. 321—  
Post Traveling.  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 321  
—Unit Traveling.
- Wednesday, December 11:**  
P. E. Rod & Gun Club Regular Monthly  
Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 12:**  
P. E. Women's Club Business Meeting and  
Program—1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 14:**  
P. E. Agents' Association Regular Monthly  
Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 16:**  
Automotive Transportation Engineering  
Class—7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 17:**  
Automotive Transportation Engineering  
Class—7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 18:**  
P. E. Masonic Club Regular Monthly  
Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 19:**  
P. E. Women's Club Annual Christmas  
Party—1:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 20:**  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND  
DANCE—Christmas Program in Club The-  
atre starting at 7:30 p.m. Harmonica  
Band, Dancing Review, Accordion Band  
and other Acts that will please both young  
and old. Santa Claus in person has prom-  
ised to have a gift for the kiddies by a  
lighted Christmas Tree. Followed by An-  
nual Christmas Ball.
- Wednesday, December 25:**  
Christmas Day—Club rooms closed all  
day.
- Friday, December 26:**  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 321  
—Monthly Night Card Party—8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 1:**  
New Year's Day—Club rooms closed all  
day.
- Thursday, January 2:**  
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Card Party  
—1:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 6:**  
Automotive Transportation Engineering  
Class—7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 7:**  
Automotive Transportation Engineering  
Class—7:30 p.m.

### P. E. CAMERA CLUB

By Earl Moyer

Pacific Electric Camera Club meet-  
ing November 7th will be remem-  
bered for some time as several of our  
members certainly furnished plenty  
of entertainment with colored motion  
pictures, colored transparencies and  
enlargements mounted on attractive  
cards. We wish to express our ap-  
preciation to Mr. W. Drake—who  
was in charge of the program; also  
Messrs. Bates, Bone and Reabi for  
the pictures and help in making the  
meeting very entertaining; also our  
good friend and member Mr. Hanna  
spoke about building our own flash  
attachments for our cameras which  
was very interesting. He also took a  
flash of the meeting which turned  
out very good.

And here is some good news. Our  
proposed dark room located in the  
P. E. Building, is now under con-  
struction and it is hoped that by the  
time this Magazine reaches you it  
will be finished so come on you cam-  
era fiends and let's make use of these  
facilities that are being prepared for  
us so graciously by our company.

We need and want MORE MEM-  
BERS for our club and I for one  
want to assure you that if you are

interested at all in pictures or pic-  
ture-taking, you had better come and  
join with us and get the benefits  
that await you. Did you ever see  
the films you have taken, developed  
or prints made from them? Did you  
ever see a beautiful enlargement  
made from some of your favorite  
films? Well, if you haven't, you have  
missed something and you will never  
get over having a thrill every time  
you do any of this work. No matter  
how long you keep it up, everytime  
you do some more work there is just  
as much fun and satisfaction as there  
was the first time you tried it and  
in most cases the more you do the  
more interesting it becomes. So why  
not join our new club and let us  
help you with this fascinating work  
and if you do know how to do it we  
want you also.

The regular meetings are held in  
the Pacific Electric Club on the first  
Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.  
Special meetings being called from  
time to time as the occasion arises.  
So we hope to see you there. Be  
sure and watch for special announce-  
ments from time to time and we  
earnestly ask that you send us your  
questions or better bring them to the  
meetings so we can discuss them and  
go over them for the benefit of all  
concerned.

As soon as the membership is of  
sufficient size we are going to hold  
monthly contests and there is no rea-  
son why you may not be the lucky  
one to win with your pictures. Don't  
let me hear you say "Oh, mine are  
not good enough," because others  
may think yours are good enough to  
award you a prize worth having also  
once each year it is intended to hold  
an annual exhibit at which time suit-  
able prizes and awards will be given.

Another feature we wish to foster  
and promote is pictures for this Mag-  
azine and unless you camera fiends  
do your part, we cannot accomplish  
our desires.

### WITH THE GOLF "BUGS"

By J. C. Stockberger

The third game of the tournament  
has been played, Sunday, Dec. 1st,  
and although many hearts were  
broken the beauty of the course at  
Santa Anita helped to heal the  
wounds and instill an earnest desire  
to come back again.

Johnnie Kenkel of the PMT Co.,  
crashes into the limelight for the  
third consecutive time to win low  
gross with a score Sunday at Santa  
Anita of 73. However "Johnnie"  
wasn't able to let up as several of  
the fellows were right on his heels



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the closest being none other than that splendid golfer Milo Siegler of the P. E. Ry. Co., who strayed home with a score of 76, just three strokes behind.

Be that as it may. A record crowd was out; among which were numerous visitors and guests of some of the fellows. D. H. Holman and W. P. Sheppherd of the L. A. Desk Co., and C. J. Peterson of the American Hawaiia S. S. Co. were guests of Carrol C. Dickson, T. F. A., P. E. Ry. Co. Freight Traffic Dept. H. C. Wiese, and Wm. Bergstrom, of Hall, Hass and Vessey; and Mr. Shaw of the U. S. Immigration Service, were guests of our Tournament Manager, "Bob" Johnson.

Once again the members were given an opportunity to pose for the cameraman and "Bob" says that information as to where and when we will be able to see them will be given out later.

The next game will be played at Santa Anita on Jan. 5th, 191 and will give everyone an opportunity to start the year with a "bang". Let's all get out on that day and make it the biggest day of the tournament.

#### P. E. MASONIC CLUB

By Ed Hasenyager

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The next meeting of the Club will be on Wednesday, December 18. Don't forget that this is the meeting at which new officers are elected for the year 1941. If the Club is to survive more members must show more enthusiasm and take a more active part in the doings.

We just can't let our Club die but it takes more than ten or fifteen members out of a membership of four hundred to keep it alive. So won't you all do your share.

Does anyone know of a member of our Club who is master of his lodge this year. If you do report it to the Secretary. We have a surprise for him.

Dues—Don't forget 1941 is right upon us and the Secretary has a new supply of membership cards and is only awaiting the dollar bill before he sends you your 1941 card. There are a few who have not gotten their 1940 card yet.

Hospital News—Mrs. Newton D. High is reported quite ill at her home, 6726 Makee Ave., Los Angeles. We earnestly hope that Mrs. High is greatly improved if not completely recovered when this issue of the Magazine is published.

T. H. Ewers and family had a tough session with the "flu" during the week of November 24. All came out of it happy if not somewhat weak.

#### P. E. CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DANCE

**YES SIR! Santa Claus has again promised to be at the P. E. Club's Annual Christmas Party which will be held on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1940.**

**A fine Yule-tide program has been arranged for in the Club Theatre beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be an Accordion Band, Harmonica Band, Dancing Review and another surprise act or two that's bound to please you.**

**Old Santa himself will greet the kiddies by the sparkling Christmas Tree with a gift for each. Followed by the Annual Christmas Ball to the tune of a popular Dance Orchestra.**

#### WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

By Mrs. Lloyd E. Murphy

November 1st was a gala night for the Torrance P. E. Auxiliary when twenty-five members met at the home of Mrs. C. O. Leatherman, with Mrs. Alfred Kitto as co-hostess to celebrate the club's 10th birthday, and the installation of new officers who are: Mrs. Wm. Ruppel, President; Mrs. Carl Gramling, First Vice-President; Mrs. Daniel Barnard, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Wallace Gilbert, Treasurer.

Under the leadership of Mrs. C. O. Leatherman, Ways and Means Chairman, her chairmen, and their committees, after months of hard work, put over another successful Bazaar, which was held on November 13th and 14th, clearing over \$200.00 for our welfare work next year.

President Crunk expressed her thanks to all that helped make it a financial success.

We also appreciate the cooperation of all employees who were so generous in buying.

Prize winners were: Grand Prize, Miss Elanor Wallman; Door Prize, November 13th, Mrs. C. Chaplin; Door Prize, November 14th, Mrs. J. Hanselman. The afghan from San Bernardino won by Mrs. Schwertfeger. Afghan donated by Mrs. Cusick from Torrance won by Mrs. Rex Sach.

Mrs. Meyer, who is a P. E. employe had a large display of his pictures for sale and donated for door prize.

Chairmen in charge of booths: Door Prizes, Mrs. Columbus; Tea Room, Mrs. Fisher; Cooked Food, Mrs. Davison; Candy, Mrs. H. Thomas; Aprons, Mrs. Frank Miller; Electric Roaster, Mrs. Frank Hart; Mis-

cellaneous, Mrs. Moore; Jams-Jellies, Mrs. Adams; Fish Pond, Mrs. A. C. Smith; Ties, Mrs. Smart; Fancy Work, Mrs. Kitto; Christmas Cards, Mrs. Weber; Pictures, Mrs. Meyers.

