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E. C. THOMAS.....EDITOR

THE Passenger Traffic Department is just now enjoying a comparative breathing spell after months of strenuous work preparing exhibits in support of applications before the State Railroad Commission, and lately preparing to carry out the orders of the Commission in a complete revision of fares throughout the entire system. The details of the changes have been myriad and the work involved of terrific magnitude. It involved complete compilation and re-publication of all tariffs, preparation and printing of new ticket forms, change of all existing advertising, change and re-issuing of time tables for many of the lines; together with bulletins, instruction sheets, and other literature pertinent to the changes involved. The culmination and climax of the matter arrived with the morning of January 15th when the new fares went into effect.

HOW about starting a little business getting campaign of your own, instead of waiting until someone organizes a big push for business and we all get thrown into a "dither." Those business tips come from the individual employe, regardless of whether or not a drive has been organized. The Traffic Departments (both freight and passenger) will appreciate "tips" at any time. Open your ears for opportunities and get busy.

WHEN you receive your Magazine each month do you take the time to read the news from the various departments? If you have not been doing so, you miss a lot. Not only will you find many little items of interest, but you will gain the acquaintance of many of your fellow employes in this big industrial "family".

OUR NEW FARE STRUCTURE

As forecast in the last issue of the Magazine, the new fare structure, authorized and ordered into effect by the Railroad Commission in its Decision No. 32599 of December 5, 1939 was put into action on January 15th.

So far, the new fares have been received very favorably by our patrons, especially in view of the fact that in by far the majority of instances they are lower than those formerly in effect. In a few cases an increase of a few cents over the former fares will be found, primarily because the fares in such cases were out of line with those of other lines for a similar distance; or, because in bringing fare points into harmony with the new 2 cents per mile basis, the fare point was changed, placing the patron in another zone.

Distance of travel is the prime governing factor, whether it be by Rail or Motor Coach, as both of these means of transportation are now upon the same basis, the unit of local fare being paid on a basis of 5 cents, with the breaks placed upon a 2½-mile basis as nearly as practicable.

For the Commuter, the forms of tickets have been simplified, two forms having been placed at his disposal — the 10-Ride Commutation Ticket, good for the Bearer and party, one coupon being detached for each passenger; and, the 30-Ride Commutation Ticket, an Individual form, being good for purchaser only. These tickets are available where the one-way fare is 15 cents or more. The 30-Ride Ticket also provides, at the option of the purchaser, and upon additional payment of 75 cents, thirty coupons, good for transportation in Pacific Electric's Los Angeles local fare zone No. 1, will be included in 30-Ride individual commutation tickets purchased for use to and from Los Angeles.

Provision is also made for Students at the various schools who may purchase Forty-Ride School Tickets, when the student is under 22 years of age; the limit of the ticket being 60 days from date of sale. This ticket is sold by Agents only on presentation of application from the school attended.

The 10-Ride Commutation Tickets referred to above may be purchased from Agents for use between points on Interurban lines; and will be sold by Conductors and Operators between all points on Interurban lines where the fare is 15 cents to 50 cents inclusive.

Local Zone Fares within the city of Los Angeles have been reduced from 6 cents to 5 cents per zone. Zone No. 3 in Hollywood has been extended westerly from La Brea Avenue to Fairfax Avenue; and, new Los Angeles local zones established on

the Venice Short Line, extending from Vineyard to Genesee Street; and on the Santa Monica via Beverly Hills Line extending from Vineyard to Fairfax Avenue.

GENERAL BUSINESS IMPROVING

It was the privilege of the Editor to attend two Conventions during the past month that probably represented the greatest sources of information and knowledge of conditions assembled in the State in recent years, and from these sources it was definitely learned that business in general is on the upgrade and making comparatively rapid gains.

One of these Conventions was the Annual Convention of Chamber of Commerce Secretaries and General Managers held at Santa Barbara, numbering approximately 150 representatives of 60 of the most active Chambers of the State. The other, was the Annual Convention of the California Newspaper Publishers' Association, held at San Diego, with an attendance of some 600 publishers and 150 associated craftsmen.

From practically all sections of the State came reports, through these representative business men of improved conditions. The only deviation from the generally progressive business trend seemed to be from the areas where citrus culture was the predominant industry, and even from those areas came the assurance that conditions were better than in former times of low price stress, in that the individual owners of groves were better prepared financially to meet the price slump than they had been on former similar occasions. Among the citrus men there still prevails the optimism that with the season just now in full swing, prices will improve before the close to such an extent as to neutralize losses heretofore sustained.

Industry, according to these representatives of the civic interests and the press, is definitely and rapidly going upgrade and employment increasing. There seems to be a check in the "Migratory Problem" due to the absorption of much transit labor in the Northwest, through farm land allotment. However, this problem is still acute and the best economists of the State are intently and earnestly endeavoring to bring about a definite solution.

More optimism prevailed at these two Conventions on the business outlook for the future than has been manifested during the preceding five years, when we have been present at the Conventions of these two organizations.

Ain't it the truth? Just about the time you think you can make ends meet, someone moves the ends.

Thirtieth Annual National Orange Show

San Bernardino Preparing Mammoth Display to Entertain Thousands from March 14th to 24th

The predominant attraction that will engage the attention of the public during the month of March, will be the Thirtieth Annual National Orange Show at San Bernardino, for a ten day period—March 14th to 24th, inclusive.

Decorators and craftsmen are now busy transforming the great exhibit buildings into bowers of beauty, all of the displays as well as the feature exhibits to conform to the theme "America" that has been chosen as the motif for the show.

At the famous annual "Duck Dinner" tendered to the exhibitors and other patrons of the Show on Thursday evening, January 25th, assurances were given by all of the fruit distributing associations, many cities and communities of the Southland, and by many industrial concerns interested in the orange industry, of participation and support.

The prize lists for the coming show offer much inducement for competition in the various classes of exhibits and contemplate the awarding of many thousands of dollars in cash for effort on the part of the exhibitors.

Many new features are to be added to the show this year, and the decorations, very novel in their design and including large murals completely encircling the great auditorium will of themselves be well worth a visit to the show. The Murals will depict many of the outstanding events in American history.

By the time the Orange Show opens its doors for the 1940 event a pretentious improvement of the grounds surrounding the Orange Show buildings will be well on the way toward completion. Landscape gardeners are now active upon the 40 acres comprising the property, rare plants, shrubs and flowers will greet the visitor, and a section of the acreage will be converted into a stadium and playfield for use by the San Bernardino Valley folk. Here will be held school sports contests, American Legion events, re-unions of various kinds, and all events requiring stadium or track facilities. A children's playground, complete in every detail will also be included in the improvement.

For this event, the Pacific Electric will follow its practice of former years of offering a Round Trip Excursion Fare from Los Angeles, in-

cluding general admission to The Show for \$2.35, and low fares are available from other points on system to San Bernardino and return. Service will be rendered to meet all traffic demands.

FUNDS FOR CAHUENGA PASS

The State Highway Commission January 26th allocated \$56,000 to Los Angeles for the Cahuenga Pass project, a freeway connection between Hollywood and San Fernando Valley.

The allocation opens the way for continuation of work on a project which has been designed to relieve traffic congestion in the Cahuenga bottleneck.

The estimate, it was said, was \$620,000 for the work, while the contractor's bid was \$760,000; it was explained working three shifts to speed completion of the project called for the contractor's overshooting the engineer's estimate.

More than \$200,000 already has been expended or is under contract on the Cahuenga freeway. Los Angeles, applying its quarter-cent gas tax money, has appropriated \$116,230; \$233,490 has been allocated by the State, and Los Angeles County has put up around \$25,000.

In order to round out the program, bringing the freeway back to the level of other arteries and parallel to the Pacific Electric tracks when it is completed across the pass, Councilman Cunningham of Los Angeles, explained an additional \$95,000 is needed and the commission agreed to supply the "new sponsor" money to match P.W.A. funds.

COACH LINE CLOSSES GAP

January 15th was made a gala day by the business and professional interests of East Los Angeles, and especially marked with a celebration centering at Whittier and Atlantic Boulevards, the hub of the large business districts of that eastside metropolis.

Although designated as East Los Angeles, it is not, in common parlance a city, but is the most populous unincorporated area in the United States; is adequately protected and policed by Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz; and its safety from the hazard of fires assured by a well organized, efficient fire department. In fact, the community has most of the advantages of the metropolitan City of Los Angeles, yet preserves many of the charms of country residence, adjacent to a rapidly growing industrial area, some of our largest industries

with accompanying pay rolls being located on the East side.

The program at the Celebration was broadcast over KFWB, KECA, and KRKD, lasted from 2 to 2:30 in the afternoon and was followed by a parade of nearly 100 cars, representing practically every organization and business in the district.

"The hub of Los Angeles county." "Southland's most popular shopping district."

"Great industrial and residential center."

These and other phrases testified to the position the district has won for itself in the county. Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz told of his love for the district and of the fact that he was born only a few miles from there.

"Growth of East Los Angeles is due to the friendly spirit and love of community shown by our pioneer leaders," Biscailuz stated.

Leading the parade and getting the biggest applause when he stepped before the microphone was Judge E. P. Woods, "daddy of East Los Angeles." Judge Woods, described by Sheriff Biscailuz as "the patriarch of the district, not in years but in length of service," told of coming to the district in 1918.

While cameras clicked and the audience cheered, Judge Woods proclaimed, "The securing of this wonderful transportation aid marks an era of new prosperity for the entire district!"

An urge to the public to take advantage of the buses so that the service would be continued beyond the 90 day trial period was made by Jas. Quirk of U. S. Rubber company. "Personally, I'm going to leave my own car at home for the first few weeks and ride the buses," he declared, adding that the transportation was a great convenience to factory employes.

A tribute to the hard work and vision of the Greater Atlantic Boulevard Improvement association was paid by all the speakers. The Improvement association was responsible for the bus service, which opened yesterday at Atlantic and Whittier Boulevards.

Importance of the new bus service was stressed in the words of the announcer, "East Los Angeles is the hub of Los Angeles county. This (Whittier and Atlantic) is the crossroads of the hub. Whittier Boulevard is the main route from Los Angeles to Whittier and Atlantic is the main Boulevard from Pasadena, South Pasadena, Alhambra, Monterey Park, East Los Angeles, Bandini, Bell, Maywood, to Long Beach. Other fine roads radiate in all directions to mountains and beaches, ranches, and cities."

Courteous Service Brings Commendation

Merited Recognition of Many Employees by Patrons

From North Hollywood comes the compliments of one of our patrons for Operator P. R. Hanna. In her letter the patron states that she uses our service frequently and has always found Mr. Hanna very willing to give information in a polite and efficient manner, sometimes under trying conditions; and, that his conduct in the performance of his work reflects creditably on the Company.

Here is a real bouquet for Conductor B. L. Copeland from a lady residing in Hollywood, who was a passenger on his train on New Year's Day. She says: "I was travelling on New Year's Day on one of your cars between Pasadena and South Pasadena, between the hours of one and two, and did not know the name of the street where I wanted to get off. I was a little nervous and in asking questions, must have been a little annoying to the Conductor at a time when he had worries of his own handling the crowd and taking fares; but, he was very gracious, his manner very calm, assuring, and I will say, soothing to a nervous person. I want to put in a very good word for him, and you are to be congratulated in having him in your employ. He has a very fine personality. I am sixty-five years old, and not a beautiful young girl."

Motorman T. J. Koskey, of the Western District, was very alert, and had his mind on his job on January 5th, when, because of his strict attention to his duties he probably saved the life of a small boy by his quick, effective action of bringing his car to a stop after a child was struck by the fender. His good judgment and quick action is appreciated both by the Company and all who witnessed the occurrence.

