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E. C. THOMAS.....EDITOR

BIG GARAGE AT VINEYARD

Work is now under way in the construction of a new garage at Vineyard for the storage and servicing of motor coaches of the Los Angeles Motor Coach Company, of which this company is joint owner with the Los Angeles Railway.

Construction of the new garage was brought about by the overcrowding of other facilities and to avoid excessive dead-head mileage of coaches going to and from their regular runs, as well as to greatly improve handling and maintenance facilities.

With the completion of the new garage, storage space will be provided for 150 coaches, as well as facilities for repairs and general maintenance. The investment in this new project will amount to approximately \$150,000, and completion is expected early in the coming year.

JUST HOW LONG WAS IT?

From the Del Norte Triplicate, a leading newspaper of the Crescent City area, comes the following item under "fishing" news along the north coast of California:

"Mr. Oscar Davis, who with Mrs. Davis is camped in their well equipped trailer at the River's End Court for the fishing season, following their return from a brief visit in British Columbia, is displaying an interesting catch of trout, caught near the Piling Hole in Smith river. The prize-winning fish, which measured 45 inches by a special fisherman's rule (this was not accepted as official since it was four inches under the limit) was flanked by several very acceptable beauties which would delight any fishing addict."

As is well known around here, Mr. Davis was formerly Superintendent of the Southern Division, and in his day has raised plenty of hades with many of his employes for distorting the truth. Wonder when he became infected.

MORE INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY

Oswald Bros., paving contractors, have recently completed construction of a plant for the mixing of asphaltic paving materials near Wise station into which a spur track has been installed for service from our Hawthorne-El Segundo Line. This concern has been awarded a contract for paving a portion of the Mines Field runways which will require approximately 65,000 tons of material and it is anticipated that Pacific Electric will receive a substantial amount of revenue from the movement of rock and sand into the new plant.

During the past month, the Consolidated Product Company, general produce packers, has been located on our line at Compton. This company will pack mostly celery and cauliflower at Compton and is expected to ship about 125 cars from that point during the coming season.

The American Pipe & Steel Corporation, located at West Alhambra, is expanding its plant facilities at that point and arrangements have been completed to serve the new addition with a spur track. This corporation has been awarded a contract by the U. S. Navy for the construction of tanks for the San Diego base and is also negotiating with the Government for other preparedness contracts.

MENDENHALL HAS NEW JOB

John D. Mendenhall, who for the past two years has been employed in our Engineering Department, resigned recently to accept a similar position to that held here with the Bechtel-McCone-Parsons Company, a leading steel engineering firm of Southern California.

At present he is engaged on designing work in the Los Angeles office for the large navy yards at Orange, Texas, contract for which is held by the firm he is now associated with.

He graduated from Van Nuys high school in 1929 and from the California Institute of Technology in 1933, with highest honors in both educational institutions. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mendenhall of Van Nuys.

TWO EMPLOYES RETIRE

Since last month two names have been added to the Retirement Records of the company.

Geo. W. Woolfolk, Mechanical Department, service 20 years.

Oran J. Riddell, Transportation Department, service 21 years.

To both of the fellow employes best wishes are extended for many years of happiness, with enough activity of their own choosing to keep them in prime condition.

BIG PROJECT AT SAN PEDRO

The Harbor Department of the City of Los Angeles is just embarking on a rather large project at San Pedro that will materially change the appearance of the water-front and involves almost complete rail changes of both Pacific Electric and the Southern Pacific in the area on the front between First and Seventh Streets, including the removal of the freight station and other facilities at the foot of Fifth Street, the closing of Fifth Street by the City and the opening of Sixth Street to the water-front.

On the site in question the Harbor Department will construct new warehouses and slips for the accommodation of rapidly increasing harbor traffic.

GOLF CLUB DINNER HELD

The Southern Pacific Golf Club in which approximately 20 of our employes hold membership, held their first dinner meeting Wednesday night, October 30, in the Union Terminal Club. The dinner was perfect and the evening was a great success due to the able management of Mr. W. E. Teague, V.P. and GM of the Union Terminal Inc. and Mr. B. F. Johnston, GM, Union Terminal Warehouse.

Motion pictures of the first game at Sunset fields last month, taken and projected by Mr. Ralph MacMichael, of the Pacific Electric Freight Traffic Dept., were highly enjoyed by all present.

Much credit goes to "Bob Johnson, tournament manager and his able assistant and incidently the "Film commentator", for the arrangements for this event. May like success attend the balance of your program "Bob".

The next game will be played on the 1st Sunday of December and any P. E. Ry. Co. Employees wishing to play should contact Bob Johnson at the Union Terminal Warehouse, phone Station 2747.

GRABS PRIZES AS USUAL

Each year, for so many years that his many friends have forgotten the number, W. J. Richards, Motorman Northern District, raids the Pasadena Flower Show and carries away most of the top numbers in prizes.

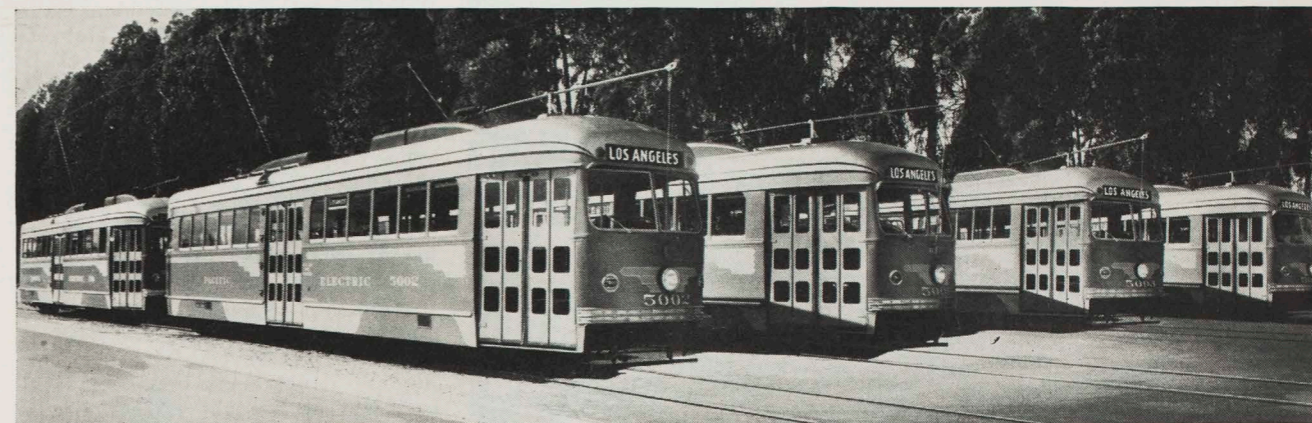
This year, as usual, he is reported as having won at least two first prizes and two seconds, to say nothing of a few minor awards on his entries of Chrysanthemums.

Kissing

He: "The girl who wrote 'Don't you dare kiss me again' forgot to punctuate it. She should have written 'Don't you dare! Kiss me again!'"

TEN NEW P.C.C. 'STREAMLINERS' HAVE ARRIVED

THE FIRST OF THIRTY OF THE NEW CARS TO ENTER GLENDALE SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 24TH



The first ten of the new Streamline P. C. C. Cars have arrived in Los Angeles, the initial three having reached here on October 21st and quickly transferred to Torrance for check-up, tests and for the purpose of training motormen who will operate them.

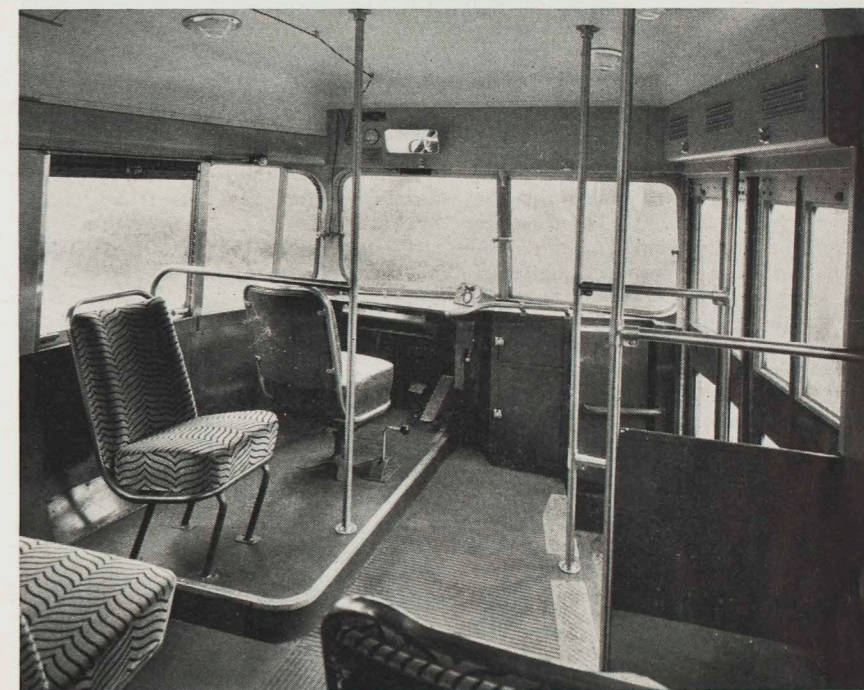
President Smith and a number of his staff examined them and saw them put through their paces a few days after their receipt, and all express themselves as highly pleased with the new equipment.

As had been previously announced, the ten new "Streamliners" constitute the "base" all-rail service of the Glendale-Burbank Line. However, because of heavy peak demands in the early mornings and late afternoons, 25 additional cars are assigned to the service for approximately one or two trips each during the "peaks". These cars are the newly rebuilt 600-class of similar exterior and interior finish, seating and lighting as the "Streamliners".

The investment represented in the 10 new "Streamline" cars, which cost \$22,500 each, is \$225,000; the cost of reconstruction of the 25 600-class cars, \$125,000; a total for equipment of \$350,000; which, together with track reconstruction of \$50,000 now completed, and installation of block signals planned for early accomplishment at a cost of \$20,000, brings the investment in this project to \$420,000.

While following the exterior lines of construction seen in other "President's Conference Committee" type of cars, the new cars of the Pacific Electric are first of their type to be equipped for double-end train operation—made possible by a new system of control developed for Pacific Electric by Westinghouse.

Under the new control system, the cars may be operated from either end, singly or in trains of two to



three cars. Doors are located at the opposite corners and centers of each car, and control equipment is arranged for either one or two-man operation. In addition to developing the control system, Westinghouse supplied all motors and other electrical features.

Each car is equipped with four lightweight, high-speed electric railway motors of 55 horsepower each, which engineers hold represent an important advance in street railway practice.