"Chief Lone West" entertained us on November 14th—his subject was "Health".

No regular meeting was held on November 28th. So our next meeting will be on December 12th.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 19th with an exchange of 10-cent gifts. So come up and meet "Mrs. Santa Claus" and have a good time.

Articles left over from the Bazaar will be on display for sale on December 12th and December 19th.

#### LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

By Alice Newman

The Pacific Electric Railway Post and The Auxiliary held a special meeting Tuesday, November 12th in the Auditorium of the Pacific Electric Club for the purpose of celebrating the twenty-second birthday of the signing of the Armistice. Mr. Smith, Special Agent of The Federal Bureau of Investigation was the guest speaker and he gave us a very instructive talk on Recent Laws Regarding Un-American Activities.

Success story of the week goes to Myra Belle Clemons, President of The Auxiliary for making the most "perfect doll" at our sewing project held in the Pacific Electric Club, November 16th. The dolls and animals being made are for the Children's Hospital.

Becky Benjamin, Twenty-Third District President visited the Unit Meeting November 26th and gave a most interesting talk on the various activities of the Auxiliary. Other guests of the evening were Mildred Anderson, President of Robert T. McColley Unit, Huntington Park. Mrs. Engman, Americanism Chairman, Twenty-third District and Mrs. Rebeck of Robert T. McColley Unit, Huntington Park.

Welcome home Martha Harper. We are glad to have you back and hope to see you at all of the meetings from now on.

Don't forget the next card party to be held in the Pacific Electric Club Room, Friday, December 27th. Prizes awarded to high scores of Bridge, Pinochle and Bunco. Come and bring your friends. Armission twenty-five cents.

#### Un-social Security

Hoaxer: "If I leave security equal to what I take away, will you trust me till next week?"

Grocer: "Certainly."

Hoaxer: "Then sell me two of those hams and keep one of them till I come again."



**ROD & GUN CLUB NEWS**

By Artie Skelton

**Special Notice to Rod and Gun Clubbers:** The president's annual show will be held Saturday, January 11, 1941, in the P. E. Club Auditorium at 8 o'clock p.m. Remember the date, come and bring your family and close friends.

A. M. Cross, Chairman Entertainment Committee has arranged for a two hour vaudeville show of the highest type obtainable, to be followed by the awarding of the prizes for the 1940 Tournament Season.

Another important date to observe with your Club is Wednesday, Dec. 11th, the regular meeting night. It is election night. Our Club is just as strong as its leadership and it is up to you to see that men capable of leadership are elected to office.

At our November meeting all officers were present at the roll call, the first 100 per cent officers attendance of the year. There was also a good attendance of members. Many interesting discussions were held from the floor which finally had to be settled by a secret ballot in that good old American way.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to our loyal member William Lee and members of his family in the loss of his wife, Mrs. Anna Lee, who passed away at Saint Vincent's Hospital Nov. 25th. The many friends and beautiful floral offerings at Mrs. Lee's last rites testified to the high esteem in which she was held.

With our new P.C.C. type cars now in service on the Glendale line, schools of trainmen being instructed on the operation of the new equipment have been common sights around the Subway Terminal, but the strangest sight we have seen in a long time was Sam Mason at 6th & Main Terminal instructing a group of trainment on how to fold up one of those new fangled baby buggies. Sam was just about ready to sit on it to make it fold up when the owner showed up and with a simple twist of the wrist and bingo, it folded up like an accordian; and, was Sammy's face red?

Well friends and fellow Club members, this will probably be my last column in your Magazine for some time in the future. I have been your correspondent for the past four years and I have enjoyed it all. I've made a lot of friends and had a lot of fun. It has been my hobby and I have really enjoyed it all but there is an election coming up at our next meeting. Well you know how a lot of people feel about a third term. Can you imagine me asking for a fifth term? Anyway there are many other members who are well qualified to take over and a change of faces and ideas are the makings of an or-

**REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS—NOVEMBER 1940**

Death Claims		Group		
Name	Occupation	Died	Insurance	Mortuary
John Kimmel, Ret.	Machinist	11- 3-40	No	No
Harold K. Millington,	Bus Operator	11- 4-40	No	No
Fred A. Alspach, Asst. to Mgr.	Land & Tax Dept.	11-11-40	No	Yes
George L. Breininger, Supt.,	P. E. Bldg.	11-11-40	Yes	Yes
Harriet E. Barnes, Steno. &	Clerk	11-11-40	Yes	No
John C. Gaines, Motorman		11-18-40	Yes	Yes
Henry McGee, Ret. Foreman		11-22-40	Yes	Yes
Chester W. McConnell, Brakeman		11-24-40	No	Yes
John H. Millick, Retired Motorman		11-27-40	No	Yes

Name	Employes' Wives' Died	Death Benefit Wife of	Fund Department
Anna Beatrice Lee	11-25-40	William E. Lee	Transportation

ganization of this kind. We have the finest group of men it has ever been my privilege to work with or become associated with and now will find me continuing my work and co-operation in whatever capacity I may be in. You have a Club that is well known and respected well all over the state and if your working hours will permit you doing so, it is my advice you come to the meetings and take an active part in its operation. I thank you.

**P. E. POST NEWS**

By L. F. Prince

On behalf of the Pacific Electric Railway Post of the American Legion I wish to extend to every reader of this Magazine our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and may each and every one of you have an abundance of health and happiness throughout the coming year. I know that many of us think that we have had it very hard during the past year, some of us no doubt have, I know that it has been a very discouraging year for me in many ways, but in visiting the hospital every week throughout the year and seeing those who have really suffered, it makes me feel like my year has been a very pleasant one after all.

On November 26th we had a very interesting meeting with 14 members present also one visitor from Hollywood Post and many subjects of interest were brought up, some of them being National defense, disaster and relief, and our drive for new members, and by the way, how about all you World War Veterans who have not as yet joined this great organization? Join with us, Comrades, and help us go over the top, we need your support.

On December 10th at exactly 7:05 P.M., the Pacific Electric Traveling Post will leave 6th and Main St. Station to visit with Post 27 at Long Beach, Calif. This will be the first trip of this kind and we sincerely hope that every Comrade who can

will be with us on this, the maiden trip of the traveling Post, and by the way, Comrades, our Post meetings are not just a lot of talking and hard work, but we have plenty of good times along with the work, and believe me, when Comrade Fackler puts on a feed it is some feed and we have these feeds every other meeting and I hope that you get hungry enough to attend the meetings soon.

On December 24th we will have another meeting in the Hall and a real feed along with it so maybe this will get you out. How about it?

**BOWLING NOTES**

By Don Houston

At the end of the ninth week of competition in our two leagues, the teams stand as follows:

	Westside	
	Won	Lost
Wilshire Lines	28	8
Hill Street	23	13
Claim	21	15
Signal	21	15
Westerners	20	16
Virgil Division	19	17
Glendale	18	18

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Passenger Traffic .....	17	19
Electric Department ..	17	19
Freight Traffic .....	16	20
Amazons .....	9	27
Kay Pees .....	7	29
<b>Eastside</b>		
	Won	Lost
North .....	24	8
P. E. Club .....	24	8
Freight Service .....	22	10
Overhead .....	18	14
Transportation .....	16	16
Motor Transit .....	15	17
Outlaws .....	11	21
B&B Dept. ....	11	21
L. A. Freight .....	10	22
Washington Street .....	9	23

Wilshire Lines continue to set a very fast pace in the Westside Division closely followed by the Hill Street five and next in order are the Claim, the Signal and the Westerners.

On the Eastside, the North lead has been tied by Ted Cuccia's high flying P. E. Club, with the Freight Service, Overhead and Transportation Department closely in pursuit.

Harry Hampton has his boys clicking and they are a tough egg to crack for the rest of the league. The same goes for Ted Cuccia's P. E. Club and the Freight Service. It is interesting to note that the feminine entry in this league, the Outlaws, are furnishing the rest of the league with some stiff competition and now are in a tie for 7th place. Marion Lutes has a fine bunch of bowlers and in addition to that, they are real sports-women.

We note that Ralph Cobb is commencing to find the pocket and turned in a fine 555 series on the night of Nov. 28. On the same evening J. Sandello, a new addition to the league, bowling with the P. E. Club, shot a nifty 235.