S. G. Swanson, Conductor Southern District, is commended very highly by several patrons for his very courteous treatment to passengers on his car during the recent stormy and rainy weather.

Motorman D. W. Brown and Conductor R. Hunsley, of the Northern District are referred to with gratitude by two State Officials, travelling from San Bernardino to Los Angeles on January 1st, and who were endeavoring to make connection with the Southern Pacific "Owl" for Berkeley. In writing of the occurrence it

is said by the patrons, "We are sure they went beyond what we reasonably might expect of them in order to make the connection for us. Because of this extra courtesy and interest on their part, we wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation.

Conductor V. B. Bonham, of the Edendale Line, was observed by a patron rendering assistance to an elderly, disabled woman recently, and it was the second of similar incidents observed by the patron. He writes a very commendatory letter regarding Mr. Bonham.

A visitor to Los Angeles, stopping at one of Hollywood's Hotels, and unfamiliar with the geography of Los Angeles, is lavish in her praise of the courtesy, kindness and helpful consideration of Conductor L. E. Koch, of the Western District.

H. D. Haverick was very accommodating to a passenger on the Oak Knoll Line recently, and the passenger continued to make observations of the courtesy exhibited by Mr. Haverick. The result was a letter recently, commending Conductor Haverick for his excellent service.

For unusual courtesy to patrons, many of whom have been elderly, requiring special consideration, Operator Ruysers, of the Beverly Hills Motor Coach Line is commended by one of his patrons.

A patron who resides in Colton and frequently travels between that city and San Bernardino, writes of her observations of our service in that vicinity. While she commends our trainmen generally for their courtesy, she is especially grateful for the many kindly courtesies ten-

dered her by Conductor E. G. Erickson, of the Northern District.

Conductor R. A. Chambers, of the Western District, is evidently, in the opinion of many of his customers, the high and proper type of a trainman. One of them writes: "When we (the public) are so quick to knock a concern, or say 'I'll report you', when things are not just as they should be, we forget though to give the other fellow a boost when needed. Employee No. 2338 (R. A. Chambers) on the Santa Monica Boulevard Line rates a special mention. Always courteous, smiling and ever willing to help. When we board his car homeward-bound after the daily struggle, it's a decided lift up; always a smile and a pleasant word."

For his never-failing attention to duties, particularly for distinctly calling all stops, as well as his courtesy and efficiency in imparting information to travellers, Conductor L. E. Koch, of the Beverly Hills line is commended by a resident of Beverly Hills who is a frequent patron of the line as well as a great traveller. The writer of the commendation asserts that "in all my travels, he is the most efficient trainman I have ever seen."

Conductor H. R. Allard, of the Western District, has a good memory for faces, as well as an integrity that is praiseworthy. Here is what a passenger recently wrote about him: "I told him as I was leaving his car down town Friday morning before New Year's day, that I thought I lost my pen on his car. I did not ride the car again until Wednesday after New Year's day, but the minute I climbed up the steps Wednesday, his hand came from his pocket with it. He probably worked several shifts, including a run to Pasadena meanwhile, but he did not forget me."

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WALTER WATCHALL "There's a Mon Among Ye Takin' Notes, and Faith He'll Print 'Em"

My READER writes in and asked "why don't you start your Column with a Poem like the good writers do?" How is this.

'Taint the fellow that's so GOOD
That gets the office prize;
It's the fellow ON THE SPOT

And always gol darn wise.

Speaking of trains, now that the Redondo Torrance Line is history many of our fellow workers use other means of travel. George Brown has a Pogo stick. Irene Falkner is using her old skates. R. Cragin commutes on the back of El Portal. Jimmy Livermore and Bill Dietland have a double bicycle, Fred Maddy uses a scooter, and C. Fenimore rides a handcar between Gardena and Watts.

Been asked if Jack Staddon really owes Miss Comer a dinner. Yes it is true. They can not agree where to eat. Jack says a Kress Soda Fountain. The Lady says Earl Carroll's restaurant. It is rumored they are going to call in a Federal Mediator.

After reading the "Conductors Accounts Bureau News" last month believe we have another Margaret Mitchell. Thought it was "Gone With the Wind" for a while and Clayton Scholl was Rhett Butler.

Don't hear much from Herman Grenke and his band. Well, they are a band, they keep time don't they? Should have a theme song. "Time on my hands" might be appropriate. Every department should have a theme song. Could sing it every morning at eight when they start to work. The Engineering Department might sing "I'm Working On the Railroad." Gus Guercio could sing tenor. Nancy Kelly soprano. Vic Labbe could pass out and collect the music. If anyone came in late they would have to sing a solo, "The Little Man Who Wasn't There."

It's been suggested Geo. Breininger put a couple of chairs in front of Fred Spencer's office so those who stop to pass the time of day could sit down. At least it would be nice for the women.

Speaking of Women, did you men ever stop to think how they handle us. From the time we are born until we are old enough to go to school our mother handles us. Through Grammar school and high school we have a woman teacher. When we reach college, we figure on a man teacher for a change but a sweet young thing comes along and again a woman guides us. It is no time until we make the trip to the altar and the little lady shows us the way. And we men put our feet up on our desk, light a

cigar, and think we are very smart.

February 1st, 1940
Alhambra, Calif.,

Mrs. Willie Watchall,
Corn Crib, Nebraska.
Dear Maw:

As I sit hear this evening and write to you I want you to know your son Walter has a heavy heart. Life has its disappointments. I have many reasons to be blue. First of all George Perry wouldn't let me be KING on the float in the Tournament Parade. Said it was for amateurs only. I told him I was an amateur and he said "No you're not," I saw you carrying the Banner for the Minute Eats the other day. That makes you a professional. Gee, Maw, he was wrong, I don't get any money for that I just get my lunch.

The second thing that makes me feel blue is that here it is the first of February and leap year and no girls have popped the question. Gee Maw, I thought they would be fighting over me. You always told me how good looking I am and what pretty dimples I have in my knees. Say Maw, I just happened to think. You weren't a little over-enthused, were you?

And the third reason I am blue Maw is, well I have a confession to make. The reason I didn't write last month is I was working in a laundry, that is at night. This is how it happened. A fellow upon the sixth floor named Fred Bixenstein gave me a tip of a sure thing at Santa Anita. He was so sure it was going to win I put my laundry money on it and when they ran the race we found the horse was all washed up. I had to work nights to pay off my laundry. So you see Maw, why I am blue. Some times I feel like going back home and marrying that Jones girl and leave the running of the P. E. to the board of Directors and the Management. Everyone I talk to encourages me and the boss offered to pay my way back home.

Remember Maw, they laughed when I picked up the shoe horn, they

didn't know I was going to give some heel a blow?

Your loving son,
Walter.

REBUILD REDONDO PIPE LINE

High tides along the coast line of the west beaches have, during the past two months, made great changes in the strands, at many points cutting back into the shore line and destroying much property.

From Manhattan south there has been much shifting of sand, and as one of the results, the pipe line carrying fresh sea water to the Bath House at Redondo Beach, sanded up to a depth of several feet, shutting off the water supply.

To relieve the situation, our Engineering Department have been running surveys to locate a new pipe on the Municipal Pier, and installation of the new line is expected soon.

No shut-down of the Bath House was necessary as water was available from other sources to take care of the emergency.

GOOD NEWS

A timid little man crept up to the inspector's desk in the police station: Timid Little Man (shyly): My wife has disappeared, inspector.

Inspector: When?

Timid Little Man: Two weeks ago.

Inspector: Why didn't you come to us before?

Timid Little Man: I just couldn't believe it, sir.

WHO'S BOSS

Young Husband (to wife)—Didn't I telegraph you not to bring your mother with you?

Young Wife—I know; that's what she wants to see you about. She read the telegram.

RIGHT!

"Where are some good places to stop on this trip?" asked the prospective automobile tourist.

"At all railroad crossings," replied the clerk in the tourist bureau.

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PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB BULLETIN

- Monday, February 12:**
Automotive Transportation Class — 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 13:**
American Legion Auxiliary holding Joint Meeting with P. E. Post No. 321 in P. E. Club Ballroom at 8:00 p.m.—NATIONAL DEFENSE and AMERICANISM PROGRAM—Comrade Paul Ballinger of American Legion, Guest Speaker, followed by Exhibition Drill Team.
- Motor Coach Maintenance Class, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 14:**
P. E. Rod & Gun Club Regular Monthly Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 15:**
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Card Party—1:00 p.m.—Prizes to winners.
- Friday, February 16:**
REGULAR MONTHLY DANCE held in the Club Ballroom. These dances are for your pleasure, make up a Departmental Party and enjoy an evening of free dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.
- P. E. Club Bowling League Matches at Sunset Bowling Center, 5842 Sunset Blvd. 8:15 p.m. Spectators invited.
- Monday, February 19:**
Automotive Transportation Class — 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 20:**
Motor Coach Maintenance Class, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 21:**
P. E. Masonic Club—6:30 p.m. Round Table Dinner, followed by regular Monthly Meeting.
- Washington's Birthday, Legal Holiday.
- Thursday, February 22:**
Club closed all day.
- Friday, February 23:**
American Legion Auxiliary. Monthly Night Card Party—8:00 p.m. Bridge, Pinochle, 500 and Bunco. Admission 25 cents. Refreshments.
- P. E. Club Bowling League Matches at Sunset Bowling Center, 5842 Sunset Blvd. 8:15 p.m. Spectators welcome.
- Monday, February 26:**
Automotive Transportation Class — 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 27:**
American Legion Post No. 321—Regular Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321—Regular Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
- Motor Coach Maintenance Class, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 1:**
P. E. Club Bowling League Matches at Sunset Bowling Center, 5842 Sunset Blvd. 8:15 p.m. Spectators invited.
- Monday, March 4:**
Automotive Transportation Class — 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 5:**
Motor Coach Maintenance Class, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 7:**
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Card Party—1:00 p.m. Prizes to winners.
- Friday, March 8:**
P. E. Club Bowling League Matches at Sunset Bowling Center, 5842 Sunset Blvd. 8:15 p.m. Visitors welcome.
- Saturday, March 9:**
P. E. Agents Association. Regular Monthly Meeting—7:30 p.m.

MASONIC CLUB NOTES

By Ed. Hasenyager

The next regular meeting will be held February 21, 7:30 P. M. at room 200, P. E. Club building preceded by the usual Round Table Dinner.

The Club Degree Corps visited Henry S. Orme Lodge on January 18 and was accompanied by a fine representation of the members. Those who failed to make the trip missed an enjoyable evening. Brother Don Sanderson, Master, proved a genial host. Many complimentary remarks were heard regarding the work of our team. Brother Ike Williams presented the newly raised Brother with the Masonic Button in his usual im-

pressive style. Brother Tom Ewers graced the East in the Second Section and performed in his usual masterful style. The Club's Degree Corps has some exceptional talent and our members should attend the meetings and visits in great numbers and showed their appreciation for their efforts.

Another visit was made in January, this time to Angelus Mesa, on January 30, where our Degree Corps assisted in conferring the Master's Degree on Brother Taylor from Torrance Shops. Brother E. A. Stevens who has not been out with us for a long time acted as Master in the First Section. Many will remember Brother Stevens as Master of Palos Verde Lodge, in Long Beach, and later as Master of Valle De France in Los Angeles.

The Club will sponsor a candidate for Boys' Week this year, and it is hoped that all of our members who have boys old enough and eligible, will compete for the opportunity to spend a week at Boys' Camp. This is a wonderful opportunity for wide-awake boys.

