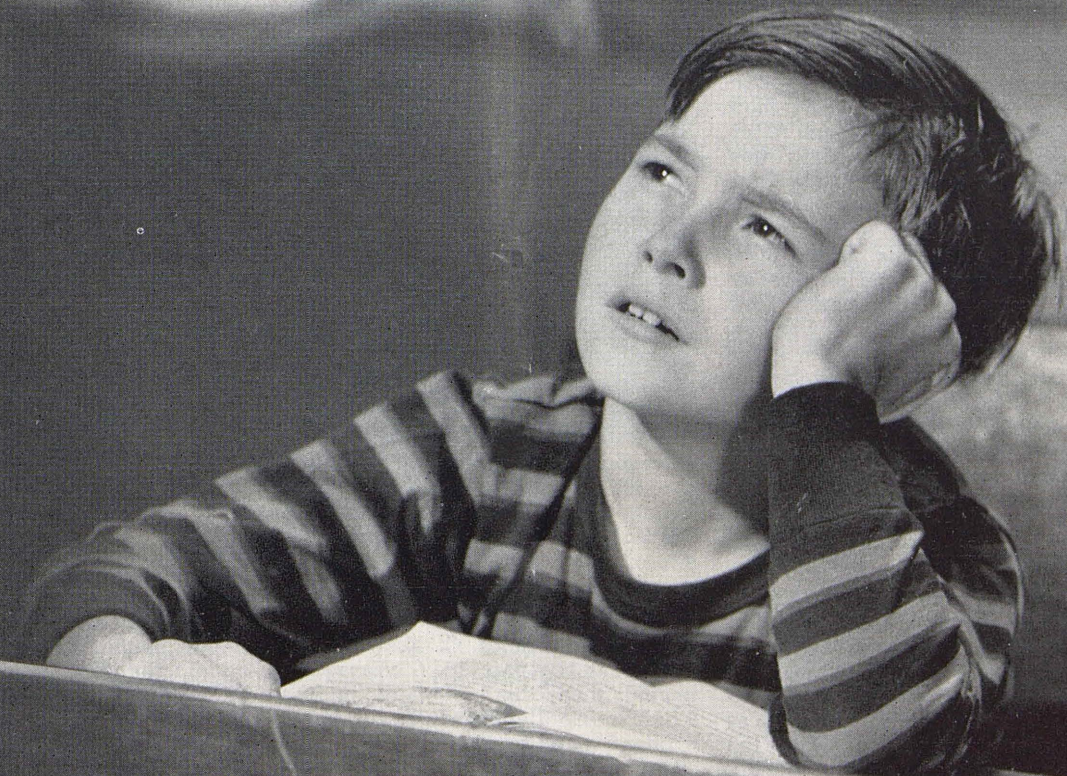


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E. C. THOMAS.....EDITOR

## PASSENGER ASS'N OUTING

Ninety-six persons were guests on the Southern California Passenger Association tour of Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park over the Memorial Day holidays. Members of Pacific Electric family who were among those making the trip were Mandel Brasler and wife, Wilvert Todd and mother, Jas. Shafer and Miss Nancy Reese, Jack Cross and wife, and Paul Jacobsmeyer.

The party left Los Angeles on the Los Angeles Limited at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 29th, arriving at Lund, Utah, 12:15 p.m., Friday. From Lund the party was taken on buses of the Utah Parks Company to Hotel Escalante at Cedar City, Utah, for lunch, after which the trip was resumed through Zion Canyon to Zion Lodge, arriving about 6:00 p.m. Entertainment and dancing was enjoyed Friday evening, also a sightseeing trip to the extreme upper end of Zion Canyon on Saturday morning. After lunch on Saturday, the party was transported by buses to Bryce Canyon Lodge, a distance of about 60 miles. Entertainment and dancing were furnished at this resort also, on Saturday evening, and on Sunday morning some of the party took horseback trips into Bryce Canyon, while others hiked in. Another sightseeing trip was also taken on Sunday morning, along the rim of the canyon and visiting Bryce Point. Party left Bryce Canyon immediately after lunch on Sunday, returning to Lund, Utah and thence via Union Pacific train, arriving back in Los Angeles at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning, June 2nd.

The trip was probably the most enjoyable of any of those taken in recent years by the Association and everyone was extremely enthusiastic about the beauties of both Zion Canyon and Bryce Canyon, as well as the excellent manner in which the tour was conducted and the friendly and helpful service given at all of the resorts.

# Immense Rock Movement to Harbor

## Our Company Gets Freight Traffic For Huge Government Project

Last August, it will be recalled from news dispatches at that time, Secretary of the Navy Knox announced plans for a U. S. Fleet Operating Base to be located on Terminal Island in the Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor area, and subsequently a contract was awarded by the Navy Department to Guy F. Atkinson and George Pollock Companies in the amount of \$18,012,500 on a "cost plus fixed fee" basis for the initial construction work. Navy Department officials declared at that time this development would ultimately grow into a \$40,000,000 base rivaling even Mare Island.

This fleet base on Terminal Island will cover an area about 8,000 by 2,000 feet, comprising a reinforced concrete graving dock 1,100 by 165 feet with a depth of 45 feet at the sill; an 8,000 lineal foot extension of the breakwater to Belmont shore in Long Beach; a quay wall along the entire harbor frontage with several docks each 1,200 feet in length with transit sheds; machine shop, barracks, and recreation buildings.

The Pacific Electric Railway Company's interest in the development of this fleet operating base at the present time stems from an order received by the Consolidated Rock Products Company for some 650,000 tons of crushed rock for use in the construction work.

Our Freight Traffic Department has been working very closely with the Rock Company and the contractors in negotiations for this order and was instrumental in influencing the movement from bunkers on our line.

The Consolidated Rock Products Company is now moving this order from its plants at Crushton and Rivas on our line, the movement having started early in April.

Some 600 cars have already moved and it is anticipated that the entire movement of approximately 13,000 cars will move over our line to Long Beach where it is interchanged to the Union Pacific for switching to the site of the job.

## GONE TO NEW POSITION

Many friends of C. E. (Charlie) Hunt, for the past 15½ years connected with this company in the Engineering Department, will be in a quandary as to whether to congratulate or cuss him when they learn that he severed his connection with us on Saturday, May 24th, in order

to take over the duties of a position with the Transportation Division of the California Railroad Commission with headquarters at San Francisco.

Charles has been rather a popular guy around here, not only because of his genial personality, but particularly with those of us who wanted maps drawn for publicity purposes. He had a distinctive knack in that regard.



Mr. Hunt's railroad experience began with the Canadian Pacific in 1910. Subsequently he was with the Canadian National, coming to the Pacific Electric in August, 1925 as a Draftsman, since which time he has handled various duties in the Engineering Department.

In leaving for his new position, "Charlie" carries with him the best wishes of his many friends.

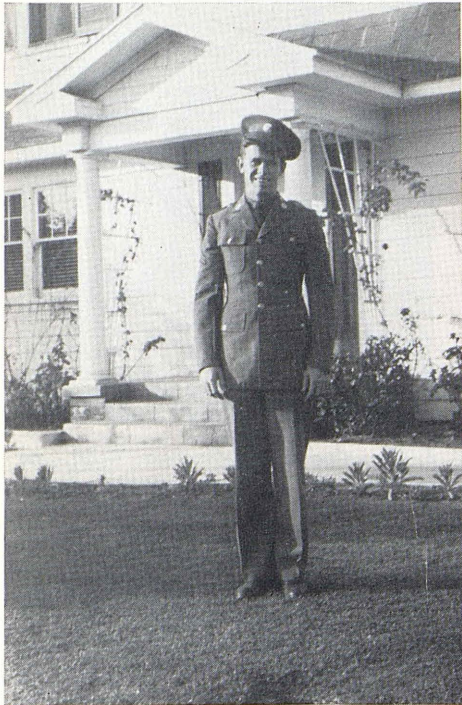
## ANOTHER GRATEFUL PATIENT

After a six weeks stay at St. Vincent's Hospital, Jennie Reithmaier, one of our fellow employes has returned to her home at 1460 East 92d Street and is rapidly recuperating from her disability.

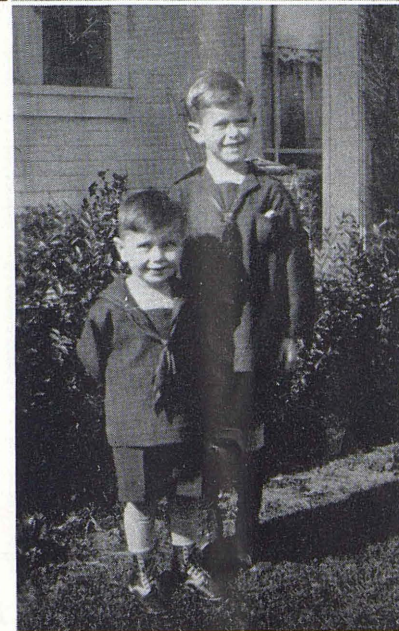
In a letter to the Editor she expresses gratitude for the care and kindness extended her by the medical staff of our company; nurses and staff of St. Vincent's during her stay there, as well as to her fellow employes at the Watts Terminal, the Sick Committee of the P. E. Club and to the officers and members of Sunset Lodge No. 410 for their remembrances and sympathy.

All of her friends will be glad to hear of her recovery.

# Two Sons Are In The Nation's Service



Sgt. Robert R. Orr, AC, Moffett Field, Calif.  
Dwight J. Orr, Seaman 1C, C-S Division, USS Arizona.



The Orr Boys as we knew them about 1925-26.

It seems like just yesterday when the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Orr were romping around in knickers. As a matter of fact that was what they were doing the last time the Editor of the Magazine saw them, and they looked just as they appear in the picture at the lower right.

Recently, while on a visit to the Terminal Freight Station, Mr. Orr spoke of his two sons in the service of Uncle Sam, and displayed the pictures that also accompany this article.

How the years do skip by. What a rapid change comes in youth within the span of a few years; and, no wonder the Orr family are proud of these two stalwart specimens of young manhood.

The elder of the two boys (Bob) worked at the Freight Station evenings while attending the Western Air College at Alhambra. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps, July 1, 1940 for a term of three years, and is now addressed as Sgt. Robert R. Orr, AC, Moffett Field, California.

The junior (Jerry), just out of school, enlisted in the Navy, August 6, 1940, for a six year term, and has served his apprenticeship at the San Diego Academy for entrance into the Communications Division. He is now officially known as Dwight J.

Orr, Seaman 1C, C-S Division, USS Arizona.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Orr; and, best wishes to the boys.

### FREIGHT TRAFFIC INCREASE

While it has been definitely known from statements made by the managements of the various railroads throughout the Nation that freight traffic has made almost uniformly steady gains during the past year, we

doubt if our employes realize that freight business handled by this company, primarily to and from other lines represents quite a large portion of the gains that trans-continental lines entering this territory have made. In other words, the Pacific Electric has contributed business to the "steam" lines each month representing many hundreds of thousands of dollars, from which, of course, we derive a proportion.

Comparison for the month of April, 1941 with the preceding three years of freight car loads handled through the Butte Street Yards, our principal interchange point, shows as follows:

1938 .....	37,463 cars
1939 .....	32,137 cars
1940 .....	37,984 cars
1941 .....	53,935 cars

This indicates an increase in April 1941 over April, 1940 of 15,951 cars, or 41.99 per cent.

Very naturally, as employes, we are delighted to note the increase.

### RETIREMENT ROLL GROWS

Since last report the following employes have left service under the Railway Retirement Act:

- Frank Spoon, Mechanical Department, 20 years service.
- Charles Irwin, Engineering Department, 21 years service.
- Walter Bloomfield, Mechanical Department, 21 years service.
- Geo. A. Brown, Transportation Department, 18 years service.
- Joe Walden, Transportation Department, 21 years service.
- Philip Kohl, Land and Tax Department, 16 years service.
- Joseph W. Gates, Land and Tax Department, 24 years service.
- Francis L. Ceja, Engineering Department, 10 years service.
- Wm. E. Buckman, Engineering Department, 20 years service.
- John J. Cadd, Transportation Department, 38 years service.
- John W. Salisbury, Transportation Department, 21 years service.

