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To Employees of the Pacific Electric Railway:

Our country is at war with Nations run by Dictators. Directly or indirectly our way of life, even our independence, is threatened. The Nation has embarked upon a program of all-out war and billions of dollars are needed for ships, planes and equipment to carry the war to a successful conclusion. There is not one of us who does not want our present way of life to continue. We all want to enjoy life in a free Nation. There is only one way in which our desires can be accomplished and that is for this and other Nations fighting with us, to win the war. The only way the Government can raise necessary funds is through the sale of defense bonds or through taxes. It necessarily follows that the more money raised through sale of defense bonds, the less money there will be to raise through direct taxes. Won't you subscribe every dollar you possibly can for the purchase of defense bonds?

To make the purchase of such bonds as easy as possible a payroll allotment plan has been adopted whereby the amount you subscribe is deducted monthly from your pay check, and when sufficient deductions are made to purchase the bond you select, it is delivered to you. All money deducted from pay roll is kept in a special bank account immediately available, for the purchase of bonds paid for by you. Following is example of how the plan works:

Monthly deduction on payroll	Number of payroll deductions required to accumulate purchase price of bond	
	\$25 Bond	\$50 Bond
\$ 3.75	5 months	10 months
6.25	3 "	6 "
18.75	1 "	2 "

The cost to you for a \$25 Bond is \$18.75 and a \$50 Bond is \$37.50. Bonds of larger maturity value are also available. For every \$3 invested you get back \$4 in 10 years.

The department head in each department has appointed a representative to call on you and answer any questions you may have, also to ask that you voluntarily join the payroll allotment plan to the extent of your ability.



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E. C. THOMAS.....EDITOR

YOU had better BUY BUY Bonds than have to say BYE BYE America.

AFTER all, it's only a LOAN to "Uncle Sam"; and you know he's always been a helluva swell Uncle to us.

BUY a Defense Bond. Then, you can conscientiously drink the toast of the Nation to the Japanese Navy. "BOTTOMS UP."

READ and heed the mandate of the commander of this defense area as disclosed in the circular issued by President O. A. Smith, the text of which will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Magazine. Our safety depends much on our full obedience of orders and our co-operation with those in charge of defense.

YES, the employees of the Pacific Electric have seen their duty and done it with their usual liberality. To the Community Chest they have contributed \$2346.18; to the Red Cross to date, and contributions are still coming in, they have given \$1323.30 and, to the "March of Dimes" in our fight against infantile paralysis has gone \$110.00. And, mind you, the collection of the "March of Dimes" was made only in the P. E. Building at Sixth and Main, outside collections being left to committees in the various cities.

### INJURY REPORT UNTRUE

Shortly after the dastardly raid of the Japs at Pearl Harbor on December 7th, reports were received from various sources, except those of official standing, that Robert Lloyd Dunham was among the seriously injured during the engagement. Recently Robert returned temporarily to California, communicated with his parents and has received a visit from them,



LIEUT.-COL. WILSON

Just as the Magazine was going to press authoritative information was received that R. R. Wilson, our Superintendent of Motor Coach operation, has been commissioned as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Transport Division of the United States Army, and will report for duty about Feb. 20th. Because of regulations the Magazine is not permitted to state the region to which he will be assigned. The Pacific Electric Family, from the top down, is proud of the honor extended Mr. Wilson and extends its congratulations and best wishes. There is no doubt in our minds as to the record he will make in the service of the Nation. It will be outstanding.

thus setting at naught the wild rumors that were most disturbing.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Luman S. Dunham, parents of the young man, will be glad to know of the young man's escape from injury of any character.

Mr. Dunham, senior, has long been an employe of this company.

### PRAISED IN POETRY

It is not every employe of the Pacific Electric who receives praise and commendation from patrons in poetry, but that novel experience came to H. J. Hamilton, Conductor 2102, of the San Fernando Valley Line, through a letter received by General Superintendent Squires. The author of the poem, Nora M. Rice, 11143 Aqua Vista Street, North Hollywood, says of Mr. Hamilton:

"A certain P. E. Conductor on the S. F. Valley Line Surely knows his public and his lingo is just fine, No matter who gets on his car, he greets them with a smile And makes a guy feel after all that life is well worthwhile. The grouches, drunks, old folks and kids, he treats 'em all just right, And straightens many a difference, with tact, and saves a fight. He's blond, and plump, and handsome; much credit him is due, That's why I took his number; it's 2102."

### NEW SERVICE TO HARBOR

A new service for the benefit of shipyard workers went into effect on February 4th between Los Angeles and the California Shipyard at Wilmington, the service to be known as the "Calship Special", three trips being operated outbound from Los Angeles daily, except Sunday, and four trips inbound from Wilmington (Fries Avenue) daily except Sunday. These trips are scheduled so that they are available for the changes in shift at the shipyard; leaving Los Angeles (Main Street Station) at 6:35 a.m., 3:05 p.m. and 11:05 p.m. and leave Wilmington (Fries Avenue) at 8:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m., 5:05 p.m. and 1 a.m.

The terminal at Wilmington is only a four minute walk from the "Calship" boat landing, and the fare on the ferry is 5c and lands passengers right at the Shipyard.

"Calship Specials" will stop at all regular car stops enroute to pick up and discharge "Calship" passengers. In Los Angeles connecting points with the Los Angeles Railway will be at Olympic Boulevard with the East 9th Street-Whittier Boulevard Motor Coach Line; at Vernon Avenue with the "V" line; at Slauson Avenue with the Slauson Avenue Motor Coach Line; at Florence Avenue with the Florence-Soto Motor Coach Line; at Manchester Avenue with the Manchester-Firestone-Santa Ana Street Motor Coach Line; and with the Pacific Electric at Watts to and from points on the Santa Ana Interurban line, such as Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Stanton, Artesia, Bellflower, Clearwater and Lynwood.

A "Calship Special" will also be operated between Long Beach and Fries Avenue (Wilmington) on a schedule giving three trips a day in each direction, daily except Sunday; leaving Long Beach at 7:11 a.m., 3:47 p.m., 11:44 p.m.; and, from Fries Avenue (Wilmington) at 8:25 a.m., 4:55 p.m. and 12:57 a.m.

In Long Beach, all Lang Transportation Local Lines and the Pacific Electric Huntington Park - Long Beach Motor Coach line can be used as a connecting service.

If this service is substantially patronized, it will be increased as traffic demands, and continued until further notice.

LaRue: "My husband is so careless of his appearance. He just can't seem to keep buttons on his clothes."

Elva: "Are you sure that it is carelessness of his appearance? Maybe the buttons aren't sewed on very well."

LaRue: "I expect you're right. He isn't very good at sewing."

## DEFENSE BOND CAMPAIGN

By G. E. Collins

"Fellow Employees," said President Smith at meeting Saturday, January 24th, to about 500 employes gathered in the Pacific Electric Theatre, and thus was opened a drive to acquaint employes with the Payroll Allotment Plan for purchase of Defense Bonds.

Mr. Smith, after a few remarks, introduced Mr. Chase Wickersham, representing the United States Treasury Department who outlined the objectives desired by the Treasury Department. Mr. Wickersham pointed out that a sure way to stop inflation was to put every cent not needed for the necessities of life into Defense Bonds. By consistently following this voluntary saving plan Mr. Wickersham stated employes would not only be helping themselves, but the surplus dollars are needed by the Government for materials, etc., necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, and that at the present time the Treasury Department and Chairman of Congressional Finance Committee were considering an arbitrary payroll deduction plan which might result in a tax receipt only if adopted. As evidence of the interest of the Treasury Department in the voluntary Payroll Allotment Plan, we are making monthly reports direct to the Department in Washington giving results of the Plan. It is hoped that the voluntary payroll deduction plan will result in such a volume of sales of Defense Bonds that the arbitrary plan will be dropped. Mr. Wickersham also pointed out that this was the first time we have been asked to save money — usually we are asked to spend.

Mr. Smith's program to acquaint every employe with the Payroll Allotment Plan consists of the letter published elsewhere in the Magazine, addressed to Employes of Pacific Electric, and the appointment by the head of departments of personal representative to contact each employe. Employe representatives are:

### Law Department:

T. H. Sword.

### Claim Department:

H. D. Turner.

### Research Bureau:

Palmer Wheaton.

### Mechanical Department:

W. G. White, 608 P. E. Building.

W. M. Brooks, Torrance Shops.

O. H. Martin, Northern & Southern Districts.

E. F. Koster, Western District.

F. J. Barrett, Butte Street Rip Track.

J. A. Dumoulin, 6th & Maple Garage.

### Engineering Department:

A. J. Guercio, Main office.

H. E. DeNyse, Eastern District.

J. R. Schaeffe, Track and Paving.

E. J. A. Hasenyager, Signal and Overhead.

J. H. Toland, Structural and B. & B.

W. D. Boyle, Field.

F. B. Patterson, Drafting.

### Freight Traffic Department:

F. F. Wiley.

### Accounting Department:

L. A. Lovell.

R. E. Labbe.

### Passenger Traffic Department:

G. H. Blythe.

H. Eggert.

### Special Agents Department:

J. Shafer.

### Land & Tax Department:

Wilvert Todd.

Harry Gorman.

### Purchasing Department:

G. W. Quesenbery, Purchasing Dept. & Stationery Store.

John Vander Zee, Stores Dept., Torrance.

C. L. Curie, Stores, Dept., West Hollywood.

L. C. Bolen, Stores Dept., Macy St.

### Transportation Department:

L. T. Bashore, Representative at Large.

C. M. Allen, Asst. Supt. Motor Coach.

J. G. Blake, Terminal Frt. Trainmaster—Freight.

I. W. Erhardt, Chief Clerk—General office and various Terminal forces.

F. L. McCulley, Terminal Foreman, So. Dist. Passenger.

H. W. Bradbury, Terminal Foreman, West. Dist. Passenger.

H. R. Deardon, Terminal Foreman, Wesa. Dist. Passenger.

D. B. VanFleet, Terminal Foreman, North Dist. Passenger.

F. B. Spencer, Asst. Freight Agent, Station & Yards.

W. E. Deal, Head Service Director, Motor Transit.

C. H. Jones, Eastern Territory at Large.

### Hospital Department:

W. C. Scholl, Jr.

### Treasury Department:

T. Y. Andrew.

These Representatives gathered in the Pacific Electric Club January 22nd to review the Plan and Mr. U. L. Drake, who is handling the records in the Accounting Department reviewed the errors and misunderstandings in preparation of Authorization Form S 5122. Before you fill in the Form S-5122, read it carefully, then print in all information except your signature. Be sure to mark out "Mr.," "Mrs." or "Miss"; also mark out "co-owner" or "beneficiary". Beneficiary becomes the owner only on the death of the owner—Co-owner has the same rights as the owner. It is a good idea if you work in an office to give the office

address as the place for delivery of the bond—they are delivered by registered mail and person addressed must sign for delivery. You can cancel your authorization for payroll deduction at any time, and amounts accumulated toward purchase of a Bond will be returned to you.

Let's all get behind the Payroll Allotment Plan—see your Representative or the Head of your Department if you have not yet been contacted.

When 90 per cent of employes have subscribed to the Payroll Allotment Plan the Treasury Department will give the Company a flag for display to the public. As this item is written following departments have reported progress:

Per cent subscribing to the Plan

Executive Department	100
Real Estate Department	100
Research Department	100
Freight Traffic Department	90
Medical Department	100
Law Department	100

About 1500 applications have so far been received.