The next big event of our Club will be our Annual Dinner Party for the Ladies to be held in May, preparations for which will be started at our February meeting. Another reason why we should have a large attendance at the February 21st meeting.

To make this column a success let us all turn out a few articles and send them to the Secretary.

ROD AND GUN CLUB NEWS

By Arlie Skelton

Activities along the P. E. Rod and Gun Club front are mostly confined to overhauling the machinery and getting committees lined up to make this, our twenty-fifth anniversary year, the biggest and best year of them all. The Executive Committee which is also the Budget Committee, met Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1940 and established a tentative budget for the Prize Committee to start their work on.

The Budget Committeemen are: W. G. Knoche, Chairman; B. A. Manley, D. E. Porter, J. W. Clay and H. P. Bancroft.

It is pretty hard to get this group of Club Dads to agree on anything, however, they did work out a tenta-

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our Director of Education, Leslie Appel, reports the close of a very interesting class on passenger car and locomotive inspection. The course covered both the air brake and the electrical phases of operation. Some twenty odd men completed the course. On a written examination the lowest rating was eighty-seven. Pretty good, don't you think? Another class will be started soon. The automotive classes are being continued with a fine attendance.

Roy Mankins, Committeeman at Macy Street, sends in applications for twelve new Club members. He is also very very enthusiastic about increasing the membership in the Mortuary Fund.

May we have your help? With the holidays over surely you have decided on some Club activity for the year. If you don't, you will be missing something.

FRED E. GEIBEL

tive budget which we hope will be within our Club's income. The Prize Committee whose chairman is D. E. Porter, other members are E. L. H. Bissenger, R. M. Lawrence, Ned Rich and Scott Braley. All they have to do is take the \$350.00 budgeted to them and buy not less than five hundred dollars worth of prizes for this year's tournament season. Then classify them so all the members of the Club will get at least one valuable prize. Ned Rich and Scott Braley were re-appointed to their former positions as Field Captains. They have another easy job. All they do is to take possession of what cards are turned over to them, then try to find out who you are, who were your witnesses and what it was that you caught and why. If they don't guess right and you miss out on a well earned prize, its their fault. Nominating Committee is Harry Pierce, W. G. Knoche, J. W. Clay, Harold Smith and A. V. Miller. We can forget them until next fall but if you hope to be an officer next year you had better not get them sore at you.

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS—JANUARY 1940

Name	Occupation	Died	Group Insurance	Mortality
Clara Painter	Retired Car Cleaner	1- 2-40	None	Yes
Edgar Adler	Conductor	1- 5-40	Yes	Yes
Harvey Cutts	Retired Special Agent	1- 6-40	Yes	Yes
Dominick Bauchiero	Retired Car-Washer	1- 6-40	Yes	No
Howard Welch	Retired Motorman	1-11-40	Yes	Yes
Frank E. Woods	Retired Signalman	1-18-40	Yes	Yes
James A. McGilvery	Freight Clerk	1-20-40	Yes	No

A good nickel cigar properly placed never hurts anybody.

YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE: F. B. Patterson, J. B. Rogers, Arlie Skelton, Ned Rich, Scott Braley, L. L. Lloyd, E. L. McCall, Dave Foyle, J. W. May, A. M. Cross and D. E. Porter. Also any other member who gets an ad for the year book.

For our 25th anniversary year we hope to have a bigger and better year book and hope to have it out before May 1st. So let's all pull together on the ads for the years book, the sooner we get them the sooner we get our year book.

LOS PATOS CAMP COMMITTEE: B. F. Manley, Harold Smith, L. L. Lloyd, Grey Oliver and Art Pabst. If you don't catch any fish when you go down there you can blame it all on them.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE: E. L. H. Bissenger, B. F. Manley and H. P. Bancroft. They make them and you break them.

REFRESHMENTS: C. G. Gonzalez. For bigger and better eats.

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION COUNCILMAN: H. P. Bancroft.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Arlie Skelton, A. M. Cross and K. L. Oefinger. We spread the news and are always first with the latest.

ENTERTAINMENT: A. M. Cross, F. B. Patterson, J. B. Rogers and Art Pabst. They are scouting for talent.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE: J. W. Clay, K. L. Oefinger, E. Malberg, Irving Mankins, Vincent Villaneauve and Rodger Laemelle. They sign up the new members and try to get all the members out to the meetings, held regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P. M. Refreshments are served after the meetings and arrangements are being made to give door prizes each regular meeting night. A. M. Cross of the Entertainment Committee says he has plenty of entertainment already lined up for every meeting night throughout the year. So Brother if you don't come out to these meetings, you don't know what you are going to miss.

P. E. CLUB DANCE

Regular monthly dances are held in the Club Ballroom on the third Friday of each month. These dances are held for your pleasure, so it is desired that Club members and their families enjoy an evening of dancing on the spacious Ballroom floor. Departmental groups are becoming popular. Why not make up a party from your department or district.

For your information, the next monthly dance will be held on Friday, February 16, 1940.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

By Mrs. W. A. Hasty

On December 28 the Women's Club was called to order, by the President Mrs. F. M. Hart. After the flag salute and the singing of "God Bless America," Mrs. Hart called for reports from the Secretary and Treasurer. The Treasurer's report was very encouraging and we were so glad to welcome Mrs. Andrews back again after her long siege of illness.

Mrs. Adams, Hospital Chairman reported 170 sick calls from the first of August to the first of November. Membership Chairman Mrs. Daisy Burke reported a membership of 198 members.

The Program Chairman, Mrs. Crunk, then introduced her program. The first number being a violin solo by little Miss Bernice Weidel. Then, to our surprise, a group of ladies entered, dressed in costumes of the early days and sang several songs appropriate to the times. This was a clever way of introducing our speaker, Mrs. Edwin Escore, District Board member of Historical Society of Early California History. Mrs. Escore gave a very interesting and unusual talk on California from the time of the earliest settlers and she told how Los Angeles came to be settled and of its first settlers.

January 11th the Club took a mythical trip to Boulder Dam through the medium of motion pictures and what a wonderful trip it was, we saw the first shovel full of dirt dug, the first bucket of cement poured and went with the workmen through all the steps in the construction of that great project, finally standing high on the top and watched the water come through the gates into what was to be one of the greatest dams ever constructed.

Our guide on this tour was Mr. H. H. Cox, Superintendent of Receiving and Distributing Stations of the Bureau of Light and Power. Mr. Cox explained each step on our tour in such an interesting manner, we were sorry when the camera stopped

and we realized we were back in our club room.

After the business session of the Club on January 25th, we were favored with two solos by Mrs. Elvah Wade Fuller, and our speaker of the afternoon was Mr. Gorham of the Goodwill Industry, substituting for Mrs. Dudley who was unable to be with us. Mr. Gorham brought with him motion pictures which were very interesting and showed how the Goodwill helped the unfortunate to find themselves, and how they made new things out of our old discarded furniture and clothes.

Mrs. Crunk, program chairman announced a trip to Helms Bakery February 19 and on February 8 we are to have a Hobby Lobby and antique show with a lunch at 12 o'clock, each to bring sandwiches and the Club will furnish coffee and tea.

February 29th a group of Club members are going to take a trip to Olvera Street for lunch and sight-seeing.

April 19th has been set aside for a trip to Huntington Library, to take in the beautiful flowers that are in bloom at that time, also patronize the lovely little tea room now serving lunches.

Many lovely trips have been planned for the spring which we are all looking forward to.

Mrs. Herrin of San Bernardino who has been seriously ill, is much improved and expects to be able to be with us again before long.

We hear Mrs. Winner is also able to be up and around part of the time now we hope for a speedy recovery of all our sick members.

Mrs. C. Curle is to act as chairman of flowers and cards for the sick. She will appreciate it very much if each lady will notify her, of any deaths or illness of any of our Club members.

The honeymoon is over if she has had a wreck and he asks: "Is the car damaged?"

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BOWLING NOTES

By D. Houston

9. Claim	40	14	42058	904
13. Hill Street	33	21	41627	887
11. Frt. Service	33	21	40730	880
3. Signal	31	23	41822	898
1. Amazons	29	25	40887	861
7. Psgr. Traffic	29	25	40595	880
5. Frt. Traffic	28	26	41161	873
10. North	28	26	40642	899
17. Glendale	28	26	40300	896
16. Wilshire Lines	26	28	41554	889
6. Engineers	25	29	41228	878
18. General Office	25	29	40000	910
2. B. & B. Dept.	24	30	41058	858
4. P. E. Club	24	30	40944	882
15. Schdl.&Rsrch.	24	30	40926	869
8. Transportation	23	31	40464	877
14. Medical	22	32	40653	872
12. Out Laws	14	40	38172	826

Friday, January 26th, marked the start of the second half of the league play. The start of this round found the Claim Department still firmly entrenched in first place—leading the parade—however, although the boys from Room 234 have been called lucky, they deserve top spot as witnessed by their commanding lead in total pins to date.

Hanging grimly on to a tie for second honors are the Hill Street gang led by "Lone Star" Dietz and ably supported by "Highpockets" Pont, Niekamp, Baudisch and Eaton. It would be hard to find a nicer lot of fellows to bowl against than this bunch and they are certainly no push-over.

In a tie with the Hill Streeters, the Freight Service, led by "Mustachio" Lutes, with First Lieutenant John Kinney, Corporal Vanderpool and privates Grenke and Weir are another bunch of classy performers. If Grenke and Weir ever get hot on the same night they will set some sort of record.

Skipper Cuccia has his Signal team right on the heels of the leaders and Welch, Woolley, Smith and Barnes have been like the fabled Finnegan, off again, on again. When they are clicking they take them all and when they're missing they all take 'em.

Following the Signal team the Amazons and the Passenger Traffic team are in a deadlock with 29 wins each. Mrs. Cobb is making life miserable for her hubby by the way she is knocking the maples down and she has a lot of help from Rose Cooper, Bessie Chobotsky, Dot Beranek and Grace Vail.

Jack Cross, the "Hemet Tycoon" has his hands full making his outfit hit on all six, however they are with-in striking distance of the leaders.

Following the above teams the Freight Traffic, the "Worriers," the North "Hampton's Terrors" and the Glendale teams are in a three way tie, and strung along after them in Indian file are the balance of the

league, the rear guard being composed of our own Outlaws.

The following bowlers entered the hall of fame winning either high series or high games prizes during the last month: Chase of the Wilshire Lines, Claude Allen and R. R. Wilson of the Transportation, Chester Davis of the Engineers, L. Brantley of the North, Lefty DuBose of General Office, Jack Worthington of Schedule and Research and Ed Hasenyager of the Engineers. Roy Wilson certainly was clicking on all six on the night of January 26th when he knocked over 601 pins during the evening.

"Pecan" Sayan of General Office bought a book on "How to Bowl" and it must have helped a lot for on the night of January 19th this outfit rolled high game for the season with a very nifty 910 game. This ought to boost the sale of the above mentioned booklet. (Swanson, Huber, Castanares, Scholz and Ned Rich please note.)

With all due respect to the "high average" bowlers in the league, it is noted that the following bowlers are showing the most improvement during the last two or three months—Ziegler, Shafer of the Schedule and Research, also Jones and Worthington of the same outfit, Dietz, Niekamp and Baudisch or Hill Street, C. Oliver of the P. E. Club, Coffman and H. Smith of the B&B; R. Wilson and C. Allen of the Transportation, formerly the "Easy Aces" now not so easy, Blackburn and "Tree Climber" Stockberger of the 624 gang, and Malhoit and Huber of Glendale. In this connection attention is directed to the remarkable strides shown by G. Oliver who has now outdistanced "17 Coats"—shame on you Coats.