### NOW HANDLES ARMY TRAFFIC

From the Torrance Herald comes the information that Frank Kauffman, clerk in the Agency at Torrance has been promoted in authority, if not in pay. The Herald, of recent date, said:

"In striking contrast to the stories told by veterans of World War I—when skilled mechanics were assigned to labor jobs, and experienced clerical workers were put in the cavalry—is the message received this week by Wm. H. Bratton, local agent of the Pacific Electric railway.

In an interesting letter from Frank Kauffman, former clerk at the Torrance P. E. station, Kauffman tells of his experiences at Fort Lewis,

Washington. He has been put in charge of railway traffic, handling both troop and freight movements—which is “right up his alley.” Judging from the large amount of cars handled as described by Kauffman, activities at Fort Lewis are booming, and the defense drive is assuming huge proportions.”

#### JAMES W. ANDERSON

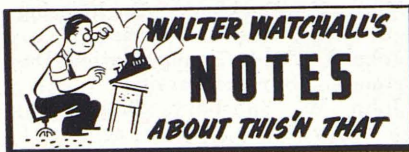
Much to the regret of many friends, James W. Anderson, for years connected with the Freight Traffic Department of this company, passed away at Long Beach, on May 2d, after an illness extending over a long period of time.

Mr. Anderson became a resident of Long Beach in 1906, and in 1907 was appointed Agent in that city. In 1919 he became Terminal Freight Agent in Los Angeles and held that position until his retirement in 1936 after 17 years in that position.

“J. W.” as he was popularly known to his friends, was an outstanding man in his calling, and his friends and acquaintances were legion. With his subordinates at the Terminal he was not only highly respected because of his business ability and integrity, but much beloved because of his kindly, considerate, helpful nature. He has been greatly missed during the past few years by those who were favored with daily association with him.

Surviving relatives include his widow, Mrs. Sarah Anderson, and several sisters and brothers, including Mrs. Rebecca Reeves of this city and George Anderson of West Los Angeles.

To his bereaved relatives and many close friends, sincere condolence is extended.



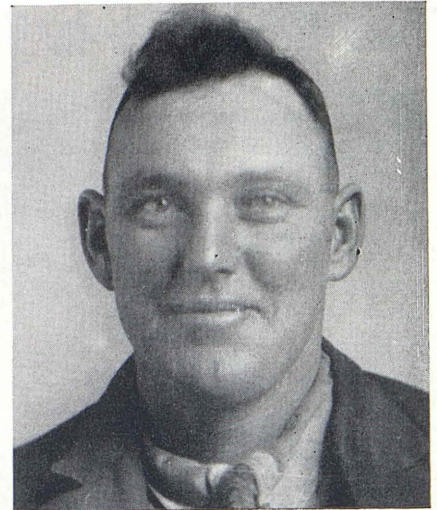
April Showers bring May flowers. May showers bring June Brides. June Brides bring Mother's Day. Dad's Day was just thrown in for good measure.

May also brings fishing season. Would it be right to say the bride hooked him in May and landed him in June? Evelyn Emmons is to be a June bride, the groom a Doc. Would you say she is just what the Doc. ordered? I would.

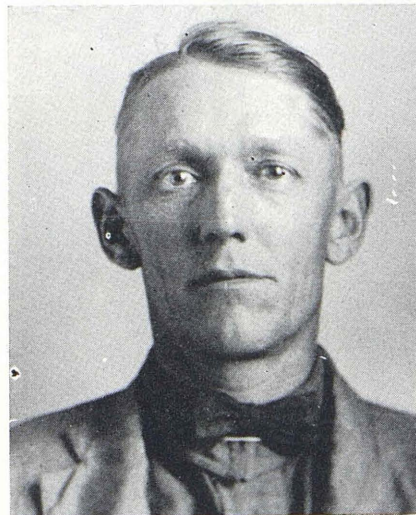
Jimmy Adams says Matt Weinstock likes our column. We like Matt's column too, but that doesn't make it even. His has color. I have an idea. I'll put color into my column. How is this:



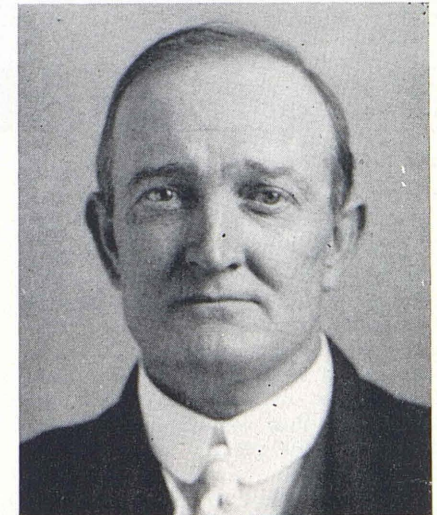
Here is Walter White. White stands for purity and cleanliness. Walter got cleaned when he bet on El Portal.



We also have George Redd, no relation to the Cincinnati Reds. Red reminds us of fire crackers, fire engines, red roses and bull fights.



Then there is George Brown. Brown reminds us of the leaves in the fall. When he sees this picture, he will take a fall out of me, and then leave me.



Last but not least, is J. B. Greene who reminds us of spring, green grass, romance and love, and here we are back to June brides.

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We had a lot of Greek benefits. The biggest was put on not thinking it was National Restaurant Week. T'is said when Greek meets Greek, they start a restaurant.

They have Boys' Week, but only one day for Dad. Someone should start Grandfather's hour. We also have Clean-Up Week, Be Kind to Animal Week, Luggage Week, all kinds of weeks. Why doesn't someone sponsor "The little Working Man's Week."

Speaking of sponsors. Seems every one has a sponsor. Soft Ball teams have sponsors, Bowling Teams have sponsors, Radio programs have sponsors. Why not have every Department Scribe in the Magazine have a sponsor. How would this be? Boston Baked Beans, the Bean with Vitamin B-1, presents Noble Cates with Accounting News. Through the column they could work in commercials like this—"Earl Moyer and family picniced at Griffith Park Sunday. You guessed it, they had Baked Beans. Earl says, 'Use your Bean, Be one to eat Beans with B-1'."

Or how would you like this? The Happy Landing Parachute Company is happy to present Jimmy Adams with Station Static. "Our slogan is —'If our chutes fail, no sale. We will gladly refund purchase price to your heirs.' Are you easily upset? Do you fly up in the air? Then you should have a Happy Landing Chute."

This might be O.K. Vic Labbe, brought to you by Tartars Big Liver Pills. "Are you irritable, do you get upset when Junior breaks the windshield or burns down the garage? Then take Tartars Big Liver Pills and then you will help Junior burn down the garage." Leonard Biehler says, "Quote, unquote."

How would this be? Itchy Hair Tonic is glad to present Freight Traffic Notes by Joe Blackburn. "It's not fair to lose your hair and leave your head bare." George Koltz says, "Itchy Hair Tonic brings out the true color of my hair and helps to hold my permanent."

This might appeal to the Ladies. The Hare Fur Company is tickled to present Marion Snowden in "Winchie at the Key-Hole". Esther Quast says, "I bought my Easter Chubby at the Hare Fur Company. It had an Easter Egg in each pocket."

Who would be interested in this: The Bogus Boloney Company, "The Baloney with the skin you love to touch, gives you (you can have him, we don't want him) Ray Cragin with the Purchasing Notes." James Livermore says, "I eat Bogus Boloney morning, noon and night. In fact, I am full of Boloney."

This might interest R & G Club Members. The Sure Shot Revolver

Company presents Arlie Skelton with R & G Club news. "Is Dad despondent, is he worried about finances, is he in poor health, does he have family trouble, is his insurance paid up, then give him a Sure Shot Revolver for Father's Day."

The Motor Transit folks might find this: "The Pull and Scrape Razor Blade Co. presents M. J. Creamer with Motor Transit Notes." George Jehl says, "I always trim my corns with Pull and Scrape Razor Blades."

Oh yes, The City Gas Works sends you, Walter Watchall.

#### P. E. CAMERA CLUB

We promised you that we would let you see a picture that the Camera Club did not take but which it did have, so we will give you a little story first.

Listen my children and you shall hear a story which to most of you may sound rather queer. This story deals with one whom we all know and think a lot of, one who though he gets into your hair at times is a real pal just the same.



The story begins some years ago in the section of Los Angeles now known as Boyle Heights. In those days it was called Pimple Hill but it grew so fast that they had to change its name to Boyle Heights and it was there that a little shaver, who's name you know well, began his stormy career. A round plump little fellow who just loved to climb into your lap and cuddle up and be rocked to sleep, (believe me I know because I have rocked him to sleep many times) a loveable chap named Walter.

The years go bye and this little fellow, like all the rest of us, had to

grow up but he developed a yen to delve into the past of his fellow man and he has done quite a job of it so far (we often wonder how much more he knows other than he puts into print) and still seems bent on getting the low-down on every one he can.

Well, as time goes on there is no doubt that he will get all of us if we don't hide all of our past pictures and everything. He has the power some how to dig up things that we ourselves have forgotten and it seems that he knows what he is talking about when he lets it go.

We hand you herewith a picture of this little (?) chap which was not taken by the Camera Club but which goes to show that no matter how hard you try to cover up yourself and dig the other fellow out it will always happen that someone will turn up that will upset your apple cart.

Walt may be the name he was given back in them good old days but every one knew him as little Ray (Look at him now—little?) however he still stuck to Walt and know he is known as WALTER WATCHALL and here ladies and gentlemen is his picture—Would you believe it?

The Club meeting of May 7, 1941 was a very fine meeting. Dr. Castanares furnished the interesting part on the evening program by showing us some very fine color motion pictures he had taken in Old Mexico, and way points, also some he took of the Bull Fights and believe me they were worth seeing. Thanks to the Doctor and we hope to have him again soon.

We are receiving a few pictures from you camera fans but we need plenty more in order to have an exhibit and we would like to have also some more members. The small yearly dues is more than offset by the help the Club can give you and what you can save in purchasing supplies and equipment through your Club.

The meeting of May 21, 1941 will be long remembered by those who attended. Mr. Otto of the Defender Photographic Products Co. gave one of the most interesting and enlightening talks that it has been our good fortune to hear. His talk covered the entire range and process of enlarging on Velour black paper. He illustrated his talk with some 75 or 100 fine 11 x 14 enlargements giving in complete detail the various exposures, developments, errors, etc. in the very interesting work of enlarging. The Club Officers and members wish to thank Mr. Otto and Mr. Hatfield of the Defender people who made this lecture possible, those who did not attend missed a very educational and pleasant evening. Again we say thanks to Defender.

## PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB MONTHLY BULLETIN

**Tuesday, June 10:**  
American Legion Post No. 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.  
Automotive Transportation Engineering Class—7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 11:**  
P. E. Rod & Gun Club Monthly Business Meeting—7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, June 14:**  
P. E. Agents' Association Monthly Business Meeting—7:30 p.m.

**Monday, June 16:**  
Automotive Transportation Engineering Class—7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 17:**  
Automotive Transportation Engineering Class—7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 18:**  
P. E. Masonic Club Monthly Business Meeting—7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 19:**  
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Card Party—1:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 24:**  
American Legion Post No. 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 27:**  
American Legion Auxiliary Monthly Night Card Party—8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 8:**  
American Legion Post No. 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 9:**  
P. E. Rod & Gun Club Monthly Business Meeting—7:30 p.m.