Electrical equipment embodies a new, small combined master and braking controller, and what is known as a "reverser master drum" located under the floor at each end of each car. Located in the equipment compartment under the center of each car is a remote-operated reverser combined with a device for the con-

trol of acceleration, braking and "Spotting" — automatically "conditioning" the motor circuit during coasting with increasing or decreasing speeds, so that there will be a smooth response when either braking or reapplication of power is desired.

The control system is so devised that the desired rates of acceleration and braking are controlled by one operator at the head end of the train.

Each car boasts an "accelerator"—an automatically operated device for controlling the rate of acceleration and braking. This device includes what engineers term 57 points of acceleration, an arrangement which insures speedy, yet smooth get away from a stop.

Paradoxically enough, the Westinghouse accelerator also becomes a "decelerator" when desired, and furnishes dynamic braking. The motor-



man puts his foot on the brake pedal and selects any rate of braking he wishes. As in the usual auto, the farther the brake pedal is depressed, the more rapid the stop. In a normal stop, as the brake pedal is depressed, the motors automatically become "generators," and the power they generate is absorbed in "resistors" in the accelerator. When that happens, the accelerator automatically slows the car evenly to 5 miles an hour, and the air brakes then bring it to a complete stop.

When a sudden stop is necessary, the motorman presses the brake pedal farther down to the emergency position, bringing into play dynamic braking, sliding track shoe brakes and the air brakes.

Summed up briefly, following are salient points possessed by the new equipment that will undoubtedly make for great popularity with patrons of the Glendale-Burbank Line:

For Comfort

Safety Doors—open quickly out of passengers way. Protected edges to safeguard against passenger injury in boarding or leaving cars.

Natural Steps—They are "walking steps", not climbing steps".

Seats—Form fitting with fine body posture; cushions of spun rubber; upholstery of fine mohair in pleasing colors; ample knee room between seats.

Glareless illumination providing an abundance of light at the reading plane and without glare.

Automatic heating and ventilating assure year-round travel comfort.

Smooth get-away with multi-notch control.

Smooth Braking—by motor retardation, spring and electrical track brakes.

Cushioned Riding on almost 1000 pounds of rubber per car.

For Quietness

Silent gears — hypoid type, machined with precision heretofore unattained.

Rubber Sandwich Wheels—cushion impact between wheel rim and axle.

Rubber Springs—Car glides on 16 massive rubber springs.

Rubber Alloy Floor — Rubber mounted connections throughout.

For Speed

Four motors per car—one to each axle—for operation "out in front" of the best of them.

Rapid, automatic acceleration for quick, yet smooth pick-up.

Get-away equal to that of the finest automobile with a good driver.

For Appearance

Streamlined body of welded steel modeled with objectives of strength and beauty.

Exterior color scheme of the same pleasing and distinctive design used on the Pacific Electric's reconstructed 600-class cars.

Interior has pleasing, curved contours with color scheme of the same plan and finish as adopted some time since for all Pacific Electric modernized rail equipment.

Objection

A missionary society member approached Henry. "We are having a raffle for a poor widow," she said. "Will you buy a ticket?"

"Nope," said Henry. "My wife wouldn't let me keep her if I won."

ROD & GUN CLUB NEWS

By Arlie Skelton

At the October 9th meeting of the P. E. Rod & Gun Club attendance was still away below par. Seven club officials being absent. Namely: E. L. H. Bissenger, J. B. Rogers, W. G. Knoche, B. F. Manley, D. E. Porter, J. W. Clay and Ned Rich. No doubt some were working late to maintain the good service of the big red cars, while others were no doubt camping out in the wide open spaces, dreaming of what tomorrow's catch would bring forth.

Anyway, we missed all you boys, and we do hope to have you with us again at the November 13th meeting. No doubt many important matters will be brought up for discussion.

For the members who want to know of a good place to hunt ducks, the Mecca Duck Club at Salton Sea invites members of this Club to take advantage of their special rate of five dollars per day. They report plenty of ducks.

From the amount of deer head registrations coming in, it seems our members did right well this year, bringing in the "mountain bacon". And while we are on that subject, don't forget to bring your deer horns to our November meeting for measuring. It has long been the rule of the Club to take these measurements at the November meeting, but due to the lack of so many members failing to bring their trophies in at that time, special meetings have been necessary. We hope this will not be the case this year.

Plans were put under way at our last meeting for a rabbit drive in the near future. Charter Member D. A. Terry reported a good supply of rabbits in the Antelope Valley. Mr. Terry assisted by F. B. Patterson and J. S. Harris are to investigate and report back at the November meeting.

Herbert (Mackerel Bill) Houtekamer reports good rabbit and quail shooting in the vineyards near Ontario. Caution: This is private property. Don't forget to get permission to trespass. Quail season opens November 15th.

A good show is promised at our next meeting, to be put on by our big Indian Chief Lone West. He is so sure you will like it that he is offering a dollar bill to anyone who is not satisfied with his performance.

Our next two meetings will be devoted to winding up the 194 tournament season and setting up the machinery for 1941. Should be many interesting and worthwhile events take place. Attend these meetings and see what makes your club click.

Special Traffic to Pontifical Mass

Largest Single Special Service
Order for Many Years

One of the largest assemblages of religionists ever held in western America was that of the Pontifical Mass held in the great Coliseum on Sunday, October 13th; the attendance numbering 100,000, and partici-

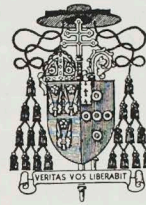
pated in by both Clergy and laymen from every section of the Nation.

Delegations from various churches in Southern California, outside Los Angeles, began moving toward the Coliseum early Sunday morning, and many of them were transported by our railway in special service, as well as many hundreds who availed themselves of the regular service from various outside points.

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

714 West Olympic Boulevard

Los Angeles, California



October Nineteenth
1940

Mr. H. O. Marler,
Traffic Manager,
P. E. Railroad Company,
610 South Main Street,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Marler:

Knowing your interest in all civic enterprises, I am sure that you share with me my joy over the success of our recent centennial celebrations.

Your cooperation in providing adequate transportation has been made known to me, and on behalf of the Catholic people of this jurisdiction, I wish to express to you and to all of your employees who helped so splendidly our most sincere gratitude.

Very sincerely yours,

John Cantwell
ARCHBISHOP
of
Los Angeles.

Reproduction of letter received by H. O. Marler, Passenger Traffic Manager, from Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles, with reference to transportation provided by this Company on the occasion of the Pontifical Mass at the Coliseum on Sunday, October 13th.

Special trains were operated from Ocean Park-Venice, Culver City, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Azusa, Monrovia, Arcadia, Sierra Vista, Alhambra, San Gabriel, Claremont-LaVerne, Pomona, Covina, Baldwin Park, Watts, Compton, San Pedro and Long Beach to the number of 35 cars.

In addition to the train service, Motor Coaches were operated from two parishes in Los Angeles, and others from Burbank, Glendale, Orange, Pasadena and West Los Angeles to the number of 16 coaches.

That the transportation service was satisfactory is best evidenced by letters of appreciation received from Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles, William T. O'Shea, Assistant Pastor of St. Philip's Church in Pasadena, and Charles Fastlben, President of the Holy Name Society, of Alhambra. These commendatory letters are very much appreciated by the Management, and our Transportation employees who so satisfactorily handled the service are most highly complimented.

NEW VENTURA BVD. SCHEDULE

On November 1st a new schedule was placed in effect on the Ventura Boulevard Motor Coach Line providing increased as well as improved service, and providing direct connection in each direction at Universal City with trains of the San Fernando Valley Line.

The new schedule was adopted after a very complete study of traffic conditions.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

One of our readers reminds us that just 30 years ago this month the Pacific Electric Railway absorbed the Los Angeles-Pacific Railway, the Los Angeles & Redondo Railway and portions of the Los Angeles Railway and the Los Angeles Interurban Railway; and suggests that we run a story in the Magazine of that historical event which created the greatest electric railway system in the world and which, in succeeding years, played a major role in the development of Southern California. Thirty years ago (1910) was an eventful year, and the story of the consolidation of the electric lines would be most fascinating. Many of the greatest of railway men of that day or of any day had an active part in bringing the consolidation to pass. There is probably one man in the Pacific Electric organization who has all the facts and the ability to relate them. Possibly some day he may find the time to write the story which would doubtless be replete with incidents well worth reading.

BOWLING NOTES

By Don Houston

With the two divisions of the Pacific Electric Bowling League rolling along in high gear, some sensational scores have been turned in by various bowlers.

Topping the list of performances was Jay Gowanlock's sparkling 266 game at the Arcade Alleys, which performance incidentally won for Jay a beautiful wrist watch donated by one of the local jewelers.

Chase of the Wilshire Lines gave Jay a tussle for top honors, however, when he turned in a magnificent game of 264, just two pins shy of Gowanlock's game.

Others hitting the 200 and over mark during the season to date have been Crownover, Davis, Anderson, Chase, Baudisch, Pont, Matkovich, Hendricks, Sparman, Boyal, J. Shaffer, Kinney, R. Perry, Blackburn, Schuyler, Brantley, Christiansen, Welch, R. Cooper.

In the above list of performers we notice the name of "Papa" Swanson is missing. The reason, as we all know, "Pappy" just had his mind on other things.

On the East side, Oliver, Vanderpool, Lutes, Hubner, Brantley, Pabst, Jones, Wilson, Jacobsmeyer, M. Cuccia, Dr. Patten, Lefty DuBose, Pop Henry, Burley Manley and J. Coffman, have rolled games of 200 or over. The best game for the season to date on the Eastside was the fine 247 games of Brantley.

At the Arcade Alleys the Wilshire team, the Virgil team and the Glendale five are making an effort to leave the rest of the field behind. Wilshire has lost but two games for the season to date.

On the Eastside the North team leads the parade setting a torrid pace, with the Freight Service and P. E. Club teams in close pursuit.

The Kay Pees, a new outfit this season, headed by "Lefty" Houston, are the noisiest if not the best team in the league. They have some very good bowlers on their team and are not easy touch for the opposition. The other feminine nine, the Amazons, got off to a rather slow start, however they have been coming ahead during the last few nights and will be up there near the head of the pack before long.

Marion Lutes has her Outlaw nine in the Eastside division, and they have won 8 out of 12 to date. Not bad, and the slickers in the league better beware.

Things are getting very interesting in both leagues as the season advances and some of the morning glories now out in front will start coming back to the stretch running bowlers before long. Like the rookie wrote to his mother, "Will be home

soon — they're starting to curve them, Maw."

Our dear little Outlaws last year apparently were only practicing, for this year they have come back with vengeance and are amongst the leaders, what a tough life for some of the old grey beards this year, Oliver, Robertson, Wilson, Manley and Lutes. R. Cobb had enough last year and this year has teamed up with the Mrs., three little Cobbs and Pop, so far R. M. has done a good job of coaching.