Around the alleys we notice things which should not happen but do, to wit:

R. M. Cobb showing his better half how to bowl, ditto Don Houston and Les Lutes. The same goes for Walter Ohlinger and Bob Robertson. Roy Wilson also don't dare to say too much to the Mrs. who is a mighty fine bowler.

"Worry" Birmingham telling his gang not to let it bother 'em, boy what an optimist he is if he thinks anything can bother that collection. Can you imagine Swanson sitting down on the curb worrying about anything, or "Squirrel" Stockburger with his chin in his hand?

Frank Epp and Ralph Perry showing some of the tyros how to lay the ball down on the foul line — but gently!

Archie Brahm giving his men a pep talk along the lines of "Step on it—they're catching us."

We have had some very faithful rooters during the majority of the

contests and the chief of these is his royal nibs, Fred Bixenstein, the coach of the mighty Freight Traffic aggregation. Fred has worn out a lot of shoe leather pacing back and forth when he gets a little bit out of patience with the way the boys he roots for dog it a little. How about giving them a shot of Laurel Jones' famous jimson weed—it couldn't hurt 'em any.

Mrs. Archie Brahm and Mrs. John Kinney are other keen followers of their hubbies' endeavors and seldom miss a night at the alleys.

Pop Henry of the P. E. Club generally has his fine looking daughter rooting for him and Pop has been doing all right for himself.

Mrs. Grenke, the wife of the Mayor has been seen occasionally and Harratty of the Glendale team generally has the missus rooting for him.

It is mighty hard for anyone to learn of the goings-on of the various members and teams and it is requested that any items that would be of interest to the league as a whole be sent to the Editor of the Magazine and they will be incorporated in the Bowling News.

INTERESTING EXHIBIT

The Peridromophilic Society is holding its first exhibition of transit material at the Los Angeles Museum in Exposition Park. The exhibition will continue on through February. The Museum is open Sundays from 1:00-9:00 P.M., Mondays 1:00-4:30 P.M., rest of week 10:00-4:30. The admission is free.

Several L. A. collectors are represented as well as some eastern collectors and together there are many historical items represented pertaining to American and European transit systems. There should be much of interest in the display for anyone interested in transportation history, especially of L. A. There are items from old trolley companies that now go to form the present Pacific Electric and Los Angeles Railways. There are items from early L. A. horse and cable cars, ferry companies, system maps, books, Civil War railroad tickets issued by the Quartermaster General to soldiers, a group of tickets used between 1883 and 1909, a picture of the old funeral car "Descanso", pictures of early horse and trolley cars.

The Peridromophilic Society was formed to assist hobbyists who collect transfers, tickets, tokens, time tables, passes, maps, guides, literature, news clippings, trolley parts, make models and take photos of electric, bus, air, steam or marine transportation systems. Further information about the Society may be obtained from Capt. H. J. Reinohl, 841 Ducommun St., Los Angeles.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY, 1940

February 6—Child Welfare and Veterans' Benefit Show, presented by the Pacific Electric Railway Post, No. 321, in the Club Auditorium, 627 South Los Angeles, St., 8 p.m.

February 13—National Defense Program by Mrs. Lillian Lyons, 23rd Dist. National Defense Chairman; Speaker, Paul Ballinger, prominent in Legion work; Subject: "National Defense".

Americanism Program by Mrs. Pearl Stratman, Americanism Unit Chairman; Speaker, P. A. Horton; Subject: "History of the Flag." 8 p.m. in Club Ball Room. All are cordially invited to attend.

February 21—The Unit will attend the "George Washington Memorial Program" and present their American Flag. The program is sponsored by Admiral Wm. A. Moffett Auxiliary, 767 V.F.W. in Long Beach.

February 23—Regular Card Party at Pacific Electric Club. 8 p.m. Tickets 25 cents. Bridge, 500, Pinochle, Bunco. Prizes and Refreshments. February 27 — Regular Meeting at 8 p.m.

AMERICANISM

The month of February brings to our mind two of the greatest Americans, Lincoln and Washington, which emphasizes the things for which they stood, National Defense and Americanism.

A winning essay on Americanism written by a blind Negro youth of Chicago, is well worth a thought at this time.

His version of "What Constitutes A True American?" He said: "I believe it to be this:

"A true American is a person who is loyal and patriotic to his country; one who does good for his country, and helps others; one who shows no partiality; who believes in God and justification of law; who abides by the constitutional government and regulations of law; who lives a clean Christian life.

"He is one who believes in peace, freedom and democracy, and has devoted himself to the betterment of his country; one who respects womanhood. If all individuals had these qualifications there would be no need for torpedoes, guns, ammunition, bombs, poison gas, bayonets and other destructive instruments of civilization."

Mrs. Pearl A. Stratman,
Americanism Chairman.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

Continued activities in behalf of strengthened national defense for the United States will be part of the American Legion Auxiliary's program during 1940, Mrs. Lillian Lyons, Chairman of the National Defense Committee of Pacific Electric Railway Unit, has announced. Full strength of the Auxiliary's membership, now being enrolled for the new year, will be placed behind the na-

tional defense program of the Legion, she said.

"Large increases in the defensive forces of the United States are being asked by the Legion to protect the nation's peace and increase its security," Mrs. Lyons stated. "The European war makes this question vital to every American woman and we are inviting all eligible women to come into the Auxiliary where they can give active support to the Legion's program.

"For many years, during which our nation's defenses were neglected, the Legion and Auxiliary were almost alone in urging the need for more adequate armed protection. The Auxiliary organized the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense, which brought together the patriotic women of the country in a stand for increased security at a time when pacifism and disarmament were popular. The Legion and Auxiliary took an important part in preventing the complete dismantlement of our national defenses.

"We are going forward during the coming year to make sure that our country is adequately defended against the increasing dangers. We want defenses strong enough to discourage aggressions that lead to war. We want America to be strong enough to meet any intended invasion before it arrives and turn it back so that our homes and families will be safe. Every woman who enrolls in the Auxiliary gives us a stronger voice with which to ask that America be made secure."

Martha Harper,
Press Chairman.

WILLIAM MILLER

William Miller, son of Mrs. Oroville Fackler of 9414 Bandera St., Los Angeles, was accidentally killed Sunday evening, January 28th.

William was 20 years old, and was a graduate of Fremont high school, summer class of '39. His mother, Mrs. Fackler, is a member of Pacific Electric Unit 321, American Legion Auxiliary, and a former member of the Watts Post 320 Auxiliary. Mr. Fackler is also a member of the P. E. Post 321, and an employee of the Company.

The Post and Auxiliary extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved mother and relatives.

The funeral was held Thursday, Feb. 1, from the Warren Mortuary, 1839 Firestone Blvd., at 2 o'clock P. M.

Service to others comes first on the program of the American Legion Auxiliary but does not prevent frequent social activities for the enjoyment of the members, themselves, according to Mrs. M. Quillin, who is in charge of the social program for Pacific Electric Railway Unit during the coming year. The Auxiliary will share some of these activities with the men of the Legion Post.

Events in which Auxiliary members will participate, already scheduled for the winter and spring months include the BIG SHOW, by the Pacific Electric Railway Post, National Defense and Americanism Meeting, February 13, Mrs. L. Lyons, National Defense Chairman. Mrs. P. Stratman, Americanism Chairman. Regular card party, February 23, 8:00 p.m. There will be others which have

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NEW PASADENA PHYSICIAN

February 15, 1940

It has been our good fortune to secure the services of Dr. Joseph A. Walshe to take the place of Dr. Kraft at Pasadena on account of the recent retirement of the latter.

Dr. Walshe is a young man, married, with a charming wife and three children. The family at the present time is living in St. Louis but in the very near future will move to Pasadena where they will permanently reside.

Dr. Walshe has had an exceptional experience in the larger hospitals of New York and is a very well qualified physician and surgeon.

Dr. Walshe's office address is 509 First Trust Bldg., Pasadena. Office hours — 2 to 5 P. M. Telephones: Syc. 3 7686; Res., Syc. 2 4859 or Physicians Exch., Syc. 6 8111.

W. L. WEBER,
Chief Surgeon

not yet been definitely arranged, announces Mrs. Quillin, Ways and Means Chairman, and Mrs. K. Brown, Co-chairman.

"Every meeting of the Unit, business as well as social, is an enjoyable event for the members," said Mrs. Quillin. "Here they meet old friends and make new ones. They hear interesting talks and take part in discussions. They acquire a wider outlook from being a part of a great national organization at work on problems of nation-wide importance. Meeting day is a red-letter day on the calendars of Auxiliary members.

"We who have been active in the Auxiliary for a number of years feel that the eligible women who do not belong are missing much pleasure and enjoyment. We are inviting them all to join our Unit, at this time and share with us the full program for 1940. Every woman whose son, husband, father or brother is a member of the Legion is eligible, as are those who have lost their service relative during or after the war and those who themselves were enlisted in war service."

BRIGHT CHILDREN

Teacher (brightly): "As we walk out-of-doors on a cold winter's morning and look about us, what do we see on every hand?"

Class (as a man): "Gloves!"

"The modern girl is anything but fast," says a writer. "Why, she often takes as much as thirty years to reach twenty-five."

DEPARTMENTAL NOTES

WEST HOLLYWOOD

By G. R. Stevens

The trainmen at West Hollywood welcomed A. W. Day, new asst. trainmaster on the West, who was for many years terminal foreman out of Ocean Park and is well known for his talks stressing safety. Mr. Day's talks on "Safety" have done much to prevent accidents in the past. Recently he has given instructive and informal talks at the West Hollywood trainmen's room to the boys on safety and the careful operation of trains.

Conductor R. A. Moore, Conductor Hintz, Motorman R. A. Pearce, and Motorman Stickey, all out of West Hollywood drove fifty miles north of Santa Barbara to fish the Santa Ynez river on an overnight trip and didn't catch a fish although they saw cut-throat trout twenty-eight inches long.

Jim Kincaid, subway terminal depot master, retired recently after a long and enviable service record with the company. Old timers will miss him.



Wallace Griffin, brother of E. L. Griffin, and member of Cowboy Band.

Reports have it that terminal foreman, Jess Hanselman, who recently moved back to Hill Street after working nights at West Hollywood, got a card from McKee, addressed to the boys from way down south in which he says he is having a good time.

Anthony "Bus" Gibbons and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy weighing six pounds, born on January 8th. "Bus" Gibbons is the son of Cashier Gibbons. Congratulations to the happy family.

Terminal Foreman H. R. Dearborn is now working the night shift. R.

H. Betterworth is back again working the relief foreman's job.

Motorman Carl Ogden is going to the hospital soon for an appendix operation.

Wallace Griffin, brother of Motorman E. L. Griffin working run 1408, plays in a cowboy band. He can play any string instrument but specializes in the violin, having played around the country before many prominent notables.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC NOTES

By J. E. Blackburn

On Wednesday, the 17th day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty, George W. Koltz broke his period of abstention and actually put up a bottle of water. The incredible part about his activity in this connection is that two or three days later he repeated this performance. Remember the date — January 17, 1940—it will go down in the annals of Freight Traffic Department history as a "red letter" day in the career of G. W. Koltz. When George Meyers breaks down and puts up a bottle we shall have really seen everything.

During the past month the Stockberger family moved away out in the country near Rosemead where the air is fresh, the grass green, and the aroma of nearby dairies fills the air. John has secured quite a nice place in which to live and the family should be very comfortable. His moving, though, was somewhat of a fortunate incident for Ralph Perry who sold John his former Plymouth to provide a means of transportation to and from the stores, schools, etc.

