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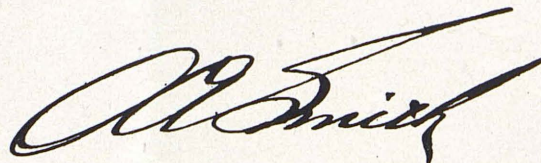
To All Officers and Employes:

Effective immediately all persons excepting employes and excepting those having direct business with the Company, will not be permitted on Company property around terminals, shops, freight yards, store houses, supply yards, substations, bridges, tunnels, garages, signal towers, points where equipment is stored, etc.

Every employe of the Company is requested to watch this matter carefully and whenever any unauthorized person is seen in or around premises described above, they should be told to leave and Special Agent should be notified by telephone immediately. Representatives of Special Agent's Department will be on duty 24 hours per day for this purpose, telephone TUcker 7272, Station 2674.

Special guards are being placed at a number of important points.

This matter is extremely important and full cooperation of all employes is requested in order that there may be no interruption to Pacific Electric service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

New President of The Southern Pacific Railway Company

A. T. Mercier, Formerly Vice-President and General Manager of the Pacific Electric, Chosen by Board of Directors on Dec. 11th

News of the election of Armand T. Mercier as President of the Southern Pacific Company, by the Board of Directors of that company at San Francisco on December 11th, was received with much gratification generally by employes of the Pacific Electric, many of whom had known him for many years; most of us having had the pleasure and honor of serving under him during the years 1931 to 1933, during which time he was Vice President and General Manager of our company.

Mr. Mercier was blessed with a personality not held by many men. He won firm friends and held them because he reciprocated fully for all friendly courtesies extended him.

During his sojourn with us he became well-known as a man of unusually keen perception; courageous, yet kindly and considerate; a disciplinarian, yet tempering justice with mercy when such consideration was warranted; a charitable man, but not profligate in its dispensation; a seeker after facts without time for rumor or inuendo; the master of detail he never lost sight of the main problem to be solved.

All of Mr. Mercier's business life has been devoted to the interest of the Southern Pacific and its subsidiaries, his first job, 38 years ago, after finishing his education, being as transit man in Los Angeles, and since that time his progress has been constant. The record reads almost like a Horatio Alger story, and better than a story—it's true.

As an engineer, he personally supervised the building of many of the railroad's important structures. As an operating man, he served both as Division Superintendent and as General Manager of the Operating Department. In the executive and administrative field, he has worked closely, as Vice-President, with the late President McDonald, during the past three years.

Always interested in the people with whom he has worked, Mercier is credited with knowing a very large number of the 60,000 employes of the railroad by name.

A native of New Orleans, and son of the late Dr. C. S. Mercier, he was educated in New Orleans public schools, Rugby Academy and Tulane University, graduating in 1903 as a Civil Engineer.

He came west in 1904 to join the railroad as a transitman and clerk to a roadmaster at Los Angeles, and



shortly became a gang foreman. In 1906 he was made an assistant engineer and actively participated in the huge project undertaken by the railroad at the request of President Theodore Roosevelt to save the Imperial Valley and City of Yuma from Colorado River flood damage.

Early in 1907 he was named General Foreman and Engineer of Bridge and Buildings, in charge of steel bridge construction, with headquarters in Los Angeles, and later the same year was appointed engineer and general foreman in charge of terminal construction work at San Pedro and Los Angeles.

A year later he was Assistant Division Engineer of the Los Angeles Division, in 1911 Assistant District Engineer of the Southern District, in

1912 Division Engineer of the San Joaquin Division at Bakersfield, and in 1913 Division Engineer of the Los Angeles Division.

In 1917 Mercier was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Shasta Division, with headquarters at Dunsuir, and a year later became Superintendent of the Portland Division at Portland.

In 1921 he became General Manager of the San Diego and Arizona Railroad, a subsidiary, with headquarters at San Diego, and in 1929 was made President and General Manager of that company. Two years later he was named Vice-President and General Manager of the Pacific Electric Railway at Los Angeles.

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E. C. THOMAS.....EDITOR

THE "little brown brother" was yellow; but, he'll be a well perforated "muckle-dun" color when the fracas is over. In his effort to "save face" he will have lost everything. The "rising sun" is due for a total eclipse.