Some of the highlights to date: L. W. Brantley's average of 179 against 147 last year. I wonder what he was doing all summer. Same goes also for Jacobsmeyer, Lutes, L. H., Henry, B. Manley, Dubose and E. Oliver, while Mr. Oliver, Hal Smith have gone in reverse. We won't mention R. R. Wilson here on account of the charlie horse has got him and dread to think what that team is going to do when R. R. leaves that horse home.

Westside			
No.	Team	W	L
8	Wilshire Lines	18	2
7	Glendale	14	6
5	Hill Street	12	8
1	Claim	11	9
12	Virgil Division	11	9
9	Signal	11	9
3	Westerners	10	10
2	Freight Traffic	9	11
6	Passenger Traffic	7	13
10	Electric Department	7	13
4	Amazons	6	14
11	Kay Pees	4	16
Eastside			
	North	17	3
	Freight Service	16	4
	P. E. Club	13	7
	Overhead	11	9
	Transportation Dept.	10	10
	Outlaws	8	12
	Washington St.	7	13
	Motor Transit	7	13
	B. & B. Dept.	6	14
	L. A. Freight	5	15

AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 321

By L. F. Prince

Is everybody happy? Well, we sincerely hope so, and on the evening of November 12, 1940, which should be about the time you read this article, we are going to try to bring back memories of that happy day 22 years ago on November 11, 1918, when the Dove of Peace, so to speak, flew over the Nation. Every one of us should be happy now just to know that the grand old American Flag has flown and is still flying as a symbol of peace everywhere in these United States.

At our Armistice Day party, which will be held in the Pacific Electric Club Auditorium, 627 South Los Angeles Street, on Tuesday evening, November 12, starting at 8 p.m., we hope to see the Hall completely filled with real true blooded Americans, and we promise you some fine entertainment, together with many very good thoughts to take home with you.

The talks on this program will not be boring, and the distinguished guests will include a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the President of our Railway, Mr. O. A. Smith. We hope to have some Class "A" entertainment for your enjoyment, such as fun and laughter created by two well known magicians; and Big Chief Lone West will entertain us and teach us how to keep well and healthy. So come, Comrades, Fellow Employes, and Friends, and let's turn the clock back 22 years and one day, and be just as happy, or more so.

To all Post Members and Auxiliary Unit Members: Be sure to cancel all other conflicting dates or engagements on Tuesday evening December 10, and prepare to take the trip as a traveling Post to Long Beach, California, where we will visit Post 27. Special train will leave 6th and Main Street Station promptly at 7:05 p.m. Let's have a 100 per cent attendance on this trip.

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"WILSHIRE CHRISTMAS" SHOW

Great Holiday Spectacle to be Staged on the "Miracle Mile"
Nov. 19th to Dec. 25th—Possibly 'til New Year

Prominent Angelenos will stage a most spectacular Christmas show this year, with proceeds going to the British War Relief Association of Southern California. This event will give Los Angelenos two Christmas features to entertain and amuse them, where formerly we had only Santa Claus Lane in Hollywood—that feature undoubtedly being reproduced this year in much greater style than previously.

From the "Wilshire Edition" of the Beverly Hills Citizen we reprint description and details of the coming Christmas Show that is scheduled to open on November 19th:

"Bursting on the community with all the suddenness and splendor of the season's first snowstorm comes news that a great spectacle to be known as "The Christmas Show" will grace Wilshire Boulevard and attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Miracle Mile district, November 19th to December 25th.

Here is a show, an extravaganza, which literally beggars description. It represents the dreams and ambitions over a number of years of Waldo Tupper, one of the best known names in the exposition and amusement world, manager of the Christmas Show. It will be backed by the British War Relief Association of Southern California as well as by such well known figures as Harry Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times; Wm. May Garland, Richard B. Terkel, John C. Austin, James S. MacDonnell, Mrs. Oscar S. Elvrum and Mrs. Gertrude H. Rousavelle, who compose the board of governors.

Christmas Show will cover an entire city block on Wilshire Boulevard between Curson and Sierra Bonita, and extending back to Sixth Street.

An additional city block, adjoining will be used as a parking lot.

On this area, fronting Wilshire, will be erected a 280-foot front, ranging in height from 30 to 65 feet, which in itself will be one of the most novel Christmas effects ever designed. One would have to go back to the hey-day of the Crystal Palace shows in London to get a mental image of what will lie behind this ornate, whimsical front, which is to set back 20 feet from the sidewalk, bulked with snow.

On the front, greatly over-size, in gaudy colors and in action, will be such well known figures as Humpty Dumpty, Giant Panda, Tin Woodman, snow men, trumpeteers, choirs, all gifted with voices and with movement. A huge clock will strike the

quarter hours and a chorus will sing carols.

Behind the elaborate front will be a colorful array of spectacles too numerous to set down here. They will include such exhibits as Santa Claus' castle, Toonerville Trolley, Santa Claus' workshop, Candy forest, a sleigh ride, merry-go-round and other childish delights. Guides will conduct parties through the maze of spectacles and shows.

All this is planned at very reasonable prices for the benefit of suffering British children.

John C. Austin, chairman of the board of governors of Christmas Town, Inc., declares that all moneys above actual cost of production will be turned over to the British War Relief Association, which in turn will transfer the fund to British Red Cross for use in relieving the suffering of men, women and particularly children refugees from the nations on which war was forced.

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PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB MONTHLY BULLETIN

Monday, November 11:
Automotive Transportation Engineering Class—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 12:
Automotive Transportation Engineering Class—7:30 p.m.
P. E. American Legion Post and American Legion Auxiliary. Joint Armistice Day Program in Club Theatre—8:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday, November 13 & 14:
P. E. Women's Club Annual Christmas Bazaar held in Club Ballroom—Doors open all day—Proceeds to be used to bring cheer to the unfortunates of the P. E. Family.

Wednesday, November 13:
P. E. Rod & Gun Club Regular Monthly Meeting—7:30 p.m. Followed by interesting motion picture.

Thursday, November 14:
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Meeting & Program—1:00 p.m.

Friday, November 15:
REGULAR MONTHLY CLUB DANCE. Excellent music by popular dance orchestra. Spacious floor with colored lighting effect. Members, their families and friends invited to avail themselves of these monthly functions. Dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 16:
American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 321—All day Sewing Bee in P. E. Club Sewing Room. Articles made for disabled Veterans at Soldiers Home.
P. E. Agents' Association Regular Monthly Meeting—7:30 p.m. Please note this meeting has been set back one week account Annual Masonic Club Reunion Banquet.

Monday, November 18:
Automotive Transportation Engineering Class—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19:
Automotive Transportation Engineering Class—7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 22:
American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 321—Regular Monthly Night Card Party, Bridge, Pinochle, Bunco and 500. Admission 25c. Prizes to winners.

Monday, November 25:
Automotive Transportation Engineering Class—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26:
Automotive Transportation Engineering Class—7:30 p.m.
P. E. American Legion Post No. 321—Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321—Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 28:
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Meeting & Program—1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 2:
Automotive Transportation Engineering Class—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 3:
Automotive Transportation Engineering Class—7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 5:
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Card Party—1:00 p.m.
P. E. Camera Club Regular Meeting—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10:
P. E. American Legion Post No. 321—Semi-monthly meeting—8:00 p.m.
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321—Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.

CAMERA CLUB NOTES

By Earl Moyer

Recent meetings of the Club have been given over more or less to the necessary business of organization. However those of you who did not attend the meeting on Thursday, October 24th, which was covered by a special bulletin, certainly missed a treat as our good friend Mr. Paul Hanna of the West District, Transportation Department, put on a show for us that was a fine as anyone would want to see especially when you figure that we are all amateurs when it comes to photography.

Mr. Hanna has personally made his own sound equipment, which is mechanically operated, using records for his sound and synchronizes them in with the pictures by a connection from the turntables to the projection machine and at the same time broadcasting from the turn tables to a radio set alongside the screen.

Mr. Hanna took pictures of the entire parade on Alameda Street at the opening of the new Union depot and then he and a friend spent some four months perfecting the sound he did a swell job. Congratulations Mr. Hanna and may we see lots more of your work.

The attendance at the meetings has not been very encouraging but we hope that it will pick up as time goes on and we urge all employees interested in photography to come in with us as there will be plenty of entertainment and instruction for all as soon as the number of memberships will permit. We are only about two months old and we have 27 very interested members already so let's build the membership and reap the harvest of good fellowship and learning that such association will bring.

The officers of the club are very anxious to start instruction and other special features of photography but have withheld such action in the hopes of having a larger membership with which to carry on.

A very beautiful bouquet was received last meeting night wishing the new club and its president the very best for success from the "Darling Flower Shop" and the secretary was instructed to write them a letter of appreciation and thanks for their good wishes.

Any employe who has any dark room equipment which they do not care to keep, the club would like very much to hear from them.

A number of prints have been shown on the board in the club room and it is hoped others will bring or send in their pictures for our meetings.

Until further notice, regular meeting nights are the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Pacific Electric Club Building, Room 202.

And when we say interest we mean such interest as has been displayed by two of our members. One never has owned a camera and is in the front row every meeting to learn everything possible about it and the other never has seen or done any developing or printing and is also down in front to get all possible out of our club. That's what we call real spirit and we hope there will be many more as we want to help them and intend to if they come in and join the club.

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS—OCTOBER 1940

Death Claims	Name	Occupation	Died	Insurance	Mort.
	Harvey E. Wilmot,	Retired Conductor	10- 5-40	No	Yes
	Dick Sutton,	Retired Clerk	10-15-40	Yes	Yes
	Charles Sutter,	Retired Carpenter	10-16-40	Yes	Yes
	Ernest I. Packard,	Retired Conductor	10-22-40	Yes	Yes
	Claude S. De Baun,	Motorman	10-24-40	Yes	Yes

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Pauline Wood, Died 10-10-40, Wife of Frank M. Wood, Transportation Dept.



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DEPARTMENT NOTES

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
By Victor P. Labbe

LeRoy Swanson broke hearts galore by getting married and although most of the gals wish them the best of luck in the world, some still regret he did not propose to them.

Ralph Perry is the next on the list and wonder when the bells will ring.

None of our boys who are in the draft area or age limit were called in the first call. So hold tight and see what happens.

Al Smith and wife vacationing up North and points East and West.

Should think that someone in the Engineering Department would be lucky this year—if you know what I mean.

Another sudden marriage—Rudy Widman. Good luck and happiness to you both.

Freind Millie had his fingers bruised by someone skating on his hand—so he says. Well, I wasn't there so it's still his story.

Don Lewis was the lucky guy with No. 43. Try and prove different.