Ralph McMichael is preparing for another short trip to San Francisco. This time he will assist in checking out adjustments in the lumber rates to place them on a competitive basis with recently established truck rates in the state of California including a few nearby interstate points.

From the reports for the first half of the school year, we understand our boys are giving a good account of themselves in attendance at the Freight Traffic class conducted by Lon Norrbom twice a week at Belmont Evening High School. A recent written examination in connection with terminal charges, privileges, allowances, etc. showed that both Jack Birmingham and Ralph Perry, representatives of this office currently in attendance, are getting quite a lot out of Lon's competent instruction.

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

By W. C. Scholl

A reply to Winchie:
Dear Winch:

The above title is short for Winchie, but ole man Webster (you wouldn't know, but he is the man who is responsible for the Dictionary—no record of a copy being published in Hill Billy Language) says that "Winch" I quote in part: "A crank with a handle," etc.

Believe me when I say I alone miss your notes, which you so consistently sent in (late) for publication under the good ole Accounting Department Banner. It was indeed a rare pleasure to translate your notes from "Hill Billy" to the somewhat near English language and then tear them up so that others wouldn't have to read them; but as you so quaintly put it you are now on your own and can stand on your own feet which no doubt keep you pretty well tied down to the ground, if you know what I mean.

Well, print and paper are cheap, but time is precious so I will not take up a little over a column with this nonsense (unless someone does me dirt and double spaces) as some people do, but will say that we wish you luck and hope that after 6 months the number of friends you have will over-shadow the number of enemies that a columnist some times makes. Further in respect to your column will say that we are not crying too much so don't gloat over some ones goat that you think you have, but haven't.

Yours truly, Clayt.

Now for the news and what there is of it seems to be good (and not pulled through a keyhole.)

Earle Moyer was released from the hospital a few days ago after another major operation since the first of the year and is doing swell. His continued improvement will mean his early return to the office and we will all be very glad to see him.

Ray Knowlton is back at the office and doing a good one-armed job. The only trouble with the arm, which was broken, is that Ray cannot raise it without the help of the other arm. He says that he shudders to think of how his waist-line would diminish if he were partaking of his sustenance from the well known boarding house with only one arm to grab with.

Frank Hardesty is going to Mexico City for his vacation some time during February, 1940, and Frank says if you have anything you want him to bring back that he will bring

it back alive. That is anything except a dark-eyed Senorita.

Vacations are starting early and ending late in the Central Timekeeping Bureau with someone being away almost every month of the year.

Due to completion of certain special work, which had necessitated hiring of an additional clerk, it is now necessary for various clerks to resume their former positions and as a result of this move we lose our Junior Clerk, Edgar Morris. We wish Edgar a lot of luck and hope that he will get located real soon.

Gladys Sunday says that -- * x bookkeeping machine can do one thing that she thought was almost an impossibility and that is make you lose weight fast. If you don't believe it just watch Gladys sometime between the 10th and 15th of any month and you will understand just what she means.

You have no doubt heard the expression that so and so was taken to the cleaners. Well that is not news anymore, but when someone takes a cleaner to the cleaners that is news. It seems that a fellow named Weeks took a suit to the cleaners and when said cleaner asked Weeks to file his claim he promptly did same and how! That dear friends is the reason for the very natty looking suit our friend is now wearing.

Well news is scarce this month now that people are recuperating from the holidays so-oh might as well close up for the month. Will add however, that I had the pleasure of seeing the picture "Gone With the Wind" and at last understand why Walter Watchall likened Double Sugar Sharp to the character of Ashley in the play. He fits the part very well not to mention Florence Halde-man in the part, which she says is rightfully hers—the role of Scarlett O'Hara, hotcha!

MACY STREET TERMINAL

By Chet Collins

Conductor J. R. Krueger is now a proud papa. The blessed event came early in January and it was a boy, oh, what a boy! (ask Jimmy). We all extend our congratulations to the Krueger's and wish them every happiness.

O. A. Gough's son was recently married to Miss Marg Lucie of San Diego. The ceremony was held in the Wedding Chapel in Pasadena and was attended by their friends. Miss Lucie is the daughter of a San Diego oil man and has been attending the University of California, where the couple first met. He has been attending the University where he is specializing in petroleum engineering. They will live in Berkeley until he

has obtained his Degree of Engineer. We all wish them much happiness.

O. B. Briggs was installed as President of the P. E. Masonic Club on Jan. 17, and states that he is going to be one busy man trying to keep up with his different activities. He is a member of several drill teams besides holding this new office.

Since freight has been more active at San Bernardino S. W. Riddell has transferred to their extra board, in order to be with his family and friends. New activity on the Southern Division has caused need for the services of H. J. Beck, R. E. Clary and G. Osman for an indefinite period. We hope that business continues to increase.

A. R. Butler recently took a short trip to Idaho, where he visited with friends. I expect he found it plenty cold at this time of year and was glad to get back to our California sunshine.

H. K. Riordan was off during December and the early part of January, and I understand that he made a trip East during this period.

The sick list for the past month has included many of us, each taking a few days off to recuperate from a cold or flu. Among those off were: L. L. Brown, confined in St. Vincent's Hospital for a week, but now back at work; G. Peak, sick a few days with a cold, and now hard at work again; A. M. Brouwer, confined in St. Vincent's with a severe cold; R. D. Taylor, very sick with a cold, but now back on the job; B. F. Way, sick with the flue; C. L. Ennis, H. W. Wills, J. H. Ickes, H. Wiser, J. R. Houseman, T. H. Miles, R. T. Harmer, J. C. Knapp, G. F. Miller, and W. C. Roberts were among those who were off with colds, but who have now recovered and are on the job. Even Bob Hardy has succumbed to illness and is temporarily confined in the hospital. We hope they all have an early recovery and are back among us soon.

An unfortunate accident on his freight motor Dec. 29, resulted in J. Emery, trolley-man, getting a broken leg. We are happy to learn that he is getting along very well and will be out of the hospital before long.

H. Clark and H. Kraft are still off sick with no news coming in about them.

Sincere condolence is extended to J. McCracken in the loss of his father, who was laid to rest in Vancouver, B.C., where Jack went to attend the services; to Z. P. Myers, who traveled East to attend services for his mother, who recently passed away; and to J. T. Wilkinson who lost his mother and went to the San Joaquin Valley to attend services.

CONDUCTORS' ACCOUNTS BUREAU

By Marion Snowden

An appreciative letter to Mr. Suman. Dear Sir and Poppa:

This being the first opportunity we've had to pry ourself loose from work long enough to tell you how much we like your gift of that old relic of a lamp that was offered for swap in last month's column, we now take advantage of it. and how!

We were taught the old adage "never look a gift horse in the mouth", but you realize, don't you, Poppa, that we wouldn't need to do much prying to see that the best parts of that lamp had gone with the wind? with apologies to Margaret Mitchell.

Of course you haven't been in the office family long enough yet to know that we just love antiques and relics. (Don't look now, but you'd have a picnic throwing out what's in our right-hand desk drawer third from the top. The only reason that desk has so MANY nice things in it, is this: there's a fight at home to keep them, which you wouldn't appreciate, on account of you don't keep anything long enough to get attached to it. You know how it is,—or do you?)

Well, Poppa, back to the lamp. When we hove in the front door with that prize lamp, and unwrapped it proudly, and displayed the card with your "compliments", the gal that rules the roost at our house (and does SHE keep things cleared out!) took one look and said, "Where'd you get that thing and where do you expect to put it?" The tone alone was enough to hurt our feelings, let alone what she meant.

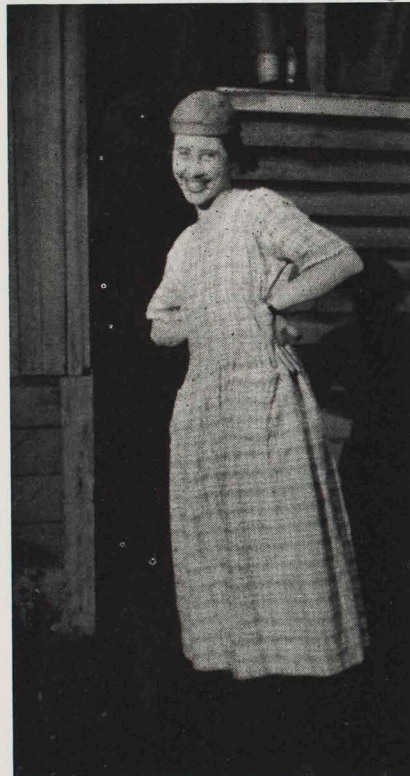
"Don't you worry, Toots", we answered in a bright cheerful voice, "about where we're going to put it. By the time we get a new cord on it, and a new shade, and a coat of paint, you'll be proud to put it right here in the living room."

"Oh yeah?" says she, insulting-like, not having any vision, or imagination, or anything, which is maybe a good thing, because two in the family with all those things might start us a junk shop, and then we all would have to move out. "Oh yeah? That's what you think. You take that thing right out to the garage, and if you bring any more junk home from the office, you'll have to move." That's a laugh, because we bring home some of the bacon, too.

Well, Poppa, to make a long story short, as the other good writers say, too, lamp in hand, we paraded right out to the garage; not scared, you know, but sometimes discretion is the better part of valor, or words to that effect. We picked our way through the accumulation of other gifts, and

as we untangled the ratty old cord and connected it up (and it lit, too!) we couldn't help thinking that all we lacked now was that nice old Morris chair that disappeared out of our rest-room at the office.

That sinker you threw in with the chain on it, we have decided to keep hid out for awhile until we figure out what to use it for. You know the old saying "Keep a thing seven years and you will find some use for it"; well, it's one continual fight to keep things even one week, but while there's life there's hope, and where there's clearing out going on, there's bound to be lots of nice things to save, so don't mind our family scraps when you're clearing out anything else.



"Winchie"

Well, Poppa, thanks a lot. We had an idea it wouldn't take you long to dig out the lamp once you knew where it was. We've an eye to the main chance, you see.

So, every time you feel relieved about getting rid of that much more junk, you can remember that out in the garage, in the light of that old lamp, on a box, enjoying things, perches

WINCHIE.

P.S.—What in the world DID you do with that old Morris chair, Poppa?

WINCHIE AT THE KEYHOLE

Well, folks, we lived through the last number, in spite of threatened law-suits, so here we are again, rarin' to go. (Keep your eyes peeled, Clayt). One of the first things to record is

the earthquake. Shivers and shakes! Air-mai! letters from the folks back home wanted to know how many of us had been killed! It's plain to see that there's no California Chamber of Commerce back there in that little old back-woods state. Why, in our office, nary a gal even quit working. (Oh, yeah?)

Starting the New Year right, Dorothy Randolph celebrated, braving the rain (?), the crowds, and the waiting, went to see the Rose parade, and "Gone With the Wind". Hm, it just missed being gone with the rain. Edna Abell, that restless little soul, went to San Luis Obispo for the holiday, and Esther Quast and Lois Brown went donkey-busting at Boulder Dam. Leave it to E.Q. to find something to ride on shaped like a horse.

Maybelle Wirz over near the window. Now, by the simple trick of not turning on the light above her head, on dark days she is able to work in almost Stygian darkness. Shofer Ann, are you listening in?

Guess who is the champion hand-raiser in the night-school story class when Teacher asks who has NOT prepared a story? You're right, it's Esther Quast.