On Nov. 14, R. M. Jones gathered in high series while J. Krug captured the high game prize. Charles Oliver and H. Thorne tied for high series on Nov. 7 while L. Loyd of the B&B took down high game prize

Pop Henry is leading the high average players with a nifty 183 with W. Radig of the Motor Division sporting a 178 average, Vanderpool, J. Sandello, carrying 175 averages and R. M. Jones a nice 173 average. L. Brantley is in close pursuit of the above with a 172.

On the West Side Jay Gowanlock is out in front with 186, while Handricks of the Virgil Division is sporting a 181 average. H. Anderson of the Wilshire lines is carrying a 172 and L. W. Davis has a fine 171 average to date. Ernie Pont is leading his team with 170 for the season and Baudisch is helping out the Captain with a 165.

Some others with fine scores are Bob Crownover with 166, Frank Epp

163, Gonzalez with 167, E. R. Smith 167, John Kinney 166, Jack Cross 162, Joe Shafer 162, Harry Welch with 166, Ralph Perry 165, Jack Birmingham 162, Joe Blackburn 161.

The two ladies' teams met in mortal combat on the night of November 28 and when the smoke of battle cleared away the score stood, 2 and 2. Some fracas. Although the two teams are now resting on the bottom rung of the ladder, it appears that better times are ahead as the high average teams are starting to slip back a little while the gals are steadily improving.

Our ace freight solicitor, Snowshoe Swanson, now that the excitement of his recent nuptials has subsided, is steadily boosting his average and will soon be in the charmed circle.


Jack Cross is earning the sobriquet of "Iron Man" due to his rolling for the New York Central team in the 6:00 o'clock league, taking a drink of water and then trundling for the Westerners. Jack is really going to town this year and is a greatly improved bowler.

Rose Cooper with a 153, Bessie Chobotsky with 148, Dorothy Beranek with 147, M. Chase with 120, Gladys Crownover with 117 and L. Kinney with 112 are the high rollers among the ladies. Odessa Carter, Ann Shafer, and R. Bailey, newcomers, are improving nightly and will soon be in the higher brackets.

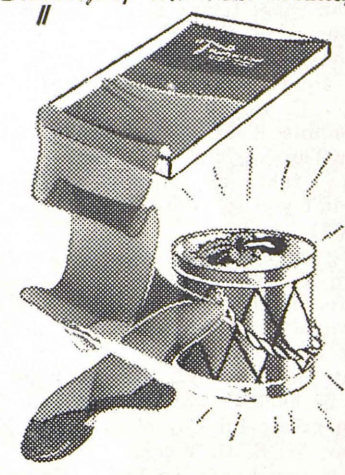
Frances Houston's Kay Pees, the noisiest bowlers but the most cheerful ones, can never be accused of taking their game too seriously. Whenever you meet this team there is never a dull moment. From last reports some of the grinds in the league, who never crack a smile from 8:30 until 10:30, could copy a page out of their book and relax.

With the league nearing the end of the first round, with no real misunderstandings, everyone is thoroughly enjoying himself and this appears to be the most successful season so far in the history of the Pacific Electric League. It is certainly a very fine thing to see a team take it on the nose, so to speak, losing four games, and still remain in the best of spirits and be sporting about it.

From reports many of our bowlers have gone out and gotten themselves sponsors, Jacobsmeyer of the Eastside is rumored to be sponsored by both Lutes and Ten Pin Houston, in addition to mild support from One Ball Shafer, of the Westerners. Perry also has a part time sponsor in a "fish" and Sayan of the Glendale team is furnishing cigarettes for a fellow competitor. Jack Cross is apparently being sponsored by the whole Westerner team, having coped the pot on three occasions.



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# DEPARTMENTAL NOTES

## ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

By Mabel Cavender

Here am I, pinch-hitting for Noble Cates, who is "too busy" to write up the news of the month. I've told him he'd be sorry he asked me to do so—and probably everyone else will be sorry too, but here goes!

Vacations: Everything perfect, including the romance!

Madelyn Mathews reports a jolly vacation at Palm Springs.

Betty Gorrell—at home.

Doris Lindeman—to Portland to see her new nephew, Roger.

Ellen Sparks—to Mexico.

J. C. Saunders—Rested up the day before Thanksgiving. (Vacation, says he) so he could eat more turkey.

Ferdinand Ogden—Two days vacation spent trying to get that Willys to run.

Johnny Thatcher—to Mexico. Ask him about his cigarette lighter.

W. C. Scholl—to Portland.

Bonnie King — to San Francisco over Thanksgiving holidays.

As told by George Chrystal: (Didn't you see the big bruise on his head?)

He reached up to get some firewood from a high shelf and an electric heater hit him on the head! Why the firewood when there is an electric heater, George?

On the sick list, but we hope all will be back to work by the time this is in print: Ed Campbell, Irene Falconer, W. S. H. Weeks.

Did you know we had a singer in the Accounting Department? Well, we heard him singing "Happy Birthday" to Ethel Carruthers.

And we also have a Tango teacher, too! None other than Dale Hyde. No crowding, please.

On the 10th, Olive Moore is giving a "Christmas Party" for her co-workers of the Typing Bureau. Details will have to be given in the next issue of the Magazine, but we are sure there will be "loads of fun" in store for us.

We were saddened by the news of the sudden, tragic death of Harriet Barnes in an auto accident and wish to extend sympathy to the husband and parents.

Cloyde McBride, a former Accounting Department employe, is in the hospital with infantile paralysis.

December birthdays:	
Clarence Williams .....	3
W. A. Bishop .....	4
Meta Hoogendyk .....	7
Lillian M. Polhemus (Ret.)..	7

Frank Converse .....	8
E. Moyer .....	9
Norine Bachman .....	10
P. V. Fancler .....	11
Florence B. Sanders (Ret.)..	12
Arreen Lochmes .....	15
Bill Nicolay .....	19
O. D. Harris .....	22
Bonnie King .....	23
Lucy M. Peterson .....	29
Frank Carr .....	30

A. F. Manhart has been "gumming" it lately. How's about it, are you getting tired of soups, Mr. Manhart?

Charles English rode the Redondo Beac bus for a week in November. One evening, two blocks after he got on the bus, it broke down! Hm—we thought he was on a diet (?).

L. R. McIntire is the proud father of a baby coy—weight 8 lbs. 1½ oz. Gaylon Ray and Mr. McIntire are both doing well, also the mother, Gale McIntire.

E. Prior returned to work after 3 days of "flu". Still alive but not kicking.

## CONDUCTORS' ACCTS. BUREAU

By Marion Snowden

Hello, folks. Did you notice that the Conductors' Accounts notes in the November Magazine were a bit more breezy than usual? Esther Quast, that derved good sport, and her little pal, Lois Brown, another

d. g. s., breezed right into the picture and carried on while we did a fade-out. We hope they will pinch hit again for us when we have lost so many friends we can't collect any more magazine notes. (M. J. Creamer, your dire prophesy is beginning to come true. But as one disher-outer to another, how did you know? You don't seem to be experiencing any dearth of suggestions—or else you have a nose for snooping.)

It was with a shock of sadness we read of the fatal accident which took the lives of three of our P.E. family, and injured a fourth. Mrs. Harriett Barnes, one of those gone, was a member of our department for several years. To her family we offer our sincere sympathy.

As announced in the November Magazine, the new streamliners have arrived—and HOW! Glendale and Burbank patrons are now riding in style and comfort PLUS. There are so many limiteds on the line, one passenger who gets on at Adams and East Broadway wanted to know if she had to walk to the end of the line to catch a car. Mr. Bill Blakely, you tell 'er.

Ts, ts, ts!!! Mr. Suman patched up the old check-writing machine with a wad of chewing gum.—FH's. Can you imagine that???

Remember that old quizzer—"Do you stir your coffee with your right or left hand?" — Some people stir theirs with a mustard paddle?

Esther Quast, quit wondering why girls don't rate as much as boys. They do. Aunt Florence Haldeman passed the candy while you were on your vacation—the day after election — honoring little Miss Phoebe Ann who was just 27 days old. But

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F.H. isn't the only new Auntie in the office. You reported the arrival of the prettiest little baby girl you have ever seen. Just like her long line of forbears.—(No. Lois, no kin to the three bears.) Still speaking of babies, Uncle Tommy Hinkle has a spankin' new baby niece with great gobs of black hair. That's just the first coat, however. It'll fall out, and she'll soon be looking like a billiard ball. Now, you two in your new estate of aunt and uncle, how about the candy?