Bill Hibbard and wife on vacation. No one knows.

E. Hayward and wife took in the Stanford game and much to his sorrow. The score was in favor of Stanford and he paid his bet to Jean.

Friend Lynch says this being Leap Year and my number in the draft so high I am looking for a girl who wants a real husband and will consider proposals from 20 to 40.

Tiny R. Carrington was not called in the draft and oh girls why not propose—this being Leap Year.

Nancy Kelly has a new boy friend from Arizona. Met him at May Day—May Co. and thinks he is swell. Intends to take up ranching in the future.

Welcome to the Structural Department—a new employe, Mr. Adeshn.

Gus Guercio would like to have his vacation explained to him by Herman Grenke.

Jean Fogarty has 63 days left in this year to do or don't. She plans on going to San Luis Obispo and make one last stand—believe it or not.

Bert Carrington has a new Plymouth and will gladly take anyone out for a spin in his new car.

How long will it take Bob Dorner to get his vacation?

Grey Oliver is on the eligible list for the single girls—a beach cabin, a singer of note and what a future—keep this in mind on account of Leap Year.

N E X T

MONTHLY CLUB DANCE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

Departmental groups and family parties are invited to enjoy an evening of dancing on the spacious floor with colored lighting effects and excellent music by a popular dance orchestra.

It is desired that all members and their families avail themselves of these monthly functions.

Dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

cific Electric Railway Unit and Juniors will meet in the Sewing Room of the Pacific Electric Club for a day of sewing, the project being to make Christmas presents for the Sawtelle Hospital and the Children's Hospitals, bring your needles, scissors and thimble. Remember the date, Saturday, November 16th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our next card party will be held Friday, November 22nd at 8:00 p.m. in the Pacific Electric Club Room. Prizes will be awarded to the high scores of Bridge, Pinochle and Bunco. Refreshments will be served. Admission twenty-five cents.

P. E. MASONIC CLUB

By Ed Hasenyager

Our Eighteenth Annual Reunion Banquet held at the Hayward Hotel on November 9th was a complete success.

The attendance was up to the high record set by preceding years, the dinner all that could have been expected, and to date there have been no complaints received as to the viands served.

D. W. Pontius, our former President of the Pacific Electric, filled the role of Toastmaster to the satisfaction of all present, following his inimitable style.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. W. Ballentine Henley, President of the Osteopathic College of Physicians & Surgeons, gave a most timely address that was well received and much enjoyed.

There will be no Regular Meeting on November 20th. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at which time the election of officers for 1941 will be the business of the hour. You are urgently requested to be present.

Hospital News

We are glad to report no new cases of illness. The Visiting Committee is doing its part well. If any one knows of any illness, please report to the Secretary.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

By Mrs. Lloyd E. Murphy

Our meeting on October 10th was opened by the President, Mrs. Crunk, with the pledge to the flag and singing of "America".

Mrs. Ed D. Rand then introduced Mrs. Marguerite Curley of the Los Angeles Police Department who gave us a very interesting talk and high-lights of her work with the police department.

Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Leatherman took charge of the small children for the afternoon. We hope other mothers will come and enjoy our meetings, knowing the "kiddies" will be in good hands while they are there.

We miss you Torrance ladies, and hope you can work out some plan for transportation to a car line among you.

Mrs. Rambo reports good attendance at card parties.

A pleasant feature of our meeting was the presence of "Baby Andrews" who came to her first club meeting and was presented with a gold locket and chain, a gift from the club ladies.

Refreshments were served and a social hour ended the afternoon.

The October 24th meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and singing of "America, the Beautiful". Mrs. Harvey Fuller gave us three vocal selections accompanied by Mrs. Louise Hawes at the piano. Mrs. Rand then introduced Mrs. W. O. Blanchard, from the Woman's Club of Florence who told us about her trip to South America, which was greatly enjoyed by all, and the time was too short to go all the way around the world with her, so we hope she will return soon and bring us back home for she left us away down in Valparaiso.

The bazaar committee reported the purchase of a Westinghouse Roaster Cabinet, for the grand prize at the bazaar November 14th.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY No. 321

By Alice D. Newman

The Pacific Electric Railway Auxiliary No. 321, and the Pacific Electric Railway Post No. 321, the American Legion will hold a joint meeting Tuesday Night, November 12th in the Theatre of the Pacific Electric Club, Room 299 Pacific Electric Building, 610 South Main Street, Los Angeles. This is to be an Armistice Day program, the principle speaker being Mr. Smith, Special Agent of The Federal Bureau of Investigation, his subject will be "Recent Federal Laws Regarding Un-American Activities". There will be other entertainment; we cordially invite you and your friends to attend this meeting.

Saturday, November 16th, the Pa-

Doc Fulton served on the jury this last week or so and enjoyed his rest. A dry case, says Doc.

Emma Smith vacations at her home in South.

Ray "Watchall" Cragin is getting along very nicely at hospital and will soon be home again. Certainly be glad to see you at the office, Ray, so here's to an early return.

It was a baby boy for the Claude Culvers.

SOUTH FREIGHT NEWS

By J. E. Neville

The Unexpected—On Oct. 5th one of our Brothers was invited to a Stork Shower, the invitation read; Admission, "Gift for an expected Baby". The shower was given to some ten or twelve men. No ladies present! For further information ask Bro. O. D. Holt, better known as Our Deer Hunter.

Stanley W. Bullock, now in the So. Freight District, is a proud papa. The blessed event came early in September, and it was a lovely baby girl. Oh what a girl! (ask Stanley). We all extend our congratulations to the Bullock's and wish them every happiness. We all hope he will bring the little Tyke to see us some time.

In railroad circles — Freight department is constantly confronted with many and varied problems in maintaining satisfactory service conditions varying somewhat from the usual and customary procedure devoted entirely to business matters from the usual routine Mr. Amos Tang, our congenial yard master of Long Beach and Watson, while visiting Long Beach yard, was introduced to Charlie McCarthy by our friend Manning.

Hunters report Chas. Ventress has recently returned from a deer hunt. Had a lovely time while it lasted, somewhere in the north, we are told, Mt. Lassen; but as usual, misfortune was with Charlie. His sights, we are told were misconstrued, and for more bad luck he drops his gun on a large rock and p-o-o-r g-u-n—it broke in half—was really hard luck, especially just when the largest buck seen in the north this year was standing, not twenty feet from him. Wouldn't that make you sore? Boys if you are in the gun business see Charles and you will certainly make a sale. Better luck next time Charles!

Bill Span and a friend enjoyed a few days up north in the Sierra Mountains hunting. Bill says he got the limit and plenty of deer up there. So that's that.

P. O. Morse and family recently returned from a 20 days hunting and vacationing at Mr. Lassen. P. O. had the limit this time. A good time was enjoyed by all.

W. W. McNeily of Long Beach job tried his luck up north of Big Pines, but had a Ventress rifle, too, bad luck.

Watson news — R. H. Smith and family recently returned from a motor trip up north—a week camping and hunting at Mount Lassen. The limit was bagged by the party and the rest of the vacation was enjoyed by motoring to Yellowstone Park, Crater Lake, to the Columbia River, returning by Idaho. A lovely evening was spent by all at Reno returning by Lake Tahoe, Sacramento, and San Francisco where they visited friends and relatives, then back to Los Angeles. Had a lovely trip but glad to be back home. Not so bad C. L., but sorry you had not time to reach Vancouver.

For those who knew the old timer Sam Kirk, who is in the Sanitorium, 1200 Normandie, a visit would be appreciated.

H. G. Woodworth and family motored to San Francisco for a few days visit with his brother and friends. The trip was much enjoyed by all.

Jim Brock is on a two weeks vacation somewhere. We all wish him a very pleasant and enjoyable.

El Myers and family are still on vacation, traveling somewhere in Indiana and Missouri. More news by Zeke upon his return. We wish them good luck and a pleasant time.

Some news! Felix Girard has bumped on the second shift at Watson. Something new for 1940. We are wondering what about the future of Butte St. yard. Explain that "ma" friend.

H. P. Polson has fully recuperated from his illness. We are glad to see him back among us again.

C. B. Allen, who was painfully tho not seriously injured recently (another brake club accident) in Butte St. yard. We hope for a speedy recovery. Get well soon C. B. is the wish of all of us.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Brock entertained a few friends at their home. For the Halloween atmosphere a delightful repast was served. Not omitting any of the Halloween, even to fruits, raisins, pumpkin pie, and apples from Oregon. A very pleasant evening was reported by all.

Five new Bkm are in our midst, they are: C. O. Spencer, V. Davidson, W. F. Silver, M. Greco, and P. H. Anderson. All have been in the passenger service since 1923 and are now given a chance in freight service over the old age limits of 35 years. We hope that a kindly atmosphere will be accorded to them as they are not strangers among us. We wish them a hearty welcome.

C. A. Morgan bkm. is still on the

sick list at home. A visit or post card would be appreciated by Charles.

Jack Cote and family recently returned from a northern motor trip through the Redwoods, Portland, Seattle, from thence by boat to Vancouver, spending 4 days there visiting friends. Returning by Portland and the Columbia River to the Yosemite and San Francisco and home. A grand trip, grand sights, and a grand time was enjoyed by all through the voyage.

A reminder—you, who are in good health, please mail a postal card to your fellowmen who are ill, either at home or in the hospital. I know they will appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. I am sure it will give them some joy in the time of their misfortune. So let us do just this. "A postal card for our sick brothers".

ACCOUNTING NOTES

By N. E. Cates

Occasionally our retired friends drop in for a visit. It is always a pleasure to shake hands with them and renew friendships. Mr. Sherlock has perhaps been the most faithful, with Mr. Fleshner running a close second. Miss Templeton, Miss Polhemus and Mrs. Sanders have called on us a few times; Mr. Jones and Mr. Keller and Mrs. Marley very seldom. Mr. Evans might also be placed with the "very seldom".

Due to establishment of two temporary jobs because of inventory, no less than nine of our boys are on new jobs: Phil Still, Dale Hyde, Al Hanna, Ken Pomeroy, Fred Middleton, Ed Campbell, Frank Carr, Ed Gelderloos and Kenny Richardson.

We wish to welcome to the Department Kenny Richardson, who has joined "the family" since issuance of the October magazine, and also to our newest member, Carl Zitelman.

Richardson is a professional baseball player. He played half a season with L. A. in 1934, and almost all of 1937. His contract is now held by Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in the Eastern League. Batted .295 last season, made 15 home runs.

Dan Cupid tripped in again, m-thinks! Pat Wells, Commander of Private Alexander Berger Post No. 1013, V.F.W., believes in direct action in a campaign, and so commanded the heart of our Mabel Cavender, affixing an official seal in the form of a beautiful diamond ring. The wedding date has not been set, but we wish them both happiness and good luck.