Among the want-ads. Wanted, a man to use my new electric razor. No objection to wear and tear. Call and see Florence Cox. (Leap year should bring results, Coxie.)

Wanted—Six old-fashioned lamps, suitable for use on desks. Apply to Car Service Girls. (Humph! jealous! They saw Winchie's antique. Why didn't you gals ask for a dozen; you'll have just as much chance of getting them.)

Wanted—Eight pairs of castors. Could use them attached to metal heel and toe plates. Apply at new streamlined office 265. Fl Haldeman and L. Brown. (Why be so bashful; why don't you advertise for four roller-skates? You KNOW Mr. Suman doesn't want any more junk brought into the office. And you KNOW he likes efficiency even in skating back and forth from one office to the other.

Lost, strayed or stolen—From the hook in the wardrobe (ahem). Will the viper who inadvertently on purpose borrowed (?) my green umbrella turning brown at the edges, please return same. No questions asked, Esther Quast. (We spose you'll even want them to pay for this ad, too, won't you, Titus?)

Clearing out the rest-room was just a fore-runner of what's happened since, what with paint-up week and everything. Now the room is a streamlined private office, hang-out of Florence Haldeman and Lois Brown. (Not so private, with all the running in and out that goes on

through there). Anyway, they had a grand opening, for a huge bouquet of red chrysanthemums arrived labeled "From the Boys". Later in the day George Jehl was seen wearing a very choice bloom in his buttonhole. It was red and shaped suspiciously like a chrysanthemum, but of course it COULDN'T have been one of the "Boys" 's!

With a fine opportunity offered the Land and Tax Department last month to welcome such a good worker as Eunice Fischer, late of our office, not a word of welcome was forthcoming. Well, for goodness sake! If THAT'S how glad they are to have you up there, Eunice, you come right on back to your old pals.

Arvilla Curran was mad in no uncertain terms when the assistant chief cook and bottle-washer forgot to put the tea water on one noon in the absence of the regular c. c. & b. w.

Little Happy New Year, a baby boy, arriving during New Year week at the home of Grace Lund, former Conductors' Accounter. We all hope she will bring the little tyke up to see us some time.

Static on the air. Somebody coughing—"we thought you were choking to death"—"not a bad idea".

The latest move leaves the office front looking like a bowling alley. All we need now to really turn out good work is upholstered swivel chairs, a loud speaker, and maybe (?) a bar.

This one will start a law-suit, right! (But we're nothing if not nervy, so here it is.) Mam-ma Alice Elliott was seen racing up the hall with a pair of shoes in one hand, throwing back words that sounded like "touchdown, fumble, huddle," etc. Can you imagine it?

Vacations. Yessir, after all we said last month about these people who hold back their vacations just to aggravate the rest of us, here are two now, with one more to follow next month; (that is, one more to be reported). Ladies first. ALWAYS. Whoever would have thought that anyone as precise as Lola Ellis could get lost on her vacation in the "Windy City" and we don't mean Los Angeles. After repeated run-arounds with those revolving doors in Chicago department stores, she alleges that she was completely lost. (That's what she gets for not patronizing home industry.) But her nose knows, and she wasn't so lost but what she could and did find her way to Milwaukee, of beer fame, only in her case it was champagne. And here's a bouquet she handed our parent, Southern Pacific: The service was excellent, and was well spoken of by all the other members of her party. WE thank you, Lola, for the Southern Pacific, for

we know they will never see this column.

Mr. Suman had his vacation during the holidays, but we didn't have the nerve to ask him where he went and what he did there. You can have three guesses as to what he did; here are some suggestions to help you guess right: (1) Golfing. (2) Rah-Rah-ing for USC. (3) Moving his furniture at home. Next year we'll sail right in and ask him.

Lone visitor at the office was Elizabeth Reckweg Amalong, who comes along regularly every month to see what's holding up the Magazine. Such interest is most flattering to us contributors. You fellas throughout the pages, take a bow.

The sympathy of all of us in Conductors' Accounts is extended to our friend and co-worker, Esther Ross, and to her family, in the recent passing of her brother.

Pretty soon we expect to have all except official calendars removed from the walls. After all, why should we advertise alkalizers, tooth powders, rock products, and competitive transportation? As for us, we favor one of those snappy models with all the months exposed at one glance,—you know, the kind that requires climbing up on a chair to read.

Uncle Tommus took a very unclay interest in us the other day, and came in to see how we survived the hair-pulling he was looking forward to as a result of last month's column. Huh, Unc, you ain't seen nuthin yet! we've got 'em eating out of our hand. Fighting for the headlines!

And now the latest word is our complicated buzzer system. Nine of us have 'em, shorts—go see Miss Haldeman; longs—go see Mr. Suman. (Sounds like a pair of pants or something, to see it in print). They range from one to four apiece. (the buzzers, we're talking about now), so you can imagine the fun when they ring. It's as good as "button button, who's got the button."

Have you seen the old oaken bucket hanging from Dorothy Pearson's neck?

Remembering that Alpha Sands Seagraves used to be one of us, we can say what we think and never bat an eye. In Loquacious Creamer's column last month, it is alleged that she said she hadn't cut or burned her hands while preparing the meals. Why Alpha! Be ashamed of yourself! After what you told us! Just take a casual look at Walter's hands and report to your correspondent in time for the next number, so that he can enlarge on why your hands are in such good condition.

Now that Alice Elliott has upholstered the floor of the closet in the machine room with wire baskets, our loved box of Christmas tree orna-

ments is safe from floods, earthquakes, and WE HOPE the marauding hands of one individual who has had designs on it for some time. Now there's no GOOD excuse for doing away with them. (Are anybody's ears burning?)

If you-all could just catch a glimpse of that machine room! where Messrs. Martin, Evans, and McDonald traveling audit whatever it is they audit. The place is so crowded, they almost have an adding or check machine in each lap. And the noise is something to write home about. One of our office wits, who springs a good one every so often, has named it "the Rumpus Room". Don't you love that?

We wind up with a cordial invitation to our brothers across the way (this being leap year) to come in and see how nice our office looks now. Incidentally, there are quite a few unattached eligibles standing about (oh working, of course) who will be glad to show you around. So come on over.

Now for one last dig at Clayt. Here he is, trying to think up a mean answer to our sassy letter last month, while we go merrily on, kicking up a dust.

TORRANCE SHOP NEWS

By Carleton B. Bell

Mr. Appel started something when he brought his automotive study class to Torrance Shops some weeks ago. It worked out so good that Prof. Clifford and his class in electric car inspection and maintenance followed the lead and came to Torrance the evening of Jan. 15th in a big buss furnished by the Company for that purpose. About thirty men made the trip and were shown various phases of the work done on electric cars during their overhaul at Torrance. Truck work was explained by Louis Brown and air brake parts demonstrated and explained by Tony Zahrandnik and Frank Thompson. Various phases of the armature work was demonstrated by Chas. Boles and Albert Rice. Yours truly tried to put over a little information on what, and how, was done to group switches and magnet clutch valves but here, as elsewhere, the time was too short to more than lightly touch on the subject. Several hours could well be spent showing those interested how these parts are worked here. Geo. Evans, Floyd Shultz, Harry Clark, and Joe Hardesty were also present and helped to keep things moving at the right speed and direction so that at the end there was time for a short inspection and universal approval of the streamlined car No. 608. Again Mr. Evans issues the in-

vitiation to anyone wishing further specific information to come to Torrance Shops and make their needs known—they will be taken care of as far as it is possible.

Tom Cassidy is making some big changes in his home by refinishing the whole interior and adding two rooms to the rear of his house. Thomas Cassidy Jr. is getting to the place where he is demanding his own sleeping quarters and Mrs. Cassidy deserved more beautiful and modern quarters in which to prepare the food that keeps Tom Sr. in such fine condition—hence the additions and refinishing. Tom says he had a hard time keeping warm while the gas was cut off and most of the rooms were still covered with wet plaster. All's well and complete now however. What about a house warming, Tom?

Al Winkler does have the darndest way of forcing himself into print—even if it be at the cost of all his choice pet goldfish. His neighbor's ducks broke out of their pen one day and got over into Al's pool and in no time at all the ducks had gained weight in exact ratio to the total weight of all Al's goldfish. By the way, Al, how come you had your finger nails all polished up one evening when company came into call upon you??? We hereby offer the facilities of this column next month to explain in your own words this strange outburst of personal decoration.

Jim Oconner was a bit peeved—ordered his brand new Buick 5 passenger coupe and when received about six weeks later it was raining and he could not try it out without getting mud all over it—and we all know how Jim abhors even one tiny speck of mud of his car.

Al Carlson is one of those good old fashioned boys, so say Lester Patrick, John Anderson, Bill Prediger, and Frank Winterberg. And the testimony of these good men cannot be questioned for they all saw Al come to the door in his night clothes and ask them to wait till he could get dressed and join them in their journey to Torrance.

Versal Bates raised quite a discussion lately. Most of the fellows argue that the noon half hour is the workman's own time and if he chooses to sleep it through that is his business but Bates seems to feel that someone should have waked him up when the noon whistle blew because that was no place to nap anyway. Chas. Boles had put in a bid to do the awakening every day for a month at a monthly charge of ten cents. Walter Bloomfield may get the job, if anyone does, as he means to bid 7½c per month, or two months for 15c. Bates claims he really was not

asleep at all but just did not hear the whistle.

This business of making out accident reports is getting pretty tough. Al Rice claims he had to make one out when Jack Watson broke his pipe because it incapacitates Jack for work for one full week. Pretty tough Jack. It was a fine new 50c pipe too.

Sanford A. Whiting is newest possessor of a new auto, a Chevy sedan. We wonder if this investment is based on rosy prospects of oil—a well is now being drilled about 1800 feet from Whiting's property. Chas. Benson (Benny to you) is also in on this oil deal and is willing to tell the story in glowing terms to all comers.

Billy Simmons reports his mother quite ill, has been for some weeks, but is now on the mend though the doctor says not to be in too much of a hurry. Bill's mother is Hattie A. Simmons, long an employee of the Coil Taping Shop.

Edward F. Finley is back at work in the Winding Room after an absence of seven years, during which he learned and practised the fine art of car whacking at Macy Street. Finley said he was glad to be back and it was easy to see that he meant what he said. We're glad to see you back too, Finley.

Big news in the Blacksmith Shop—new Blacksmith employed there on Jan. 22nd, the first in about twenty years. Ora McKinney by name, brunette, soft dark eyes, dark wavy hair, friendly smile but mainly serious expressions, that's how I knew he was married. Says he has three children, 1 boy and 2 girls, and lives in Belvedere. Used to blacksmith for the U. P. in their Los Angeles shops. This is what we like to see, new faces, and young enough to be productive of real news once in a while. Too many of us too old, looking back on experiences and ahead to pensions.

Bill Chapman has a fine new shirt—cream colored doeskin he calls it. Fred Murry's new shirt is a beauty also, plum colored and made of lambs wool. Bill says Fred got the shirt to charm red heads with.

A touch of color has recently been added to the Machine Shop—red lights on the emery wheels and the rotary grinder. Quite agreeable effect these dark days.

Sam Humer recently demonstrated he was quite a skunker but made use of an ordinary fishing pole to get his skunk. Sammy looks out for all ordinary electrical troubles and in this case Mr. Skunk had made trouble by making himself the connecting link between the power line and ground in the transfer table pit. Sammy hooked him out with a fish hook on the end of a long pole and then proudly paraded through the shops to prove his expertness to all who would look.

We are willing to take your word for it the next time Sammy.