### AMERICAN LEGION ELECTION

By James E. Davis

Correction: Somehow W. E. Stewart was credited as Hogger on our Covina trip. I do not know whether there is a motorman named W. E. Stewart or not, but my notes show that Walter E. Swartz was the Hogger. On our trip to Venice May 13 Comrade L. Fortner handled the controls, Comrade William F. Rear-dan counted the passengers and J. E. Davis, rode the rear car. Because of equipment trouble we returned via Beverly Hills and traded our two-car train for a single car at Ocean Park Carhouse. On the return trip William H. West was motorman and William Standigal was conductor.

About this time each year we hold our annual election. Nominations were opened on the train on the way to Venice, then reopened May 27th. Final nominations and the election will be held at the P. E. Club, June 10th. Nominations already made:

For Commander: Chaplain F. W. Nichols declined the nomination. Nominees: 1st Vice Commander V. G. Clemons and Second Vice-Commander K. M. Brown.

For 1st Vice Commander: Our present 2nd Vice, K. M. Brown and Comrade Bruce Goodman.

For 2nd Vice Commander: Historian Walter Hume and Sergeant-at-Arms L. A. Finley declined. Nominees: Comrades Frank B. Roth and Charles E. Rose.

Finance Officer: O. R. Newhouse and Chaplain Frederick W. Nichols

are so far running without opposition.

For Historian James E. Davis.  
For Sergeant-at-Arms: Comrades C. E. Rose, W. S. Harris, J. A. Zumwalt and O. F. Fackler.

For Executive Committee: Comrades C. C. Rice, A. W. Bone, J. L. Karalis, R. E. Mead and C. A. Newman.

For delegates to the State Convention and 23rd District meetings: Comrades F. W. Nichols, V. G. Clemons, C. E. Rose, W. E. Sames, O. R. Newhouse, J. L. Karalis, A. W. Bone, C. A. Newman, George Blackwell and H. K. Riordan.

Joint meeting at Venice, our post and Venice Post 177; Speakers included Commander 23rd District Mac Gillvary; Chaplain 23rd District C. A. Newman; Sergeant-at-Arms 23rd District, Jack Young; Commander Hollywood Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Cecil H. Hill; Commander Venice Post, O. Basset; Commander University Post, Frank B. Venable; Commander P. E. Post, W. E. Sames; President, P. E. Auxiliary, Myra Belle Clemons; Sergeant-at-Arms 19th District S. A. L. Squadron 27, Maher; Captain R. C. Milnes, Squadron 321.

#### Boys' State

Sons of P. E. Ry. employes sent to Boys' State at Sacramento will be Arlie D. Skelton, 16, Southgate Junior High, son of Towerman Skelton. Sponsored by our Post; and Roy E. Moor, 16, John Marshall High School, son of Hugh Moor, member of P. E. Masonic and Past Master of Southgate Park Masonic Club 563. Sponsored by P. E. Masonic Club.

#### Sons of Legion

The following named officers Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 321, were installed in their new offices, in the ball room of the P. E. Club Tuesday night, May 27th: Cap-

tain R. C. Milnes, 1st Lt. G. M. Brown, 2nd Lt. Jim Davis, Adj. Leonard Eastwood, Finance Officer John Eastwood, Chaplain Don Harris, and Sergeant-at-Arms Howard Harris. Installing Officer—Past Captain 23rd District S. A. L. Ralph Kelly. 1st Lt. Norris Baronian, 23rd District S. A. L. acted as Sergeant-at-Arms during the installation. Other distinguished Sons of the American Legion present were Bart Turinetti, 2nd Lt. 19th District and Captain of Lynwood Squadron No. 85; Carlton Rogers, Historian 23rd District; Jim Houlihan Finance Officer 23rd District, and Charles Lorton, Past Captain Lynwood Squadron with Mrs. Amy Lorton, Past Presidente, Lynwood Unit.

### WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

By Mrs. Lloyd E. Murphy

The month of May has been an active one for the Women's Club.

On May 2nd we went to Torrance for our annual May Day party as guests of the Torrance P. E. Auxiliary. After a lovely luncheon, Mrs. R. R. Crunk, president of the Mother Club, was crowned Queen of the May.

Then we were entertained at the home of Mrs. Willis Brooks to view her large collection of tea-pots. She also served tea to the guests.

We wish to thank Mr. Marler and the Company for furnishing bus transportation for the ladies. At our regular meeting on May 8th, officers for the coming year were elected.

Mr. Snyder, from the Coca Cola Company, showed us a colored film of flower arrangements, and treated us to ice cold Coca Cola which was greatly appreciated as it was a very hot day.

President Crunk called for reports from some of her chairmen. Mrs. Adams, hospital chairman, reported

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618 calls made from May 1940 to May 1941. She has been a very faithful chairman, making her calls in all kinds of weather, and we know the patients have looked forward to seeing her.

The few of us who accepted the L. A. Railway Women's invitation on May 15th were well repaid by a nice program and lunch.

On May 15th Mrs. Rambo held her last card party of the season and besides the prizes for the day, the prizes for high score for the entire year were awarded.

Bridge: 1st—Mrs. Arthur Woodbridge; 2nd—Mrs. R. R. Crunk; 3rd—Mrs. Bertha Steward.

In 500: 1st—Mrs. Marion Periard; 2nd—Mrs. Hauck; 3rd—Mrs. Mary Wills.

On May 19th the ladies boarded the boat for Catalina and report a wonderful day for all.

May 22nd our last club meeting of the year was called to order by President Crunk, the pledge to the flag was followed by singing the "Star Spangled Banner." Officers and several chairmen gave their year-ly reports.

Mrs. C. O. Leatherman, Ways and Means, reported \$301.86 made this year.

A group of the L. A. Railway women were our guests and the door prize won by one of their members—Mrs. E. J. Miller.

Mrs. J. B. Green then installed the following officers with a very pretty ceremony, using the white and green satin ribbons with a daisy to link them together as chain links between each officer.

President .....Mrs. Wm. H. Shoup  
1st Vice-Pres. ....Mrs. W. A. Hasty  
Recording Sec.....Mrs. Carl Gramling  
Corresp. Sec. ....Mrs. Kate E. Moore  
Treasurer .....Mrs. E. J. Hasenyager  
Directors: Mesdames R. R. Crunk,  
Joseph Adams, J. T. Ashcroft, Wm. Thomas, J. S. Columbus.

The program for the afternoon was a trio number sang by the Mesdames McFarland, Miller and Lines, accompanied by Mrs. Bishop at the piano.

The 100 per cent members were presented gifts, also Mrs. Crunk gave all her chairmen a hand crocheted center piece, after which she gave her President's report and finished it with the help of her daughter, Mrs. Lines, by singing "The End of A Perfect Day."

Mrs. Shoup, taking the chair, pinned the Past President's pin on Mrs. Crunk, her first official duty.

She then announced her committee chairmen for the coming year as follows:

Parliamentarian, Mrs. Arthur Woodbridge; Press and Music, Mrs.

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Get your tickets for the party at Homemaker's Club on June 11th and be there to support our team on the Radio Quiz program on KHJ.

Our annual picnic will be held in Echo Park on June 26th. Bring your lunch. Club will serve coffee.

Card parties will be held on the first and third Thursdays during the summer months.

Also the Red Cross work will be kept up, meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

Another Torrance member passed away this month—Mrs. Mary Hopkins. We extend our sympathy to her son, Fred Hopkins.

We owe a lot of thanks to Mrs. J. S. Columbus and her committee for the lovely lunch served at the last meeting.

So here's to a Happy Vacation to you all.

### P. E. MASONIC CLUB

By Ed Hasenyager

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 7:30 P.M. This being our last meeting before our Summer vacation we hope to have an extraordinary large attendance.

The entertainment committee have made arrangements with the Hollywood Film Exhibitors to show a news

reel film of extraordinary interest. In deference to these exhibitors let's make this a banner meeting. Come out and talk over that vacation trip. It's possible some of the others are going the same way and the vacation can be turned into a picnic of mutual enjoyment.

### Special

Our Club has been extended an invitation to visit Granada Lodge at 605 East Main St., Alhambra on Friday, June 20 to confer the Master's Degree on a fellow employee of the Transportation Department. It is earnestly hoped that a good representation will be on hand to encourage our Degree Corps and welcome the new Brother.

The members of the Team should take special note and be well versed in the ritual of their respective stations that no criticism may be voiced as to our proficiency in the work.

Don't forget, on June 22 there will be many special "Saint John's Day" services, breakfast, church services, etc. and it is especially appropriate that all Masons attend one of these services.

Our Club together with the Masonic Clubs of the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Sante Fe and Los Angeles Railway are especially invited by the Pastor of "Trinity Episcopal Church," 650 North Berendo Street (2 blocks west of Vermont) to attend their special St. John's Day services again this year. These services are for the entire family. It is hoped many of our members will attend. Sunday evening, 7:30 P.M.

Those who attended last year were well paid for their efforts.

**In Memoriam**

It is with a sad heart that we report the passing of three of our beloved Brothers and members. Brother Jim Mee, Brother W. E. Beck and Brother James Anderson. We extend to their families and friends our most sincere sympathy.

**We Go This Way But Once**

We go this way but once, O heart of mine,  
 So why not make this journey well worth while,  
 Giving to those who travel on with us.  
 A helping hand, a word of cheer, a smile?  
 We go this way but once, Ah! never more  
 Can we go back along this selfsame way,  
 To get more out of life, undo the wrongs,  
 Or speak love's words we knew, but did not say.  
 We go this way but once, then, let us make  
 The road we travel blossomy and sweet  
 With helpful, kindly deeds and tender words  
 Smoothing the path of bruised and stumbling feet.  
 —Chicago Scottish Rite Magazine

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC CAMP OPEN FOR 1941 SEASON**

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The opening day of the trout fishing season, May 1st, was celebrated by members of the Rod and Gun Club on Lake Arrowhead in the usual manner, a big feed at the Camp the night before, everybody at breakfast at 3:30 the next morning and all hands on the lake by daylight.

Many were back in Camp before noon with the limit. Fishing was exceptionally good, nice catches being made by every member of the party.

Memorial Day ushered in the 1941 vacation season at the Camp, and although it is difficult for most of our employes to get off on holidays, we had a nice crowd, most of them remaining over the weekend.

Everything points to unusual activity at the Camp this summer. Reservations are coming in and we are receiving many inquiries about accommodations.

The usual recreational features will be available again this year: tennis, badminton, swimming, pool



and ping pong, sightseeing trips and of course, the ever popular wiener bakes each Wednesday night, all free to our guests.

We will have Mrs. Peskitt, the Los Angeles Playgrounds director, with us again this year to put on our entertainments and see that everybody, young and old, has a pleasant and enjoyable stay with us.

Those delicious, cheap meals: breakfast 25c, lunch 35c and dinner 50c, will be served again this year beginning June 21st, and each Thursday evening we will feature

our 50c fried chicken dinners that became so popular last year that many had to be disappointed because of our limited dining room capacity.

The Company has provided us with a wonderful vacation spot in Southern California's most popular mountain playground, with rates so low that everybody may enjoy its benefits. Come up and help make it a bigger and better project.

The usual staff will be there to greet you and do everything possible to make your stay pleasant and enjoyable.

**EMPLOYEES, AND GUESTS IN SAME QUARTERS:**

	Per Day	Per Wk.
Cabins (2 persons, 1 double bed).....	\$2.25	\$ 8.50
Cabins, Double (4 persons, 2 double beds).....	4.00	14.00
Guests, same quarters, per person.....	1.00	5.00
Dormitory Rooms, one person.....	1.00	5.00
Dormitory Rooms, two persons, each.....	.75	3.00
Dormitory Rooms, guests, per person.....	1.00	4.25

Rates include bedding for the number of beds shown, electric lights, gas for cooking and wood for heating. For each additional bed, add 25 cents per day or 50 cents per week. Over two days, weekly rate will apply, for additional beds.