Lost and NOT Found

One shirt—size 14. Anyone knowing whereabouts of one white silk shirt (soiled) containing 5 buttons, 6 buttonholes, 1 pocket, 2 frayed

cuffs, and one very much wilted collar, lost between Los Angeles and San Francisco on or about October 6th by a young (?) man not responsible for his actions. Said shirt is invaluable to owner only as a memory. If found, please return to our bewildered, most recent bridegroom in room 273. Reward.



Believe it or not, this is the one I shot, says Sam Taylor.

When taller tales are told, Taylor (Sam) will tell 'em. His experience in Bakersfield was something that cannot be inscribed here, due to the lack of space, it being so easily spread it might run off the pages.

Louie Tighe opened the duck season down at Mecca by Salton Sea. Six ducks fell to his gun at the morning shooting.

There is a guy in the Passenger Traffic Dept. who raises chickens scientifically. Most of them turn out to be roosters and their 4 A.M. crescendo can be heard anywhere between Culver City and Venice. The other morning Bill Todd heard one of them off key and upon investigating found the poor chicken had tried to swallow one of the automatic water faucets.

Andy Andrew will be on his way back to Los Angeles from Detroit when this magazine comes out. Vacation time for Andy.

Harry Thomas went back to St. Louis last month. Saw the 2nd game of the World Series at Cincinnati.

Fred Middleton and wife motored to Tacoma, Washington.

Dave Alexander spent the balance of his vacation at home.

John Browne—the same.

Al Manhart had his tonsils removed just prior to taking his vacation.

If your roof needs repairing in the middle of the night and you want to get someone with experience to fix it, call Al Beaumont. He likes to work when the weather is wet. Sez Al: "I ruther have rain in my face than plaster."

And we have happy birthdays this months as follows:

Olive Moore	November 2
Bessie Jackson	November 5
R. L. Jones	November 6
Ruth Patton	November 7
H. R. Knoff	November 7
F. E. Geibel	November 15
Ed. Uecker	November 18
Chas. "Corky" Sein	November 18
T. E. Dickey	November 20
Bernard Slater	November 22
Joe Smale	November 23
Ethel Carruthers	November 30

LOS ANGELES CITY TICKET OFFICES

By James J. Adams

The relative merits of the new '41 automobiles has been the subject of much discussion hereabouts. Henry Eggert having just returned from Detroit with his new De Soto, claims it's the tops, while Minor Musick holds forth for the new Buick he recently purchased.

Evelyn Cook left on an extended motor trip to Michigan for a family reunion. From there she plans to go to New Orleans for a real fish dinner. "Whassa matter, you no like our fish?"

Sibyl Mather says she had a "Fair Vacation", having taken in both the Pomona and San Francisco Fairs.

Bess Bundy and her sister are off to Portland, Oregon, and the Pacific Northwest to visit relatives and friends.

Don Gates spent his vacation at Las Vegas and Boulder Dam. This was said to have caused great disappointment in the little town of Lamar, Missouri, where he has spent his vacations for the past several years. We understand that the natives turned out en masse to see "that there furriner from California" who always alighted from the train with a spray of orange blossoms in one hand and a bunch of autographed photos of himself (at 25 cents each) in the other. Looks like "his public" will have to wait till next year.

Pete Roller says the roof of his mouth is OK now. He got it sunburned while looking at the Empire State Building on his recent trip to New York.

The heavy rain storm last week caused Art Sherwood no end of worry. His new home was almost completed except for a part of the roof. He wanted to rush home to hold an umbrella over the hole so the termites wouldn't get a head start on him.

The same rain caused plenty of grief at Lawrence Antista's new home. The driveway was laid over a filled trench for the water pipes and the rain caused the dirt to settle so that the first time he drove his car over it, down he went. It looks as if Lawrence will get some of that Army training before he goes to camp.



A-TENN-SHUNN!!
Private Lawrence V. Antista, Jr., in uniform.
Now a member of "California's Own" 115th
Quartermaster Regiment, Co. C.

Ray "Sunshine" Eastman is quite the electrician. He was seen going home one night with a large roll of wire, and said he was going to rewire his house. The next time he came to work his wiring was all done, but he was tired out from climbing up and down the ladder. What a guy his size needs a ladder for, is beyond us!

"Laury "Bonnie Beach" Murray comes forward with the suggestion that all employes be furnished with a copy of the seniority list, so they can tell the old timers from the new men.

We were sorry to hear of the serious illness of Edna Tilley's father. Latest reports are that he is on the way to recovery.

Our condolences are extended to Joseph Sabo, in the sudden death of his wife. Everyone at Main Street Station where "Joe" is employed as janitor, has sympathized with her in her long illness, but were nevertheless shocked by her sudden death.

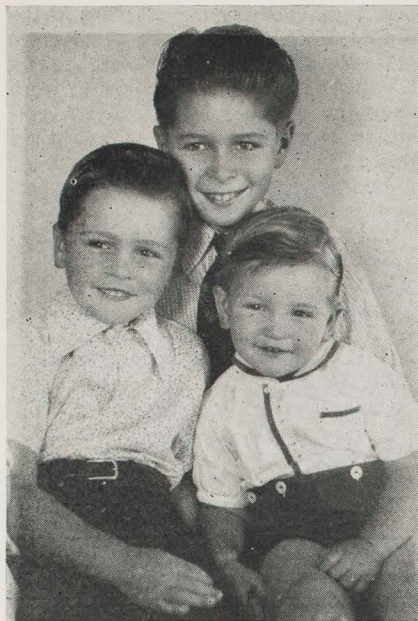
Minor Musick drove to Palo Alto for the USC-Stanford game. He says if the Trojans performed like his new Buick the score would have been a lot different.

MOTOR TRANSIT NOTES

By M. J. Creamer

Why all the expense of a hunting license and globe-trotting around to bag a deer? J. M. Smith (Sunland Line) merely got into his bus and even though it was 4 days after the season closed, plowed right into one. Yep, they met but once—and they'll never meet again—Smith's bus and the deer. T'was killed instantly. Game Warden and Sheriff took charge of the carcass which will probably be given to the needy. Paging Ripley! Another one for his columns.

Back to the Grind Stone: Geo. Jehl and wife returned from their vacation to New Mexico and thereabouts . . . seeing the sights (motoring). Very enjoyable trip crowded into a week. Visited friends in Artesia, N. M., and went through Carlsbad Caverns. "Words fail to describe the Caverns" says Geo. Returned via Yuma and San Diego as he wanted to catch a glimpse of J. J. Suman's RANCHO located between Yucumba and San Diego. (Understand Suman even made him a map of its location). W. A. Cunningham relieved during Jehl's absence and a likeable chap is he! Drop around now and then—(we like the way he parts his hair). Walt Rorick and wife to S. F. and took in the USC and Stanford game . . . yep, went Pullman and got some mighty good reservations (thanks to Agent Cunningham). Frank Kauffman took over on Rorick's absence. Frank just recently returned from Klamath Falls, Ore. . . . said before leaving that he was going to take his grandmother on a trip and do some SHOOTING . . . but we were relieved to learn that he dropped her off enroute to visit friends. He and his pal bagged two bucks and even brought back the evidence attached to the car. Highlights of his trip was paying the sales tax before coming across the Calif. line. . . . Expected to have to pay about three bucks but they settled for a nickel! (Strong has some nice deer steaks reposing in his Frigidaire gathering moss!) Roy Wilson, Supt., back from his vacation to Blue Lake (near Oregon Line) where the bucks grow large . . . but guess it was "No soap" on this trip! Frank is now planning a bear-hunting trip near Placerville. Ernie Wheeler and wife returned from enjoyable trip to Perry, Ill., where they visited his mother, father and two sisters. Stanley Moore glad to be back from the big city, Chicago! 11 days vacation but spent mostly on wheels. In Chicago a couple days. He may have thought he was in Watts but changed his mind very pronto . . . taxis al-



AL HENSON'S BOYS
A smiling trio. That's Charles (age 10) in the middle. James (age 5) at the left and Russel (age 2) right.

most mowed him down, strained his neck looking at the tall buildings, laughed and got laughed at . . . took the Illinois River for Lake Michigan and then folks knew he was a country boy! Later he saw Lake Michigan and compared it to the ocean. (Flash . . . t'is rumored that it was a most inexpensive trip . . . arrived in Ogden, where he purchased a penny card and stamp, mailed it to Manuel Rankin, and bought his first cup of coffee . . . but that cost him a dime instead of a "Buffalo" and one of his pals tells me he went without coffee on the return trip) Stanley's "son",

Oscar Rankins, the well-known fighter came back with him and will fight in Los Angeles. Famous last words: "These vacations cost dough!"

Round About: Pete Peterson has reasons to be proud of his son, who was to be stationed at the Cal-Aero (near Ontario) but he passed his flying tests with flying colors and was ordered to report to Randolph Field. Pete "flew through the air with the greatest of ease" (winged his way down to San Diego with his boy at the controls (plane) recently and had the time of his life . . . buses may be a bit slow to him now! Well, I asked for it! Remarked to a young chap toting a heavy overcoat on a warm day — one in the hot spell, (remember?) and asked him if he was prepared for winter? He merely remarked "Well, it was darn cold when I left New York last night!" (He had just planed in . . . and perhaps that's proof enough—that all folk toting winter apparel in Southern California can't be "tetched"). Geo. Hoffman still wags his home behind him . . . the trailer. Had it with him at Pomona (during the Fair) and now is parked in Monterey Park. Yep, all set for the winter rains, top is painted 'n everything . . . mighty good idea to have such a home with the constant changes! C. E. Barnum has just finished a 125 foot retaining wall around his home and hoping everything is anchored! Bill Day's home in El Monte is nearing completion . . . should be planked in it around Nov. 10th. Bill was quite enthused about a brilliant idea of his . . . going north to sell Xmas trees during the holidays but the wife gave her idea of it all in two little words

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. . . pipe dream! Whassthis? Adolph Zmoos making inquiries as to the average cost of a formal gown? 'Course, Halloween is over and all that . . . but he says the gown will be for his sister. Gang has other ideas . . . so explanation pleze? Pop Strong winning a \$25.00 football pool (two-bits a chance) and what's more . . . in all the excitement actually telling his wife the good news! Poor Rudd spent many a weary hour peddling the 100 chances and "Pop" never so much as kicked through with a coke . . . he did thank all concerned for their donations! (Note . . . please include in income tax returns.) Guy Rhinard to auto show to look over the new Fall models . . . some classy ones, yah—just cars that's all! Charlie Cooper with a new Buick car—it's a honey—and it's all HIS . . . someday! Henry Stone getting his voice back after losing it some weeks ago. E. W. Swanson flabergasting us by giving us his filing cabinet to replace the rickety ol' one we had . . . clever swap, how did ya do it Geo? Freeman Morgan "Who stole by radio?" Will have to tell you about Tucker's annual Halloween Party next issue . . . he was up to Saugus recently riding the broncos . . . and they tell me he knows how to handle them thar things! So sorry, Walt Deal . . . are you disappointed? (He was told that Jim Tucker would write this month's yarn and Tuck told Walt that the things he was going to pan him about were aplenty) is that the reason you were so amiable toward Tuck later? (the boast fell thru). Riverside minus one safe and contents. Safe was stolen from depot last month, parts of which, showed up in the Cucamonga area. Robbers A.W.O.L.—Dough G.W.T.W. but crime will out! Operator D. W. Smith (Balboa Line) picked up group of Halloween merry-makers at Long Beach enroute to Balboa. The fares of 35 cents . . . all in pennies . . . only a matter of some 350 of 'em. Guess he just held out the ol' sack and said "Dump 'em in here". (They must have been surprised at his agreeable spirits as he took them as though they were even change . . . and with a smile.) Bravo! Cooper was yelling for Shorty Hall (mechanic) in the shop "Hey Shorty?" (no response) Again "Shorty" (blasted out) then . . . a weak call came forth. "Here I am" (Coop looked around at the bus, not inside—nor under it . . . and patience was about out) Well, where are you? "Here I am" (said Shorty) . . . he was inside the motor!