Let's all get behind the Plan and put the Company over 100 per cent.

### DAY B. REEVE



Death came suddenly into our midst on Sunday, February 1st and removed one of our well known and highly esteemed fellow workers in the person of Day B. Reeve, draftsman in the Electrical Department, where

he had been employed for the past 31 years.

Day was taken ill on Friday, Jan. 30th with double pneumonia and succumbed as stated above on Feb. 1st.

He was employed as draftsman in the electrical department of the old Los Angeles-Pacific Railway, now a part of the Pacific Electric, July 1, 1910, under the supervision of Carl M. Warnecke, transferring at the time of the consolidation of the roads in 1911 to the Pacific Electric, continuing in service throughout his life. By his fellows he was considered a very highly skilled workman, with few equals.

Day Reeve is survived by two brothers, one resident of Los Angeles and the other in the East, his mother having passed away only a few months ago.

Sincere sympathy is extended his brothers and his many friends, by who he will be sadly missed.

## PACIFIC ELECTRIC BUILDING FIRE BRIGADE ORGANIZED



In preparation for any fire emergency and as a unit of Civilian Defense, a Fire Brigade for the protection of the Pacific Electric Building and the occupants thereof was organized by Building Manager H. G. McDonald in December, and since that time the members of the Brigade, through the co-operation of the Civilian Defense Council and the Los Angeles Fire Department have been receiving instruction from competent representatives of the Fire

Department that will be highly beneficial in times of peace as well as in the event a raid is made on our city by enemies of the Nation.

Members of the Fire Brigade are instructed in the use of the various types of fire equipment including fire extinguishers. The men have received an actual demonstration in the handling of the fire hose lines and groups are assigned to a particular station so that during an emergency there is

no lost time or duplication of effort. Demonstration in the use of fire extinguishers included the smothering of a gasoline fire, set off in a tub of water on the eighth floor roof. It was demonstrated that the Foamite type of extinguisher was the proper one to extinguish such a blaze. For small fires in enclosed places or electrical fires, Pyrene should be used. Soda and Sulphuric Acid for small fires in any place.

Instruction was given as to the proper method of approach in fighting a fire in a room having obtained quite a start. If the glass or door is hot, caution must be used in opening the door to avoid injury due to the hot room gases coming in contact with the cool hallway air.

In using any type of fire extinguisher, the Fire Fighter must have water lines immediately available. Fire extinguishers are the preliminary implement to control the fire, water lines being the principal means of fighting the fire.

A demonstration was given the Fire Brigade on a device illustrated by pictures, designed to incorporate all three of the essential features to be considered in the handling of incendiary bombs, i.e., a shovel, hoe and shield to protect the operator. The hook on end of rod is to be used in the removal of the bucket containing the sand, after the bomb has been placed in the bucket and covered with sand.

The implement used in handling fire bombs, shown in the illustrations is the invention of Mr. McDonald, and is very highly commended by members of the Fire Department who have seen it. The Fire Department representatives have also expressed themselves as well pleased with the interest and attention given them in the instruction, as well as with the facilities, class of fire fighting equipment and general organization that has been established in the building to help them and to help ourselves should an emergency occur.

Following are members of the Brigade:

H. G. McDonald, Chief; Harry Gorman, Assistant Chief; L. Averitt, W. Todd, W. D. Boyle, C. W. Collins, W. T. Albany, J. Wageley, W. Hibbard, W. Easterman, T. Clifford, H. Adelson, J. Lynch, Geo. Perry, K. Pomeroy, E. Gelderloos, N. Cates, G. Wendt, W. Cooper, G. Andrews, A. H. Vick, T. Averitt, V. Monson, W. Banham,

H. Henderson, W. A. Martin, J. Brakebill, T. Holm, T. Cross, R. Morris, R. Widman, A. Weber, C. Bordner, H. R. Searing, M. R. Kargala, J. L. Foster, A. S. Walker, F. Screech, P. DuParr, J. B. Hart, W. Foster, Ralph McCoy, Wm. Powell.

#### IT'S NOW MR. AND MRS. PERRY

Ralph L. Perry, well-known "man about town" and prominent occupant of space in the Freight Traffic Department; and, incidentally quite well liked, took a "hurry powder" on Saturday, January 10th, grabbed the girl and went to Las Vegas, where the proper official conducted the ceremony of marriage.

The bride, formerly Ruth Sauerwein, of San Bernardino, sister of

Fred Sauerwein, one of our employes in that city, and reported to be a most charming and accomplished young lady, is now putting household affairs into proper running condition at the family residence, 1518 South Wilton, Los Angeles.

Among the contributions of well-wishing friends of the couple was a "Mixmaster" from numerous friends of Mr. Perry in the company.

#### RAY GEORGE BUFORD



Ray George Buford, Roadmaster, Engineering Department, died at St. Vincent's Hospital, Jan. 30th, 1942, after an illness extending over a period of several weeks, much to the regret of his many friends in the Pacific Elec-

tric organization, by whom he was well known and universally liked.

He entered the service of the Pacific Electric in 1917 as Student Foreman in Maintenance of Way forces, served as Track Sub-Foreman and Foreman; and, was appointed Roadmaster on Jan. 1, 1938, which position he held at the time of his death.

At the time of World War I, on October 1st, 1917 he enlisted at Huntington Park, Calif., served until 1919 when he was discharged, leaving the army with the rank of Corporal.

Mr. Buford is survived by his wife and daughter, Marguerite Rae (aged 1½ years); and by a brother, Thomas Buford and a sister, Mrs. Pearl Lake, all residents of Los Angeles.

To the bereaved family and a host of friends, condolences are extended.

#### TRIBUTE FROM FELLOW WORKERS

We the employees of the Track Dept. are seldom heard of in your Magazine. This is one time I hope we can be heard from as we wish to extend our admiration and tribute to a man loved by everyone of us on the Southern Division. I am referring to our Roadmaster Mr. R. G. Buford who passed from our midst on January 30, 1942.

In him we not only lost a Supervisor, but we lost a man and a brother to all of us. His kindness and generosity could never be outdone. He was always with the men who worked under his supervision, always trying to better conditions for us, seeing that each and everyone of us got the break we deserved.

Today he is sadly missed by each and everyone of us, and I know that his courtesy shall long live in the realm of our memories. He will be hard to replace in our Department.

To his family we extend our deepest sympathy from the bottom of our hearts. May they enjoy the best of everything in the future.

"To think is to remember,  
Remember we think of you!"  
We know that the short verse above shall live in the minds of every man who worked for him.

Employees of the Southern Division

#### PLANT CONSTRUCTION BEGUN

##### One Unit Rapidly Going Up at Torrance

It has long been known that the construction of a great Aluminum plant was being considered for this area, but only recently has the project taken tangible form; and, as yet the location of many of the units has not been determined.

In the production of aluminum several processes are used in the conversion of Bauxite into the finished aluminum, each requiring a separate plant; first, the refining of the bauxite into alumina, then the conversion of alumina into aluminum requiring a great amount of electrical energy; then, through a rolling mill, the conversion of the ingots of aluminum into the sheets or other forms used in construction.

The reduction plant now being erected near Torrance, will require somewhere in the neighborhood of 145,000 kilowatts of electrical energy and will employ about 1,200 men. At the present time it is proposed to work three eight-hour shifts. Of this number of employes approximately 150 key men will be brought out from the east, the balance of the employes will be drawn locally.

Plans have been made that the plant be served by both Pacific Electric and Santa Fe, the Santa Fe to build approximately 9,000 feet of track from their Torrance line to Western Avenue. It is planned at the present time that the Defense Plant Corporation will construct necessary trackage within the plant to connect with both Pacific Electric and Santa Fe; however, this has not been definitely decided. It is definitely decided that it will be served by Pacific Electric.

This plant will have a capacity of 120,000,000 lbs. of aluminum, and as it takes two pounds of alumina to make one pound of aluminum, it means there will be a movement from Bauxite, Ark., of 240,000,000 lbs. of alumina per year. This represents approximately 120,000 tons, or 4,000 carloads. In addition to the inbound alumina, there will be a very heavy movement of construction materials and machinery during this construction, and it is estimated that there will move approximately 75,000 tons of coke per year from Watson on the Pacific Electric.

There is some likelihood that other units of the Aluminum industry will be established in this area, in which event it is thought that employment will be available for something like 7000 persons.

#### ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED SON

Strange how some of these fathers of stalwart sons shun the limelight of a little publicity; but, some of them do, and that is the case of G. T. Roberts, Valuation Engineer of this company, who has a son who has distinguished himself in the Maritime Service of Uncle Sam, and all this time Roberts Sr., has not let out a peep about it.

It required the meeting of A. E. Norrbom, his wife and son with some of the officials of the U. S. Maritime recently to bring out the story of Lieutenant Harold B. Roberts, and a picture of the young man, of whom father G. T. Roberts is undoubtedly very proud:



Lieutenant Harold B. Roberts, United States Coast Guard, Executive Officer, at the United States Maritime Training Service Station, at Port Hueneme, California (just 60 miles from Los Angeles) was graduated and commissioned from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, at New London, Conn., in 1931.

He was first stationed on the West Coast, on his first assignment, aboard the USCG Cutter, "Northland". He made several Alaskan trips, lasting for seven months out of the year, for four consecutive years in the Bering Sea and Arctic waters. Later he was attached to several USCG cutters, for three years, in Pacific waters.

In 1939 he was assigned to the San Francisco World's Fair where he organized the Coast Guard detail in various drills at the Exposition.

In July, of the same year, he was ordered to Boston to join the "Northland" on her trip to the South Pole

under the command of Admiral Byrd. Landing in Mass. by plane, he learned that the expedition had been cancelled, so was assigned to the Duane, one of the largest type cutters afloat, then on patrol duty between Greenland and the Azores.

Last year while on the Cayuga his orders were received to turn her over to the British. After doing so, he was detailed to his present duty, as Executive Officer, of the Hueneme School.



With the O.P.M. urging manufacturers to cut down on the number of models of autos, stoves, radios, etc., and to simplify their business, W. W. interviews prominent P. E. people on how to simplify P. E. business.

Harold Kuck, big man of Auditing Dept., said: "I will have to think this over, but I will Voucher to say this year we will fill the bill. About September 30th we will take inventory and then I will have a statement to make."

Ralph Perry, Freight Traffic Man, remarked: "They told me two can live as cheaply as one, so I got married. If every single person got married it would cut our requirements in half."

Vic Labbe, big man on the Sixth floor (he gets up when it is time to go home) says: "There is no truth to the report that I was hoarding or that inflation had set in at our house—I had the MUMPS."

Auditing Eddie Uecker said: "Why keep a lot of books on income and expenses? Here is a simpler way. If we use 100 bottles of black ink and 80 bottles of red ink, there is your answer. Our net income is 20 per cent."

Ward McCall, Torrance Storekeeper, said: "We must cut down on communications. Suppose B. Manley wanted material for a bridge. He should write me a note saying 'Ship material Long Beach bridge at once.' I could reply, 'Bolt shipped yesterday, nuts to you to day'."

Jim Briggs, head man at Macy St. remarked: "We spend a lot of time keeping cars and busses clean. Now if each pass rider would wash one window on the car or bus in the morning and sweep the floor on the way home, our cleaning problem would be solved."

Payroll man H. Grenke, said: "I have a new system for keeping time. Take the number of employes and divide it into the amount of money we pay for wages; pay everyone the same amount. The office boy thinks it is a swell idea."