We are glad to see by the Medical Department bulletin that Ray Cragin's name is no longer on the list of those confined to the hospital. That's a good sign, Ray, and we hope soon to read your sassy remarks in the Magazine — though Ruth Bushard is no mean sasser, herself.

This is still Leap Year, and with all the advice "Renner" Cox took with her to Maine on her vacation trip, she came back to us entirely heart-whole and fancy-free,—plus, a few extra pounds. Now you bachelors in the building can quit your shoving, brush up, and step around again. The coast is clear. And believe it or else — (apologies to Ripley), — all the way east, Miss Florence Cox sat across the aisle from Mrs. Florence Cox!

Esther Craig reports a bounteous Thanksgiving feast with a flock of realistic little turkeys for a centerpiece. Anyone wishing to learn how to make the turkeys, ask Esther. She's the smartest thing!

Aha! The time Dorothy Pearson and Florence Davis were seen out in Hollywood far from the beaten path, they were going to hear Yehodi. We'll bite—Who's Yehodi?

Odessa Carter, late of jury-sitting fame, is now on the loose again, and we bet Martha Smith is glad to welcome her back at her desk. Two hours for lunch has agreed with Odessa so heartily she is again back on her spasmodic buttermilk diet in her old half-hour lunch period.

Marie Thomsen spent the final week of her vacation at home. Well, we can't think of a better place to spend a few days.

Lois Brown and Esther Quast, worn out with their expert "stooping, snooping, and scooping," packed their boots and saddles and went to Esther's pet ranch in Hereford, Arizona. Judging from their sunburned (?) noses, they didn't know a thing about our cold spell. Incidentally, can you imagine a young lady on a dude ranch walking in the moonlight, bothering to take a picture of the moon? And did she leave a string of broken hearts behind in Arizona!

What's this we hear about a surprise wedding soon to be in our Bureau!

Due to the abolishment of two jobs in this department, Helen Sawyer and Dorothy Littlefield have left the service. We regret their going and hope to have them with us again sometime.

Here's a suggestion for a new song dedicated to Conductors' Accounts Bureau, entitled "We're On the March Again". That's quite an appropriate title in this day and age of selective draft, but in this case, it's the desks that are on the march. We will have to admit that every move is for the best, and the office grows better-looking every time a desk is shifted. Here's to bigger and better moves. Wonder what we'll do when we're really settled?

Only one more month of Leap Year, and we bet there's weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth among the maiden ladies who haven't given up the struggle. Well, don't say we didn't warn you.

Surprise! Gayle and Lon McIntyre passed the candy—honoring brand new little Gaylon Rae, a husky baby boy. Both Conductors' Accounts and Timekeeping Bureaus can boast having worked with Gayle, but we knew her first when she was an unclaimed blessing. Thank you for the candy, Mr. and Mrs. Mac. And we hope you have six more boys.

Thanksgiving brought forth a lovely box of candy from Alice Elliott, and one from Florence Davis who is away on her vacation. Thank you, two gals, for the donation.

So that brings our candy passing holidays up to Christmas. If Mr. Suman only knew what he misses during the Christmas holidays, he'd pass up the ranch one time and really enjoy all the home cooking that's in evidence. But—he knows best.

Since Walter Watchall isn't here to ask us what we want for Christmas, we'll just tell you. Here it is:

Mr. Suman—An invitation to the big BRC dance. Line forms on the right, girls, and don't shove.

Florence Haldeman—A few quiet moments at her desk.

Tommy Hinkle — Another PURPLE shirt.

Mr. W. L. Brown — One more chance to wear his Willkie button.

Frank Screech—A couple of Rose Bowl tickets cheap, and a private telephone.

Lola Ellis—Afternoons off to "siesta" in her patio.

Margaret Hines—The gang to quit calling her "Toothless".

Dorothy Pearson—A break — to double for Loretta Young.

Grace Vail—A station-wagon for that early morning trek.

Florence Davis—People to stop asking her how tall (?) she is.

Esther (Boss) Ross—A little red scooter for trips to the office.

Marie Thomsen—A chance to relax without hearing "Marie!"

Esther Quast—A cowboy—Yippee! Who wouldn't?

Dorothy Randolph—Gary Cooper in person.

Florence Cox — A lock and key diary to keep her private life private.

Edna Abell—Saturdays off—to go to San Luis Obispo.

Alice Elliott—A rye on cheese.

Ethel Chandler—A "power" machine for competition.

Lois Brown—Just one more moonlight night on the desert—and one of the broken hearts.

Odessa Carter—A new office sweater to replace the moth-eaten one she now wears.

Nina Robertson—A safe deposit box to keep her gorgeous ring in when she washes her hands.

Mildred Edwards—A loud speaker so we won't have to say "What?"

Martha Smith—A bottle of hand lotion so she won't have to use up Mildred's.

Agnes Heckman—A typewriter for her "heavy" correspondence.

Fannie Jones—An extra pair of hands and legs on Mondays and Saturdays.

Esther Craig—A four-note buzzer for Clayt to play on.

Elizabeth Linsen—A little colored boy to empty her tickets.

Maybelle Wirz — Another red smock with polka dots.

Grace Shreeves—A flock of turkeys to see if she can really get tired of turkey dinners.

Ann Shofer — Three more white hairs for her crown of beauty.

Arvilla Curran—Someone to wash the teapot at noon.

Violet Phillips—The "pink slip" on her country estate.

Mabel Kratzer—Lots of packages and letters. Does she play "Post-office"?

Emma Taylor — A jar of tulip salve. She couldn't get it at the drug store.

Dovie Brown—A Maxim Silencer. She's SO noisy.

Amelia Grenke—Another one, bigger and better. She's noisy, too.

Marion Snowden — A little more junk, and a place to keep it.

There you are, folks. Merry Christmas to everybody, and we hope Santy will bring you everything you deserve.

#### High Finance Explained

A. Clerk: "Can you tell me what they mean by 'selling short' in Wall Street?"

B. Clerk: "It means buying something you can't get, with money you haven't got, and then later selling what you never had and did not pay for, at more than it cost!"



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**MOTOR TRANSIT NOTES**

 By M. J. Creamer
 

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HERE AND THERE: Congratulations! Al Cox returned recently from what was thought just a vacation jaunt but it was his secret and a HONEYMOON! The young lady and he were married in Las Vegas and motoring brought them home via Kingman, Flagstaff and Yuma. Best wishes! Adolph Zmoos and A. G. Evans (alias "Boogey" or "Gabby") back from their trip near Austin, Nevada. Stopped at a little ranch out there in the wilds . . . both did a lot of hiking and horseback riding and enjoyed their trip. Evans thought he could take the ol' SOL'S rays (without a hat) but found out differently and his forehead and eyes were burned badly . . . but back to normal now! Now it can be told—Stewart Axton WON his bet but did he collect? As I have it, his brother-in-law rode with Willkie during parade in L.A., and the outcome of the election meant that the loser was to treat the "winnah" to a night out—anywhere desired—and foot the bill. Stewart was planning something expensive, a night at Earl Carrols or The LaConga. (Nothing was mentioned about taking the wives along or including them in the treat—so stag party it must be!) Walt Deal has a new Dodge—mighty proud of the buggy. Was caught in the blitzkrieg traffic inspection lately and almost got the works—the officer asked him if he owned the car and Walt chirped back "No, the Finance Company does." Right or wrong the officers did a slow burn! MEMORY LANE? Recalling some of the old school days and those mash notes you used to write or receive? A. M. Spilsbury is right in line—he even calls for the little envelopes which are left at the counter now and then . . . AND . . . they're not ALL from the same young lady? (We're only guessing though.) Willa Mae Bracklin (matron) selling Xmas cards again this year and she has a nice assortment of them. Howard Strong and our ol' pal of yesteryear Oscar Otero, playing tennis one afternoon to local kids dismay . . . started out slapping the ball around with their hands—one chap loaned them a couple rackets later. Howard almost laid up for a day . . . all that exercise! John Brown pulled in San Bdo some days ago hopping mad. Claimed someone had stolen his jacket off rack in bus and right behind his back . . . but after getting back into L. A. discovered that HE had turned it in to the Lost & Found Dept. (couldn't be slippin' could ya John?) Doc Backett (shop) banged up his hand and blistered it quite badly when one of the