**GUESTS IN SEPARATE QUARTERS:**

	Per Day	Per Wk.
Cabins, (2 persons, 1 double bed).....	\$3.00	\$12.00
Cabins, Double, (4 persons, 2 double beds).....	5.00	20.00
Additional persons, per person.....	1.00	5.00
Dormitory Rooms, 1 person.....	1.50	6.00
Dormitory Rooms, 2 persons.....	2.50	11.25
Children under 12 years old.....		half rate

Rates include bedding, electric lights, gas for cooking and wood for heating.

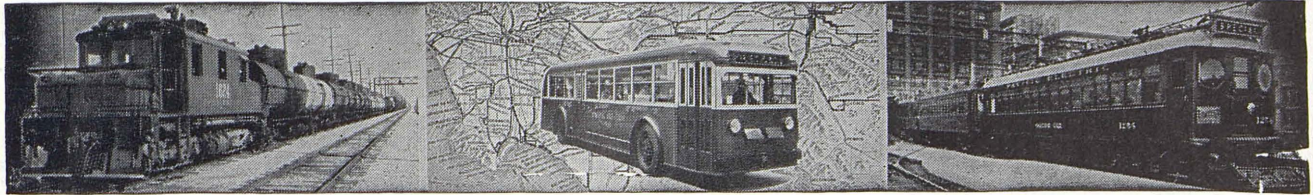
Free transportation will be furnished employes over the Pacific Electric to San Bernardino and return. A round trip rate of \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children between the ages of 6 and 12 years, between San Bernardino and the Camp may be obtained. Children under six years are carried free.

The Mountain Auto Line Coaches connect with the Pacific Electric car leaving Los Angeles at 7:45 a.m. Rates effective June 1st, 1941, until further notice.





# SAFETY NEWS



## SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Members on the Trainmen's Safety Advisory Committee for month of June will consist of the following train and motor coach employees to represent the different terminals and classes of service operated:

- D. W. Brown.....San Bernardino Ter.
- C. E. Young.....Macy St. Terminal
- G. W. Ott .....Pasadena Terminal
- G. T. Grimes.....Los Angeles St. Ter.
- C. A. Bjorklund.....Long Beach Ter.
- E. P. Verret.....Ocean Park Terminal
- P. Davis.....West Hollywood Terminal
- J. H. Rowe.....Hill St. Terminal
- J. E. Tolbert.....Glendale Terminal
- C. E. Wilson.....Butte St. Yard
- C. H. Miller.....Motor Transit District

The next meeting of the Trainmen's Safety Advisory Committee will be held Friday, June 27, 1941, in the Pacific Electric Club Rooms, Los Angeles, commencing at 10 a.m.

Arrangements will be made with your Terminal Foreman to hold you from your regular assignment on that date to enable you to attend this meeting.

This conference will be devoted to consideration of subjects relating to safety and our accident prevention problems, and we hope to have a program which will prove of interest to you and of educational value.

During the month, and prior to the date of conference, we are hopeful that you will give some thought and study to our accident problems on the district where you are employed, with a view of submitting any suggestions or subjects for discussion of a constructive nature and in the interests of advancing our efforts to prevent avoidable accidents. Please have your suggestions in writing, each suggestion on a separate sheet of paper, so that after they are discussed, they may be handed to the Chairman for further study and handling.

## APRIL'S AVOIDABLE ACCIDENTS

Conductor reports: "Going into spur, brakeman unlocked derail and then forgot to take it off, derailing one pair of trucks on motor 1591, no damage to track, bent sander pipes on motor." This accident should have been avoided. Caused by gross

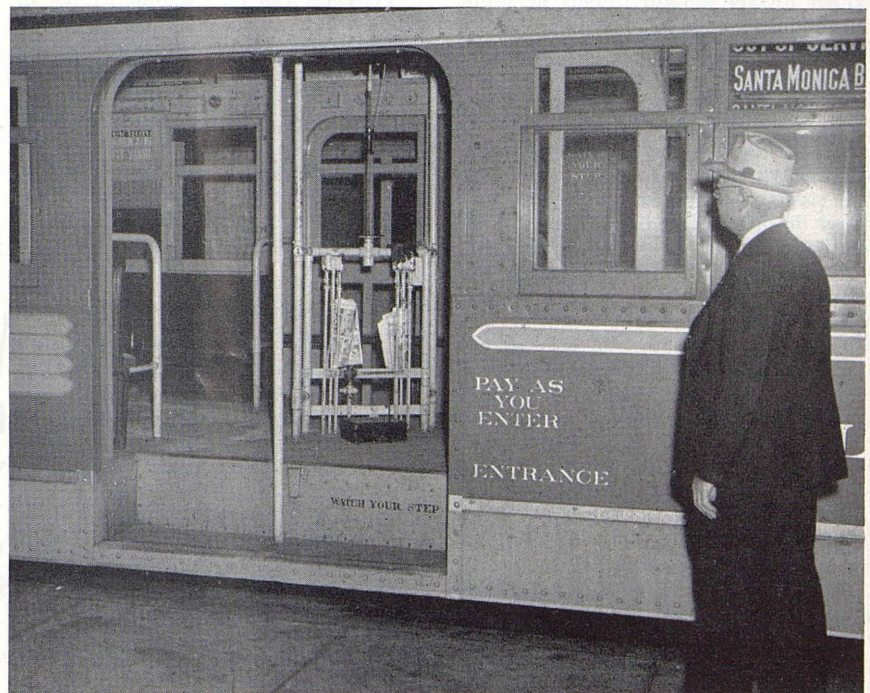
carelessness and inattention to duty.

Conductor reports: "Had hold of string of cars switching them out. Gave field man sign for No. 17 track which he lined. I gave a kick sign and let 4 cars go. Cars on No. 18 track were hanging out to foul 17 track, resulting in damage to corner of P.E. 10072 and corner and running board on S.P. 50888." This accident was avoidable. Certainly any member of a crew kicking cars should know for certain that no cars are standing in a position to interfere with the intended movement.

Brakeman reports: "I was shoving 8 track with about 22 cars, started giving slow signal about 2 car lengths from motors. Train was too heavy to be stopped in time before hitting motors on lower end of No. 8, broke window in motor 1627." This is an avoidable accident as the brakeman is an experienced man and should be able to make proper allowances and give signals in time to stop in required distance.

Conductor reports in part as follows: "When switching at top end of Butte St. yard two cars were set on S.P. main and brakeman tied them down, sometime later another car SCCX 666 was kicked into S.P. main with no one riding it. In the meantime the two cars previously set on S.P. main had been pulled which left track clear for SCCX 666 to roll, which it did, sideswiping two cars on lower end of track, causing damage and derailment." This was an avoidable accident as a brakeman should have been available to ride car before it was kicked into the S.P. main.

Conductor reports: "Coming out of Pier A with 34 cars, motor in lead, then caboose, 34 cars and helper. When reaching end of single track at Anaheim Blvd. and entering double track, motor took outbound rail, caboose and train inbound rail, derailed caboose." This was an avoidable accident. Investigation discloses that a rock had lodged in the switch point



A passenger approaching to board car the distance from doors as indicated in this picture cannot possibly get in a position to be struck by doors if doors were closed at this time.

In every case where doors strike passengers, the conductor could see the passenger approaching before closing the doors if they would make proper observation.

and caused point to stand part way open. Closer observation of facing spring switch points, making sure point is not held partly open by some object, will eliminate such accidents.

Conductor reports: "Pushed 18 cars off No. 20 loading rack track and started to switch loads to main line or to track No. 24. Brakeman overlooked lining switch on No. 25 track. 9 loads went against 13 cars that were on 25 track. GCX 5220, which was rear car, was pushed over bumper, derailing rear trucks and knocking them off center and damaging brake cylinder; bumpers were removed to reraill trucks." This was an avoidable accident. More concentration on the work during switching operations will eliminate this class of accidents.

#### INJURIES TO EMPLOYEES

The following is an analysis of accidents which resulted in injuries to train service and freight house employees, during the month of April, 1941.

Northern District—none.

#### Motor Transit District

Operator reports as follows: "Dropped baggage box door on my finger about a week ago, skinned and bruised but apparently did no serious damage. Kept getting worse until I went to company doctor this morning and found that infection had set in. Was pulled out of service to undergo a series of treatments by the doctor." This accident could have been avoided by using ordinary caution.

Operator reports: "As I realized back end of coach was going to come too close to the fire plug, I tried to cut over to the left to avoid interference with the fire plug by giving the steering wheel a quick jerk and in so doing sprained my back." This accident could have been avoided with proper caution in operating the coach.

#### Western District

Conductor reports: "I was carrying motorman's stool through cars, changing ends at West Hollywood, when leg of stool caught in seat of one side, throwing stool and catching my hand between stool and seat on other side of aisle, causing bruises and swelling of hand." This accident could have been avoided by using ordinary caution.

Motorman reports: "I was loading some ice boxes at Glendale freight house and a crow bar that one of the men was working with slipped and fell on my foot, injuring two toes on left foot. Reported to doctor on 4-4-41 at 11:30 a.m." This accident could have been avoided by use of ordinary caution on part of the one handling the crow bar.

#### Southern District

Freight motorman reports: "Brakeman had taken motor and this one car up No. 12 track and stopped me and climbed up to set a hand brake before cutting car off. I heard the dog on the ratchet about two turns and then saw brakeman fall to ground between the car and motor. He seemed to hit the footboard with the small of his back. He got up but felt shaken up and went home about an hour later." This accident could have been avoided by using proper precaution.

Brakeman reports: "I was standing at crossover switch intending to line same for the crossover as soon as the cars had cleared, as I bent over to throw the switch the rear step of the rear car struck me in side." This accident could have been avoided by use of ordinary caution.

Brakeman reports: "I had given motorman a signal to come to me and as I stepped on footboard my left foot slipped and the footboard caught my right shin and ankle, bruising them, but did not think it amounted to anything and worked the balance of the day, and the next day it was much worse and the doctor said I would have to stay off of it for a while." This was an uncalled for accident. Brakeman was standing only about 2 feet from footboard when giving the motorman signal to move, and should have stepped onto footboard before giving the signal.

#### Los Angeles Freight House

Trucker was hit on foot by leg of truck when unloading a spring off of truck; great toe of left foot bruised. Foreman reports accident could have been avoided by being more careful.

Please give careful thought to these personal injuries which some of our fellow workers have unfortunately experienced, in order that they will not be repeated by others. It

does not delay the work in the least to perform your duties in a safe manner, and your management requests each and every one to concentrate on what you are doing and at all times be on the safe side and avoid injury to yourselves and others.

#### FACING POINT SWITCHES

Your attention is called to Item 20, Original Page 7, to special rules in effect May 25, 1941, Section "C" reading: "On city streets trains will reduce speed to 10 miles per hour not less than 200 feet before reaching facing point spring on rigid switches not having fixed signals, except those over which the movement is governed by interlocking plant signals; and motorman will assure himself that switch points are properly lined for intended movement."

It is equally as important for the motorman to know that facing point spring switches are properly set for the intended movement as it is to receive the proper signal indication upon approach to an interlocking plant. Please bear this in mind and do not fail at any time at any point to assure yourself that switch points are properly lined for the intended movement.

#### EQUIPMENT QUALIFICATIONS

Trainmen shall not under any circumstances attempt to operate equipment on which they have not been properly instructed and officially qualified by the Instruction Department. We recently experienced an accident caused by a trainmen operating a box motor which he was not qualified to operate, resulting in the box motor running into rear of a 2-car train; box motor was badly damaged; no personal injuries resulted. However, this incident clearly shows the hazard of such unauthorized operation.

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# DEPARTMENTAL NOTES

## ACCOUNTING DEPT. NOTES

By N. E. Cates

Anna Beseman has at last realized an ambition of many years standing, that of having the correspondence files moved into that neck of the office off the front, where she can regulate the light and air all she wants to without bothering anyone else. Now if she could only have a pay raise, one month vacation with pay, a five day week, etc., believe she would be happy. I hope.