N. Vickery, club manager, said: "We must have speed and efficiency. I have cut the pool and billiard tables in two. Pool will be played with five balls, billiards with one. I have cut the pinochle decks to 26 cards and we are tearing every other page out of the books in the library. You will soon be able to eat your lunch, shoot a game of pool, play a game of pinochle, read a book and be back to work in twenty minutes."

E. C. Thomas, Magazine Editor, says: "You here again? Sure, I can simplify the Magazine—cut out a column headed with W.W."

I was afraid of that.

Just for fun here is a puzzle:

Five men were playing poker—Jimmy Adams, Noble Cates, Vic Labbe, M. Cramer and Bill Clarke. They smoke the following brands of cigarettes—Luckies, Camels, Kools, Old Golds and Chesterfields, but not respectively.

At the start of the game the number of cigarettes in the possession of the players was 20, 15, 8, 6 and 3 but not respectively.

Later in the evening, when no

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one was smoking, the following conditions prevail:

- (1) Cates asked for 3 cards.
- (2) Clark had smoked one-half of his original supply or one less than Labbe had smoked.
- (3) At this time the Chesterfield man had a number of cigarettes left. Twice this number plus one-half this number plus two and one-half cigarettes indicates the number of cigarettes originally had by this player.
- (4) The man who draws to the inside of a straight absent-mindedly lit the tipped end of his fifth cigarette, the last he smoked.
- (5) The man who smokes Luckies had smoked two more than anyone else, including Cates.
- (6) Adams drew as many aces as he originally had cigarettes.
- (7) No one smokes all his cigarettes.
- (8) The Camel man asks Cramer to pass Adam's matches.

How many cigarettes did each man have to begin with and what brand. Mail your answers to the Editor who will send you an autographed picture of Mickey Mouse.

"Jack hasn't come home. Am worried. Is he spending the night with you?" wired Smith's wife to five of his friends. Soon after her husband arrived home and before long, a messenger boy came in with five replies to the wires his wife had sent. They all read: "Yes, Jack is spending the night with me."

"This new model coach," said the salesman, "has just been reduced one hundred and fifty dollars."

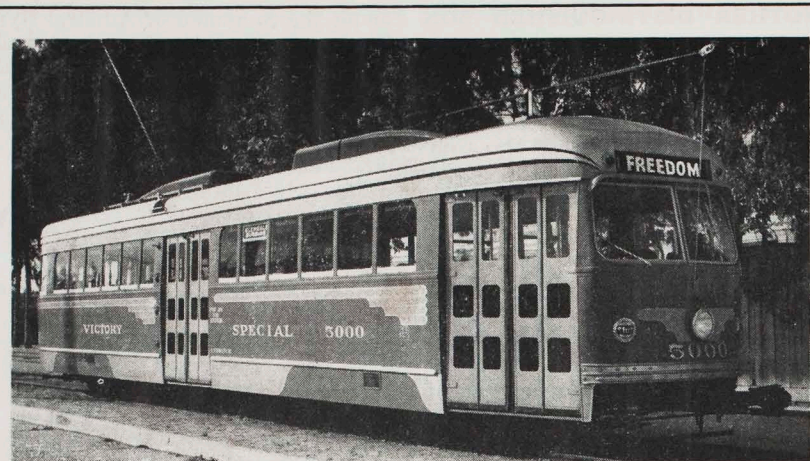
"I don't care anything about the price," protested the prospective buyer, "How much is the first payment?"

Clarinda: "I've decided to leave mah husband."

Liza: "How come, honey-chil? Is yo' beginnin' ter economize too—or has som-boddy else done put him on deir priorities liss?"

A southern Negro upon receiving his questionnaire struggled desperately with the long list of questions. He looked it over for a long time, scratching his head and sweating profusely. Finally he gave up in despair and returned the blank questionnaire to the draft board with this notation on the last page, "I've reddy when you is."

"Quick, tell me nurse, is it a boy?"  
"Well, the one in the middle is."



### ALL ABOARD THE VICTORY EXPRESS

By Ray Cragin

Listen folks, the tall man with the whiskers is pointing his finger at every real Red Blooded American. To some he says, "I have a uniform for you". To others he says, "Keep things running". By that he means us P. E. Employees. Our first job is to keep trains running. Second, to run them with the least amount of material. There is no shortage of rubber in your neck. Look around and see where you can save. WE DON'T WANT TO SCRAP any materials that can be used. The scrapping we will leave to the Army and Navy. Let's don't scrap anything until it is worn out.

We can all conserve on material. Every day every employe uses some materials vital to defense. The office worker can save on paper, clips, pencils and rubber bands, now \$1.85 a pound, with none to be had. Clean out your desks, and you will find enough to last several months. Old records can be used for file copies. The mechanic can save on brass, copper and steel. The less we require, the more for Uncle Sam. The Motor Coach and truck driver can save on tires by careful driving. Remember, it takes rubber from sixteen trees to make a 16-inch tire. The motorman can save on brake shoes, wheels and rails by proper application of brakes; the painter on brushes and paint, the carpenter on nails and lumber. The electrician on wire, tape, solder, etc. This saving is your ticket to ride the VICTORY EXPRESS.

Everyone should have a slogan.

The janitor could say: "Let's mop up the gangsters and sweep the dictators from the earth."

The bridge worker: "A grand slam for Uncle Sam, Let's use every trick to win."

The sub-station man: "More power to Uncle Sam."

The bus driver: "Remember Pearl Harbor. Let's Harbor the gray Pearls on each wheel."

The signal man: "We make it GREEN LIGHTS all the way."

The track worker: "We'll tie in with the rest, for smooth riding."

The auditor: "Let's make records that will stand forever."

The storekeeper: "Let's fill our storerooms with Security that will last for a long time to come."

The timekeeper: "Every Minutes counts. Let's march on to Victory—we'll keep time."

The trainman: "We're railroad men. Let's take the enemy for a ride."

The doctors: "The right operations will keep us healthy, and we'll give the enemy a bitter pill to swallow."

Let's be like the football coach—make lots of substitutions. Every Storekeeper, Section Storekeeper and Stationer are men of years' experience and know material. Do not hesitate to talk to them about substitutions.

Let's borrow the Trojans' Fight Song, and sing: "Fight on for Old U. S. and C the end of human misery. Remember every dollar saved helps Mr. Pacific Electric, and he is the one who calls on us twice a month. He has lots of bills to pay and needs every dollar.

A dollar made is Gross; A dollar saved is Net.

Let's all get a ticket and climb aboard the VICTORY EXPRESS.

## PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB MONTHLY BULLETIN

**Tuesday, February 10:**  
American Legion Post Meeting—8:00 p.m.  
American Legion Auxiliary Meeting — 8:00 p.m.

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

**Thursday, February 12:**  
P. E. Women's Club Meeting & Program —1:00 p.m.

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

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

**Tuesday, February:**  
Transportation Engineering Class — 5:00 p.m.

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

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

**Friday, February 20:**  
MONTHLY CLUB DANCE—Free dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. to the toneful melodies of a Popular Dance Orchestra. Join the throngs that have been enjoying these monthly functions.

**Monday, February 23:**  
Legal Holiday—Club Rooms closed all day.

**Tuesday, February 24:**  
Transportation Engineering Class — 5:00 p.m.  
American Legion Post Meeting—8:00 p.m.  
American Legion Auxiliary Meeting — 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 26:**  
P. E. Women's Club Meeting & Program 1:00 p.m.

**Friday, February 27:**  
American Legion Auxiliary Night Card Party. Prizes to winners and refreshments —8:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 2:**  
8:00 p.m.  
Transportation Engineering Class — 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 3:**  
Transportation Engineering Class — 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 5:**  
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Card Party—1:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 9:**  
Transportation Engineering Class — 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 10:**  
Transportation Engineering Class — 5:00 p.m.  
American Legion Post Meeting—8:00 p.m.  
American Legion Auxiliary Meeting — p.m.

**P. E. CLUB BOWLING LEAGUE MATCHES:**  
East Side Bowling League Matches held each Thursday evening at 8:15 p.m., Whittier & Atlantic Bowling Center.  
West Side Bowling League Matches held each Friday evening at 8:15 p.m., Arcade Recreation Center.

### AMERICAN LEGION

By James E. Davis

December 4th Comrade H. J. Brinker died. He had been ill for a long time. Comrade C. A. Newman and the Los Angeles County Council Service Department made arrangements for his funeral. There was a Legion service and then a military funeral at Sawtelle, December 8th.

In December, Ye Scribe was so busy, working 12 hours a day on express cars that he was AWOL at the last December meeting and he got his article in too late for the January Magazine. Our second January meeting is the 27th therefore, in order to get under the wire this month, he is not waiting for it.

Chaplain F. W. Nichols and Comrade L. F. Prince purchased and presented, for us, portfolios and stamps,

to the Vets in Ward 3, Sawtelle. Many of the vets from this Ward, including Comrade Peterson have been sent east somewhere, where they may be safer.

We suppose most of you have heard of Boys' Town, Nebraska, where so much is being done for otherwise homeless boys. Our Post contributed \$5 to help them carry on their wonderful work. We also purchased a \$100 Defense Bond.

Our Post has ordered service flags to be presented to P. E. employes who have relatives in the service.

It has been decided that our Post will not travel, by special trains to visit other Posts, during the present emergency, as equipment is liable to be needed for other service.

Our Post is still growing. We now have more than 80 paid up members. New members include: James Dewey Wickham, who served in the U. S. Army, Battery A, Fifth Artillery. Western District Conductor Ivy Iverson. I think he was in the navy. Western Motorman W. T. Plant, navy.

February 24th we will be the host Post for the other 3 Transportation Posts. Officials of the S. P., Santa Fe, L. A. Ry. and P. E. Ry. will be invited and speeches of not more than five minutes per official will be welcomed. This meeting is to be held in the P. E. Club Ball Room, and will include entertainment.

Our Post adopted a resolution, suggesting an amendment to the Constitution of the American Legion. This resolution is to be presented to the next meeting of the 23rd District, then at the next Department Convention. We hope from there it will go to the National Convention next fall.

This proposed amendment to the Constitution of the American Legion, would make all veterans of the present war, eligible to become members of the American Legion in the same way that veterans of World War One are now eligible.

### SERVICE FLAGS

P. E. Ry. Post of the American Legion will gladly present service flags to all P. E. employes who have one or more members of their family in the armed service of the United States.

Any employe having a father, son, mother or daughter in the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, etc., or serving the U. S. as a nurse; please send or take the following information to the P. E. Club:—Name and occupation of employe, and name or names of persons serving the U. S., and branch of service.

We want this information, so we will know how many flags to buy, and how many stars to have on each flag. Any one who has lost a mem-

ber of the family in the service should have, that person represented by a gold star; so please include that information.

We would like to have this data as soon as possible as we wish to have a presentation ceremony at our meeting February 24th when the four Transportation Posts will hold a joint meeting in the P. E. Club Ballroom.

### LEGION AUXILIARY—No. 321

By Martha Harper

A splendid lot of work is being done by the Unit members, such as Air Raid Listening Wardens; aiding the American Red Cross, assisting in the Civilian Defense work, and the Unit is preparing a supply shelf of clothing, to be used in emergency relief. Also assisting in the March of Dimes drive for the Infantile Paralysis Fund. Besides buying Defense stamps and bonds.