buses in garage nearly caught afire . . . yep, we had fire truck n'everything on the scene and curiosity seekers sprouted up from nowhere. Prompt action of Doc prevented any serious trouble. Geo. Hoffman can tell his own story . . . seems he was in the locker room above shop when the smoke drove him out . . . and skipped several steps on the way down! Jim Tucker guzzling cough syrup (terrible stuff says he) while he and wife had stopped at market. Police officers noted him taking a swig . . . in the car and after Tuckers had started up, followed them but didn't stop them . . . guess the cough syrup left the sour taste in his mouth and he didn't look like the kind to be "whooping" it up, even tho his boy is down with the whooping cough! Among the bowling enthusiasts we find Mrs. Jehl and Mrs. Rhinard bowling in good sets. Maybe the reason C. D. McCollum is decorated with the title "Mayor of El Monte" and holds the Heart Throb for that area is the fact that Bob Cruson went into the Sunland hills (deserting El Monte) Bob was down in depot recently all decked out in his snappy togs—the occasion being a hurried trip to El Monte. A pal of his phoned him telling him that he had the dough he owed him . . . no time was lost enroute we hope! Guess Bob intends to do some shooting, got permit to carry a gun and now has to have a license to shoot it or something! Whitey Fabun back to work . . . tired of laying off hoping to get well . . . but whether he is or not—looks mighty healthy! Wonder why Bill Day was so interested in the wrecking of an old orange packing plant (mill) in El Monte. Perhaps he had ideas of using some of the old timber and was thinking of a dog house? Some say E. B. Dunson is preparing to repaint the baby crib for his expectant heir!

Condolences were extended in the passing of Harold K. Millington November 5th. For over 16 years he wheeled the Motor Transit buses around. He had a host of friends and shall be remembered!

A WORD TO THE WISE: Unless you want to be summoned for jury duty t'is best to keep off Spring Street at busy time of the day . . . for that is what happened to yours truly . . . just walking along, minding my own biz when officer asked the name and before jack rabbit was out of his box, had a card in hand to report for Coroner's Jury on the next day. (Well, it was interesting and educational . . . that part.) Officer stated that they have had over 600 bodies to handle this year . . . and it goes on and on . . . no worry about slack days! Traffic accidents, homicide cases and all take their toll

and jury must decide from facts given in trial. So many of these accidents could be avoided if everyone did their part—seeing the anguish the sorrow brought to relatives and friends by untimely passing of their loved ones . . . such a different story when it strikes close to home!

Bill Kennedy recently made one of his periodicals into the desert somewhere near Needles this time, looking over an old silver mine. The shaft was 675 feet straight down and the only means to get down was on a 14-foot ladder with nothing between it and the hole. Kennedy says there never was any exercise invented that will beat running up and down ladders for a work out, little ones like kitchen ladders are the best to practice on. Sampled a four-foot vein in a coyote winze off the 600 foot level that runs \$250 per ton—probably the richest idle mine in the West. Would take a lot of dough to swing it but on the other hand IF one had a lot of dough what would he want with a hole in the ground even if it was full of money?

DOWN SANTA ANA WAY: Along with bus operating, Tommy Daiker has proved to be an expert with hammer, saw and paint brush, judging from the appearance of his home. Has just completed a new fence which encloses the back area, however, suggestions that he decorate same with cut-outs of black cats along the top rail have been rejected. Perhaps the fence will assist in keeping his family at home as the little girl is about the size and age when travel and adventure have a great appeal. It is noted that Tommy falls flat when it comes to using a chisel. Clarence Reeves commonly known as "Dead Pan Dick" has been promoted to the title of "LAUGHING NED SPARKS"—he came by it honestly too—by gum! A pretty little corset drummer hopped off his bus the other day all in a huff; said she tried to engage Reeves in conversation all the way from Long Beach and he completely ignored her! Remarked that Ned Sparks was a jolly wag in comparison (durn it all, here we are just ticket peddlers instead of bus drivers.) Homer Hammond and mother have just returned from a week-end excursion to San Francisco. Made the trip on the S.P. Pullman both ways. We're wondering if it was just a publicity gag pulled off by Agent Sharpley of the S.P. Co., judging from all the plugs on the speed and service heard around here. Says the only excuse for the northern CITY was to have some place where the Southern Californians would be glad to get back from!

Al Henson has gone Boob McNutt one better with his own invention, CHICKEN WAKER-UPPER! (This



intricate device made of an old alarm clock, a door hinge, piece of blank and a string). It functions to turn on the lights in the chicken house at any A.M. desired—gets the chickens up early so they can go to work! Al says it at least gets the chickens UP! IF it only had a jigger on it to turn the roost upside down, this improvement should be a sure fire seller to Mrs. Jim Tucker and a dozen or so others we COULD name!

This paragraph should have a sound effect of slow and sad music—we would censor it if news wasn't so scarce. Jack Burgess recently loaded his horses into the trailer and family into the truck and hied to the upper reaches of Lytle Creek Canyon for a private rodeo. All went well until the day was over and it came time to herd the stock back into the trailer BUT the horses had other ideas and refused to get in. Jack wore out two ropes, all his resources and patience to no avail. Finally the only out left was for the Mrs. and Maxine (the daughter) to ride them home—just a matter of a mere 70 miles. Jack was thinking of auctioning off all his chairs—so little use for them around home—but after a few days everything was back to normal again. He'll be staying nearer home for time being at least!

Many have wondered how it was that Dick Butler had to have the buttons on his vest set over 3 inches and the tops of his breeches let out to match his girth—well, here's the dope! Been eating venison three times a day and jerky between meals. His father-in-law, Mr. Ward, of Ward's Milk and Corn-Fed Turkey Plantation, brought back two fine bucks from Arizona. Imagine a guy eating deer meat when turkeys are trotting all over the landscape.

Sam Carr is becoming a gentleman farmer—that's the kind that do most of the HARD work in the rocking chair—thinking and such! He came to town recently waving a bouquet of long red radishes to prove it. The crop had the flavor and temper of that red hot mustard that they give away around beer joints (where the customer isn't supposed to eat). It's okay Sam—we did see you doing SOME garden work with the expression of a martyr on your phiz and sweat on your brow, it was imagined that someone had an eye on you through a crack in the curtain or such.

Johnny Hill says his next cap will have chin straps on it. Was about to make boulevard stop recently, when a driver approached him from the rear full-speed ahead—thought the bus was a new tunnel and tried to drive through it but got about as far as the rear axle when he suddenly realized his error. Johnny's cap was

knocked off and bingo — went the part in his hair. Says time is too precious to keep putting that part back in his hair so often. (Reckon he is trying to insinuate that the thin spots is due to excess combing!)

Our Alikes paragraphs has been discontinued due to unfavorable reactions detected in some of the subjects, nevertheless, we still would like to see Benny Kimball wearing a derby hat—or find out if Hank Faulkner could walk over fresh fallen snow with his NEW shoes on without leaving a track—or if Newt Potter's voice in bus calling pitch would be suitable for choir solos or hog calling! SUPER FLASH! T'is reported that Baby Leroy Larson's constitution is such that he would readily survive even the yellow fever—but should he ever happen to get the lock-jaw—t'is his finish!

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#### L. A. CITY TICKET OFFICES

By James J. Adams

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The inauguration of the new "all rail" service on the Glendale-Burbank Line caused many changes at the Subway Terminal. The collectors, formerly located on the mezzanine floor, have been moved to the main floor where they collect fares for all rail service leaving the subway. This required the construction of four booths and the installation of the new type turnstiles which are proving very satisfactory. On Monday, November 25th a total of 11,387 persons passed through them!

The above mentioned changes also added a new job in our department, ably filled by Harold Pickler, who formerly collected fares on the bus platform at the subway.

Minor Musick drove to Vancouver B.C. on his vacation. He had no trouble getting across the border into Canada, but getting back was a different story! He ran into a lot of difficulties by not being able to prove that he was an American citizen. He got by however and reports that he had a wonderful trip.

Lawrence Antista went rabbit hunting on his vacation. We hope no one took a shot at him mistaking him for a rabbit, with his new "military haircut".

Catherine Rebold took a turkey with her on her vacation. Just because Thanksgiving came in the middle of it was no sign she was going to lose out. So off to Idyllwild went the Rebold family, and the turkey. A card just received says they had a grand dinner.