DEFENSE BONDS are not only the equivalent of life insurance, but insurance against the loss of everything we hold most dear—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Unlike other insurance, the premium we now pay through defense bonds, will be returned later with interest.

BEWARE of hysterical, groundless rumors; but, keep your eyes and your ears open, report any and all subversive acts to the proper authorities; and, don't take the law into your own hands.

READ the advice and instructions of President Smith, found in this issue of the Magazine and carry them into full effect. The need for absolute safeguarding of this vital industry is imperative, and the responsibility for so doing is upon every employee.

NEW PRESIDENT

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He returned to the Southern Pacific Company in 1939 as General Manager, and in 1938 was elected Vice-President in the Executive Department, a position which he has since occupied.

Mr. Mercier is a Director of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and of the Civil Defense Council. He holds membership in the Family Club in San Francisco, and the Los Altos Golf and Country Club. Married, he has two daughters, Miss Teddy Mercier of Palo Alto and Mrs. R. G. Polhamus of Seattle.

Most sincere congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. Mercier by the Magazine on behalf of all the employees of the Pacific Electric Railway.

P. E. Company Asks For Fare Increase

Application Made to Railroad Commission for 10% Raise to Meet Advancing Costs of Operation

Application was filed December 22nd with the California Railroad Commission by the Pacific Electric Railway for an increase in its fare on both local and suburban lines, brought about, as stated by the Management of the railway, by rapidly mounting increases in its operating costs during the past year; and, by further heavy increases in operating expenses that are scheduled for the future.

In its application to the Commission, the company states that for the ten months ending October 31, 1941, its income was less, by more than \$1,000,000.00, than enough to pay its expenses of operation, taxes and fixed charges; and, that this deficit will be increased by the amounts of retroactive pay, pursuant to collective bargaining agreements recently made with employees' representatives. For the year 1941 the Pacific Electric will be required to pay approximately \$388,000.00 in additional pay.

It is estimated that for the year 1942 the Pacific Electric will expend \$1,185,000.00 increased operating expenses due to such wage increases, including approximately \$67,000.00 additional costs for railroad retirement and railroad unemployment tax on such wage increases, but that this amount does not include additional expense that the company will have to bear due to changes in rules governing working conditions pursuant to such agreements.

It is estimated that the revenue to be derived from our business at its present rates and charges will not be sufficient to meet its fixed charges, taxes and operating expenses for the year 1942 by a sum in excess of \$2,000,000.00, exclusive of future increased cost of material and supplies.

In submitting voluminous documentary evidence in support of the application of the railway, President O. A. Smith stated that "It is necessary that the Pacific Electric receive greatly increased revenue, which can be obtained only through increases in the charge for the service it renders, to enable it to meet the largely increased operating costs. Unless relief is granted in the matter of increased rates for passenger traffic, the railway will not be able to continue in the public interest an adequate and sufficient transportation service.

The increase in fares proposed on

suburban lines of this company provides for a 10 per cent increase in one-way, round-trip, and commutation fares, with a minimum fare of 7 cents.

Application also provides for increasing the fares in the first three zones of the City of Los Angeles from 5c to 6c, and the token fare between the first and second zones from 6 1/4c to 7 1/2c. No change is contemplated in the 10c fare in the Los Angeles local zones 1, 2, and 3, except that application provides for the elimination of the \$1.50 joint weekly pass.

Fares beyond the third zone on the Los Angeles local lines will be increased 10 per cent, with some exceptions, with a minimum fare of 7c.

LT. DENTON VISITS HOME

L. B. Denton, Assistant to Chief Engineer, and Mrs. Denton, had a joyous surprise visit from their son, Lt. Robert Denton and his wife over the Christmas holiday.

Lt. Denton for some time past has been located in Wyoming, in charge of driving instruction of motorized equipment of various classes, based on plans he evolved after a special course at the University of California.