It was nice to have our Chaplain Mrs. Nichols, with us again at the meeting. And we are glad she has recovered from her recent illness.

Welcome home to Mrs. Lyons, our National Defense Chairman, who has been in the East since before Christmas.

Mrs. Richards, our Marshal, has been quite ill; also Mrs. Fackler is on the sick list again. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Clemons, hostess for the next card party, announces the date as Feb. 27. Come and bring your friends for an evening's fun, and at the same time you will be helping a worthy cause.

### P. E. WOMEN'S CLUB

By Mrs. Lon Bishop

It is surprising to learn how many people do not know the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and you're falling mighty short of "I Am An American" if you do not know it.

Alright then, now altogether.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible with liberty and Justice for all."

Let's repeat it every day.

The Women's Club is pledging not only with words, but deeds as well.

At the first meeting in January, the members voted to add ten dollars to the Examiner "Buy a Bomber Fund" and were we happy to see "Pacific Electric Women's Club" on the honor roll in the morning paper.

They voted also to buy as many defense stamps as possible which later will be converted into a bond.

Chairman of card parties and membership chairmen are giving stamps as prizes.

The program planned for the first meeting had to be changed (oh, for the life of a program chairman), but

Miss Information Mather very kindly offered to pinch-hit and came through splendidly.

She brought very clearly to our minds the serious conditions we are faced with, urged for patience, understanding and help in the transportation problems our company has ahead and was high in her praise of the Club's alertness to conditions.

We hope she will come again, soon and often.

Mrs. J. B. Green, chairman of Welfare, stated in her report that eighteen families had been given food stamps from the Club at Christmas time, adding a little cheer and help to some very needy families.

A great deal of credit for the Club's ability to do these things, belongs to you employes who are not members of the organization but who help the treasury in so many different ways and the Club is truly grateful. The Red Cross Unit had eighteen very busy women at their last meeting and we want to remind you once again the time — every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Among the workers are several "first aiders" and an ambulance driver, and let me tell you this—one worker, Dora Murphy, by name, has a sideline. She's a champ fisherwoman, winning first prize among the women for her corbina catch—and she won three hundred yards of something or other, given to her by the Rod and Gun Club.

We heard a good story about a ladies first aid class — wonder if you have heard it.

It seems one of the girl's husbands had called to take her home from the class and the group recognizing a good opportunity to display their practical knowledge prevailed upon the poor fellow to be "it".

Before much time had elapsed, he looked like a mummy and in some manner rolled off the table and really fractured something or other. Then pandemonium reigned, a quick decision was made to rush him to a hospital — so the station wagon was backed up, the patient loaded in and away went "First Aid" at top speed, but—someone in the excitement had failed to close the rear door and they hadn't gone a block, before out slipped poor Daddy, stretcher and all.

Now why make you feel badly by telling you what else he fractured; it was only a story anyway.

The card parties are not as largely attended at Mrs. Steward would like them to be, but it's a jolly little group that meets every first and third Thursday at 1 o'clock.

Once in a while she serves tea and cakes and you'd be surprised how that little cup of tea makes you forget all about your afternoon's bad luck. Come up some time, won't you?

The second meeting of the month was held January 22nd with Mrs. Overbeck our guest of the afternoon. She was a visitor in Hawaii at the time of the Japanese treachery and gave an interesting picture of that beautiful place before the deadly attack and after the bombs struck.

Her talk increased every member's desire to do her part in this, our war, willingly and cheerfully and to sacrifice more and more in order to buy stamps and bonds.

Mr. Wickersham, a representative of the U. S. Treasury Dept., spoke briefly on the very great importance of buying bonds and urged that we buy them through the company in order to put the Pacific Electric on the honor roll.

The next regular meeting will be held February 12th—program, Valentine party and refreshments. February 26th the second meeting in the month will feature Mr. Tony Walm of the Wilson Meat Products Co., giving an interesting talk with pictures.

An invitation is extended to all of you.

**FEBRUARY 20TH  
DATE OF NEXT CLUB  
DANCE**

**A good crowd enjoyed last month's dance to the tuneful melodies of a popular dance orchestra.**

**Members, their families and friends are cordially invited to enjoy these monthly functions which are held for your pleasure.**

**Free dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.**

**P. E. MASONIC CLUB**

**By Ed Hasenyager**

The regular February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Our President is planning a really grand event. This being the twentieth year of our organization his plans are for a Past President's night.

There will be entertainment and refreshments. Brother Ewers tells me that he has assurance that ALL the Past Presidents will be on hand to greet old friends and to meet new ones. Let's put February 18 down as a date.

Since my last column the Club's Degree Corps made a visit to Lexington Lodge in El Monte and conferred the Master's Degree on Brother Jack Butler, Service Director of the Transportation Dept. Some

30 or 35 members of our club were present to enjoy a very pleasant evening.

**Hospital News**

Several of our Brothers have spent some time at Saint Vincent's during the past month. Ludwig Otterstedt, Chester Reed, Jack Staddon, are reported there at the time this is written. Brother Fred U. Brown spent ten days there after an emergency operation for appendicitis.

Don't forget to visit these Brothers as it is part of our obligation, and it cheers them greatly to know they are not forgotten.

"F. to F., that we should go When sickness brings a brother woe, To cheer him on his bed of pain And nurse him back to health again."

**In Memorium**

Brother Will M. Jagoe; Transportation Dept., a member of our Club since 1926, passed to his reward on January 13, 1942. We extend to his bereaved relatives and friends our sincere sympathy.

**BASKET BALL LEAGUE**

**By W. F. Easterman**

With basketball season now in full swing the Pacific Electric has entered a team in the Class "A" Playground League. The first league game played on January 23 at Marshall High School Gym was won by a very convincing score of 50 to 21 over the Los Angeles Railway Team.

Ed Murphy, of the auditor's dept., was high point man of the evening with a total of sixteen points. Bill Powell, Ray Smith, Jack Beggerly and Ray Clark played a bangup defensive game. While Ed. Murphy, Kenny Williams, Charles Escovar and Bill Easterman was sinking them from all angles.

Ray Smith, seemed to be a little over anxious and ruffed the LARY boys up to the tune of three fowls, almost evacuating himself from the game. Kenny Williams, caused no end of worry to the LARY boys, by intercepting passes with very little trouble. The team was without the services of Ray Milnes who was out with a slight touch of the flu.

The halftime score was 32 to 7.

The team is made up of the following players:

Kenny Williams, Forward, Auditor's Dept.; Jack Beggerly, Forward, Auditor's Dept.; Bill Powell, Forward, Transportation Dept.; Bill Easterman, Forward, Mechanical Dept.; Ray Milnes, Center, Freight Dept.; Ray Clark, Center, Freight Dept.; Ray Smith, Guard, Freight Dept.; Ed. Murphy, Guard, Auditors' Dept.; Charles Escovar, Guard, Auditors' Dept.; Quayle Christian, Manager and Coach, Freight Dept.

The league consists of the following teams:

Kroehler Mfg. Co., Crane Co., Service Drug Co., Phi Theta Pi Warriors, Graphic Arts Press, Los Angeles Railway, Southern Pacific Club, Pacific Electric Club.

The Pacific Electric Railway Team won their second league game beating Kroehler Mfg. Co. 55 to 27.

The PERY team had trouble in the first half in locating the basket, but found their eye in the second half and continued to pour them in from all angles.

Ray Clark was high point man of the evening with a total of 16 points followed closely by Kenny Williams and Ed Murphy with a total of 13 points each.

Pacific Electric lead at half time 22 to 18.

For information as to future schedule of games, call P. E. Club.

**BOWLING NOTES**

**By Don Houston  
Westside Standings**

Hemet Bus Line .....	40	20
Claim Department .....	36	24
Freight Traffic .....	34	26
Signal Department .....	32	28
Five Aces .....	32	28
Electrical Department .....	31	29
Wilshire Lines .....	30	30
Schedule Bureau .....	29	31
Passenger Traffic .....	27	33
Streamliners .....	24	36
Vineyard .....	23	37
Amazons .....	23	37

**East Side Standings**

P. E. Club .....	43	13
North .....	38	18
Freight Service .....	34	22
B. of R. C. ....	31	25
Motor Transit .....	28	28
B & B Department.....	25	31
L. A. Freight.....	22	34
Washington Street .....	20	36
Outlaws .....	20	36
Transportation .....	19	37

**Westside**

The league really got into high gear on the evening of January 23rd and keeping up the fireworks, records were also scattered to the four winds on the night of January 30th.

Joe Shafer, trundling for the league leading Hemet Bus Line, crashed through with a high game for the league to date, a nifty 259, and then driving down the stretch, hung up an all-time high series for Pacific Electric League bowling with a beautiful 693 series.

The following week the Freight Traffic team, spark-plugged by Bridegroom Ralph Perry with a nifty 598 series, put the rollers under the league leaders and in so doing set up a high series mark for the league to date, a team series of 2716. On this evening they even had the Great Jones in high gear, this merry knight

posting up a 509 series. Jones, however, was put over the hurdles by an opposing kegler on the Bus team, who really kept his eyes shut all evening and collected a handful of "lettuce leaves."

The Claim Department team, really rolling along, collected another clean sweep of four games when they rode rough shod over the Vineyard five. This placed the Claimers but four games behind Hemet with the Freight Traffic in third spot.

On the Wilshire team we notice some familiar faces on the lanes, Bob Crownover, Frank Epp, W. Chase and the Chase and Crownover home guard, Gladys and Margaret.

The Signal club slipped a peg down the ladder when they ran into a steaming hot Streamliner outfit and were handed a 4-0 shellacking. Likewise, the Vineyard five could do nothing with the Claim team as the juggernaut of the league goes charging forward. The Vineyard club gets another crack at Archie Brahm's boys however and the result may be reversed.

The Five Aces, now in a tight knot and tied for fourth and fifth spots on the scoreboard, were pushed back by a score of 3-1 when the Amazons met them on the evening of January 30. Bessie Chobotsky's girls are picking up pins (no pun) each week and are sharpening up their game for the stretch run during the last half of the season.

Jimmy Shafer's Passenger Traffic, struggling under the load of packing the Great Oliver and the Great Yahoudi, are not too far out of the running for the gonfalon. Jimmy is picking up his average every night and we notice he has imported help from the East Side, the Great Shotmaster, Herman Grenke, having lent his good right arm to the cause of the Ticket Solicitors for

four nights recently. However, with all this help, the Passenger boys have been running into some really tough opposition and have had their ears pinned back once or twice. They're still in there pitching, however, and sure make it plenty tough on their little playmates on Friday nights.

The Electrical Department, rolling along in sixth place, just off the pace as it were, can shove some of the top spot boys right off the perch if and when they start clicking. They battled on even terms with Charlie Hill's Schedule Team on the 30th, but this latter team is never a push-over and also has a good chance to topple over the mighty. Akers for the Schedule team appears to be a real prospect for a high average bowler.

A quick glance at the average sheet indicates that Jay Gowanlock is still out in front with Joe Shafer close on his heels. Next in line we find E. Kantz, the anchorman for the Streamliners, then Jack Cross, anchoring the Hemet Bus Liners, and R. D. Blum, also an anchorman, he trundling for the Vineyard team. In the rush we overlooked D. Schuyler, who sports a nifty 177 average for the Claim Department and is one of the main reasons for that team's success to date.