The contour of the office was further revised by taking Cy Saunders (Casanova Saunders) from behind a post and placing him behind a safe in the center of the room. Phil Still is now behind Gladys Sunday instead of being alongside. Mr. Weeks was moved away from the windows and placed just in front of Mr. Dickey, now if you know where Mr. Dickey is, you can also find Mr. Weeks. Mr. Hoaglund is at the end of the line, between Archie Sharp and Johnnie Thatcher. Hoge says it's nice and quiet down there but a long way from the safe where his books are kept. Geo. Perry and two desks were moved into the spot formerly occupied by Hoge and two desks. I don't know what happened to Jimmie Gould; he used to be over where A. B. is now.

George Chrystal went to Vancouver, B.C., for two weeks vacation last month.

Miss Bettis is on a short vacation at Sacramento and San Francisco.

Andy Reshaw had a week vacation at home.

Bonnie King just can't wait to join the Navy—Seems that Mr. King is now located at Bremerton, Washington and Bonnie will leave June 10th for a three weeks vacation.

Harold Heustis came back from a vacation with a new home.

Joe Lortie will return from his vacation with a new Dodge with fluid drive.

Paul Fancler had a vacation and came back all rested up.

Mrs. Reed is on a five weeks vacation and will make New York before her return.

Geo. Perry had a short vacation just prior to Decoration Day.

Bob Labbe is on a two weeks vacation that will take him to New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Chicago and San Francisco.

Six of our folks, the sixth month chose to celebrate with cake and "blows".

It looks like they would have us

believe in birthday numerology (J.H.)

Johnnie Thatcher .....	June 2
Duncan Poundstone .....	June 11
Florence Gretz .....	June 14
J. P. Hoaglund .....	June 16
Anna Beseman .....	June 23
Clarence Webber .....	June 26

### News Items—"Central Timekeeping Bureau"

Dave Alexander vacationing in old home state of Kentucky and securing birth certificate, going via New Orleans.

Frank Hardesty visiting his parents and friends in Barton, Ohio—says all his old home town needs is to be buried—Lively, eh.

Bill Williams now commuting daily between Carbon Canyon and P. E. Depot having moved into his resort hideout for the summer months.

Alice Karayan spent her vacation visiting many fine eastern points of interest—Washington, D. C., New York, Connecticut and all points east.

Ual L. Drake, it is understood will visit a Dude Ranch in Colorado and expects to get a real sun tan.

A jolly cruise to Alaska is anticipated by Madelyn Matthews aboard the Prince Rupert—more later.

Reports from the "Prior Service Project" indicate that Dorothy Littlefield took a quick trip to Arizona over the week end. Could it be that?

Do you know Oate Turnipseed? Believe it or not he worked for this company during 1909.

Odessa Carter has deserted Hermosa Beach for the Big City, so that she can be of more help to the Angels while they are reposing in the cellar.

## MOTOR TRANSIT NOTES

By M. J. Creamer

### Memory Lane:

Back from a brief vacation and just time to hack out the news. Made trip down Ensenada way—it's beautiful trip this time of year. Ensenada—a lazy Mexican town but with an ideal setting and much of interest remains for the tourists. Although Jack Dempsey's famous hotel has been closed for many months, it still reflects some of the gaiety that once surrounded it. The gardener on hotel grounds firmly believes that it will be reopened again and such a hostelry it is! Rosarita Beach is most inviting. Time too—for a trip to Catalina—and don't say the Army boys are the only ones living in tent cities. Ray Noble's orchestra packed them in at the Casino. Good

## More Are Sold Every Month

Less than a year ago arrangements were made to provide employes of the Pacific Electric with a coupon good at all Restaurants, Soda Fountains and News Stands operated by the company at both 6th & Main Sts. and Subway Terminals in Los Angeles and at the Long Beach Station, whereby employes could have the value of book deducted from their pay after book had been delivered to them when they wanted it—especially convenient in that tight period just before paydays! Besides the convenience of later deduction from pay, only \$3.00 per book, a 10 per cent discount is included in the fact that each book contains \$3.30 in coupons.

Every month more employes are discovering the benefits of this plan; HAVE YOU? To get a book today, merely have your supervisor furnish form 8998 Deduction Order in duplicate and present at restaurant in any of following locations:

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PACIFIC ELECTRIC RESTAURANT  
Subway Terminal

PACIFIC ELECTRIC SODA FOUNTAIN  
Long Beach Station

PACIFIC ELECTRIC NEWS STAND  
Pasadena Station

ol' Catalina is still one of the best vacation spots in California—and one thing sure “no moths can gather in one's purse!”

#### Ramblings:

C. J. Williams (timekeeper) is now living in his lodge at Carbon Canyon and rides the M.T. line to Brea daily where he grabs his gas buggy to journey home. He likes it fine. Say hello more often “C. J.” we're always glad to see you! Donald W. Petersen (son of Pete Petersen) now a 2nd Lt., in our Air Force has been transferred from Randolph Field to Singapore—of all places! He was home recently for a brief vacation before departing and Pete was proudly displaying his son's “wings” to the boys and he has every reason for being proud of him. Happy Landings Always! When you see J. F. Thorp—just ask him what to do when you get a speed ticket. He seems to know the way out—or did find a way by a personal appearance. “Smiling” W. H. Lantz took in the P. E. dance (end of season) and asked him if he was going to give the girls a “treat” to which he replied, “No, I'm taking the wife along to give her a treat!” But, she was within hearing distance and retaliated, “You don't have to go!” . . . but it was all in fun and they did have a good time! E. E. Peyton who has more troubles than one can shake a fist at (so they claim) still has the winning smile—and says he is looking forward to many trips to Catalina this summer. Albion F. Bjermeland teaching Guy Rhinard how to pronounce his name (can you?). The Geo. Jehls started on vacation trip last month heading toward Reno but got only as far as Bishop and turned back. Mrs. Jehl has been on the sick list for some time and we hope that long before another vacation rolls around, she'll be UP and raring to go! Walt Rorick thinking of chartering a glass bottom boat to look for his cruiser which was reported afire at Balboa after flames had spread to it from nearby yacht—but she's still afloat and needs only some new canvas, window panes and the painter's brush! Still “tuff” luck when she was just in top shape! Tuckers spent week-end at P. E. camp along with friends and enjoyed the whole trip. Alsa Sisk, operator (Balboa Line) going into freight service on southern district. Others that have left our fold are: J. B. Henson, A. R. Thomas, J. F. Thorp, O. E. Thorson and A. M. Cleaver.

#### Chatter:

Remember the heat wave? Well, it did things! Slim Seifried almost passed out on us. Said it was something he ate (no doubt) and we didn't want to disagree with him in that respect but the temperature in



#### CAN YOU FIND A FEW FAMILIAR FACES IN THIS GROUP?

(This is the original M.T. group transferred from 220 Market St. to P. E. Ry., some ten years ago. A few of them are still with us.

Reading left to right, you'll spot: (1st row): Mabel Cavender and F. D. Wilson. (2nd row) Laura Drake, R. V. Evans, Auditor (retired) and C. J. Williams. (3rd row) F. S. Screech (known as ROMEO then), Al Hanna, Max H. Green (now with Mt. Auto Line) and E. W. Swanson (Express). (4th row) is Alpha Sands (Seagraves) and peering over the horizon is Joe Hernandez.

the depot was torrid—and how we envied those who enjoy air-conditioning during the summer months. But summer weather brought out the new togs . . . Guy Rhinard loaded down with bundles much like the Xmas days, new shoes, ties, shirts—sport and otherwise, and a dinger of a sport coat. Mrs. Rhinard went summery in a big way too—but not to be outdone by Jim Tucker with not one but two new suits. Hot dog! Tuckers sold their shatto in El Monte and are back in their former home in Alhambra—but “Tuck” was really scratching his head for a spell as the Alhambra home was rented and the new owners of the El Monte home wanted to move in right now!

Bob Cruson who belongs to the Moose Lodge (Glendale) went in as Sgt.-at-Arms as Marvin Van Sandt went out of office . . . and the picture of the two, shaking hands and all “dogged” up in tuxedos—was really something for a social glance of what's going on in Society! Bill Tribble back from his “choo-choo” trip taking him via Salt Lake, Chicago down into Kentucky where he visited his mother. This, all in the space of a brief two weeks vacation—but he had time to build a porch on his mother's home and then scurry back to work. Tommy Henderson plans a leisure trip on the first part of his year's vacation and will head Phoenix

way and on southward. Willa Mae Bracklin (matron) off for two months vacation—heading East.

That's Ira Junkins young niece out from Iowa who is keeping house for him and preparing those “delish” meals and we understand that she's got on to the method of handling that rope gadget that opens the downstairs door from the upstairs level we told you about last month. Ira hopes to bring out his father and mother from the east as soon as health permits them to travel.

O. F. Johnson, relief clerk, (L.A.-Whittier-S.A.) celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary May 23rd. Bought his wife a set of silver for 12. Congratulations were in order. Kenneth B. Kirkman breaking in at Baggage & Express work at station and giving ticket office the once over! M. J. Freeman on the move? Union Pacific Stages held another one of their all-expense tours to Boulder Dam last month, inviting various bus line representatives to be their guests. This trip took them into the lower Grand Canyon by boat—the all day trip!

So sorry—Frank Pilkerton. The typewriter (let's blame it on that) does slip once in awhile and though I said in last month's yarn that your auditor stubs were missing when you moved, etc., it was the auditor's checks, not the stubs—which were

missing . . . so wrong again! Regrets too—to Joe Hernandez who is laden down with news but the kind one can't print for fear of treading on personalities . . . and I can get in the dog house without trying!

June Anniversaries of the M. T. boys who are still wheeling 'em around: R. Butler, 18 years; L. E. Irby, C. J. Kimball, and L. H. Faulkner, 15 years; C. E. Barnum, 14 years; F. G. Cook, 12 years; R. V. Haynes, 11 years; A. S. Murray and J. F. Edmondson 6 years, and H. A. Bubier 5 years.

Bill Kennedy has been overhauling the yard furniture using striped awnings of the most vivid hues—the "Mrs." states that the only upholstery he really understands is the padding of a chair seat—but be that as it may—we'll give Bill Kennedy credit for digging up news for this column and so—here we go again!

Advance scouts returning from taking a peek over the horizon, predict that the LeRoy Larson household will be enlivened and enriched by the arrival of an heir. The joyous enthusiasm expressed by Babe is such that many of his friends wish that the happiness may be redoubled. Yes, July will be a momentous month! In anticipation of the gladdening event, Mrs. W. T. (Tommy) Daiker recently was hostess at a stork shower—the abundance and variety of gifts ten-

dered at the occasion attest the high esteem the parents-to-be have merited from their many friends while the many guests who attended enjoyed a most pleasant social event. Yes, Babe, it is time that the breaks come your way and we all hope that your cup of happiness may long overflow!

Jack Burgess has been a regular customer of the dental parlors of late, whether the quality of the local beef steaks had any bearing on his martyrdom or not—it is not clear. Jack always believes in preparedness, however, and says that when there is something to be "et" it will be "et". It is hoped that the treatment will result in buoyant and lasting good health.

John Bailey has been studying all available time tables and such—planning on a trip to Green Forest, Arkansas, and way points. Going to see the old home folks and friends of years ago. His family, Chalice, Joyce and the loyal Mrs. look forward to the trip with the greatest of pleasure—and we hope that every moment of the trip will be filled with interest and delight—they have earned it!

Ham Hammond recently bought a Buick sedan . . . just as tickled as a little boy with his first pair of boots with red stars on the tops. A slick running and fine looking outfit is the concensus. Cy Wild also de-

cidated that a Studebaker sedan was the medium—seems perfectly satisfied. By the way, Jimmie finished his C.C.C. hitch and now is a butcher-boy. Says he wanted to find first hand if there is any truth to the statement that "no matter how thin you slice it—it's still baloney!" (let you know later.)