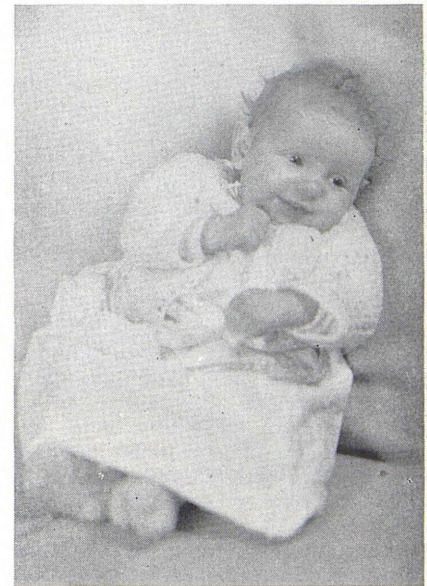
The other day a slightly inebriated gent started down the steps in the Main St. Station. He missed the top step but hit all the rest on the way down. As usual in such cases the

only thing hurt was his dignity. Don Gates, who witnessed the event was asked to fill out an accident report. When he came to the "Remarks" he asked, "What do I put down, mine or his?"

Evelyn Cook is a collector of old newspapers. (No, she's not in the junk business) Her latest prize is a Boston Recorder dated July 3, 1816!

Our sincere condolences are extended to Edna Tilley on the death of her father. He died on November 19th after a long illness.

We are sorry to hear that Joe Stein is in St. Vincent's Hospital following an operation. Latest reports are that he is getting along fine and hopes to be back to work soon.



Denna Lee Murray, age 3 months. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laury Murray. "Where did she get those eyes?"

"Little Tommy Tucker sings for his supper." But Minor Musick sings for Laury Murray. His favorite song is "My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean."

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#### TORRANCE SHOP NEWS

By Carleton Bell

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HONOR ROLL: Bill Simmonds' wife presented him with a 7 lb. 9 1/2 oz. boy on November 7, having blond hair and blue eyes. This was an especially happy event for Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds for they have been married, lo, these many years, and had about decided that all they would know of such things was what they might read in the P. E. Magazine. The new family member's name is "Lucky" William Robert.

Eric Graff and wife celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 24th. They invited a group of their close friends.



in for a fine dinner, dance, cards, and all around good time. Eric and his wife received many fine presents from their friends.

Joe Hughes, retired since February '37, was in the shops November 5th and had much to relate of interest. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes returned to this country on just about the last ship leaving Europe before the outbreak of war, having spent a year visiting in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and England. They tried to visit in Germany before leaving for home but his brogue was not convincing enough. Joe looks none the worse for all the wear during the last four years and should visit us again without so long a wait.

Another DISTINGUISHED visitor was our former Big Boss, Mr. S. H. Anderson. I used to be kinda scared of him but heard from a fellow workman that Mr. Anderson had been seen on one end of a big cross cut saw, so decided that he must be a "regular guy" and stopped him for a short personal interview. Mr. Anderson expressed himself very emphatically as being "Mighty glad to see so many men working steadily at the Shops". Remember the very worst of the depression years came during his years in office as Superintendent of this Department. Mr. Anderson enjoys his retirement but is still a firm believer in hard work and gave proof of his belief by exhibiting to me the finest set of callouses in his palms I ever saw. Said they had been earned by sawing poles, mixing concrete, and other manly pursuits connected with building and improving a mountain home. I was so impressed with Mr. Anderson recipe for health and happiness after retirement that I'll have to try it out on myself some day.

Still another visitor, in official capacity, was our old time paymaster, Joe Smale, long since promoted to Cashier. Mr. Smale was subbing for our regular pay master who had too many places to pay off in one day. Mr. Smale was always noted for his memory of names and faces but it has been several years since he saw me, and then in other clothes and in other surroundings so I bet the man next to me that Joe would not remember me and promptly turned my back—but boy did I lose quick? Just as quick as Joe could walk to me and hand my check to me over my shoulder. A memory like that must be a gift first and a hobby ever after.

Al Rice had the unusual distinction on November 25th of being the guest of Mr. Geibel at a dinner given at the Biltmore Hotel for "Old Timer" employees of many of the large Corporations around Los Angeles. Evidently Mr. Rice, with his more than forty-one years service with this company is its oldest em-

ploye in point of service for, though there were others present, he was the ONE selected from Pacific Electric to sit at the honored table. Congratulations to the Company for retaining such men as Mr. Rice in their employ through the years and congratulations to Mr. Rice for looking so young in spite of the forty-one years thus spent. (Mr. Rice is my boss.)

Quite unusual—George Lallich returned to work the Monday after Thanksgiving without his usual black eye or eyes. He explains it by saying that he was on a trip to Fresno accompanied by his wife, sister, and mother-in-law—no wonder!

Carl Gramling has just returned from a trip to Columbus, Ohio, to visit his mother there. Carl enjoyed a fine visit with his old mother, but received a telegram before reaching home that his mother had passed away on November 22nd.

Andy Anderson, of the Tin Shop, viewed the wonders of Boulder Dam and surrounding country over the Thanksgiving holidays, trying out the new Chevy sedan and getting the OK of the whole family on it.

Bill Griffith qualifies as the Shop's Biggest Liar this month. Bill claims he just celebrated the arrival of his second great grandchild. Bill believes that if you are going to tell a lie just as well make it a big one.

LeVon Garnik enjoyed the drink Mrs. June Tarbit mixed for him until June came home and proved that the bottle of gin in the refrigerator was just plain old H<sub>2</sub>O by drinking the remaining three-fourths of the bottle without batting an eye. Von is kinda sore at June for spoiling his drink.

Beats all how a little publicity goes to some folks head. Here Bill Blackmer has been so modest that he kept out of the Magazine till last month and now here he shows up on News Gathering day with a stiff neck, just like a wooden man. Here's hoping it is better by time this is in print. They're funny to look at but not to carry around.

Machinist Joe Huffman is studying nature—out of a Parisienne magazine.

John Roach, Auto Mechanic, took a ten days trip with his family to bring back from the factory a new Chrysler sedan. Claims to have averaged 28 miles to the gallon on the trip out but thinks he could do better again as he knows where the down-hills all are now. This info is not from John direct—came to me through a helpful friend.

August Fitzgerald and family spent Thanksgiving day with Mrs. Fitzgerald's sister in Whittier.

Howard Bernhard went hunting for quail with George Carroll the first of the season. Says George is doing better this season—did not

play out on him and have to sit down and rest as usually happened last year.

Which reminds me of our Grand Champion Granddaddy Hans Bernard with his thirteen grandchildren. Reports are current that he has a surprise or two in the near offing—well fifteen is a good number too.

The Brucker brothers, Roy and Earl, layed off especially to go hunting on the very first day of the quail season. When they arrived at their chosen hunting grounds they found they had been posted "KEEP OUT" and the two saddened hunters returned home without firing a single shot.

Harold Seaquist, ex-sailor machinist, seems to have a hobby of getting his auto bumped by HBD drivers. It has become irksome to Harold by now—third time I believe. Some of his fellow workmen claim he would like to re-enlist in the navy, but. . .

Benny Benson is quite thrilled—for the first time in his life won a beautiful floor lamp on a ticket he bought from George Carroll to a Catholic Bazaar. The only trouble is that now Mrs. Benny wants to re-furnish the whole house to match the new lamp.

George Goff and his mother had Thanksgiving dinner with Jack McEwing and his family at Hermosa Beach. It was not only Thanksgiving Day a la Roosevelt but also Jack's 73rd birthday. It had been a custom of the McEwings to celebrate his birthday together with Joe Tindal who had the same birth date. Joe is now gone but the old friends celebrated his memory in his absence.

Jack Watson is keeping his own house for a few days. Expects to have his wife out of the hospital and again installed as his housekeeper by the time this is out. Here's hoping the best for you and yours, Jack.

See by the local papers that Clark Foster, son of Milton and Gladys Foster, is now in the Medical Corps, U.S.A.

Missed Nathan Roberts, carpenter, from his usual haunts and on inquiring found that he was on a trip to Chicago, presumably to bring back a new bride. Must have more and better information on the subject next month.

Bill McCracken made a trip to Salt Lake City, starting the evening before Thanksgiving. Arrived in Salt Lake with thermometer down to zero and the world hidden beneath seven inches of snow so hiked right back to sunny California as soon as he could make it. Claims to have made several charming acquaintances on the way—or would have if it had not been for a little boy that was bound to butt in and cramp his style.

Hear that John and Jack Husbands



are building Naval air bases for Uncle Sam away out in the Pacific on Midway Island. Both have many friends throughout the Shops where they worked for several years and brothers of Bill Husbands, still one of the family, in the Wire Gang.

Walter "Abalone" Benson has been off ill for several weeks and I now learn that he is spending his time at Gilman Hot Springs where he expects to remain for several weeks yet. Everybody that knows Ab will be wishing him well and looking forward to the time when he may be back.