Funny Sights: Young lady was kidded by Tucker account the fancy creation "hat—to you" she was wearing. Later she came through depot wearing another hat and Geo. Jehl spotted her . . . he remarked (and

don't say I'm the only one who asks personal questions?) "Where is the other hat you had on?" She replied "Right here in this sack . . . and blasted it down on the counter and with both fists gave it the royal squash! Geo. remonstrated—"Why did you do that . . . it was very nice". . . . "Well, my boy friend didn't like it anyway, Tucker didn't like it . . . and I decided that I didn't like it either!" (Maybe some of the husbands wish that it would work that easy on their own wives?)

Condolences were extended in the passing of Bob Griffith's father last month and also in the passing of Einer Swanson's brother, whose body was brought out from the East for family burial. He had been in California only recently on a vacation trip.

Congrats: Joe Hernandez is the proud pappy of a baby boy! Cigars he passed around . . . plenty good. "Tanks pal". Just when he was getting located on a new job he bid in (Riverside) along came the skids . . . another bump! Guess he can take it for it's all in the game! Edwin Barnett welcomes a baby boy! Edwin has been saving the new Jefferson nickels so long we wondered! Discoveries? He had taken a section of pipe, sealed one end and drove it into the ground and soldered a slot on the top and every day, each Jefferson nickel he took in, hit the slot. Now he has run into difficulties . . . it's pack jammed . . . and he can't get them out, but then we know—a genius such as he . . . will find a way!

On Sick Leave: H. K. Millington, Whitey Fabun. (Whitey was limping around and asked him if he was sick . . . wanted confirmation. His reply: "Aw no, just out of joint!") Lem Sommerville back to work from illness. Ivan Erhardt's wife recuperating nicely from minor operation. To Ray Cragin (our Walter Watchall) who has been confined in hospital so long, we wish a complete recovery. We miss his humorous write-ups in our magazine and hope he'll be in there pitching again soon.

Beat this one if you can . . . a patron who was waiting for a bus on Valley Blvd. spotted one of the Eastern Outfitting benches and was about to sit down on it when bench lurched and he skinned his hand. Bitterly did he complain to the bus driver when he came upon the scene. . . . "You'll pay for this . . . you'll pay plenty . . . that bench was put there for the convenience of passengers and the Company is going to pay me for injuries!" Woe is the life of a claim agent . . . the gardenias to youse. (Wonder if those individuals who suffer small injuries ever think that they could possibly have been to blame??)

Excitement? We have it! Imagine a nice sleek rat parading around in the depot . . . a few women let out yelps . . . until a shy young thing mastered the situation by attempting to catch it! "Why, I'm not afraid of rats" said she. Finally the druggist brought out his prize cat who has many rats to his credit . . . but poor "Mehatable" was just too full from a good dinner. They just looked at each other, backed up a few feet, waltzed around, and the cat left. Little rat, not getting much pleasure out of the performance went into hiding to the dismay of over 25 patrons who were expecting a prize kill and having the time of their life!

Thass all—more next month unless Uncle Sammy calls. Did you get a lucky number? Maybe Howard Strong was right—said that Rhinard and I were too enemy to be taken in the draft! The board can't locate Rhinard's registration number nor his card . . . and mine is on the Park Avenue side—the high 80's . . . such babble! We can't all be like strong—a Hercules—or Adonis!

WEST HOLLYWOOD

By G. R. Stevens

Motorman J. A. Colley's father was ninety-nine years old on the 16th of August. He lives near Blackwell, Oklahoma, on a ranch and is still able to ride a horse and shoot wolves. Motorman Colley was born on a ranch in Oklahoma before it came into the Union, and was known then as Indian Territory. Before coming to work as motorman on the Pacific Electric Colley was in the theatre business in Oklahoma.

Conductor Hobson made a recent trip to Texas to visit his folks, and reports having had an enjoyable vacation.

Motorman D. C. Noggle and wife are back from their wedding anniversary trip to Evansville, Indiana, hometown where they were married twenty-five years ago. They returned via the scenic routes of Union Pacific and Denver and Rio Grande Western



Lou Berrack and Joe Moon bringing back the buck, with packhorses.

which took them down the Feather River canyon.

With the ending of Deer Season in most parts of the State, hunters reported deer hunting unusually good this year with many bucks taken. Not all thrills come with buck hunting, for on one trip two big mountain lions were killed by a hunter. H. R. Dearborn, night Terminal Foreman, tells of being presented with fine Elk steak by one of his friends who hunts the high country.



M. Grant and two mountain lions which measured 11 feet from tip to tip. Killed with 25-35 Winchester on Blue Ridge near Moon Mountain and Rainbow Lake.

G. R. Stevens and wife recently returned from a rail trip up to Oregon where they visited relatives.

Reports are current that Ray Cragin—"Walter Watchall" of the Magazine—who was recently compelled to undergo a very serious operation, is now on the road to recovery. Let's send a flood of cheerful cards and help brighten him up. Address Ray Cragin, at St. Vincent's Hospital, corner of 3rd and Alvarado Streets. Needless to say Ray Cragin has the well wishes of all of the trainmen out our way and that wish is for a speedy recovery.

Letters from Motorman S. S. Fonner and wife who are on their vacation up north say they are having a great time feasting on fish, pheasant and deer.

Motorman Crandall says he is planning on making a trip back east soon.

The Wednesday Club at West Hollywood of which Conductor Truman Baker is president and Motorman R. F. Hintz is secretary, reports an enlarged membership.

The trainmen at West Hollywood are making plans for a bounteous Thanksgiving Dinner with Tom Turkey and all the trimmings.

Our business in life is not to get ahead of others, but to get ahead of ourselves.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT CHATTER

By Ruth Bushard

Your pinch-hitter wishes to report that Ray Cragin, our real reporter was getting along fine until he heard that Roy Swanson got married which almost caused him to have a relapse. Ray says that Gable has nothing on him when it comes to fan mail . . . and the nurses too—they are so-so divine. He prefers room 119 to 609.

Another vacation season has elapsed with everyone back on the job but Jim Livermore. Can't understand why Livermore keeps postponing his vacation—is it because he is afraid his work will stack up? ? ?

We welcome John Vanderzee (and his pipe) back to the Purchasing Department. John is temporarily working on Ray Cragin's desk. (We never did find out if John was allowed to smoke that incinerator in the living room at home.)

Ed Morris, National Guardsman, is eagerly awaiting to mobilize. The boy wants action. He is the Veterinarian in his division too. Ed has been studying pictures of army tents but has been unable to see any wall plugs for his radio. With the proper influence, he could probably be placed in a company which has a crooner for a top sergeant.

Talking about war, Bill Nicolay says the draft is OK and he has as much courage as the next fellow and would never fail his country in a pinch but what bothers him is that he doesn't look good except in a blue suit. He wants to know if there will be any branch of the service where clothing colors are optional. . . . Well Nicolay, you know how the Democrats are, a way will be found to make you happy. Maybe you can wear army pants and a dinner jacket.

Following News from Torrance

The annual inventory of September 30th, brought the usual visit of the inspectors from the Auditor's office, included among whom were Archie (Sugar) Sharp and Ual Drake, formerly of the Store Department personnel. Store employes renewed old acquaintance and enjoyed their stay. Everyone was pleased to note the marked recovery of Earl Moyer who was in charge of the group.

Elmo McBride took unto himself a wife. The happy married couple now reside at El Sereno—congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Hoyt also newly-weds are now settled on Maricopa Street, Torrance, now that permission to reside in that city has been granted by the Torrance Council and Chamber of Commerce.

Frank DeBaun is expected to be

next in line. Do you need a manager Frank?

The first letter has come from Harold Kirk, who left the service of the company with a large contingent of men on the U.S.S. Ramapo for Midway Island. The letter was received by Fred Hopkins and was mailed from Honolulu. Harold said thus far he had not been seasick at all but had misgivings as to the future. Since then a typhoon has rolled across the island.

Ralph (Beeler Boy) Long bought a home in Strawberry Park. Beeler thinks Strawberry Park is a good site to rear his twins; besides he needs more space for his hobby "bees". He experienced very little trouble moving his wife and twins but oh, those bees. You see Beeler had a swarm of bees and they to save their lives—had to go where ever Beeler went cause Beeler had the hives.

Several of the boys of the Store Department were seen at the B. of R. C. picnic held at Santa Barbara (Beeler couldn't go on account of his bees).

Speaking of folks being "up in the air" — Bill Bone has successfully learned to fly with better than 36 hours of flying to his credit. . . . Congratulations Bill, may you always come down as easily as you go up.

Bob Cain was playing Humpty-Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall—but all the company doctors with their medical aid couldn't help the bump he got on his haid. . . . Let that be a lesson to you, Bob.

Fred Dilthey enjoyed his vacation on his country estate at Berros, San Luis Obispo County, hunting for California Sage Buck. (He just hunted.)

Bill Kitto (the "Big Russian") is still living down at the Pacific Electric Rod & Gun Club Camp at Los Patos. The late fall dreary weather reminds Bill of good old Siberia.

Fred Hopkins has been sporting a Willkie button. Fred who comes from the State of Rhode Island and is a direct descendant from Stephen Hopkins, one of the two delegates from the "Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" who signed the Declaration of Independence says that every four years along about this time he reiterates that immortal saying—"Now is the time for every good citizen to come to the aid of his party."