Also ran onto a brand new Sheet Metal Worker in the Tin Shop. Denver Root by name, about 36 years old, too busy for me to get a good look at his face but what I did see made a good impression, especially the smile—you just gotta have a smile to get by in this world. Has been working in Beverly Hills at auto body manufacturing and repairing. Has wife and 12 year old daughter, lives in Montebello but we expect him to soon get tired of the long drive, even though he has a garden and nice chicken pens where he now lives. Started to work Jan. 15th.

Nick Arena believes in preparedness—recently had a practice blackout in his part of the shop. With doors and windows all closed a large portion of oily rubber got into his fire and the whole place was soon so thick with black smoke and odor that the enemy could not have found you even if they could have stood for the smell. One practice was enough for Nick.

Messrs. Kelly, Burgess, and Bloomfield, doughty hunters, drove 250 miles last Sunday and hunted the rest of the day for rabbits, but nary a rabbit. Bill Jolly gives them a tip if it really is rabbits they want—just hunt in his back yard, he has killed two cottontails there recently.

Hard to get any personal news in the Mill this month. They are all so hepped up over their new machinery they can talk of little else. Most interesting to me was the new Sterling Speed Bloc sander. It is a small hand tool that sand papers wooden surfaces about three times as fast, and with one third the labor, as the old time hand and armstrong method. Then they also have a small electric hand drill of which they are very proud, relieves them of the necessity of borrowing of which they were getting a bit tired. The largest addition to their machines is a "belt sander" which accomplishes wonders under the guiding hand of an expert Millman and is the product of their own brains and handiwork. Earn Lock was being looked upon with envy by the other Millmen just at the time I was there because he had just demonstrated all these machines to Earnie Stevens—and you know Earnie has to be really shown.

All of which reminds me—frequently I am asked "What about the Big Boys up town, we never see anything about them in the Magazine". Seems as though surely Mr. Geibel and Mr. Stevens, Walter White, even "Aarreenn" once in a while do something newsworthy and it ought to be in the Magazine. We like to know a bit of what the heads of our particular branch of the "Family" are doing.

When Aareen comes into the office too hoarse to talk from yelling for the U.S.C. team that managed to win a basketball or football game the day before it ought to be put into print. What say uptown? ? ? ?

Sorry to hear that Matteo Olocco of the Paint Shop recently suffered a stroke. He is still confined to his bed but the doctors say he ought to be able to return to work in about two months. Good luck to you, Matteo.

Received a report from Alfred Kitto that Oscar Breese is also confined to his bed on account of high blood pressure. He also expects to be down for a couple months. Now Oscar, you mind the doctors and your wife, we'll be seeing you.

Willis Brooks explains his stooped posture these days to LUMBAGO, should be spelled with red letters. But it has gone on so long that they have stopped calling him Willis in the office and just call him "LUM". That's efficiency for you.

MOTOR TRANSIT DISTRICT

By M. J. Creamer

By the way—I'll only assume half the blame for the "shot" shown here. The other half will have to be borne



by Marion Snowden (Conductor's Accounts Bureau) or didn't you read her "sizzling" yarn in last month's issue? Anyway, here's hoping she wears well! Such fan mail, tch. tch. . . and she should have the dedication of the song "Y O U LEAVE ME BREATHELESS!" (but not speechless) Dear Marion: Even a bouquet of onion tops is welcome and AM I glad that you said FRESH vegetables—but then perhaps you meant the RIPE, LUSCIOUS kind! Am looking forward to their delivery. A typewritten chinfest with no help from the cronies? Boy, getting news out of the gang (with few exceptions) is harder than evading the tax, or did you ever try? However, I'll concede the chinfest as the 'Fair-ex Sex' do have WAYS and MEANS of winning out . . . sooh the 'cracker bowl' goes to you for a MOST ENTERTAINING SCENARIO! Yeah, crowd me out as much as you want (I'll find my little corner somewhere.) Really this editorial stuff isn't what it's ironed out to be—just watch your friends disappear now that you're super-snooping! The hen

parties you talk about must be most delicious. (WHAM!—So—I'm a curiosity—a museum piece—and a lot of other things added to WHAT PRICE GLORY?) Just where do you HIDE in the Conductor's Bureau—or maybe I can come over to do some sorting sometime. No foolin'—can handle the paper clips okay. Our congenial agent, Geo. Jehl—COULD BE a President—and we learn now that he was one at one time—"Ancient Order of Garbage Gatherers"—and he admits it! NOW that my mug has been smeared on the pages—are you BRAVE enough to come forth with one of yours? Smooth saillings—"Hildegard"—am looking forward to all your volumes henceforth. You truly wield a mean uppercut!

Ooll out the bbl!—only this time, it's the P.E. roll stock form of tickets and the new adjustment in conformity to P.E. sales is working in smooth shape now. There was a boom in the sale of commutation books before the 15th, when the rates changed and the ol' books were dishd out aplenty, with demands "Gimme 7 books—gimme 10 books, etc." and merrily was the business on the upward trend—but BINGO! (the barometer went down) however, she's climbing back up to normal now, so HURRAH!

Fred D'Arcy (Head Service Director) was the man of the hour so to speak, during the change in fares, etc., and was holding school for operators. The questions flung at him were non-ending. We know that he had his hands full and also that he did an excellent job in tutoring. Yep, we got our usual bauling-out and all sorts of questions thrown at us, "But I NEVER got this kind of a ticket before! All it says is 20c and HOW DOES the driver KNOW where I'm going.

Ira Junkins (Janitor) has returned from his sudden trip to Ottumwa Iowa which really must have been a last-minute decision. He trained home for two weeks to visit the folks but we think the main reason for the visit was his appetite for "sough-belly" and "black-eyed peas". Anyhoo—he came back with a frozen ear—and remarked that the weather was plentee BRR in those parts. Ray Milnes "CURLY LOCKS"—to youse, relieved Ira and made a clean sweep of things. Ray, incidentally is a most congenial chap and we welcomed having him with us. (Alpha) Madam Seagraves, dedicated his new name of "CURLY LOCKS" and in case any of youse goils in the building haven't met him—can only say he's 21—a good lookin' feller and AFTERALL this is LEAP YEAR!

Ed Morgan (Night Janitor) bounces into the news by breaking Geo. Jahl's desk lamp—into nothing short of smithereens. His explanation was

that he took a swing at one of our pet rats in the vicinity—missed him—and just had to hit something! Incidentally Ed, why don't you try your aim at a few of those so-called water bugs in evidence hereabouts—especially when they're out to do the "Cucaracha". They're really big enough to saddle and have such "googly" eyes when staring at you over the saucer-cup! Just ask Freeman Morgan (Red Cap) who shrieked (Hollywood dictionary) to high heavens and lost his appetite in nothing flat!

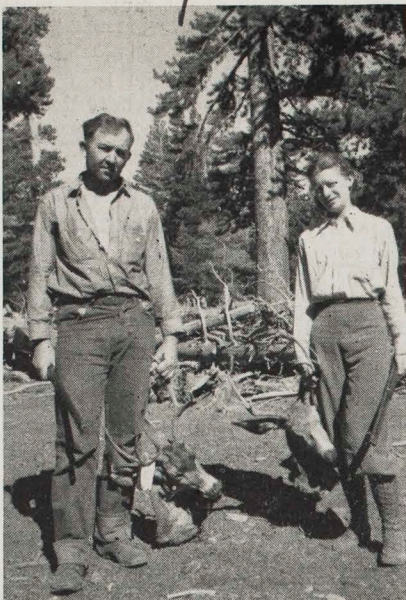
H. A. Bubier has returned to work. Ata boy! We are especially glad that our good friend, Ivan Erhardt, is out of the hospital (Jan. 14th) voncalesc-ing at home and is expected back to work shortly after this comes from press. WELCOME on the mat to you! "Soapy" Casteel was laid up with the flu for several days as well as Owen Whitaker whose siege of it compared to the ol' days of 1919. Guy Rhinard using a sponge for a hanky—so there we go again!

We are sorry that Mr. Homer M. Williams of 422 East 7th Ave., Mitchell, South Dakota, was overlooked in mailing out copies of the Magazine but will hope that it doesn't happen again. (Letter from Mr. Williams, was quoted in our Dec. 1938 issue of the Magazine recalling his interest in buses and the ol' days when he was with us (1924-1925) before the affliction of blindness came over him). We are glad to hear of your continued interest in the many changes that have taken place in recent years and only wish that we could round up a few more of the old-time employes, whose names would be of especial interest to you, but time marches on—so they say, and new fields of endeavor call one way. We have again quoted your address, should any of the old acquaintances be desirous of writing you. Our best wishes always!

Fred D'Arcy using his new Shave-master on that fuzz of his and really doing a slick job of it. "Slim" Seifried likewise fell heir to one of those gadgets during the holidays and is mowing them over. "That guy, Frank Ellis, car dealer, Alhambra, must be a 'WIZARD' says 'Tuck' Tucker, as he actually SOLD Lem Sommerville a 1935 Ford sometime back and has now hooked 'Slim' with a 1934 Chev. 'It's goody-goodbye to his vintage Pontiac. "Slim" has plenty of speed (I mean the car) and proof of the pudding was Slim's trial run up-hill. Stepped on the gas, like in the ol' puddle-jumper and was going so fast when he reached the top of the hill—he couldn't stop and was downhill before he had the car under control. (Well, I only heard!) Slim—likewise very proud of his new typewriter.

Showned it to the wife. All she could say was "NOW, all we need is somebody to operate it!—(space for a slow burn!)"

Stewart Axton and a friend have a new hobby now—building miniature trains including rails, etc., and everything will be exactly to scale. Electric lights and all! Alvin Cox, hitting the news with "Boy, am I tired!" Max Hess (San Bdo) back in town—and My! My! who was that beautiful girl with you—and why did you bring her so close to the office window—and why were you gleaming—or were you GLOATING? "Tuck" was missing a shoe one day recently . . . and Stanley Moore (car cleaner) turned it in at Lost & Found. Doity work at the cross-roads. Tuck had a minor operation on his toe—but is back in swing-time now. Seems someone stepped on his pedal during the last Christmas party—or WAS it just that way? His young son, Jimmy, is joining an all-accordion orchestra and so the accordion interest should be doubled now. "Wake" Wakefield of Sup't. office—the camera fiend) bought a new Tempo-Tone, 12 tube radio with Victor phonograph, automatic, that plays 8 10-inch records. (No nickels needed). Camera takes a back seat now! Wake took pictures of Tuck's home during the holidays. His "ol' faithful" broke so he took them with a box agfa . . . good pictures tho . . . leave it to "Wake". Bob Cruson (the arrow-collar) moving from a hotel in Montrose to a cozy little apartment . . . up in those rolling hills. Can we drop in for a pot of tea, Bob? "Sidehill" Barnum has remodeled his home and moved back in! Owen Whitaker getting the bug too—and plans some remodeling also. "Papa" Strong has moved to Inglewood, renting out his home in Alhambra and he and the wife have taken over the management of an apartment and court-unit nearing completion in that vicinity, for none other than our old friend and co-worker of "yestiddy" Oscar Otero. Oscar resigned some two years ago and has gone into building in a good scale. His many friends of long standing still inquire about him. His smiling face behind the cage would be a welcome sight to many! Bouquets to Emma Hammond, night waitress, P. E. Subway Terminal Cafe, who is worthy of much praise. A sense of humor that is unique and can she chaase ol' man Gloom away! She may be taking those vows soon—who knows. At least she said she "might"—and the dictionary says might means to infer "may"—so perhaps it will be the month of MAY—or will it? Compliments to L. E. Koch, conductor Hollywood line, who really goes out of his way to accomodate his passengers by calling out streets



"Walt" Randig, Shop Foreman, Riverside, with his friend wife, Mary, and the two deer they bagged last summer. "Walt" was one of the prize-takers in the P. E. Rod & Gun Club.

and transfer points. Have heard more than one passenger remark to others as to his ability in directing patrons. G. R. Stevens runs a tie, too, in that respect and can he keep his passengers in good spirits and that I mean!