The numerous friends of the Dick Butlers were lately shocked and saddened by the passing of Gus Ward, Mrs. Butler's father. While Mr. Ward had been in declining health for some time and his demise was not entirely unexpected, his death was a distinct loss to the community where since 1885 he has been one of the most progressive citizens contributing largely to the upbuilding and general welfare of the city. Mr. Ward was active in all outdoor sports and was founder of the first fox-hunting club in this section of the state. He had devoted much of his life to farming and ranching, lately operating one of the largest turkey establishments in the county.

As a token of appreciation and confidence, the many co-workers and friends of Benny Kimball recently presented him with the finest brief case to be had in Los Angeles. Name and all stamped on with genuine gold leaf. "Benny" was so pleased and proud of the splendid gift—that he immediately took several days off

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and paraded up and down the length and breadth of the metropolitan city so that all might admire and envy his prized possession.

Johnny Hill and Al Henson file the same report of activities—both are trying to figure out whether the chickens or the feed bills can grow the fastest. Johnny was out mowing hay with a scythe the other day and broke the blade off slick and clean. Makes us wonder if this was the result of the same spirit that causes a weary Willie to break an axe handle?

George Bauer a few days past was complaining of a severe back-ache, said it was too much homework—but WAIT—he had just finished adding an extension to his spacious home and let it be known that he did all the work himself . . . masonry, carpentering, painting, etc.—and a most creditable workman he is!

Sam Carr and Charlie Rhinard have just returned from a fast trip to Hayward, Calif., where they went to inspect the work and progress on their new G.M.C. bus. If Sam's vest could stand the strain—and Charlie's head wouldn't get the expansions—it could be added that the new bus will be outstanding in interurban bus equipment. They designed the body and have put into it all that successful experience has taught them. Sam is worried though, someone said that a 29-passenger job will prove to be too small so if he looks sleepy will be because he has passed the floor all night. The boys didn't take the "talking dog" with them on the excursion so can't report on the general results of the absence. The Laguna Beach-Santa Ana Stage Line has loaned a couple of men to our Uncle—Gordon Scout, coach operator, is in the Signal Corps., Ft. Monmouth, Red Bank, N. J., while Clarence Bringle, mechanic is stationed with the Tank Corps., at Ft. Knox, Ky. (Wouldn't mind being down there with Bringle if they would allow one to do a little prospecting around—where all them thar gold nuggets is cached away — finders keepers, etc.)

Bozenberry Read says he hasn't had any good maple syrup, baked beans and so on, since he came to California. So this summer he and the misses are heading for all points East—as far as Maine by gum! (Don't wish our pal any bad luck but we do hope that "them" Yankees will try to choke him to death with moose steaks, game fish and fowls and all such coarse food that people back there have to eat. Can't understand why those Easterners can't enjoy good victuals like baking powder biscuits, side meat and white flour gravy!)

Roy Roepke some short time past made a trip out to Needles, Calif., but as we didn't get a count on his aspirins before he left, can't testify as to whether he had a good time or not! Neal Brock spends his time off in catching fish. A lucky cuss he is too—hope he doesn't get insulted or discouraged—as a lot of people here are trying to keep their budgets in control. (Wonder if that line should be made a wee bit plainer . . . you see what is meant, etc?)

Jerry Willis has quit the ranching biz. Says he was out on the place a while back and was just leaning on a fence chewing on an oat straw . . . when along came a big town vid and yelled "Hi Rueben." Jerry said it made him so dad-blamed sore that he upped and sold the ol' homestead. Swears up and down that he wasn't wearing no chin whiskers at all! It's Goodbye Now!

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### STATION STATIC

By James J. Adams

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On May 3rd and 4th, "The Los Angeles Travellarians were the guests of Yosemite Park. Grace Anstead and Sibyl Mather represented our P. E. Family. The party left L. A. as guests of the Santa Fe and Tanner Bus Company as far as Fresno. There, they were luncheon guests of Senator Hamilton, owner of the Fresno Hotel. Then by the Yosemite Transportation Company to the Awahnee Hotel and entertained with a dinner dance. At 9 p.m., the famous "Fire Fall" was put on for their benefit. On the return to Fresno; Miss Anstead left the party to spend a week's vacation—after the strenuous trip she needed to rest. Miss Mather reports a marvelous trip and advises everyone who can to take the trip. Yosemite is at its best right now.

Uncle Sam's army will soon have two new recruits, as Bob Goodell and Joe Stein have been placed in class 1-A. Joe, we understand, is studying aviation, while Bob is going as a plain "sojer".

Don Gates recently had an operation on his proboscis (osenay to you). It was not that he wanted to look like a glamour boy but it was hard to breathe, "And says Don, "When you stop breathing, that's bad". We think he's got something there.

Donna Lee Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laury Murray. Laury has thrown away his alarm clock.

The Hundred Per Cent Pedestrian Club lost a member when Stew Canning bought himself a gas buggy. And we always envied the guy because he never seemed to have any worries.



Miss Donna Lee Murray

Frank Kapitan, the big watch and clock man at the Subway, just can't pass up a bargain. He bought one of those large "Western Union" clocks for a song and finally got it to run, only to find there was no place in the house he could hang it. The clocks runs merrily on — in Frank's garage.

A trip to Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon, sponsored by the Southern California Passenger Association, is planned over Decoration day. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dietsch and Mr. and Mrs. Mandel Brasler will be the fortunate ones from this office to go. As we have to meet the dead line on the 28th, we will have to wait until next month to report on the trip.

A sincere welcome is extended to Rea Bowman, new relief cashier. He is the son of Ben Bowman, popular conductor of the Northern District.

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### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

By Victor P. Labbe

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Evelyn Emmons our lovely, will be married on June 21st and to both of them wish you all the happiness in the world.

Wonder why Staddon failed to buy that dinner for Miss Comer.

Anyone having a good reducing formula please send it to W. Todd, Room 788.

Wild Irish Kelly is all set to leave for Juneau, Alaska, and hopes to captivate all the males on the boat with her vital vitality.

Speaking of vaccinations. Has Betty Demerle one?

L. B. Denton vacation—Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Roland E. Carrington is now a happy married man.

Henry DeNyse was in the office and sure looks fine. Certainly glad you are back on the job again.

Doctor Gibson is trying to win the prize for being the best dressed doctor in L. A. He ordered 3 new suits and will follow this up with a dozen or so more. Watch for him and get a glimpse of what the well dressed doctor should wear.

Bill Hubbard—Yosemite for a few days.

Jean Fogarty would certainly get her man if they only knew how much gold she carries.

Harvey Smith will be back shortly in the Structural Dept.

M. B. Morris just loves jury duty.

Grey Oliver is trying to figure out where the mayonnaise dressing went.

Charlie Hunt leaves the service for a new position with the Railroad Commission in San Francisco.

Betty Demerle would like to start a bicycle club. Anyone interested call her on Station 2135.

Russell Schafle — Grand Canyon over Labor Day.

Rollin Podleck is the proud father of a beautiful baby girl born April 25th. Mother and daughter are getting along fine.

Dot Beranek the champion girl bowler is all set to decide whether it's the boy friend in Wisconsin or the one in California. Well, Dot deserves the best and wonder who will be the lucky one.

Robert Dorner would like to get his back vacation. So would a lot of others.

Harold Miller would like suggestions for a new diet.

Miss Hunt is still hunting.

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#### PURCHASING DEPT. NOTES

By Ray Cragin

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Happy birthday to the P. E. Magazine on its 22nd birthday and congratulations to Mr. E. C. Thomas its Editor who started it on its way.

Miss Dorothea Beranek captained the Arcadia Recreation Center No. 2 Ladies Bowling Team in the W. I. B. Congress, booster division. They were high for the evening with a score of 2048 and latest report they were well up the list in standing with tough competition.

Mr. Clarence Swartz celebrated a birthday on May 28th and was pleased when the Mystery Trio called to wish him many returns of the day. Clarence did not say which birthday it was but did say he just missed the draft, but did not say which draft.

Miss Mildred Fowler vacationed for a week in May at Flagstaff, Arizona where the air is full of vim and the scenery wonderful.

Some people are hard to please. George Quesenbery was walking

around the office with his chin hanging down because he could not get tickets to the Opera Rio Rita. Yet he was seen with rubber bands for a sling shot to shoot a cat which insisted in singing outside of George's window every night. You know George it is an old saying that the best things in life are free.

Bill Nicolay, the young man who left Huntington Park for Redondo Beach in spite of the pleading of the Chambers of Commerce of both cities, is vacationing. Bill left with a smile, as his sister, Mrs. Kathleen Harvey who he had not seen for seventeen years was due in town to pay him a visit. When you consider the fact that Bill is still using his first tube of shaving cream he was pretty young when he last saw the young lady.

#### The following Notes from Torrance:

On April 6th Mr. William Winterberg Sr., father of William and Frank of the Torrance Store died in South Pasadena, where he had made his home for many years. He had been in ill health for some time. To William and Frank our sympathy.

We are also sorry to report the death of Mrs. Mary Hopkins, mother of Fred Hopkins of the Torrance Store at Torrance on May 21st, Mrs. Hopkins had not been in very good health for some time but her passing was very sudden and a shock to her many friends. She was born in North Scituate, Rhode Island on August 26th, 1865. Services were held at Stone & Myers on May 24th, with interment at Inglewood Cemetery. To Fred we all extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. William Jolley Jr. will graduate from the Torrance High School this June and plans to be a radio technician. Maybe he can start a station in Torrance and get Pop to give the news items.

Mrs. Alpha Barrett has returned from a vacation. I do not know if it was the '31 or '41. I cannot keep track. When asked where she vacationed, she did not say. She is the Greta Garbo of the Torrance Store. She wants to be alone.

Royce Robertson, wife and all the children have gone to Yellowstone National Park. They intend to see the Bears and other relatives, continuing on to Iowa if time allows.

John VanderZee, wife, daughter Patsy and Mr. VanderZee's sister are visiting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and also in Iowa, the former home. This will give John a chance to extend the Buick and see what it will do.

August Zurborg, President of the Redondo Beach Night School reports the closing of a highly successful year at that school. Many artists of the musical world were presented in

concert, and many classes in aircraft building were giving. August says all living in that district should plan on attending next year. He says "get smart and come to night school and get smart."

Bill Jolley had a birthday on May 13th, and reports receiving a call from the Mystery Trio wishing him a happy birthday.

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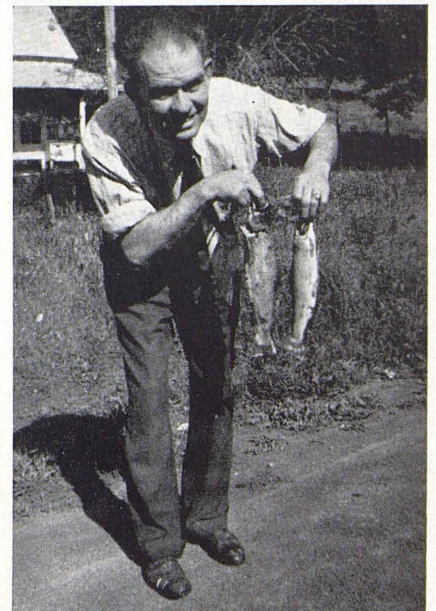
#### WEST HOLLYWOOD

By G. R. Stevens

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Vacations are in the air these warm summer days and it's hard to concentrate on anything else especially when I've been on one. Conductor Carstens is on his vacation trip through the east.

Do you know your California? Much interest has been aroused lately by the reminiscing of the history of this State of ours. Even Northern California, the scene of the early gold days is seeped in history of the early days. For instance, twenty miles west of Redding was the center of gold mining and thousands of men panned the streams and made huge fortunes. At one time there were five thousand Chinamen building a road (called the ditch road) for the men to bring out the gold. Today there



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are sleepy villages with the old timers to tell of the early days to tourists who care to listen, and they can tell some rip-roaring tales of adventure and excitement that will beat any thriller seen on the screen. But what they don't tell you is . . . that they still are getting gold out of the streams and are going over the ground that has already been panned before. Dredgers are also going over

the ground and piles of rock show the extent of their operations.