Under his supervision roads of every character and condition, from improved highway down to the rough terrain as well as marshes have been constructed, and over these vehicles of every motorized class are put through their paces by the army student drivers, whereby they get the actual experiences they might encounter in actual combat. A lengthy report of the work in which Lt. Denton is engaged recently appeared in the Ft. Warren Sentinel, together with pictures of the various types of roads and hazards. In his work Lt. Denton reports to Major H. N. Spigelmyer.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Denton, and best wishes to Lt. Denton in his work in the service.

TUCKER IN "SANTA" ROLE

Dewey Tucker of 2118 Barry avenue, bus driver for the Pacific Electric Railway for the past 19 years, played Santa Claus Friday to some 250 children who ride his bus. . . . He distributed suckers to the children as a Yuletide remembrance on the last day of school. . . . Tucker drives the Beverly Boulevard and Brentwood lines. . . . He has a natural interest in children, being the father of four boys, one of whom, William Early, is in the navy.—West Los Angeles Independent.

The Red Cross Appeals to You Now

Campaign for Support Among Pacific Electric Employes Under Way

Keep the Red Cross flag of mercy flying beside the Stars and Stripes wherever Japanese bombs are dropping.

That was the urge advanced this month in connection with the American Red Cross war emergency fund drive for \$50,000,000, which is sweeping the country. Los Angeles' quota is \$2,500,000.

Every penny of this contributed fund, according to Gurney E. Newlin, Los Angeles chapter chairman, will be expended for relief of American civilians and fighters, who have sustained injuries or hardship from the treacherous attacks of Japan.

"It is the duty and privilege of the American people to engage in this act of mercy," Newlin said. "Everyone would like to volunteer for Red Cross service, but few are so situated that they can do so. Therefore they can let their pocket books represent them by contributing to the Red Cross program.

The drive for funds for the Red Cross among employes of the Pacific Electric is now under way, and will be conducted by the same committee that has been so efficiently been handling the Community Chest campaign, and all employes are earnestly requested to take an active part in the solicitation.

Help your committeemen in your department as much as possible to lighten his work. Everyone of us should be enrolled in the support of this foremost American organization that has done and is doing so much for suffering humanity.

"Money is needed for evacuation of civilians, where bombs strike, and for hospitalization, housing and feeding of both civilians and fighters in Uncle Sam's service," said Guernsey Newlin, head of the local Red Cross, recently.

"Never before has America faced an emergency of so great proportions, and never has greater heroism been displayed by the army, navy and marine corps, nor by the American men, women and children under the hail of Japan bombing."

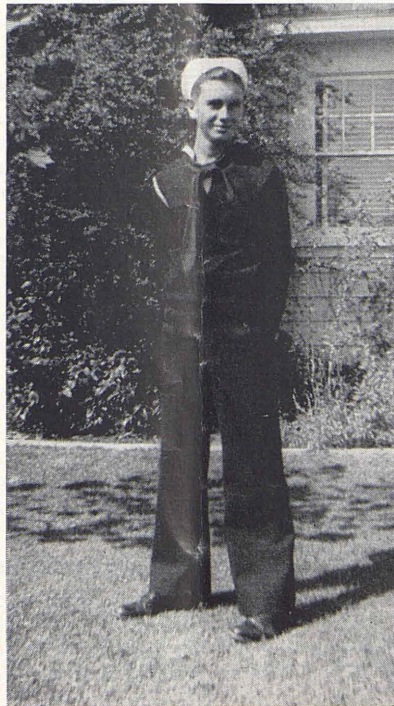
Of particular interest to Southern Californians, Newlin said the entire \$2,500,000 assigned as the Los Angeles quota, or more if the occasion warrants, will be allocated to this area in event of disaster or an attempted invasion on California.

Already a vast relief program for

this region has been set up, with every section zoned, and Red Cross units and first aid stations located in every center of population. All preparations, Newlin said, have been made to go into service on a minute's notice.

THE VICTIM OF TREACHERY

Soon after the treacherous attack upon Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, on Sunday, December 7th, it became generally known that Dwight J. Orr, son of Terminal Freight Agent George Orr, was a member of the crew of the ill-fated S. S. Arizona, sunk by the Japanese in Pearl Harbor, but not until about ten days later was the official message received from the Navy Department that Dwight was accounted as "MISSING". During the interval hope had been held that Dwight was possibly on "shore leave" and had escaped, but with the message from Washington hope has begun to fade.