HILITE OF THE MONTH: Mrs. Lawrence Allen came down with him to get his paycheck. It was payday! She watched him sign the check—get the dough—and then remarked: "But you never bring that much home!" Lawrence gave her the "hush" sign—and well—I didn't mean to be listening! Another one for the book: A Texan fresh from them thar hills handcuffed a couple of suitcases to ease by parcel lockers. Didn't want anyone to steal them. Funny part of it was that it took young Allen all of 5 seconds to remove them and lug to parcel check room for safe keeping!

Perhaps of interest to some of the gang is the report that reaches us of Hugh Potter, who worked for the company on mountain division, during the years 1924-1925 and 1930-1932, and who is now connected with the State Highway Patrol in Helena, Montana. He is rated very high with them.

HAPPY BOITHDAYS: Three sets of twins this month: "Baby" LeRoy Larson and D. J. Smithson, Feb. 11th. F. K. Pilkerton and L. S. Radcliffe, Feb. 17th. Wayne E. Putnam and A. M. Spilsbury, Feb. 27th. Others are G. F. Cook, Feb. 3rd; Ed Morgan, Feb. 5th; H. J. Eddo, Feb. 12th (Hi Abe Lincoln, too); B. S. Lamb, Feb. 18th; Geo. "Fredericko" Jehl (our agent) Feb. 10th; J. D. Hall, mechanic, Riverside, Feb. 22nd; (you too—Geo. Washington); Bill T. Ken-

nedy, Ass't. Agent, Santa Ana, Feb. 26th. **MANY HAPPY RETURNS!**

Those amongst operators personnel celebrating anniversaries in February are: John T. Bailey, 18 years; L. L. McDonald, 16 years; H. C. Reeves, 16 years; Charlie Cooper "Hooray for Charlie" 12 years; B. C. Lamb, 12 years; and R. J. McMullen, 4 years. Agent H. H. Howard, El Monte, 18 years.

HERE AND THERE: Wally Gressner, known to all the gang (Baltimore Hotel) should be on the payroll being he haunts us so often—and might even be a "Sherlock" for news items if he'd only tell—busily engaged in conversation with R. Hayman over possibilities of going in for boxing and gym. There should be some good coaching as the hotel boasts of a former Golden Glove California winnah—who now handles controls on the "lift" in the hotel. My deepest apologies to J. F. Edmondson if I "hoit" your feelings in last issue referring to the ash can. Afterall, I only heard—and it was one of your PALS that relayed the incident to me for a "laff" and I "soitenly" thought you'd see it that-away. **SO SORRY!**

That bent-over, pain-racked man in the Riverside ticket office is none other than John D. Puffer, who has been working in his strawberry patch getting it ready for a bumper crop—and it's certainly hard on the ol' back. John is the **PROUD PAPPY** of a howling baby girl of 7 lbs. born on Jan. 28th. Congratulations—yashure! Elden L. Ray, graduate from El Monte station is back in harness at Riverside, replacing Charlie Stein—where art thou, Charlie? Signalman Rene Hunkler is back on the job after a sojourn on the ol' mattress due to illness and they are ribbing him. When a regular HE-man gets a break like that—it's time to look for most anything! The Doc may be wrong but Rene says—"My gad—chicken pox at my age and ability!" Russell Corey, P. E. Agent, Fontana and "Amature" Cook (Riverside Depot Cafe) showing F. L. Stout, Head Chef, how to boil and cook oats in three minutes in small kettle. Chef's comments cannot be printed and sent through U. S. or company mail! Riverside garage is in the limelight due to all large stationery tools being cleaned and painted in spare moments and with a general cleanup, it has taken on the appearance of an up-to-date air-conditioned plant. The mascot at the garage is in a sad state, account picking on a police dog and losing said argument. "Doc" Randig and Rene Hunkler, both stepped out of character roles and were busy sewing up wounds and bandaging the effected parts and were **PROUD** of

their job. Hope no welding was necessary—or didn't the pup mind?) Comments of operators arriving and leaving Riverside, deleting all other phrases—**THOSE**—Hat checks! (Time for me to take my rain-check so **ADIOS** for this month.)

PURCHASING DEPT. NOTES

By Ray Cragin

Miss Dot Beranek is starting the New Year off right I would say. After being the P. E. Queen in the Tournament of Roses float the young lady had a vacation due. To this she took two extra weeks and visited Berlin, Wisconsin. Chicago and St. Louis were also on the young lady's calling list. Now if that good looking young man came along Valentines Day and steals her heart it will make 1940 a big year.

Did you ever have your ears burn and burn and then have some one hand you a letter, and then have your face turn red? Well I did. I **ACCIDENTLY** mentions in this column a month or two ago that the Torrance Coach was seen around Gardena looking for talent for his team, hoping next year not to finish in the cellar. Well, a Miss Livermore of Torrance calls my attention to the fact that the Gardena basketball team is in the cellar. Well, young lady, I have an idea. How about having the Torrance football team use a basketball and the Gardena boys could use a football to shoot baskets.

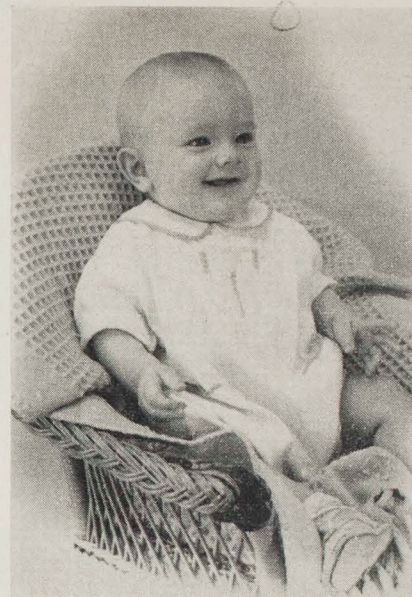
If you start into the Stationary Store and some one shouts "Halt," and then says, "Come forward and be recognized" do not be alarmed. It is just army life with the V F W boys. They are not taking any chances on an invasion from the enemy at Camp Curle. T'is said the boys are feuding.

Mr. Charles Wakefield was elected President of the 32nd Division Veteran Association of Southern California Sector on January 10th. Nice going Charlie. (Be careful Cliff, he is getting his gang together.)

Do you want to learn how to cook. Well, just tune in on a conversation between QU Quesenbery and Ruth Bushard. It runs something like this. "My mother can cook better than the lady who runs the boarding house where you stay," says Ruth. Then QU says "Oh yeah, you should see the way she can cook ham". Then Ruth says "then she has ham and one EGG". Then the fight is on.

Torrance Notes

On January 18th, Tommy Wilkes and the little lady who stole his heart celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary. Yes sir it was twenty-two years ago back in the good old city of Pittsburgh that these folks



Jack Edward Strosnider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Strosnider. Aged 8 months.

middle aisled it and said "I do." A few short months after the ceremony they got in the family Ford, model "T" and made their way to California and the city of Torrance, and are leading citizens of the great industrial city.

Eddie Holt, better known around the Torrance store as Tiny Tim, wears a size 14 shoe so they tell me. The young man's ambition is to get a sail and cross the channel to Catalina without paying boat fare. There is one advantage Eddie, you would make a good traveler, that is you can cover a lot of ground.

Fred Hopkins has had a desire to visit the Griffith Park Zoo for a long time. A few Sundays ago he and his good mother called at the Park and paid the animals a visit. This gave Fred an idea. Why should not Torrance have a zoo. A few days later Fred was seen talking to Mayor Tolson of Torrance and the conversation ran something like this. The Mayor was overheard saying "But Fred, we have no money to feed the animals." Fred stopped and scratched his head and said, "How about putting up a big sign reading Torrance Zoo, and instead of having a lot of animals we would just install looking glasses.

That globe trotting young man Bill Bone finds time in his travels to take colored movies. A few days ago at lunch hour bill set up the machine and ran off some pictures he took at New Orleans, Kansas City and other cities. Everyone was well pleased with the show and acclaimed Bill an expert at his hobby. The result was he showed them at the Torrance Christian Church on January 23rd and the Methodist Church on January 30th.

Live and learn is August Zurborg's

slogan. This gentleman was recently elected President of the student body of the Redondo Evening High School and is working hard to make this school one of the best in the State. Most any subject one could wish for is taught and all are invited to attend. Recently Olga Steeb gave a recital at Redondo and we are told many more outstanding attractions are billed for the near future. Congratulations August, keep up the good work.

From West Hollywood Cliff Curle reports things are getting back to normal after the big event. What big event did you say? Why that young man with the big smile, Jim Wageley made the trip to the alter the first part of January and right out in my old home town of Las Vegas, Nevada. (Did you take in the El Portal Theatre, Jimmy). After the wedding they honeymooned in Arizona, visiting the grand canyon. Cliff says the only thing he don't like about it is Jimmy keeps calling him "Sugar Plum" and "Dreamy Eyes".

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

By Victor P. Labbe

Lucky for 19 year old William Dootson, Pasadena youth who slid 3000 feet down the snow-covered Lytle Creek Canyon that John B. Mendenhall and Homer Tullen, both members of the Alpine Club—were called to the rescue. These expert climbers roped down the icy slope to rescue him, walked nine miles to the Glenn ranch after about 12 hours bitter effort. John Mendenhall is an employee of the Structural Department and is an expert mountain climber. Nice work, John.

Glad to see Bob Humphries back after a sojourn at the hospital. No more horses neck's for Bob.

Helen Semnacher has moved to Covina. My! my!

Leonard "Mahatma" Biehler also off with a cold—returned to work—fully recovered.

Jessie, Bee and Clara are seen gazing in the furniture windows on their lunch period. This is leap year and nothing like being prepared.

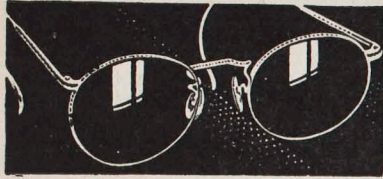
Two new employes in the drafting room, Arthur F. Fox Jr. and William O. Boyd.

Hugh Nickerson is in the market for a large house. Anyone having one for sale talk to Nick.

Ralph Pratt has moved again. It's your turn next Dick.

None other than Frank B. Patterson is the proud owner of a boat. All he needs now is a skipper.

Charlie Ehrman is feeling more like himself now and will soon be O. K. again.



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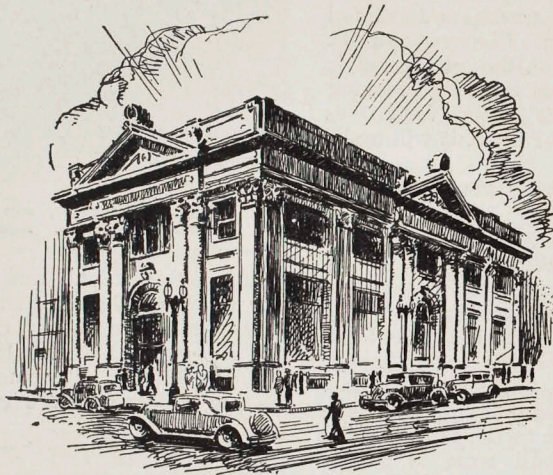
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