R. H. Bettersworths announces that his eldest daughter, Mrs. J. H. O'Fearn, presented them with a grandson on April 24th, weighing six and a half pounds. Congratulations to the happy family.

Fishing has been exceptionally good at Rainbow Lake, near Ono, and large catches of big rainbow and cut-throat trout are brought in by fishermen. One party brought a trout over eighteen inches in length as the picture will show. The limit has been caught in a short while when they have to stop fishing. Some guys just naturally have all the luck.

### SOUTH FREIGHT DISTRICT

By J. E. Neville

Missing last issue was in order to bring you results and photos in your column. Thanks for your indulgence.

#### Fete Twenty-five Years Wed

When they were married February 9th twenty-five years ago in the sprawling little city of New York Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ward each made a silent vow that their marriage would last many long and happy years. Today they saw their dream more than realized. Mrs. Ward, chic, yet home loving, attributes the success of her marriage to the joy of raising such a fine daughter, Miss Carol. They celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home, a family dinner and a reception for a great number of friends. We in wishing them joy, happiness, and health, for many, many more years of wedlock.

#### Boosting is "Showing our Wares"

Boosting is not unjustifiable boasting; neither is it words without works. Of old it was said "Faith without works is dead." That truth holds for today. Boosting is Directing our Thoughts, our Words and our Work into those channels which best serve to bring betterment to our institution, ourselves, and to those we serve. Boosting is Vision, it is looking in the right direction hopefully and confidently. Each individual knows that Right Direction who listens to the "Still Small Voice." We have all heard it. Listening to it brings happiness. Ignoring it brings some form of difficulty. So boosting is "Showing Our Wares" as they are.

#### Promotion to Night Yardmaster, Butte St. Yard

C. B. Allen entered his railroad career with Pacific Electric Ry. in 1922 in the Store Dept. at Torrance. Transferred to the Transportation Department on February 2nd, 1923 as a Brakeman. Promoted to Freight Conductor in 1925. Worked from



1925 until 1939 on the Extra Board as Brakeman and Conductor. In 1940 he was promoted to Assistant Yardmaster and finally April 2nd as Yardmaster and held the position to date. Our congratulations to C. B.

A goodlooking, distinguished gentleman was recently seen visiting our Long Beach Yard. He seemed very much interested in the locality, the atmosphere, and the seabreeze. After getting accustomed to the sunshine and daylight, he lost all of his hesitancy and called on "Pappy". After introducing himself and presenting his new Diplomas, etc., he was taken on a sightseeing tour around Long Beach Yard and we are informed the trip extended to Watson Yard. All



the ceremonies over, said gentleman returned to his Penthouse in Los Angeles. Our best wishes, good luck, and congratulations to our new assistant Yardmaster, D. W. Yeager.

Conductor Zeeke Myers punches in at 6:30 a.m. and out at 2:30 p.m. This requires retiring at 9:00 p.m. A sure sign of senility.

#### Illnesses and Recoveries

Brakeman Bob Deal, accident, 10 days at home is back on the job again. Brakeman P. Campbell 18 days with the flu, back to work fully recovered. R. M. Chaffin, brakeman, ill at home for a few days,

back to work. P. H. Paulson, brakeman, back to work. W. H. Pascoe, brakeman, at the St. Vincent's Hospital, operation for acute appendicitis, doing fine. Conductor T. M. Haymond taken ill on the job at El Segundo Yard, is at home. J. W. Anstrom, brakeman, recuperating at home from his accident, is now walking with the aid of a cane. Best of luck to him. W. F. Silver, at home recuperating from accident, falling from box car in Butte St. Yard. Best wishes to all these boys for a speedy recovery.

#### Died

The passenger and freight personnel of the Pacific Electric and Harbor Belt mourn the loss of J. C. Cody who died in the performance of duties on April 8th, 1941. Born in San Jose, Santa Clara County in 1874. Entered the services of the Pacific Electric Railway in 1903, as Passenger Motorman, shortly after



as Freight Motorman. He held this position for a number of years and then entered the Engine service, which position he held at the time of his death. He was a man of sterling character and had outstanding qualities, friendship, and brotherly love which was a part of his worthy nature will be missed by all of those who came in contact with him. He is survived by a widow, a son, and two daughters. Interment was at Inglewood Cemetery. The service, "Father Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit" was attended by local Brotherhood members and friends. Our sincere sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family.

Our sympathy goes out to J. I. Luther and Mrs. Luther and family in their recent bereavement in the death of their grandson, who passed from this life April 6th. Funeral held at Hulman & Sons Mortuary.



Condolences from the South Freight District.

Transferred Pass. Conductor to Freight Brakeman: O. O. Swenson, G. Akerson, C. P. Dixon, G. A. Swanson, H. C. Elles and R. K. Weaver. We extend the glad hand and best of luck to our newcomers.

New Streamline: George Freeze, Chrysler Royal, Fluid Drive. M. Lockwood, Chrysler Royal, Fluid Drive. Ray Thomas, a streamline Special Deluxe Chevrolet, Chas. Wilson, Plymouth.

Chas. Wilson and family visiting relatives at Philadelphia and Washington. W. H. Wise and family somewhere in the East. Wishing them bon voyage.

E. R. Meyers is at home. He had the misfortune to injure his ankle Tuesday p.m., while on duty in the Long Beach Yard. We hope for a speedy recovery. Good luck, old boy!

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### CONDUCTORS' ACCTS. BUREAU

By Marion Snowden

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Remember this: "Count that day lost in which something has not gone wrong." If you're the average pessimist, you will.

#### Winchie at the Keyhole

Fooled you-all that time. . . . Put off our vacation a week or so just so no one else would have a chance to horn in and tell things on us. But with this column off our chest, we're heading for points east of here to hail or heat, with suitcases full of what it takes to keep warm or cool, —and don't strain yourself wondering what that is.

Congratulations to our super-super boss, Mr. Lovell, on his marriage. Everyone in the place is glad about it. It might be appropriate to mention at this time that "marriage can be either a happy twosome or a yappy duet"—we'll bet on the twosome.

All the sweet-toothers in the building who have been buying candy from Mrs. Eisele, "the candy lady", will be sorry to learn of her sojourn in the hospital for the past several weeks. By the time this is read, it is hoped that she will be well enough to be taken to the home of her sister.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Florence Cox and her family in the passing of her mother who had been ill for a long time.

We hear that Ralph Dimon has been showing off his new Dodge to some of the married girls. The single gals aren't exactly blind, Ralph, and can appreciate all the fine points, too.

Before they move that antiquated

time clock out of the place, (my goodness! Does Mr. Suman know it's there?) we'll just mention that not having a fluid drive, its gears have to be shifted four times a day. Except for that, it sho has got a punch!

Ethel Chandler is back from her vacation at Las Vegas, where a terrific windstorm blew her down to Lake Henshaw just in time to catch sixty-one blue gills and croppies (??? sounds like a wee dot and dorris) and a crop of mosquitoes. Sounds like a fish story, but Ethel has a bite or two to prove it.

Violet Phillips spent her vacation at home choring around the place.

Well, well! After Mr. Lovell's trip to Las Vegas, we take back our disbelief in FH's diamond ring. And it was the same weekend! And she had two gals along who could have been perfectly good witnesses!!! ???

Dorothy Randolph vacationed at home to prepare for a dinner for her old cronies, Nell Flanders, Ag Heckman, Catherine Mautz, and Esther Craig. In the heat, she got cold feet, and took her gang away to eat. Can you imagine that—it rhymes! We're a poet and didn't know it.

Edna Abell won \$7.50 the other night. Hm . . . bridge? No. guessing games? No. Horse racing? No. Poker? Still no. . . . Roxie. You guessed it; now there'll be a run on the movie. She didn't say how many years she's been spending money angling for the prize. Fish story again.

Esther Quast, Lois Brown, Odessa Carter, and Dotty Littlefield went to the Rodeo at Saugus looking like a quartet of cowboys. Guess what Odessa prepared for the eats . . . ? Yassuh, fried chicken! Next day Lois and Esther had a couple bones for lunch. Who cares? Everyone else is on a diet.

Not long after the Rodeo, Lois made a drop kick with a flat iron. Ever since then she's been slacking around with her foot on the desk. All she lacks is a long black cigar.

Speaking of cigars and candy, we note that throughout the building Glen Stancer passed said articles of consumption in honor of his new little daughter. Well! . . . ! He passed 'em so fast, Conductors Accounts didn't even know it—or where were we? Congratulations Glen, but don't let it happen again. Just for that, we wish it had been a boy.

There's a movie star out in the Record room—Henry Aldrich—and is he CUTE. (Next month we will broadcast from Ken Williams' dog house.)

We've heard of dropping gentle hints about approaching birthdays, and modestly telling your friends after much persuasion what you could use in the way of gifts, but when you

start handing around a list of wants and wishes a yard long, it's about time to hire a hall and put in a few loud speakers with extra amplifiers for the overflow crowd. Esther Craig, that regular little go-getter, got everything she asked for including an automobile and a powder puff. Let us know in plenty of time next year, Esto, and we'll rent space on the bulletin board for you.

While on the subject of birthdays, some people like them so much they rush them a couple of days ahead of time. Ten months old young Donald Lightfoot attended a party for his Aunt Ann Shofer, and inspected the candles on the cake.

Over the holiday Esther and Russell Craig entered the all-night sail boat race from Newport to San Diego. This being advance notice, details are lacking. But they will be supplied later. Suffice it to say that sail boating is another accomplishment of our Esther, and she must be good, for she hasn't drowned yet.

Marvin Michael, who used to tote mail up to our office, has joined the ranks of the Motor Transit operators. Congratulations, Mike, you're in good company, even if your present columnist does reach out and grab items from other departments . . . Cf "Briefs" May issue P.E. Mag page 14, last paragraph.

Marie Thomsen says that she's the only one in last month's picture who has improved any. From the top of her dog-house we'll tell the world. (Now we'll go wagging back into it again.)

Rumor has it that Florence Cox has joined a sewing bee. There's Marty Creamer's chance to hear what goes on at such gatherings—and she bakes a mean angel food cake!

Page Uncle Tommus . . . Flossie (and her last name might be Halde-man, but it isn't): "You'll never catch me going out with an editor again to dinner." Girl friend (and we bet it wasn't Emma Taylor—such slang!): "Why, was he broke?" Flossie: "I don't know about that, but he put a blue pencil through half my order." Why Uncle Tommus! Do editors do that to little girls? [Which Editor? What dinner? Have I been missing something? — Uncle Tommus]

Aside to Jimmie Adams: You're wrong—it's 6,000,009 readers, and the 6,000,009th reads your column religiously, and appreciates the trade-last from our friend Matt. Next to Matt and Marty and Walt you are our favorite, only you should get a line on what keeps Marty wound up, and spin your column out longer. Only criticism, it's too short.

Well, Noble, honeychile, here's the answer to your question of last month, and we're telling only because

we promised. If you haven't found out who gets Ray Hileman's flowers, the answer is she doesn't get them any more, but he still casts sheep's eyes at her. (What are sheep's eyes, anyway?) Maybe we'd better stop before we have to crawl into Dorothy Randolph's canine abode. Anyhow, we've decided not to tell, just to show you that wimmen folks can keep things to themselves.

Mister (in quiz mood): "Do you know why I am like a mule?" Missus: "No I don't, but I've often wanted to ask you." Hm . . . we have, too.

And so, with that comforting thought, we'll leave you till next month. Happy days to all you Dads on Father's Day.

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### TORRANCE SHOPS

By Willis Brooks

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We are pinch hitting this month for Carleton Bell, who has had a session in St. Vincent's but who is now getting along nicely and expected back to work in about a week.