Dolph Cain furnished the amateur touch to an otherwise professionally perfect meal his wife, an expert cook, was preparing. Wife requested Dolph to get some little blocks to place under some sort of a double steamer in which she wished to cook some sort of steamed pudding. Dolph amateurishly got REDWOOD blocks and placed them in the water under the steamer—and was everything RED—YES.

One of our old time employes recently had a rather painful accident at home. He has been around, over, and in, all the pits throughout the Shops in all kinds of weather and all degrees of light without a slip or fall. He has cautioned many a fellow workman to be careful while walking around pits. Yet he had to fall into a pit dug by his next door neighbor and crack a rib or two and painfully scrape his shin bone. This must prove him to be human too—George Evans is the name.

Ralph Howe celebrated Thanksgiving Day at home. Mr. and Mrs. Howe having as their dinner guests their daughter Dorothy and her family and their son Worthington and his family.

Esther Duncan seems to have lost her interest in pheasant hunting. Went after pheasants near Porterville—got onto private lands—shot a female pheasant—met up with game warden immediately—lost the bird to the warden—paid a \$35.00 fine—lost her interest in that kind of hunting. Ethel is now wiser, though poorer.

Had a visit from our old friend LeRoy Sherman just as I was writing This news. Roy is quitting for good and throwing in for pot luck with the North American Aviation. All Roy's many friends, both at Torrance and throughout the system, join me in wishing him the best luck in the world in his new home. Personally I prophesy that good luck will be Roy's and that he will well deserve it.

Konrad "Anaheim" Offinger recently shot a nice specimen of bob cat while hunting for quail. Evidently that was one cat that had never heard of Anaheim and his trusty gun

or he would have been in the next county that day. Anaheim brought the bobbed tail and one paw to the shops to prove his story true. I never personally shot a bob cat but imagine that such an experience could be but little more exciting than to listen to Anaheim recount just how he killed this one.

Well folks, here's wishing a very merry Christmas and prosperous New Year to you and your families. I'll be writing to you again after the Rose Bowl game, in 1941.

## WEST HOLLYWOOD

By G. R. Stevens

Billy Tucker, son of Motorman D. Tucker, is playing in the Navy Band stationed on the U.S.S. Oklahoma. Billy is eighteen years old. From high school to Navy he went in training at San Diego. His brother, Tommy Tucker, has a dance band of eleven pieces in West Los Angeles. The young orchestra leader is twenty-one years old. Anyone wishing a dance band will be delighted with Tommy Tucker and his music. He can be reached at W.L.A. 2085.

F. L. Bruce, motorman of West Hollywood, took off two weeks for a trip back to Forth Worth, Texas, to visit his father. Reports he enjoyed a swell vacation.

Motorman G. H. Shoun is planning a bear hunt this winter up at his old stamping ground in the High Sierras.

Lloyd C. Luebbe, Conductor of West Hollywood, is in the St. Vincent's Hospital and the boys wish him a speedy recovery.

Cashier W. A. Gibbons formerly was a State Champion Horseshoe



Billy Tucker, son of Motorman D. Tucker, while in training at San Diego.

Pitcher back in Missouri before coming out west. Gibby is well thought of here and he has won several prizes for being a good dancer, particularly the waltz.

HAPPY OCCASION. Motorman Glenn Banta was married recently. Congratulations and best wishes of the boys go to the happy couple.

O. L. McKee, back from another extended trip through the east, was around the trainmen's room shaking hands with all the boys. He had a happy smile and admitted he was feeling fine. Retired motorman Char-



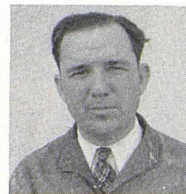
lie Neighbors will be glad to have any of the boys drop around and see him. He lives at 5436 Third Avenue.

L. T. Baker has resigned as president of the West Hollywood Wednesday Club, and W. G. Baldwin, motorman, is the newly elected president of the club. Reports are that the memberships are increasing

so fast they are contemplating hiring a hall to hold their meetings instead of at the various trainmen's homes as at present.

Assistant Trainmaster Eaton's suggestions, contained in the notice book, for a safer operation by conductors of the center doors. It is believed this method of door operation will tend to lessen accidents.

The parade on Santa Claus Lane marked the beginning of the Christmas Holidays. Hollywood "out Hollywooded" itself when the dazzling lights were turned on to the Oh's and ah's of the thousands who came and brought their kiddies to greet Santa Claus. The Yuletide spirit is





uppermost in the minds of all the boys at West Hollywood. All in all it looks like one big Happy Christmas for everybody, with a bright outlook for the New Year.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the wife and family of Motorman J. C. Gaines of Hill Street who passed away on November eighteenth.

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### SUBWAY TERMINAL NOTES

By W. F. Servranckx

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The entire Eastwood clan were invited to the R. L. DeMoss "ranch" the other day, and in addition to a large brass band were seated near our tracks near Compton, waiting impatiently for a train of the Glendale streamlined cars. After a long wait everyone went home very disappointed because John "Mayor of Compton" wanted to make a speech and sent the train on with the best of luck. We heard different stories as to what happened to the train that day, but so far they have proved nothing.

Our good friend Don Flippin was caught by one of our staff photographers on the way to Oregon wondering what happened. We understand that it was the same car owned by that certain motorman from Compton who missed out so often. Anyhow, our great traveller made good his boast



"Oregon or bust", where he visited his wife and family, and they all had a good time on the way back.

That famous pair, "Shorty" E. W. Pont and "Slim" Axel Malmberg, are working together again, and contrary to reports, the run does keep on time. Axel practices on his new Pontiac to run on time.

Mrs. F. Knapp just returned from a three weeks vacation at Lawrence and Topeka, Kansas, where she visited her parents and relatives. We are sure glad to see you back, because poor Floyd was running around here very downhearted, eating in restaurants and all that. Home cooking, says he, is the best for anybody.

And we have an expert accordion player among us — Johnny Walker, who can play any tune from jazz to grand opera. So any of you guys who really want to hear good music and have a few lessons, contact him. We understand he is the "berries."

The Great Reaper swung his scythe among our ranks on November 18 and removed one of our best friends who will be missed by a good many trainmen. J. C. Gaines passed away quite suddenly after a very brief illness. Our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

J. R. Hollis says Tennessee is OK and if you don't believe it, visit it sometime.

Someone accused A. C. Tanner of being a native of Tennessee. But our handsome "gravy" boy claims not and that he wore shoes all his life.

Nearly everyone would like to know why Paul Grescke is so interested in the Manning's coffee shop. What is the main attraction, Paul? No use to deny it, young man, we have seen the lady and we wish you all the luck.

Conductor O. B. Glandon, was mystified the other morning by a peculiar smell on the car and chastised his motorman, R. Woolverton, for eating so much garlic. Rufus denied eating it and helped our great detective locate the cause of that unusual odor, and they did find it boys, all wrapped up in cellophane. Ask O.B.—he will tell you the whole story.

We of the Subway Terminal wish to thank Mr. Geibel and Mr. Vickrey of the P. E. Club for securing for us a light over the mirror in the washroom, and that big bench in the trainmen's room. There is no excuse now boys for those long whiskers.

Wishing you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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### FREIGHT STATION AND YARD OFFICE

By Joe S. Beckett

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Albuquerque, New Mexico, apparently hath charms for Mr. E. B. Whiteside, Terminal Trainmaster, since the arrival of that new granddaughter, who resides in that fair city. Despite wintry winds, ice, snow, or what-not, the final portion of his vacation is being spent checking up on her growth, health, etc.

Mr. F. B. Spencer, Asst. Agent, forsook chilly nights and spent the Thanksgiving holiday in the balmy atmosphere of Palm Springs. No reports as to what Hollywood cuties might have had the same idea, worse luck!

After many years of faithful service, Charlie Salazar, Revising Clerk, retired this month. Charlie has been known as one of the best in his line, and he is greatly missed by his co-workers at the L. A. Freight Station. A long and active period of retirement to you, Charlie. Succeeding him in his position is Seymour Lipschultz, he of the good stories and black

cigars. However, after working many years on the evening shift, Seymour says morning just comes too darned early.

A newcomer in the ranks at the freight office is none other than Joe Peeler, who came in from Wingfoot to take over the new position established in the "firing line", commonly known as the Claim Department. Best wishes from everyone for success in his new position.