**East Side**

That old war horse, Ted Cuccia, holds the individual honors on the East Side lanes, his series of 658 and game of 256 leading the pack. Incidentally Ted's team, the P. E. Club is out in front with a five game lead over Harry Hampton's five. Harry was dealt a hard blow about a month ago when one of his stars, Art Pabst, broke a finger and had to retire to the side lines for the balance of the season.

Les Lutes' Freight Service, running into a string of hot teams, have

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dropped from first to third place, however are close enough to climb right back on the band wagon should the leaders falter. Charlie Oliver is high man on the Freight Service team with a nice 170 average to date. J. Krug continues to knock 'em over, at this time sporting a 168 average.

Helping the genial Captain out, Pop Henry and F. Engle, each with a 170 average, do the opposition no favors.

Hampton has a couple of hard knockers in R. M. Jones with a 178, and before his accident, Art Pabst, with a 177.

That unpredictable aggregation, the Transportation Team, after wallowing around for weeks doing almost nothing, suddenly got a shot of jimson weed somewhere and took eight straight games and are knocking on the underside of the cellar door, yelling to get out. Nichols got his men together and whatever he did to them, it must have been good, for the boys have really started to bowl like champions.

Roy Wilson's Motor Transit team, in fifth place, have had their share of hard luck, running into their opponents on the night the other team are really shooting the works and as a result the Transit boys are not as far up the ladder as their bowling would seem to entitle them. A rumor has been going the rounds that the Captain of this fine team is thinking of deserting this clime for down under, and if he does we know he will have a host of friends there; as he can certainly point to legions of them in this part of the United States.

Bobby Robertson with his L. A. Freight team is right on the heels of the sixth place B&B outfit, captained by Burley Manley. Robertson has changed his line-up somewhat, due to R. Milnes dropping out, and Red Lytle is now a member of this club.

Washington Street, with Baxter Sr. and Jr., R. Clark and L. Clark, and Lefty Langston, have had their share of trouble winning games and this also holds true of the Outlaws, captained by C. Wilson.

R. Smith's special, the B. of R. C. Limited, has been hanging on in fourth place for quite a spell and could pull a Garrison finish and hit the top spot—providing, of course, they get hot. This club has not only got the biggest rooting section, they have the loudest.

Plans are underfoot for the inauguration of an 825 scratch league, to bowl at Sixth and Bonnie Brae Alleys, 7:00 p.m., Friday nights.

Due to the No Handicap feature of this summer league, the high average teams will be given first opportunity to enter clubs, which clubs

of course will be filled out by Pacific Electric bowlers, regardless of the team.

If you are interested contact the Captains of the four or five high average teams in your league.

**ROD AND GUN CLUB NEWS**

By Arlie Skelton

The regular monthly meeting held January 14 was called to order by our retiring president Edward L. H. Bissenger, who wielded the gavel until the order of new business was reached, which is the customary procedure at our January meeting each year.

The roll call of officers showed all officers present for the second time of the year. The other 100 per cent attendance of officers being in April 1941, when final plans for our Arrowhead Outing for the opening of trout season were to be made.

Retiring President Bissenger soon brought the unfinished business of the 1941 Tournament Season to a successful conclusion, including transactions for the Club to buy five hundred dollars worth of Defense Savings Bonds.

At the order of new business Mr. Bissenger thanked the officers and members of the Club for their cooperation in making his term in office a successful one, called President-elect J. B. Rogers to the chair, congratulated him on his election to the honorable office of president of the Pacific Electric Rod and Gun Club and wished him every success for the year.

President J. B. Rogers, evidently had been keeping a pretty accurate watch on past performances of various committeemen and likely material for good committeemen, for soon after he had exchanged congratulations with our retiring president, he was absorbed in his solemn duties of

appointing his committees for the 1942 Tournament Season.

Last month we furnished a report on the election of officers. This month we give you the list of Appointive Committees as follows: The first named being the chairman of that committee.

Prize Committee: D. E. Porter, E. L. H. Bissenger, Scott Braley, L. L. Lloyd and J. S. Harris.

Field Captain, Gun Division: J. S. Harris.

Field Captain, Fishing Division: Scott Braley.

Nominating Committee: Harry Pierce, Harold Smith, Ned Rich, W. G. Knoche and D. A. Terry.

Legislative and Rules Committee: E. L. H. Bissenger, B. F. Manley and W. G. Knoche.

Year Book Committee: F. B. Patterson, H. P. Bancroft, J. W. May, Scott Braley, A. M. Cross, J. S. Harris, Robert Dorner, Arlie Skelton, Chas. Estes, and A. C. Smith.

Los Patos Camp Committee: B. F. Manley, L. L. Lloidy and D. Batman.

Entertainment Committee: A. M. Cross, F. B. Patterson and R. M. Lawrence.

Refreshment Committee: Edward L. H. Bissenger and C. G. Gonzalez.

Publicity Committee: Arlie Skelton, A. M. Cross, Scot Braley, H. P. Bancroft and A. C. Smith.

Tournaments: Scott Braley and J. S. Harris.

The Executive Committee to act as Budget Committee. They are: H. P. Bancroft, E. L. H. Bissenger, B. F. Manley, W. G. Knoche and D. E. Porter.

Prize Committee Chairman D. E. Porter announced that because of curtailment of production of fishing equipment, due to the present war emergency, it would be necessary to shop for prizes this year. In many cases substitutions will be necessary.

We have arranged through our

various committees the reservation of twenty boats from the Arrowhead Company for the opening day of trout season, May 1st. Also made reservations for the accommodation of forty members at the Blue Jay Camp which we are told just about fills the camp.

No registrations of fish or game was turned in at our last meeting, this being off season. However, the accompanying photograph, which was received too late for last month's Magazine, speaks well for the success of Motorman John R. Leslie and Conductor A. B. Owens of the Western Division on a little hunting jaunt up around Willows, Calif., on the opening day of the pheasant hunting



season. Mr. Leslie reports he and Mr. Owens took their limits each on three consecutive days of pheasant shooting; got a couple of limits of ducks while on the trip but due to the fog, were only able to get a couple of geese.

Chairman of the Entertainment Committee A. M. Cross deserves a lot of commendation for his tact in putting on a real worthwhile show.

While he is inclined to decline the nomination for the same position this year, he IS IT. It is committeemen who do their jobs like he did his the past two years that make our Club the success it is today. He can take ear and wrist slapping too, but he don't like it. Mr. Cross served as our representative at the Glendale Anglers Annual Banquet. Also at the Santa Monica Rod and Reel Clubs Annual Meeting and reports having received honorable recognition.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Club will be held February 11th at 7:30 p.m. and the second Wednesday of each month thereafter. See you then!

**Treasurer's Report to Members of Southern California Railway Clerical Employees Federal Credit Union**

January 28, 1942.

Members and Friends:

It is indeed with pleasure that I make this report to you. The year that has just passed has been a fruitful one for us. We have prospered and in that prosperity we believe we have been of help to our members as a whole. In fact unless we have aided those in need our financial growth has no significance.

There is no need for me to quote figures, since you see before you charts showing the financial standing as of December 31, 1941, also a complete statement of Income and Expense together with a graf showing our growth since organization; however a Treasurer's report is not complete without some figures.

For comparative purposes we shall compare this year's report against last year's:

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

	December 31, 1941	December 31, 1940	
Loans	\$37,792.11	\$20,915.43	Inc. \$16,876.68
Cash in bank	1,958.71	1,328.05	630.66
Petty cash	10.00	10.00	
Change fund	25.00		25.00
Defense bond	740.00		740.00
Furniture	252.52	176.42	76.10
Other assets	5.07	5.00	.07
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>40,783.41</b>	<b>22,434.90</b>	<b>18,348.51</b>
Notes payable	9,000.00	5,050.00	3,950.00
Shares	29,875.50	16,459.99	13,415.51
Reserve	756.00	381.47	374.53
Undivided Profits	1,151.91	543.44	608.47
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>40,783.41</b>	<b>22,434.90</b>	<b>18,348.51</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Interest	\$ 3,826.80	\$ 1,543.87	\$ 2,282.93
Other income	13.85	1.24	12.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,840.65</b>	<b>1,545.11</b>	<b>2,295.54</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Interest paid	\$ 322.59	\$ 132.78	\$ 189.81
Treasurer's salary	774.03	181.52	592.51
Other salaries	470.31	89.64	380.67
Stationery and supplies	170.78	115.90	54.88
Cost of space	5.00		5.00
Educational	33.30	9.00	24.30
Borrowers insurance	297.69	118.25	179.44
Depreciation	38.82	19.60	19.22
Surety bond	49.83	34.80	15.03
Other insurance	39.55	26.00	13.55
Examination fees	121.75		121.75
Supervisory fee	10.00	10.00	
Miscellaneous	139.99	113.76	26.23
Cash short	2.71	22.49	Decr. 19.78
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,476.35</b>	<b>\$ 873.74</b>	<b>1,602.61</b>

You are perhaps interested in some of the above expenses that have been incurred. If so, I shall explain some of them.

**Interest on borrowed money:**

We now have four notes at the California Bank payable 90 days from date, with interest at 4%. These notes are arranged so that one falls due each month. They are all renewable or any part may be paid on maturity date. We have had as high as \$10,000.00, which was reduced to \$9,000.00 on December 31st, and has since been reduced to \$8,000.00.

**Treasurer's Salary:**

This is 20% of gross Income as authorized at membership meeting last year. A portion of this has been used to pay the salaries of employees.

**Other Salaries:**

This represents commissions paid Collectors and part of the salaries of clerical help in the office.

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all Federal Credit Unions at least once a year. If the check is made in the first half of the year a bill for the cost of such check is rendered on the first of July and must be paid before the end of that year. When the check is made in the last half of the year the bill is rendered January 1st, and must be paid before July 1st. Our examination for the year 1940 was made in the last half of the year and therefore was not paid until 1941. Our 1941 check was made in the first half of the year and consequently we had two examinations to pay for in this year. That explains the reason there was no expense charged to this account in the year 1940.

#### Miscellaneous General:

This account included such items as: Postage; Bank charges; Printing checks; League dues and mileage allowances.

#### Reserve for Bad Loans:

All fines and entrance fees are credited direct to this fund and at the close of each year 20% of our net profits are transferred into it. For the year 1941 the amount transferred in this manner was \$272.86. All losses sustained by reasons of our inability to collect loans is charged to this fund. I wish to call your attention to the fact that only \$31.99 has been charged off to this account since we were organized, and we have loaned a total of \$110,839.93. This represents a loss of less than 3/100 of 1%.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Lortie, Treasurer.

On January 13th our Credit Union started issuing United States Defense Bonds Series E and since that date we have sold bonds with a total face value of \$1,450.00.

At the annual meeting the Board of Directors recommended that dividends based on 5% be declared.

## WARNING TO ALL EMPLOYEES

The following warning from Commandant of our Twelfth Naval District is timely and should be heeded by each and every railroad employe, regardless of where he is located:

"To the residents of the Twelfth Naval District:

"You are violating the security of the United States and endangering the lives of your fellow Americans if you fail to observe these precautions:

- "1. Don't discuss movements or concentrations of our Navy or merchant ships.
- "2. Don't discuss new military techniques or new weapons.
- "3. Don't discuss defense plant production capacities.
- "4. Don't discuss movements or concentrations of Naval Personnel or Marines.
- "5. Don't discuss movements or concentrations of Naval shore construction projects.

"In addition to the five listed precautions it is essential that no mention be made of damage to ships or stations of the Navy or of casualties to Navy personnel, except that which may be announced officially by the Navy Department, the White House or other authorized command.