The loss of Dwight "Jerry" Orr is a very personal one to many of us who had known the young man during most of the years of his life, and have held a very high regard for his parents.

All honor to "Dwight J. Orr, Seaman 1C, C-S Division, USS Arizona." and most sincere sympathy to his parents, and to his brother, Sgt. Robert R. Orr, AC, last reported at Marshall Air Field, California.

CREDIT UNION NOTES

In the Magazine last month mention was made of the membership meeting of the Credit Union to be held in the month of January. The date has been decided upon and will be Wednesday, January 28th at 8 p.m. in the Pacific Electric Club.

This meeting will include, in addition to the regular business, some entertainment and light refreshments. We have secured two speakers who are well prepared to give valuable information in connection with the Credit Union movement.

Mr. L. Lowell Johnson, Field Representative of the United States Farm Credit Administration has consented to speak at this meeting as well as Mr. Parke S. Hyde who is President of the Los Angeles Teachers Credit Union. Mr. Hyde is a member of the Board of Directors of the California Credit Union League also the Credit Union National Association.

Attendance at the annual meeting is not limited to members of the Credit Union. All employees eligible to membership who wish to learn more of this movement are invited and will be welcome to attend.

It is anticipated that by the time this article is in print the Credit Union will have qualified as an issuing agent for United States Defense Bonds Series E. When this qualification is completed we will be in position to deliver completed bonds to purchasers from our office, Room 352 Pacific Electric Building.

Let us all remember the date, January 28; the place, Pacific Electric Club; and the time, 8:00 p.m. We'll see you at the meeting.

Joseph C. Lortie, Treasurer.

MRS. LEO J. BUSH

Hazel Marie Bush, wife of Leo J. Bush, well known member of our Engineering Department staff, passed away at the family home in Alhambra on December 14th after an illness extending over a period of approximately 2 years; memorial services being conducted for her on December 17th, followed by interment in Rose Hill Memorial Park at Whittier.

During her lifetime, Mrs. Bush was very active in P.T.A. and O.E.S. circles, devoting much of her time to the welfare of children. At the time of her demise she was secretary of Ramona Chapter No. 367, Order Eastern Star of Monterey Park.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Bush is survived by one son, Jay, aged 13, and by her mother, one sister and three brothers, to whom sincere sympathy is extended by the Magazine on behalf of their many friends and acquaintances in this company.



They laughed when I sat down on the rotating piano stool. They didn't know that I wanted to play around. That was New Years Eve. This is January and a new year. And when we look at January what do we find. The Rose parade was called off by the yellow boys with the 45 degree eyes. But for every flower that did not show, a daisy will in Tokio grow; yet with a yellow foundation underneath. The Rose Bowl was pushed across the country to Durham, but the day will come when the rice bowl will be bitter eating and that is no Bull. They can not race at Santa Anita. But when the day of reckoning comes there is another Race that is not going to run.

The Racing Form will read: 1st, Uncle Sam, F. Roosevelt up, left at the gate, but soon caught up and took the lead going into the back stretch. Won as he pleased. 2nd, John Bull, Churchill up. Always a contender and never out of the money. 3rd, China, Chiang Kai-Shek up. In there fighting all the way, Swastika with Adolph up was away to a great start but lost ground when Russia challenged. Big Boot with Mussolini up broke down in the back stretch, when the real racing began. Tokio Kid—scratched.

January is the month of new resolutions. It is the time to look forward and turn over a new leaf. We get this turning over a new leaf from our forefathers. Eve started it and it ended up with Adam eating an apple to keep the doctor away. If Eve lived to day she could work for Minsky.

People should make New Years resolutions they can keep. Like this, "Not to be seen in a black coupe with a brunette during a blackout. Not to invite your relatives over for the summer." When a man makes resolutions and keeps them he gets confidence in himself. He begins to feel important. They should look ahead, work toward a goal. My goal is to be important enough to carry a brief case and make enough money to hire a red cap to carry it for me. Brother that is success.

An Irish laborer said to a friend as they were about to sit down to dinner: "If you guess how many eggs O'im having for me dinner, you can have them both."