Cliff Ruppel went to San Francisco during the month of October to attend the annual session of instructions from the Grand Lodge for applicants seeking advancements in Masonic affairs.

It is with great regret that we report the passing of our former fellow worker Dick Sutton. Dick passed

away on October 15th, at the age of 85. Services were held at Ocean Park on October 18th and were attended by several members of the Purchasing and Store Department.

CONDUCTORS' ACCOUNTS BUREAU

By Esther Quast

A week ago we sweltered
In "unusual" summer heat
We wore as little as we dared
And couldn't even eat.
But oh! today how different
Here huddled in a group
We wish we had some "longies"
And a bowl of good hot soup!
—By Martha Smith

Dear Winchie:

Remember, you brought this on yourself that day when you pointed your finger at poor innocent me and offered the information that I was elected to carry on the keyhole recordings of this here newly titled Passenger and Car Service Accounts Bureau while you did a "walk-out" stunt on all your old pals and friends who anxiously and eagerly await your ever-popular column of choice bits of latest news each month. Offhand I'd say you are lettin' us down; however, if it is but one month you might be forgiven.

Well, I don't wonder that you needed a rest—this journalism that you wished on me has already added three gray hairs and I haven't started yet. The day you left you were all dolled up in your "purty" new dress and looked to me as though you were going to a fashionable girls' school—that perky white collar does things for you. My "nose for news" got to working and I found out that you, Anna Shofer, Violet Phillips and Jane Ryan (the old-timers will remember her) had luncheon together. How's that for a scoop?

Florence Haldeman proudly announced that she is aunt to a new niece born October 13, 1940. We still can't figure out why girls don't rate as much as boys. When her nephew arrived Aunt Flo passed candy around. Any time will do, Florence.

After a month's leave spent at San Luis Obispo, Edna Abell is back on the job, still nursing that bothersome left arm.

Alice Elliott spent her vacation at home—at least that's what she says. At the fountain one day, shortly after her return, she ordered "an American on Swiss", so what do you think? Would you like to try an Elliott Special Sandwich?

On Registration Day Mildred Edwards went goat riding. Well, that's the way I heered it. She is now a Native Daughter of the Golden West. Congrats, Mildred.

Grace Shreeves spent her vacation

entertaining guests, including a Columbus Day luncheon for some of her friends from the office. Some people are gluttons for punishment, aren't they?

Her young son taught her how to feed chickens and turkeys and how to gather the eggs. That is something everyone should know sooner or later. Can you imagine Helen Sawyer in the role of Farmerette? Well, that's what happened to her while on vacation.

"Renner" Cox went to her old home in Maine on her vacation. With various bachelors in the building shoving off in the sea of matrimony, we gave Coxie all kinds of hints about leap year, etc. If she had any luck I will advise later.

Upon suggestion of Uncle Thomas the gang got together and showered Walter Watchall with a landslide of "get-well" cards. We sure hope it cheered him at least a wee bit.

Dovie Brown's face was certainly red the other day on accounta she forgot to put the tea water on. The tee-totalers didn't realize how much they appreciate Dovie until after that happened. That used to be Esther Ross' job but she has graduated. Since she has become "Boss Ross" (Tom Hinkle's name for her) her desk is virtually blocks away.

"Arvie" Curran is gettin' fat—have you noticed? Could it be that she is reaching the "Fair, Fat, and Forty Stage" in life?

The T. L. Hinkles surely get around these days. I met them at Sear's one Saturday nite recently — Thomas looking very bored buying curtains, and now suddenly they up and go to Palo Alto to see the Trojans battle with the Stanford Indians.

Dorothy Randolph and Ethel Chandler have been carrying a bottle now for the past few weeks. They said something about being on a diet and drinking buttermilk. Nina Robertson was a "dieter" too until she tried to squeeze through a very narrow space and then decided what's the use—now she is eating sandwiches again.

There's a new hairdo out in the Car Service which belongs to Margaret Hines. It's most becoming and she should be threatened so she won't dare change it back to the old way.

Everything happens to Agnes Heckman. Her brother, Bill Keelin, surprised us all by getting married on October 5th and we think it's grand. Then before the excitement of that was over, "Aggie" went on her vacation down to Imperial Valley duck hunting with friend husband.

We've all been envying Esther Craig, especially that hot week. She is relaxing at her Corona Del Mar home all this month of October. Imagine having nothing to do for a

whole 31 days but swim, sail, eat, and sleep—Oh boy! Now, if "Esto" comes back and tells us she worked, that would disillusion us.

Dorothy Pearson and Mister spent their vacation loafing at Denver Steamboat Springs (don't you love that name?) and Royal Gorge, all in Colorado.

Someone must have told Fanny Jones about leap year. Looks as though she is doing all right. She has been seen flirting with a boy friend down in the depot at noon.

I'll bet you will be glad you know Nina Robertson on accounta she attended the premier of "The Thief of Bagdad" (along with all the other celebrities) and even wore an orchid.

You ought to get Lola Ellis to tell you her election stories—they are supposed to be good!

Did you know we have a right good "Jury Sitter" in our midst? In case you have a "case" just call on Odessa Carter—she is now experienced as she has been serving on the Jury spasmodically, so to speak.

You never can tell what Marie Thomsen will do next. Her latest episode is surf fishing. That's no fish story either.

Helen Maloney and baby daughter, Patty, were luncheon guests of Emma Taylor recently. We wish they would come up and see us sometime. Incidentally, Emma has just returned from a two-week's leave which she spent at home.

Now that it's football season again Mr. Suman (I'm a bit bashful about calling him "Poppa" like you do) is the usual enthusiastic fan.

Well, Winchie, I've stooped, snooped, and scooped and reported to you my findings. It has been fun and I did my best but hope you won't ever walk out on us again.

Your pinch-hitter.

TORRANCE SHOP NEWS

By Carleton B. Bell

HONOR ROLL is rather short this month, maybe on account of the lay-off, but that did not hold back Bill Parker one bit from becoming a grandfather. His daughter, Josephine, presented him with a fine grandson, William Vernon, weight 8 pounds and 9 ounces.

This should be a fine place to announce the acceptance of Glory, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Zahradnik, as a student by the Juilliard Graduate School of Music in New York City. The Juilliard School is probably the foremost school of music in the country and to be accepted there is a real honor. All applicants must pass a very critical board of examiners who examine into every detail of your ability to go to

the very top of the ladder in the art of music. Sufficient to say that only about one applicant in twenty is accepted as students. Congratulations of the "Family" to the proud parents.

Alma Nixon, our gracious telephone operator, recently celebrated her birthday and many of her old time friends throughout the Shops helped the celebration along by presenting her with a fine floor lamp. Alma had just moved to a new home and was busily engaged in installing all new furnishings, hence the lamp was a welcome gift.

John Dillon really stepped out—with a brand new Studebaker coupe.

Rex Sach is quite a gardener, up until now mainly among flowers and fine foliage but he now gains the spot light by producing a fair sized bunch of edible bananas in his back yard. Don't know whether or not Rex is going to throw out all his begonias and go in for bananas in a wholesale way.

Charles Boles has his own special kind of a problem. Grandfather tho he is he claims to have been stopped several times recently by officers of the law who asked him for his draft registration card. As a consequence Grandpa Boles is going to quit shaving altogether. It seems that each time he shaves he has the same troubles with the law and he has a terrible time convincing the officers that he really is a grandpa and was on the All American football team away back in 1902.

Messrs. Kelly, Bloomfield, Hislop, and Burgess again went hunting for rabbits up Lancaster way. Had fine luck, came back with 14 rabbits but figured that the meat cost them just \$1.35 per pound. Mrs. Bloomfield evidently had little confidence in her spouse's ability to bring home any meat for she went to the store that same day and bought hamburger for the usual big Sunday feed.

Edgar White has found a good way for HIM to economize—he just walks by Chas. Chaplin's home every morning on the way to work and borrows the morning paper. Returns it the next morning, of course, so no one is harmed.

Albert Balsler, Blacksmith helper, had a rare misfortune the other day. He sneezed so hard and in such a different way that he dislocated a vertebrae in his spine.

Glad to see our old friend Bill Chapman on a visit to the Shop recently. Bill looked quite fit and expects to be back to work before long. He has been off work on the sick list since February.

Jimmie Supple gets the booby prize for having the lowest draft registration number in the Shops—No. 50. If it so be that I have slighted someone having a lower number let me

know for next month. We will sure make it right.

The big war in Europe strikes home a bit more realistically than ever before, kinda hits us right here in the Shops. Burt Norman is on leave of absence in order to visit England in the hopes of bringing his old father and aunt back with him from the bomb plagued English Channel coast. Burt left those shores 21 years ago and has not been back since. He engaged transportation via boat from San Pedro but could not get definite information as to when he would leave or by what boat. He would not know until a very few hours before actual leaving time. If best wishes for his safety and good luck throughout his trip will help any Burt should have all help possible from here. We will surely be glad to see him back on the job again and to know his trip was wholly successful.

The burning question with the cheap guys that ride the cars with Benny Benson these days is what they are going to do about keeping up with the news now that Benny has decided to buy no more daily papers except to read at home. It sure is tough on these guys not to get to read Benny's papers.

George Lallich has had varied luck on his hunting trips this Fall. Recently returned from duck hunting with fine string of mud hens. On last Saturday, however, he had good luck while hunting near San Jacinto peak and bagged a nice prong horn buck. George also on this trip brought home a jack rabbit and cotton tail.

Tried to get some dope on one of the oldest employes in point of service in the Shops, Bill Blackmer by name, who to the best of my knowledge has never appeared in this column. The best I could get was that the only hobby he had was taking care of his granddaughter whenever opportunity presents. Well, I don't know any better hobby unless it could be caring for TWO grandchildren.

While in Bill's corner could not help noticing Eugene Rivit's new clock installed on the wall in a regular little wayside shrine. Gene must be quite religious for he frequently pauses before this shrine.

Phil Osborne, in the Power House was taking things a bit easier than usual when I called upon him. Seems that Phil and his good wife were out to a dance two nights before and Phil was quite sore and stiff. Admits he is not quite so young as when his wife first taught me to dance 25 years ago.

Earnest Hessenflow and wife are making quite a venture—in the nature of a brand new cafe business at the Metropolitan Air Port at Van Nuys. Of course the Mrs. operates

the place but Hess does eat there weekends. Any shop man out in that direction would be royally welcomed if he happened to drop in.