"This is a modern war. The enemy will utilize every conceivable means to obtain information on these subjects.

"His spies will be listening for the stray spoken word, watching avidly for the chance clue in the printed story, listening attentively for the radio announcer who will blunderingly reveal, in one innocent sounding phrase, enough information to sink a troop-packed transport or blast a shipyard.

"This is a total war, and every civilian is in it. It is the responsibility of every civilian to keep from the enemy and his agents that information they will be constantly seeking.

"This is a harsh war. There is an espionage act which provides drastic wartime penalties for divulgence of information of these types to the enemy.

"Before you speak, consider: Could the enemy translate this information into a torpedo attack on one of our ships, or a bomb attack on a defense plant? If he could, DON'T DIVULGE IT.

"Think before you talk."

Any military, naval or defense activities coming to your attention should be guarded with secrecy.

O. A. SMITH

## DEPARTMENT NOTES

### LAND AND TAX DEPARTMENT

By William Clarke

Now comes another year. It is a little bit late, but considering the fact that I missed the January issue, presume the remark is in order.

I have a complaint to make regarding the action of my public. Here I have been burning a lot of midnight oil to write this column and have been led to believe it was a success and in great demand. However, I did not have one inquiry as to why the January issue of the Magazine was printed without the inclusion of my few words. I really am disappointed and am wondering now whether anyone takes time to read and appreciate my hard work in this endeavor. I could give lots of excuses for not doing my bit, it may have been the outbreak of the war, it could have been Christmas or New Years, but it was neither. This department has just been too darn busy and there has been too much work to do and too much to attend to—the matter just slipped my mind—that's all.

Our whole department is disappointed. We had the idea it paid to advertise but evidently the field in which we operate is entirely barren. Santa Claus did not deliver the items asked for by the various employes and they have resolved to go out and get them either by purchase or personal pleading.

Eunice, our demon bowler did not get her ball and last Saturday she went out to Wilshire and La Brea and bought one. She says phooey to the P. E. Bowlers.

Bill Todd has had no applicants for his photography sideline so he thinks he will just wait until the summer season opens at Venice and go to the Beach and do his own advertising.

Ethel did not get her pogo stick so she will invent her own.

Dorothy Pearson didn't want anything and she didn't get nothing—so she says.

Cecil Bordner says he got his wish. His wife allows him to sit in the rocker at night and doesn't wake him up when he rocks himself to sleep.

We have with us now a new face in the department. About three years ago she was employed in the office of the Chief Engineer but left to get married. You all knew her then, she was May Bredenstein—she is now May Bredenstein Ritterhoff. What's in a name. We just call her May for

short. On being asked her impressions of this office she was at a loss for words but finally did come out with the fact that she liked it much better than the Engineering Department. That puts us one up on them.

While on the subject of the Engineering Department we understand that the shining light of that department is at home with the MUMPS. We had thought that only children were subject to that disease, but then, perhaps Vic Labbe is in his second childhood. We don't like to laugh, but do think he should have his picture taken so that we can all see what he looks like and (?) sympathize with him. Shake a head Vic and get back on the job, the girls all miss you down there.

Your columnist is taking up Ice Skating and wonders whether any of you-all go for that sport, if so, when and where. Perhaps a party could be arranged for some evening providing a sufficient number could get together. Any way it's an idea and if you are interested, would be glad to hear from you.

### CONDUCTORS' ACCTS BUREAU

By Marion Snowden

Remember this: "Initiative is doing the right thing without being told."

#### Winchie At The Keyhole

Yeah, and it's only initiative that keeps this column rambling along, on account of what we're told now—days wouldn't fill two sentences. Either the gals are too busy to get into anything exciting or else they get into things they can't tell about. Whatever it is, it's the old initiative we're falling back on. We just could not face Uncle Tommus on the phone or our breathlessly waiting fans with nothing but a blank space. In spite of all our threats and warnings, we had to keep plugging along, So once more we'll jack 'em up.

And that reminds us of the tire shortage—but why bring that up. Man's the flat tire that will be taken to the cleaners for more than its worth, which is plenty, these days. Every dog has its day, and the old tire is coming into its own.

Speaking of worth, it won't be long till folks start wondering how many bonds a fellow is worth, and will consider it his patriotic duty to brag about what few he has. And it's bonds that will help lick the enemy.

Those of us who can't lick the enemy are licking defense stamps for all we're worth. We even have all the small fry in the Accounting Dept. so lick-conscious, they're using every excuse to empty their piggy banks to

fill up their stamp books. We look forward with profound wonderment to what all this tongue exercise might mean to the rising generation. It might give the tongue-waggers something to whet their tongues on—as if they needed any whetting. With all this licking going on, someone should suggest that the flavor of the stickum be improved. That suggests a full course meal—10 cent stamps flavored with cocktails, (My! what a run there would be on 10 centers!); two-bit ones, salad flavored; four-bit ones, meat and fish; \$ ones, vegetables; and \$5 ones, dessert. We bet there would be lots of folks stick to their diet.

By diversifying (a four-bit word) the flavors, licking stamps could easily become the Great American Pastime instead of gum chewing.

Aha! Gum brings us to rubber bands and erasers—the vanishing Americans. Instead of trying to find a substitute for rubber, the fellow who discovers a substitute for mistakes would be crowned the supreme rubber saver of the age.

One thing leads to another, and here we are up against a mistake. Nina Robertson made one when she kept folks believing she was an unclaimed blessing, when here she's been a settled old married woman ever since July. She's now Mrs. Pincombe—one guess as to her nickname.

Speaking of nicknames, what appropriate moniker could we hang onto a gal in our office, who has lately opened a new department entitled "Advice to the Lovelorn?" Answer through this column. Marie Shaw is her first customer.

Legal questions will now be answered by Esther Quast who has spent much time recently serving on juries. She has all the lowdown on the judges. Almost the first day, she was knocked down by a hit-and-run pedestrian, and has been going about with a cane, taped up ankle, and fat black and blue knees. But it takes a lot to slow down her speed.

And speed leads us to what we can expect out of the old hoss and buggy when the car and tire shortage really hit their new stride. We may even have to ride on old shank, which will go hard with the old corn and bunion patches.

Hmm—that reminds us—defense gardens are springing up in vacant lots and two-by-four back yards. Back to the soil has been the cry for years, but whoever would have thought it would be little yeller Jap gardeners who would send us back to the tater patch to compete with them?

Gardens—what has become of Earle Moyer's garden talks? Life for aphids, garden spiders, and what-

have-you-in-yours, was just not worth living while he was telling us how to get rid of the pests. We bet they're glad he took up photography.

Gardens bring fond memories of eats, if they're that kind of gardens, and that takes us out to Cucamonga where the Catherine Mautz Christmas Party Foundation with all its cornerstones went to eat. It seems that Martha Smith filled up so heartily on the preliminaries, (in other words, she was such a pig), she had no room for the steak dinner, so made up a sandwich to take home for next day. (That's Martha's thrifty little nature cropping out, making a meal do for the whole week). But alas and alack! Friend husband made away with it that night.

The Christmas Party Foundation calls to mind the elegant box of candy and cheery cards Mrs. Florence "Sandy" Sanders brought up, just missing the last Magazine. Thank you, Sandy; you never forget.

Forgetting—That makes us wonder if George Myers forgot to write again for the Magazine after his first burst of ebullience? ? ? ? (Bet the printer will spell that wrong, and half my readers won't know what it means, while the other half won't admit it.) Has George's radiance dimmed, has his column died a-borning, is he in the dog house, or have the old works just plain run down? There's a chance for Frank Kapitan or Don Gates, both of clock repair fame, to apply the oil can and start 'em going again.

Keep 'em going, keep 'em rolling, keep 'em flying—where have we heard that before? It just goes to show that sooner or later everything leads up to the war. Even Valentine's Day. Because valentines lead to sweet nothings, which in turn lead to love, love leads to marriage, to back talk, to words, to sass, to fights, to war—and so far, far into the distance. Distance lends enchantment to the view. Moral—don't send valentines—buy Defense Bonds, shut up the back talk, and end the war.

### SUBWAY TERMINAL

By F. W. Servranckx

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walker just returned from a trip to Kansas City, where they visited the mother of J. R. Walker, who is in the hospital and reported on the road to recovery.

James R. Hollis claims that scratch on his beezzer was received in a scuffle with Jughead over turkey sandwiches.

C. H. Bradehorst says believe it or not, but that shiner is a modern black out.

Another happy guy is Luther T.



Morgan, who sings like a bird whenever he has an early run.

Geo. D. Meek is taking the early R.P.O.—3:10 a.m. you young punks can't take it, says George. Attaboy, you show them how to wrestle mail.

H. A. Butcher had another misfortune, but we won't go into details.

And then there is that terminal foreman, who arising at 1:30 a.m. thought he was late, and while dressing called a taxi so he would not miss out, arriving at Subway Terminal at 2:10 a.m. Jess Hanselman did not mind the 75c but the sleep he lost. Move over he shouted to the 4:00 a.m. shine man.

Many inquiries have been made, who the kind bus supervisor was who saved the kind lady's dog. Ask E. D. Sale, boys. He has all the details.

Mrs. W. Smart has joined the U.S. Women's Ambulance drivers corps, and was given a grand send-off by Zina Lodge No. 880.

Mrs. Sally Wilkins is at Cedars of Lebanon hospital, recovering from a serious illness and Hugh tells us it wont be long now. Good luck, Sally, and here's hoping for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Ruth Jackman, past president of Venetian Lodge No. 919, was operated on at Hollywood Hospital, and is now well on the road to recovery. We will all be glad to see you back Ruth, as Jack needs you. He misses home cooking. Restaurants, Jack says, effect my hair.

Emil Dietz, we have been told, is a champion bowler. Claims he keeps in shape running his train up and down that smooth track on Echo Park Avenue.

W. A. Stevens was inducted in the U. S. armed forces January 22nd. Good luck, boy, let us hear from you.

R. H. Newton was wondering if he would make a good looking soldier, and Uncle Sam said yes, my boy, you are now in Class 1-A.

H. Bradbury is our new day foreman, and was ushered into his new post by a brass band and the well known anvil chorus.

T. H. Bruner made a host of friends while working as night foreman, but we would still like to know who that guy was sitting on your lap while breaking in as motorman. Was it or was it, Walter Spangler?

One question has never been settled at Subway Terminal. Who has the biggest feet? We all agree it's Ernie Pont.

Subway Giants accept the challenge of the Ocean Park dwarfs. Say when, boys. Bill O'Henry can organize a team overnight any time.

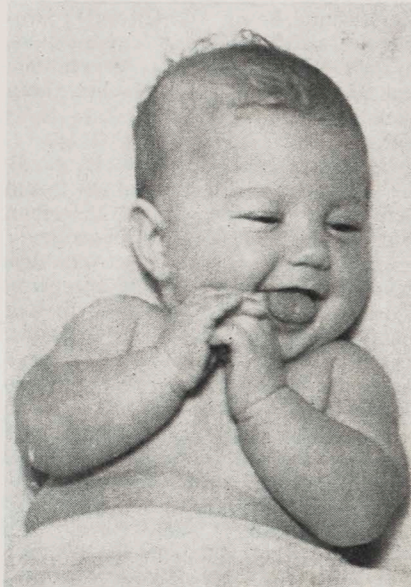
Bert: "What did the Delaware Punch say to the Coca Cola when they heard a knock at the door?"