Well, we started a tour of the shops to see what news we could get. The main entrance to the north building enters into the Air-Control repair shops and as we entered we were greeted with a blast of air. This would be Al Kelley, air cleaning a valve. He does that regularly. A scene of bustling activity greeted us also, but no news enriched this letter. To our right the Winding Shop seemed less hectic so we turned that way.

A funny little man named Murray A. Brice tried to unload a phoney cigarette lighter on us. When you pressed the button to get the flame, a little snake popped out and hit you in the eye. No sale.

A follower of Isaac Walton and for many many years a prize winner in the Rod and Gun Club contests, one Konrad Oefinger, we learned, has taken the count. He went to Arrowhead with the usual May 1st caravan, but no dice. Meaning no fish. But there is a new Oefinger in the pie. A son of the aforesaid Konrad who went up a week later and came in with a fine catch. Well, that's the way it goes Konrad, better give him your tackle and be done with it.

The Machine Shop, including the Truck Shop, was directly before us and beyond the Winding Shop, so we travelled that way. But Edwards glanced up from his lathe. He was busy turning down newly babbitted journals. Bud used to have a good wing for soft ball, but he's slipping too. His strongest comeback now is, "Howareya Baldy?" We call him Bud but his real name is Marcus.

No news. Either they won't loosen

up to me or I'm a bum reporter, but whatthell. No news is good news. Funny though. Bell always seemed to get plenty.

Well, to continue our journey in search of news. We crossed the transfer pit to the Carpenter Shop. The first thing our eyes fell upon was Joe Hardesty scratching his back against a post. Learned that Milt Foster has completed a very attractive patio in the rear of his residence on Cota Street. Milt you will remember married one of our own P.E. girls, then Gladys Bruno who used to operate the PBX boards here at the Shops, and over which Mrs. Alma Nixon now presides. Alma by the way, recently returned from a vacation trip to her old home in Colorado, accompanied by her husband and son Dale and grand daughter Pat. They had a nice trip but did not return any too soon as floods wrecked some of the bridges on their route in New Mexico.

William Baglin is away on a trip to old Kentucky to be present at the wedding of his wife's niece.

Floyd Percy Rogers is expecting a "Blessed Event". Understand its even money on a boy.

Tommy Wilks floated by. Tommy needs a corset, or something. May be just diet.

Tom Moore, foreman of the Carpenter Shop declared he knew nothing, so we shook hands with him. He's an honest man.

Just looked in at the Tin Shop. Didn't dare step inside. Looked too busy. Gus Gunderson, the Tin Shop Leader didn't even look up from his work, so we didn't disturb him either. Gus was made Tin Shop Leader last month and is thoroughly competent in his work. He is aggressive and we predict a successful future for him. Also he has red hair, and is the father of a family. His father, also Gus Gunderson spent many faithful years working at the same trade for Pacific Electric.

Crossed over to the Wood Mill. Here again no news, but we are getting used to it now. Ever been in a wood mill. Notice the spicy, clean smell of the new cut wood? Like it? We did and do. One has to get their ears adjusted to the high pitched scream of the big planers and band saws and after that the rest is easy. The Wood Mill is presided over by your old friend Harry Pierce. Harry used to run the bases in the old picnic ball games. Like Konrad Oefinger he was with the P.E. Caravan to Arrowhead on May 1st, but he did come in with a limit catch of fine fish.

In the Upholstering Shop we were greeted, with a pleasant welcoming smile of Esther Duncan. Esther usually has a pleasant smile for most

people being nice people herself. The smile however brought on a discussion of dentistry, but nothing more, except Al Winkler standing by with a somewhat grim look on his face. Perhaps he too plans a visit to the dentist. Who wouldn't look grim? But remember Esther smiled.

Well that's the story. Sorry we have nothing more in the way of news but anyway we are in the Magazine.

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### ROD AND GUN CLUB

By Arlie Skelton

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At the annual opening of trout season outing to the P. E. Camp May 1st many events were outstanding which time and space did not permit mentioning in the May issue of this Magazine. Of the forty-one fishermen, more than half of them took their limit by weight. While we gave H. Williams credit for catching the most fish, on closer check of the records we find A. M. Cross also took fifteen trout to make his limit, and those were among the first to register at the camp with their limits. Had the old job been close by they could have still gone out and do their daily work insofar as time is concerned.

George Anderson took 14 and ten or better seemed to be the general rule.

Service at the P. E. Camp was ideal. Food was plentiful and well prepared and so far as could be determined everyone there had a very pleasant outing.

We hope the members bear this in mind when you start planning your annual vacation. This we believe one of the best places in the southland for rest and recreation. This should get me a week vacation free. Trout seemed to have the Camp pretty well surrounded. So many big ones were in Blue Jay Creek, some would have to lay cross wise of the stream as dams so the bigger ones could have water deep enough to swim in. Of course at the time this was happening I was fishing out on the lake and didn't get to see it. My luck. Just like the time it was raining soup, I was caught out in it, with only a fork. Not a spoon to be had.

At our regular monthly meeting, held May 14th the usual so-called clique was present. I shudder to think what will happen to our Club if that clique starts staying home on meeting night like most of you members are doing. The question has been asked in the form of a ribbing, if there are any other members of the Club other than the few names mentioned each month in this column. My reply was that there are, but

most of them are not working at it.

Which reminds me of a recent explanation of the difference between constructive criticism and fault finding.

Constructive criticism is when you criticise the other fellow. When the other fellow criticises you, that's fault finding.

Several interesting discussions from the floor were heard at our last meeting. In the Club's meager stationery supplies there is what is known as registration cards, used exclusively for registering fish and game in competition for prizes. The information required of the members filling out these cards is so simple a small child should have no difficulty filling them out correctly. Yet so many errors or omissions appeared on them that it became a nuisance to our Field Captains in their attempts to file them intelligently, so the matter was taken up with the Legislative Committee, then brought before the Club for action. The result was a ruling to throw all incomplete or incorrectly made cards out. This, now is causing more confusion than a Democrat at a Republican convention. The ruling is now back in Committee for some more hashing.

Our newly appointed Field Captain J. S. Harris, reports we can have a rabbit drive and a rabbit feed anytime we find some rabbits and some hunters who want to go out after them. Fishing Captain (Sitting Bull) Scott Braley reported he heard that yellowtail were plentiful off the Coronado Islands. He's going down to prove the report wrong.

Just received a short wave message from Ocean Park stating C. M. Wright was contemplating signing a contract to furnish hair for a fine haired brush factory in the east. Hope he doesn't over do it and get like Ned Rich and others. J. B. Rogers and W. G. Knoche are big politicians now, having been appointed a committee of two, to work on wild life conservation as it applies to members of this Club. I believe they talked themselves into that job. However there is no doubt as to their ability to make good on it. (Mackerel Bill) Houtinkamer, Passenger Director at the Subway, recently had a change made in his working hours. Claims he gets off too late to attend the regular meetings. Strange that doesn't effect his going to the East Los Angeles Sportsmen Club.

Reports are coming in of good fishing to be had along the Coast from Malibu to San Diego. Inland streams and lakes are teeming with trout, bass and pan fish. With large schools of "suckers" running at Hollywood Park.

## How To Enjoy Your Vacation...

### As Practiced by Some of Our Employes We Could Name

From "The Illuminator," the employe magazine of the Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, we glean the following article on "How to Enjoy Your Vacation", and commend it to our employes for study. It is true that many of the Pacific Electric family have been following these practices for years. Some of them are still alive.

"Here are some tips on how to get the most out of your vacation. They are guaranteed to be several degrees 'hotter' than those you get at the pony races or from your broker.

"In the first place pick out, for your paradisiacal sojourn, some place as far away from home as possible. By so doing you either will have to spend a good part of your vacation time on the road or drive like a demon. In any event your driving endurance will be thoroughly tested.

"On the eve of starting fuss and stew with your packing until at least midnight—preferably later. Set Big Ben at 3 a.m. so you can get an early start. That will give you a refreshing night's sleep which is so conducive to relaxation and a seraphic temper.

"Since you have so far to go it would perhaps be the part of wisdom to give the old jallopy the gun. Keep the speedometer indicator well over 75. That has several distinct advantages. It will give you the grim satisfaction of scarin the livin' day-lights out of every motorist you meet; keep you from being bored with points of interest and pretty landscapes; and put you further away from home before you suddenly recollect that you left the pooch locked up in the basement. Last but not least, scorching the highway will encourage closer intimacy with Old Harry and give your family a chance to cash in on your life insurance—providing they are not themselves trying to wangle some Annie Oakleys out of St. Peter.

"If you should get thirsty en route don't fail to stop at any old spring or well that happens to be handy. It's great sport to have typhoid—a couple of months rest in bed, delicious diet, pretty nurses, plus hospital, doctor, and perhaps 'mortician' bills amounting to several hundred dollars.

"Should the weather be hot cram your stomach full to your Adam's apple three or four times a day, not neglecting to guzzle plenty of pop, coke, ice water or good old lager.

There's nothing like it to reduce your blood pressure and to keep you delightfully cool.

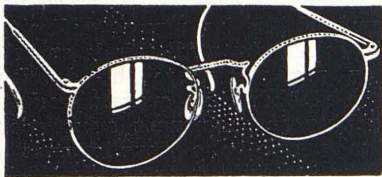
"Devotees of swimming should take to the water immediately after stowing away a big meal. No time should be wasted in accustoming the body to water temperature. Demonstrate your stoicism by plunging directly into cold water. All this is surprisingly predisposing to the development of abdominal cramps, perhaps resulting in permanent submersion. It may also give your friends a chance to brush up on their artificial respiration technique. Should you survive all that, exploit your bravado and pea-size cerebrum by swimming as far out into deep water as you possibly can. That excites great admiration on the part of those watching you, of which there are probably none. It gives you a great kick to know that it would be impossible for anyone to reach you if something should happen.

"It is fashionable to acquire a blistering sunburn on sundry parts of your anatomy the very first day. That will insure several sleepless nights beguiled by rubbing on sweet cream, cold cream, olive oil and other worthless dope. After the juicy blebs have broken you will have the added satisfaction of whiling away the time by picking big hunks of dead skin off a raw surface.

"Perhaps you are one of those ambitious souls who like to hike. If you are allergic to the ubiquitous poison ivy treat it with contempt. If you don't know what it looks like don't try to find out, even though a person with an ordinary I. Q. can learn to identify it in five seconds, or less. A good dose of poison ivy will enhance the pleasure of your vacation. Besides it feels so good when it stops hurting.

"Should you accumulate a good assortment of mosquito bites or jiggers don't fail to produce infections by scratching the skin off itchy spots with your finger nails. Follow up that effective treatment by picking the scabs off as fast as they form. You will then be sure to have some dandy scars as incontrovertible evidence that you have been on a vacation. If the scars are on your legs and your legs happen to be of the streamlined instead of the angular variety, the scars will look swell through sheer nylon or silk.

"As a final injunction, reach home so dogged tired and grouchy that it will take you two weeks to get rested up and to recover your mental equilibrium."



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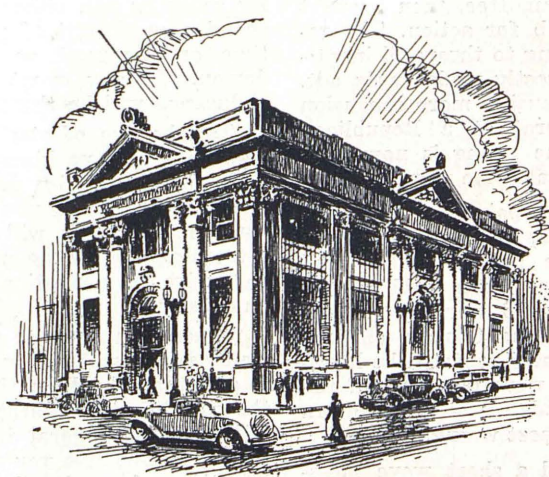
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