Pedro Fernandez could teach many a modern father things he ought to know about bringing up three live, active boys, and preparing them to enter the struggle for jobs when they are through schooling. Pedro's three boys are aged 16 to 19 years, the ages when many a boy is a big problem to his parents—sometimes to the police as well. Not so with the Fernandez boys; they have been taught the fine cabinetmaker's trade by their wise and skilled father. They have a well equipped little mill and cabinet shop right at home and have made many a handy dollar therein while learning to be as skillful as their Dad—and that means being a real craftsman. They could already take and hold a job as journeymen cabinetmakers — no problem for them when they are through school to get a good job. Congratulations to Pedro and family—not many of us have been so wise.

That wistful, lonesome look on Eldon Gilliam's face is due to lonesomeness and hunger. His wife has left him for a month's visit with relatives in St. Louis, Missouri.

Our old friend Pop Wheaton who retired last month has bagged his first fine buck with his new rifle the boys in the Shops gave him. Probably has several more by the time this appears in print. Claims to have hit this one right between the eyes with the first shot but does not say who held his head still while he was taking aim. 'Twas a big four point buck. While on this hunting trip Pop had the misfortune to fall over backwards into the campfire, necessitating hurried help from his companions to save his hide from too painful damage and also to save the front of his pants.

If you have not seen Clarence Clark's fine mustache you ought to take a special trip to the pipe shop just for that purpose. I don't know whether it reminds me most of a little ray of sunshine or a "Thin red line".

Jim O'Conner is again in the market for a new car. Abalone Benson has a new Plymouth and Jim simply cannot stand it to have Ab pass him and his faithful Buick. Jim is not particular just so it has more speed than Ab's Plymouth.

Ole Olson always has been a workman who attended closely to his business, meaning the Company's business, but it is going a little farther than the Company expects when the other day while intensely occupied he suddenly discovered that his jumper was on fire and almost smoking out the other workmen thereabouts.

Tinner Anderson laughed so hard that his teeth came loose and he has not been able to get them rightly back into place yet—he saw the whole thing and knew it was not Ole's clothing that was on fire but a bunch of waste real close to him. Reports have it that Ole jumped right smart when he thought he was afire.

Willis Brooks has just returned to work in the office after a trip East, bringing with him a 1941 Oldsmobile. Of course everybody knows about the new car because Willis parked it right in front of the main gate so we all could see it. It looks swell—from the rear. Had a little hard luck coming through Oklahoma—got sideswiped by an Okie farmer. The sheriff told Willis he was lucky to get off alive, being from California.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC NOTES

By J. E. Blackburn

The eligible bachelor list was reduced to only two in this department during the month of October when Roy Swanson took unto himself a wife. Roy pulled a complete surprise on us by eloping to Las Vegas on October 19th. After the marriage ceremony we understand the newlyweds travelled east for their honeymoon, visiting Roy's mother at Ogden. The bride is not known to most of us although we are sure Roy's choice was based on his usual good judgment and we all join in wishing both of them a long and happy life together.

Now that October 29th is past and we know where we stand in the Selective Service military training program we can look into the future with more certainty again. Most of the prospective draftees in this office are either presently exempt from the service by reason of dependents or so far down the list that they will not have to give the subject much consideration for a long time. Although we concur in the idea of training ourselves to meet any eventuality, nevertheless the thought of actually giving up a year of our lives for such training is not just exactly a pleasant one and it is hoped that the present European conflict will result in a quick victory for the protectors of our ideals so it will not be necessary to continue the training program as long as is currently considered necessary.

George Billhardt has just returned from his vacation, having traveled east to visit relatives in the Sanduskey, Ohio, region. George Koltz is planning another extensive trip east as far as New York for his vacation.

OUR COMMUNITY CHEST

Suppose you knew of a child who could not walk—who was so strapped to mechanical devices for spine and legs he could not even board a Pacific Electric car, or enter into any recreational amusements, but just lie in bed and be fed, would it not make you happy to join with other employes and secure a contribution of say \$100, which would give such a child treatment at a Community Chest clinic for a year—or \$75 for a major operation and hospital charges that would put him on his feet?

That's just one of the illustrations of what Chest health agencies do for the kiddies who are innocent victims of adversity. You might remember too, that 94 cents out of every dollar subscribed to the Chest, goes direct to the agencies—and that 70 per cent of agencies expenditures are for the benefit of children, according to information supplied by Chest campaign chairman Paul K. Yost.

The seventeenth annual appeal of the Chest officially opened Monday, October 21, boosted by a proclamation by Mayor Fletcher Bowron urging that all citizens take cognizance of the acute needs of unfortunate people "our own to be cared for" and aid the Chest in their behalf. At that time chairman Yost assigned a large contingent of volunteer workers to solicit 3,000 establishments totalling 253,000 employes, under direction of establishments chairman Porter Bruck.

Monday, October 28, solicitation began among public employes and schools, James G. Warren, chairman; and general solicitation over the entire Chest area will be started November 6. This includes the widespread residential districts, Mrs. Albert Crutcher, chairman; and the downtown area of 17,000 firms and offices, John W. Yates, chairman. On November 8 all team leaders make their first report at a luncheon at the Biltmore.

Chairman Yost advises that pledges may be made in weekly, monthly or quarterly payments—if this plan is adopted by able and generous-hearted people it will enable them to give more without hardship.

Organization of our Company in the "Establishment Division" is under way now. Be prepared to make your pledge to the Committeeman representing your department.

"I think," said her mother, "she's a wonderful player for her age. Of course, she makes mistakes now and then, but you must remember that she plays entirely by ear."

"Yes," said the friend of the family. "The trouble is, that's the way I listen."

PACIFIC ELECTRIC CAMP

By H. E. De Nyse, Manager

As I frame my monthly message to you, the Pacific Electric family, to invite your interest and participation in our winter program of hospitality and sports—with Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in the offing, I am thinking of our recent vacation trip that took us through 20 states, over desert and prairie, rivers, lakes, ocean, bayous, bridges and tunnels, highways and canals, observing as I did the splendid activities of our railways — their past and present trends, and development of our great country of vast lands, swamps and wooded areas — its rivers and boat traffic and transportation, and crowded cities of such dense population as to seem like anthills—with buses and trains, cars, taxicabs, traffic and humanity all constantly on the move from somewhere to nowhere—disappearing into row upon row of tenements—huge fine structures—thousands of them—up in the air—higher and higher, this congested humanity is housed in the great Eastern seaboard cities.

My message to you is to remind you that we are the chosen people who live in the most favored spot on the globe—and to ask you to try with me, to appreciate the blessings of the wide open spaces that are ours — where we may, on a moment's notice, decide that we shall weekend or holiday in our own mountain wooded resort—where entertainment, hospitality and privilege is ours for the taking.

In our beautiful woodland resort, available to all employes and their friends, we have what all Easterners would give their birthright to possess—a rendezvous with Nature; a family recreation spot unequaled anywhere and how much do we know about it? How often do we come and bring the family to this ideal haven of beauty and comfort and rest?

You are the answer.

Being an American is a great privilege but being an American and a Californian is a super-privilege that is ours.

The Pacific Electric Camp is your camp—know it—love it—use it.

Wise Mother

Father (facetiously): "Don't you think our son gets his intelligence from me?"

Mother (likewise): "He must, I've still got mine."

Modern Mother

"I'm so proud of my boys" said one of the happy mothers of this neighborhood, "Not one of them has ever been arrested except for speeding and on liquor charges."

A THOUSAND UNEXPECTED GUESTS

Information Bureau in the waiting room of Main Street Station was somewhat a-flutter on the morning of October 29th when somewhere around a thousand men rather unexpectedly moved into the lobby destined for the Steamer "Washington" on which they would move to the Islands for work on the new defense plans.

The "Washington" was not scheduled until two days following, and upon being given the information, the crowd scattered, some going on to barracks at San Pedro, and others to visit friends in Los Angeles and surrounding towns.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST annual campaign for funds is now under way throughout the city; and, as usual the employes of the Pacific Electric will undoubtedly contribute their quota to the amount necessary to be raised. It is unnecessary to dwell on the advantages of the Chest plan in caring for our community charitable and welfare needs as it has been proven over and over again that under that plan practically all that is given reaches those whom we would help, and our money is not dissipated in commission to collectors and paid solicitors. Committeemen from the various departments of our company will soon call on you for subscriptions to the Chest. They will doubtless be courteously received by you, and should be, for they are doing a gratuitous work in the interest of the helpless of your community. Help them all you can. "Bread cast upon the water"—DOES RETURN.

WHAT a satisfaction it is to those of us especially who have been with the road for many years, to see the new, modern equipment coming into service on our lines; and, under the program set up by President Smith, the time is not far distant when we will be spick and span, and in some ways better than new. With 30 new "Streamliners" on order (10 of them here in a few days), about 100 as good or better than new 600s, some of the 1200s "dolloed" up until you swell up with pride; with track and other facility improvements under way, we're getting there. All that is needed now, is a concerted effort on the part of every employe to get more and more business into those new cars and motor coaches. It can be done.

Judge C. C. C. faced the perplexing task today of deciding whether a fifty-six-year-old barber or a thirty-three-year-old mechanic should be legally declared the mother of baby boy triplets. — New York paper. Perplexing is right.

TROLLEY SPARKS

Culled From Here and There

"Are you the girl who took my order?" asked the impatient gentleman in the cafe.

"Yes, sir," replied the waitress, politely.

"Well I declare," he remarked, "you don't look a day older."

Jane Ruby, proudly placing on the dinner table the first turkey she had roasted: "There, Bob, my first turkey!"

Bob: "Wonderful, dear! How beautifully you have stuffed it!"

Jane: "Stuffed! But, dear, this one wasn't hollow."

It was at a charity ball and a couple of young women were holding an indignation meeting over a third one.

"Here we are," remarked one of the girls, "selling kisses to raise money and she's boot-legging them free back of the booth."

"So you complain about finding sand in your soup?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you join the army to serve your country, or to complain about the soup?"

"To serve my country, sir—not to eat it."

He'll Help

Her father (irately): "I'll teach you to make love to my daughter, young man."

Her boy friend: "I wish you would, I'm not doing so well."

For Sale

A full blooded cow, giving three gallons of milk, 2 tons of hay, a lot of chickens and a cookstove.—Montesan (Wash.) paper.

If she can produce a bathtub, she's sold.

Yes or No

During the last campaign, a candidate for congress was answering a question at some length, when a heckler arose and demanded a plain answer, "yes" or "no".

Candidate: "But I can't answer yes or no to this question. There are some questions to which it is impossible to answer yes or no, and this is one."

Heckler: "That isn't so, You can answer yes or no to any question."

Candidate: "In that case, answer me this question: "Are you as big a fool as you look?" Come, sir, yes or no?"

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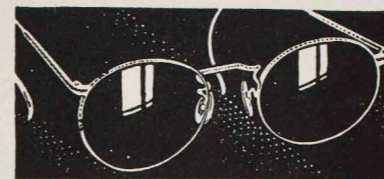
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