George: "I hear a rap-sodie."

## WEST HOLLYWOOD

By G. R. Stevens

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hoover are the happy couple, this time having announced the arrival of a baby girl, weight eight pounds, two ounces, on Dec. 11, and named Suzan Claire. Congratulations to the happy couple.



The picture is the baby daughter, Janet Shields, of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Shields of West Hollywood. Janet is two and a half months old, weight twelve pounds.

E. B. Griffin, formerly day terminal foreman at West Hollywood, has bid in and is now night terminal foreman on the Southern Division.

Motorman Raney has just returned from his vacation, spent in Texas and the Southern States.

Came across retired P. E. Cashier Mr. Roberts looking in good health and fit as a fiddle, who now resides at 1730 North Western. Also met O. L. and Mrs. McKee. Reports are that McKee has re-enlisted for service. Was a Major in the last War. This will make the fourth War he has served in, Spanish-American, Philippine, World War No. 1, and No. 2.

H. C. Bashor also can remember away back when. . . Mr. Bashor first began working for the P. E. Jan. 10, 1907. At present, working the night shift at the West Hollywood Sub station, he has working for the railroad thirty-four years. March 4th will see him at his 65th milestone, which puts him pretty close to the retiring age, but Bashor isn't going to quit yet, no siree.

Ira MacElwane, off sick for some time, is now working the tower at 6th and Main. J. L. Gray is working the Subway Tower.

Quite a few changes are in evidence last month, new men, new faces. Old timers, although changed around a little, are stiyy staying put.

Cashier W. A. Gibbons is all smiles these days. Perhaps it's because he is near his son "Buss" Gibbons who has been assisting in our terminal foreman's office.

Let me say right here and now, that we have the finest bunch of trainmen on the P. E. that ever worked for a railroad. Improvements and co-operation are in evidence on every side as our road goes ahead with it's work at this critical time and our trainmen are doing a good job of it. Scores of the boys gave dollars for the Red Cross to help our cause. Wives giving at home, in addition to hubby's donation on the job. A boost for the Red Cross at this hour helps Uncle Sam, no matter how small the contribution. What do you think of the Red Cross?

We are so sorry to report the passing of Mrs. Geisegh, wife of motorman C. J. Geisegh, on January 12th.

L. M. Moore, day terminal foreman at Hill Street, passed away recently.

In the back of the storeroom at West Hollywood, history is revealed in an old chair, an antique piece of furniture that dates back, many years, according to information gathered on it.

It was an old chair when Terminal foreman H. R. Dearborn first sat in it. Mr. Dearborn, now night terminal foreman at West Hollywood, first sat in the chair in 1917, and we suspect that before him, W. C. White sat in it, when he was superintendent out here at Sherman, before that office moved to 6th and Main. Now, worn out and cast aside through years of service that chair rests in the back of the store room, but it tells a story nevertheless of those men who sat in it behind the Terminal foreman's desk, and helped build the railroad.

J. A. Dainard and J. E. Fraley have been on leave of absence.

J. McGilvary, A. Hornbuckle, A. F. Carsteens, and W. Ferris have been on sick leave recently.

Buy Defense Stamps and Bonds.

## STATION STATIC

By James J. Adams

Answering the call for Civilian Defense, Henry Eggert signed up as an Air Raid Warden. He passed the medical examination, was fingerprinted and had his picture taken. A few nights later at a meeting they put all the pictures on a table and told the prospective Wardens to step up and get their pictures. He looked all through them but failed to see

his. Finally they were all gone except one, so he went up for a second look. Yep, it was his all right! But we don't blame him for not recognizing it. It looked like a cross between Frankenstein and Al Capone!! (We didn't get a chance to snatch it for the Magazine.)

Add another star to our Service Flag, or haven't we got one yet? Bob Goodell expects to be in the Army by the time this has gone to press. He says they didn't tell him he passed the physical examination but he could tell by the expression on the doctor's face that he was "in".

We see where Bessie Bundy had a nice write-up in Matt Weinstock's column. All about her famous scrap book on steamships. When the Ruth Alexander was sunk by the Japs, Bessie looked back in her book and found where it had been seized in the first World War from Germany!

We were honored by a visit from Mary Ann Roller the other day. She showed her opinion of the guys her Daddy works with a few lusty yells as good as we ever heard from a 7-month old. But after all, what's a young lady going to do, with a half a dozen men chucking her under the chin and all talking assorted baby talk at the same time?

We sort of got used to seeing Don Gates' neckties but the first look gives one quite a shock. A man stepped up to his window and said, "You can dye that tie with 10 cents worth of dye."

## PURCHASING DEPT. NOTES

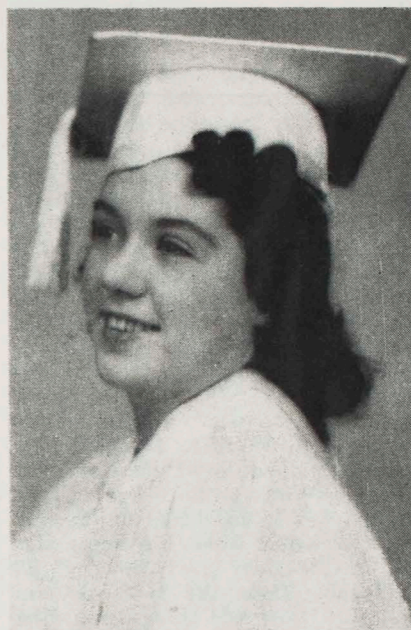
By Ray Cragin

The Ewings of the City of Venice have taken to the saddle. There is a strain of Indian blood in the Ewing family. Roy and Jr. have invaded the barn of his brother Dick and are seen every Saturday and Sunday on the trails of Griffith Park. I wonder if Mrs. Ewing and Margaret walk along behind in true Indian fashion.

Olive Moore reports that friend Hubby has joined the Navy and is now stationed at San Diego. Week ends find one or the other commuting between Los Angeles and the border city. Olive says the only thing masculine around her house now is her will.

Bernadette Dormandy is another whose hubby is in the service. The husband of this young lady is a Captain and is in service with General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines.

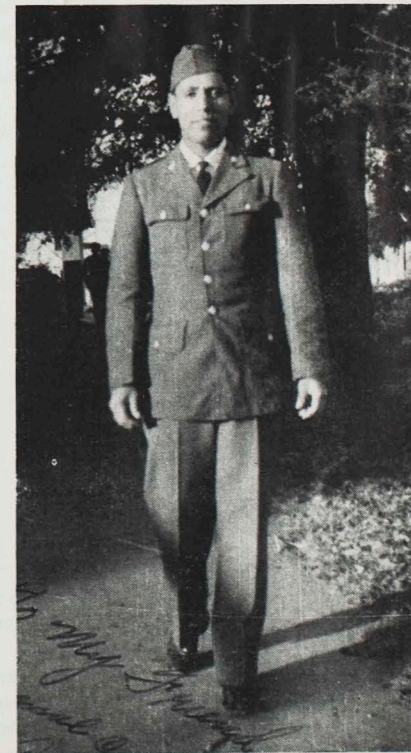
The young lady pictured here is Miss Adelene Livermore, daughter of Jimmy Livermore of this Department. Miss Livermore graduated from Torrance High School on February 1st, with high honors. Present plans call for a course at a Commer-



cial College, but there is a young man in the service of Uncle Sam who might upset these plans when he returns.

## The Following News from Torrance:

It is with sincere regret that we report the passing of Allen H. Nichols in Pasadena on December 30th. Nick, as he was known to his many friends, had been in ill health for several years. Allen was a member of the Store Dept. for many years, several of which were as Storekeeper at Pasadena. To his relatives we ex-



PASQUAL C. PALACIOS

tend our sympathy.

Mr. Joseph DeBaun, father of Frank DeBaun of the Torrance Store passed away on January 13, at the age of eighty years. To Frank we extend our sincere sympathy.

August Zurborg sends a picture of a former employe of the Torrance Store, Pasqual C. Palacios. This young man enlisted in the Air Corp last October. Pasqual is stationed at Jackson, Mississippi, but wrote that he expected to move any time and it might be for a boat ride. He asks that his friends drop him a line.

Bill Bone has been on sick leave since January 17th, however we understand he is about ready to return to work. Fred Hopkins is filling in in Bill's absence.

Tom Wilkes is now a Deputy Sheriff in Civil Defense. Storekeeper McCall is afraid this might lead to trouble. Two Gun Cain and Cap Pistol Kitto claim to be the gunmen of this Department and might resent any one challenging their supremacy with the shooting irons.

Bill Kitto purchased a bath tub the other day and preceded to take it home by himself. The neighbors rushed out when Bill arrived. They did not know if it was one of the O.P.M.'s new type cars or a bomb shelter.

Bob Cain has returned to Torrance after a spell at Butte Street where he pinch-hit for Frank Barrett. Bob is now assisting Frank Winterburg in the Motor Coach Section. We are very glad to learn our good friend F. Barrett is well enough to return to work.

Grandpa (Hugh) Cain gave Bob Jr. a BB gun for Christmas and told him to take it in his crib every night. When he wants a bottle of warm milk just to take a shot at his Dad.

Harold Reed left on January 15th to join up with the Army. To Harold we all say good luck.

## ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

By N. E. Cates

Thirty-two years ago on February 10, 1910, a young man in stiff collar and bow tie and wearing button shoes, went to work for the P. E. Ry. Co. in the Accounting Department. Proof that clothes make the man. The bow tie went with the advent of the first world war because they don't wear bow ties in the Army; so, after the war Earle Moyer bought himself a four-in-hand. Third hand-somest man in the building, being topped only by Neal Vickrey and Vic Labbe, Earle has for years been a leader in affairs of the office. He beat the drum as a member of the old P. E. Band which was so popular around Southern California. And so on February 10, 1942, we join in

congratulations to a man who has rolled up a service record that will be practically unheard of 20 years from now.

To those who do not know, one of our retired co-workers passed away last Christmas Day—A. L. Marsh.

Our sympathies also to Mr. Knowlton, Head Clerk Freight Accounts, on the passing of his wife last month.

The building fire brigade, east wing 2nd floor day force, consists of George Perry, Nozzle Man; Kenneth Pomeroy, Hose Man; Ed Gelderloo, Hoseman and Noble Cates, Valve Man. In case of fire just leave everything to us.

Congratulations and best wishes all of us extend to You on your birthday:

	February
Ed C. Thomas .....	2
Walter W. Morrison .....	3
Earl Van Dusen .....	5
Thos. Y. Andrews .....	16
Jess Antista (in the Army) .....	17
R. W. Evans, Retired .....	21
Gleason Humphrey .....	23
L. A. Lovell .....	24
Juanita Hoover .....	24
Earnest A. Stevens .....	24
Harry Welch .....	26

News comes that Joan Johnson and Suzanne Jacquemin have moved into new homes since the new year.

Bernard Slater of the General Claim Department is now in the Navy. When his turn came for the draft he enlisted.

Clayton Scholl received quite an honor last month. He has been made Chief Clerk in the Medical Department. Congratulations to you Clayton.

Welcome extended to Frank D. Wilson on his return. He has been away on leave for several months.

Ual Drake, on Timekeeping Bureau, takes care of deductions for Defense Bonds and the demand for the bonds is so great that Ual is forced to put in considerable overtime.

Jack Beggerly was a recent bridegroom.

Peggy Cherrier is now in Mechanical Department. We don't like to lose good-looking typists but at least she is still in the building.