Stanley Albright, son of Cy Albright, Accountant, is a recent enlistee in the 115th Quartermaster Corps, California National Guard. If we keep on, what with Edgar Morris, Guy Dick, Lawrence Antista, yours truly, and now Stanley, the Pacific Electric family is going to have a large representation in Uncle Sam's answer to brewing trouble, not to mention Mr. Orr's two sons, Bob and Jerry, who have long since been in the Air Corps and Navy, respectively.

Someone said something about Louie Lipschultz, Cashier, removing a "White Elephant" from among his worries. Further details are missing at the present. Maybe later we can gain the inside track as to the transaction.

Great secrecy surrounds the whereabouts of John Donnelly, the freight station's confirmed bachelor, on his recent vacation. Can it be, John?

Mr. Orr received a welcome visit from son Bob, now stationed at Moffatt Field, last week. Reports everything moving in tip-top shape.

Not too great success to date surrounds the efforts of the L. A. Freight bowling team, composed of A. L. Robertson, Bill (Southpaw) Brophy, C. S. Coats, H. W. Thorne, and yours truly. We may have been slow in getting started, but watch out for us now that we have the range and are hitting our stride. Robertson's pep talks are having their effect.

Eddie Hume, Transfer Clerk, had a tough piece of luck several days ago when a lumber truck without any brakes played havoc with the rear end of his Plymouth. All worked out O.K. for Eddie, however, and the Plymouth is well on the way to recovery.

Many hearts were saddened by the recent passing of C. W. McConnell, brakeman on the second trick Market Switching crew. Most of our yard and clerical forces were numbered among "Mac's" many friends, and our deepest sympathy is extended to his bereaved family.

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### SOUTH FREIGHT DISTRICT

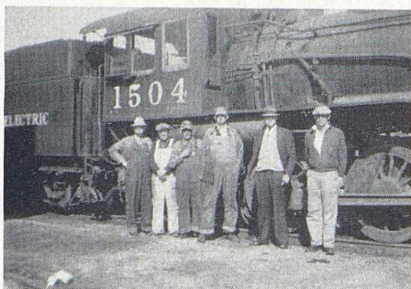
By J. E. Neville

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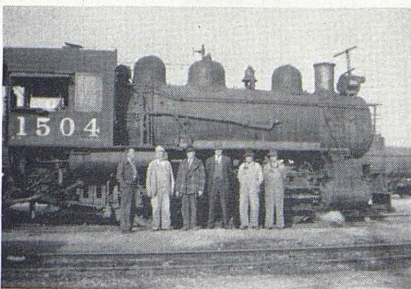
I am going to try to give you something new in the (Items Column) of the Pacific Electric Magazine, which



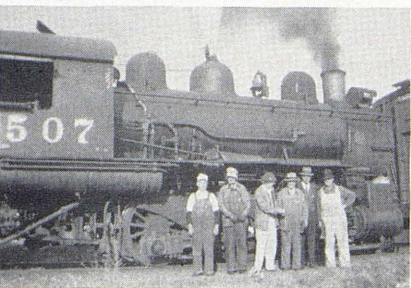
I think as a hobby you will be tremendously interested in, and will be looking forward for the next Magazine issue. Your camera man (yours truly) will be around so look YOUR BEST! Presenting you with the following jobs, Long Beach Switching crew.



Left to right: 2210—E. Z. Myers, Conductor, J. E. Neville, Bkm., W. W. McNeilly, Fireman, H. G. Woodworth, Engineer, Amos Tang, Yardmaster, H. W. Spann Bkm. These trainmen represent 184 years of Railroad service, of which 114 years for the Pacific Electric Freight service.



2211—Left to right: Lee Manny Fireman, Chas. Sheen, Engineer, Charles Wilson, Conductor, Amos Tang, Yardmaster, Bob Hilburn, Bkm., Charles Ranco, Bkm. Representing 213 years Railroad services of which 106 years for the Pacific Electric Freight service.



2212—Left to right: J. C. Cody, Fireman, J. C. Hudson, Engineer, C. A. Ward, Conductor, T. J. Murphy, Bkm., Amos Tang, Yardmaster, C. A. Boluse, Bkm. Representing 176 years Railroad service of which 105 years for the Pacific Electric Freight service. These three crews represent 573 years R. R. service of which 325 years for the Pacific Electric, and 148 years on foreign R.R. BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

It was with sad hearts we heard of the sudden death of Chester W. McConnell, who passed away at his home, 1437 W. 60th St., Sunday, November 24th at 6 a.m.

Mac was loved and respected among his railroad friends. His mem-

ory will live long in the hearts of those who knew him. He was entered Wednesday, November 28th at the Armstrong Cemetery. Floral offerings were plentiful, and his funeral was attended by a large number of friends. He is survived by his widow and children. To them we extend our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Here is the promised secret of last issue, E. R. Myers and wife were vacationing by rail to Chicago, Rockford, and Rock Island, Ill., Davenport, Mason City, and Des Moines, Iowa. Spent about two days sightseeing in each city. Then on to Centerville, Iowa visiting Mrs. Myers' relatives for five days. Then to Kirksville, Missouri visiting Zeke's father, only 3 days of rain. The remainder of the time healthful weather. Zeke reports more corn in Iowa than they will ever use, and plenty of chickens, cattle and everything that goes with farming in a prosperous year like 1940 for the Iowans. The trip was much enjoyed but with all of that, Mr. and Mrs. Myers are glad to be back again in GOOD OLD SUNNY CALIFORNIA.

J. C. Cody and family goes to Phoenix, Ariz. to a turkey fiesta, on last Thanksgiving Day. Why Phoenix when we had MILK FED CALIF. TURKEY? It won't do Jack, we are looking for a better excuse than that.

From Willys to Chevrolet! A beautiful 1941 Chevrolet Sedan was seen rolling into Butte St. yard recently as usual there was a gathering around to see this beautiful sight. Most of us expected to see some blondes or red heads getting out of it. But what a disappointment to them. It was only the smiling face of our good friend, Jim Luther and family returning from a ten day sightseeing trip, which was enjoyed by all.

List of new trainmen, from passenger to freight, who are beginning their new career, G. Watters, M. E. Turner, G. Small, C. H. Spence, W. B. Cole, J. H. Zeissler. We extend a hearty welcome and the best of luck to them.

On the sick list, with the "flu" or cold at home are Chas. Frankling, Ed Vacher, Eug. Usher, S. H. Saltmash, Pat Campbell, and C. R. Cafeland. We wish them a speedy recovery and hope to see them back on the job soon.

We are informed that Bkm. Roy DeFrank, G. O. Gayer and Young Cote have left our midst to improve themselves on the Santa Fe List, and Jay Blake for the S. U. our best wishes and luck to them.

New job for the west Division from Butte Street yard, 8 a.m. Glad

to hear that business is going to start and keep on like the Southern Freight. Let's keep it up Lee!

A 25 years "Silver Wedding" was celebrated by H. G. Woodworth and his charming wife Ladena on November 30th, at their home in Long Beach, 2400 Elm Ave. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended that blessed event of 25 years of wedlock, and where still "love and obey" rules as in the first days of these 25 years. They were married in Grand Junction, Colorado, Nov. 20th, 1915. Their marriage was blessed by two charming daughters, Miss Evelyn, 24 years, and Miss Dorothy, 22 years of age. We all join in wishing them many more years of happiness to come. Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Woodworth.



We are sorry to hear of the illness of Bkm. O. D. Holt's wife who was operated on at the St. Vincent's Hospital, Wednesday A. M. Our sincere regrets are extended to O. D. We wish her a speedy recovery and the best of health once again.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that we still have the Mortuary Fund? You that are not in this good cause are now invited to join with us. It may bring to most of our hearths a message of blessings, and sustenance to the afflicted.

P.S. Must be under fifty years of age to be eligible to gain the Mortuary Fund. The wife has no age limit. I carry application forms at all times. Also for your Pacific Electric Club.

**Plenty of Backing**

A new traveling salesman on the road for the first time wired his sales manager that there was no use for him to go any further because there were 50 other grocery salesmen already ahead of him.

The sales manager wired back: "Keep going, there are 150 more behind you."

**A Liar's Helper?**

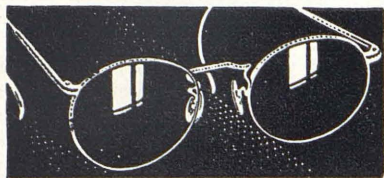
Bobby: "Pop, what's a statistician?"

Pop: "He's a man who goes to the aid of figures when they can't lie by themselves."

**Seeing Is Believing**

Phil Philosopher says they put mirrors on those penny weighing machines so that when a fat man steps on one he can look and assure himself that it is not two other fellows.





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