Seldom does one hear of a case of Mumps involving a person approaching middle age. But then I guess you cannot place all the blame on the Mumps for invading such a likely looking spot as Vic Labbe's jaw. Vic emerged the victor and is now back at work taking the kidding like a man.

Conrad: "Tell me how you and your wife have lived so happily together all these years."

Frank: "Simple enough. She goes her way and so do I."

## MOTOR TRANSIT NOTES

By M. J. Cramer

**There They Go!** Yep, they're falling in line! Our latest recruit to the U. S. Forces—none other than Max Hess (Riverside) who joined up with the U. S. Navy! No—not as an Admiral but as storekeeper and now G.W.T.W. Max was in town recently saying "adios" to some of his pals and many of the gal frens. Maybe some of the gals "dripped" a tear or ruined some make-up . . . that, we don't know but what we DO know is that Max was more surprised than anyone when the Navy accepted him. He had an idea as we learned, that if he went down to the Navy to take test and was rejected like he knew he would be, that when his name was cast in the next draft lottery, he could show them the rejection slip from the Navy and things would be NULL and VOID . . . but bingo! They took him and he was signed up before he knew it. Best wishes, Max! Add to that a coincident of one of our former bus drivers, Burl Mayo (pharmacist) who is on the medical board and had a hand in fingerprinting Max.

Bob Gibson (Ass't. Agent, Whittier) saying farewell to many . . . he's IN the Army and will report to March Field. From what we can gather he'll be in the Transportation phase of things.

**On the Line**—is our "Glamour Boy" Guy Rhinard, who reported for his first physical and will take the final before this comes from press . . . and will be on his way soon. We knew he would pass—it's all cut and dried and he wants to get in the mechanized unit. He's put in for his vacation and will head to Michigan to visit sister and folks—his last fling on the social calendar! Guy had much narration about the "nudist show" at the exam and said that many of the "he-man" types were OFF the record—sans attire! Shorty Hall casting eyes to the armed forces—his unit—mechanical! All we know is that our "gang" will dwindle and many will don the "khaki" or the "blues"—and from what we understand, the uniforms come in JUST two sizes . . . TOO BIG and TOO SMALL! Take your choice!

We had Roy T. Langston in last edition as being IN the Army, whereas he was to go but is now back on the driving rolls where he'll do his bit. MANY want to go but can't on account of families and other dependency so they'll fight it out in the civilian forces. Fred A. Widman did make the Coast Guard. Jerry Rudrauff of the Greyhound gang is tagged in sailor uniform . . . he hit

an angle with the Maritime Commission—coast guard unit near Huene-me. Bob Drayer has a LITTLE brother at Camp Callan. "Laddie" he calls him and he only measures so high—(pointing to some six feet). Bob was busy sending him homemade cakes and cookies. Yale Jeffery has not heard from his boy in many weeks . . . he was formerly an instructor in commercial aviation but is probably doing his "bit". Pete Peterson's boy, Donald (Ltd.) is winging his way around Manila and he'll do his part to KEEP 'EM FLYING! Kenny McCollum making a quickie trip to Los Angeles again from his station at North Island. Jack Pettitt's boy in our Navy escaped the ordeal at Pearl Harbor. Add to many sorrowing tidings was the case of a cousin of Joe Hernandez who was reported "killed in action". A "wake" was held for the victim—only to receive the second wire from Washington that he was ALIVE and that they would hear from him in due time and not to divulge other information. Their rejoicing—another family saddened! These are War times—a slip of the lip—so we'll say NO MORE NEWS!

**They Weighed In**—on the Fight Through Life! It was twin boys, "Rey" (six pounds) and Roy (five pounds, twelve ounces) that our Joe Hernandez was presented with on last January 21st . . . our heartiest congratulations! This makes three boys and one girl in his family . . . and like we said before, It's Just The start though he says definitely NO! Didn't want to call one of the boys Ray, as that would mean Raymond so picked the Spanish name "Rey" which translated—means "King" Just think . . . King Hernandez! Joe says that the boys are identical except that one has a larger nose—if that means anything. What's in a nose . . . thought that only mattered in horse races . . . but after all this is some kind of race even with Joe!

Howard Strong studying up on Navigation. Perhaps he figures that Uncle Sam may call him back into the Navy. He has his mate's license ya know and says the next move may find him on the high seas and it COULD be a Ltd. . . . but we dunno. He intimated that ALL he has to do to make his wife MORE devoted to him, is to drag out that book and start studying or even just "paw" the pages! THAT—my man is a BIRD IN HAND!

**Here & There:** What operator in the chicken biz has the cost of eggs figured down to \$1.60 per egg? Babe Larson has a lovely 6-room home in Anaheim which he purchased. It came fully equipped or furnished from his comment of venetian blinds, drapes, curtains n'all. Two lots and

in A-1 shape—a buy it was! A few sleepless nights he had when his baby boy was ill but he's out of danger now! Maybe he can be thankful it wasn't TWINS. Babe did complain too that he didn't like Saturdays off (it's the best day of all we thought) but he'd rather work on Saturdays as it's a lighter day for travel . . . THERE—you have the reason!

Operator Van Sandt running competition to Santa Ana Line—chicken tycoons (Messrs. Johnny Hill and Albert Henson) . . . passing out fancy cards saying "VANS for FANCY FRYERS", Montrose. Otto Johnson (L. A.-Whittier-Santa Ana, traveling salesman) putting his back pay check in for a set of wheels and tires for his boy's Model A which was stolen last month!

Young Jimmy Tucker telling his pop "don't want any more liquor around the house—you're not going to make a drunk out of my mother!" Plain coco?cola with some sparkling ice was the cause of it all—ZAM! AND—is it HARD to get? Ernie Schultz (El Monte) thinking of making a jump—how big—how far—we dunno. Our pal, Walt Rorick (Glendale) saying hello on the phone. Agent Cunningham (Glendale) dusting off some suitcases. Walter M. Starks formerly with the Wilmington Transportation Company, breaking in at ticket sales and to relieve during vacation period for Guy Rhinard. He knows the ropes and will cut the mustard. Welcome to the forces, Walt! John Puffer says his wife raked him over the coals the other night in good fashion—he wouldn't say why. He was going to take some time exposures of the baby but they went amiss so no snaps for the column. A few observed with time off—vacation just to start! H. E. Annunson heading for the desert. Levi Couch and E. B. Dunson? Johnny Hill says his girl Sally Lynn has four teeth now. She's reaching that ol' age period of 6 months and weighs 20 pounds.

The final back pay for the gang—ass't agents and mechanical force came through and ARE we glad and for just one reason! Stanley Moore about wore out the telephone and everyone's patience as to when will it be ready? Ed Morgan was on the spot—in a flash! We noticed the Mrs. was in the depot and waiting for the "turn-over" of the dough. Guess he's just the middle man or is that telling anything new?

Slim Seifried wearing his new suit (Tucker & Carlsons—tailor-made). Has worn it to the office three times and Howard Strong hasn't even commented on it. (Howard did confide that if anyone wanted to go in debt to buy clothes—that was their busi-

ness—but t'ain't so!) If Vi (the wife) reads this, she'll probably lock up the suit for Sunday use only. Slim got his chariot fixed and that's something to obtain parts right now in the emergency—he depends on the car to get him to work.

**Down Riverside Way:** McBride, the fatherly type, at Riverside, is waking up to a five-alarm alert signal each day and getting to work on time! Gordon Thexton enjoyed a trip down San Diego way and reports business is good down below the California border! Monsieur Ablott is relieving Max Hess and putting his full weight into the job. Geo. Hoffman (the Riverside Farmer) and bus operator asking for information on deductions for care of livestock and poultry. Something to nip off the Income Tax report—that's getting down to fine points! Operator Mason running a tractor on his day off JUST to keep in practice—or did they mean SHAPE? (Passenger commenting on Operator Ralph Shaw who parked his bus and assisted two young passengers across busy intersection—a courtesy that is well repaid!)

We expected some news from Bill Kennedy—down Santa Ana way but he inherited a cold—so the promise is for news in next issue Get well quick—Bill, we need your help!

E. W. Swanson and his gang are back in their former Express office and carpenters were busy fixing up things after Greyhound moved. There was high hopes that the counter made for Greyhound would be our new abode—we'd move across the depot but the idea collapsed. Perhaps someday we'll be at 6th and Main? Passengers are yelling where do we sit? There's only the one bench to accommodate 25 persons . . . but they've found a new angle—sitting on the obsolete Greyhound counter. Yep, Greyhound painted up the former Interstate Restaurant site in depot and did the patrons shout "Hurrah"—they're going to clean up this place too. (The applause—in vain!)

**Flashes:** Operator Fry (small) says that Joe isn't the only one to hold the medal for twins—he also fabricated twins 13 years ago—a boy and a girl! Lawrence Allen, Claremont, anxiously awaiting chance to bid L. A. Exp-Baggage night job—or is that just another yarn? LeRoy Hall (Rogeritus) wearing out phone line to a certain telephone operator. It must be torrid business—Wonder if Cherry Barrows liked the locket charm he bought her . . . some \$14.72 worth—if you want details.

Both Geo. Jehl and L. E. Netzley are wondering where they were lost some years back. They've both been on the steady payroll for years. Geo. was lost for three months in 1928 (July, August and September) and

we just know he wouldn't take a vacation that long! Geo. has been playing the sucker game . . . should be able to deduct something for bad investments or for donations at least . . . but DON'T tell the wife, George!

Well, the box arrived for the Dog House and was nailed to the wall, padlock n'all (thanks to Slim Seifried). It's intended for notes for this column so how about it gang? Help us out a bit . . . something funny—something interesting—anything worthy of print or comment . . . just slip it in the box and help out the cause. No cig butts or stamp covers please!

**This May Be My Last Affair:** The way the U. S. Army is calling 'em up—it MAY be any day . . . so if it's SOON . . . "Hail and farewell", and the "gang" can carry on!

City man to Farmer driving by with a load of fertilizer: "What are you going to do with that?"

Farmer: "Put it on my strawberries."

City man: "That's funny. We put sugar on our strawberries."

Lady (severely): "Do you drink?"  
Beggar: "Sure, where shall we go?"

One psychiatrist, meeting a second psychiatrist in the hall of the sanitarium, greeted him with, "You're fine. How am I?"

In answer to last month's query: "What has become of the old-fashioned man who had a deep voice and constantly was hoping somebody would urge him to sing 'Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep'." Reader L. H. writes in to say, "His son hopes he will be asked to sing 'Old Man River'."

Johnny Cole (to daughter Betty): "What's gone wrong?"

6-year-old Betty: "Oh, I've just had a scene with your wife."

Mr.: "Will you quit driving from the back seat?"

Mrs.: "Yes, whenever you quit cooking from the dining-room table."

Two drunks boarded a double-deck bus. An argument ensued as to whether they should sit upstairs or downstairs. Finally, they separated, one going up and one taking a seat downstairs. Shortly the drunk from upstairs came staggering down and sat beside his pal.

"What's the matter?" said his pal, "I thought you wanted to sit on the top deck?"

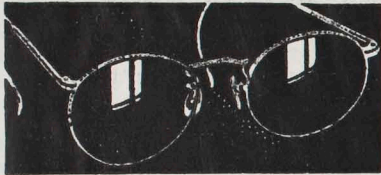
"No, sir! Not me! 'Stoo dangerous! There isn't any driver up there."

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