"Two," said the other.

"Take 'em," said the Irishman, "and curse the man that told ye."

OUR "BILL OF RIGHTS"

THE BEST PRESENT METHOD OF KEEPING IS DEFENSE BONDS

The first ten amendments to the Constitution, known as "A Bill of Rights," were adopted by the first Congress, called to meet in New York City, March 4, 1789. They were later ratified by the various States, and on December 15, 1791, were made a part of the Constitution.

AMENDMENT I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

AMENDMENT II

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

AMENDMENT III

No soldier shall in time of peace be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

AMENDMENT IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.

AMENDMENT V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

AMENDMENT VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

AMENDMENT VII

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of common law.

AMENDMENT VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

AMENDMENT IX

The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

AMENDMENT X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB
MONTHLY BULLETIN**

- Saturday, January 10:**
P. E. Rod & Gun Club Annual Distribution of Prizes and President's Show—Club Theatre—7:30 p.m.
- Monday, January 12:**
Transportation Engineering Class — 7:30 p.m.
American Legion Post Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
American Legion Auxiliary Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 14:**
P. E. Rod & Gun Club Monthly Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 15:**
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Card Party —1:00 p.m.
East Side Bowling League Matches — 8:15 p.m.
- Friday, January 16:**
P. E. Club Monthly Dance—Highly complimented Orchestra, spacious Ballroom floor, colored lighting effects, Dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.
West Side Bowling League Matches — 8:15 p.m.
- Monday, January 19:**
Transportation Engineering Class — 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 20:**
Transportation Engineering Class — 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 21:**
P. E. Masonic Club Monthly Meeting — 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 22:**
P. E. Women's Club Meeting and Program—1:00 p.m.
East Side Bowling League Matches — 8:15 p.m.
- Friday, January 23:**
American Legion Auxiliary Night Card Party—Prizes to winners and refreshments—8:00 p.m.
West Side Bowling League Matches — 8:15 p.m.
- Monday, January 26:**
Transportation Engineering Class — 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 27:**
Transportation Engineering Class — 5:00 p.m.
American Legion Post Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
American Legion Auxiliary Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 29:**
East Side Bowling League Matches — 8:15 p.m.
- Friday, January 30:**
West Side Bowling League Matches — 8:15 p.m.
- Monday, February 2:**
Transportation Engineering Class — 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 3:**
Transportation Engineering Class — 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 4:**
P. E. Women's Club Party—1:00 p.m.
East Side Bowling League Matches — 8:15 p.m.
- Friday, February 5:**
West Side Bowling League Matches — 8:15 p.m.
- Monday, February 9:**
Transportation Engineering Class — 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 10:**
Transportation Engineering Class — 5:00 p.m.
American Legion Post Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
American Legion Auxiliary Meeting — 8:00 p.m.

SERVICE RETIREMENTS

Two names appear on the official list of service retirements for the month of December as provided by the Auditors office, and on behalf of their fellow employes best wishes are extended to:

Louis G. Bowers, transportation department with 22 years service to his credit.

Francis H. McArter, Engineering Department, who retires with a service record of 14 years.

**NEXT CLUB DANCE
Friday, January 16th**

The Club has received many compliments on the fine music of the new Orchestra at the last dance.

The monthly functions are for your pleasure. Talk it up among your fellow employes and make up a family party or departmental group and enjoy an evening of free dancing on the spacious Club Ballroom floor.

P. E. WOMEN'S CLUB

By Mrs. Len Bishop

To all you nice people who patronized the bazaar held on December 4th and 5th, the Women's Club says a great big "Thank You".

The affair wasn't as large as other years, nor the attendance as great, but one readily understands when you think of the very serious things to be considered these days—things that are "musts" on our programs.

Mrs. Leatherman, the general chairman, was well satisfied and is deeply grateful to all who helped put it over.

The raffle on the Bullock's twenty-five dollar merchandise order was a big success, and for further verification, see Miss B. Brahm of the Medical Department, for she won it.

Miss Brahm has always shown such a keen interest in the Club, ready and willing to lend a helping hand whenever asked and everyone was delighted when Mr. Vickrey pulled out the number and called "Miss Brahm the winnah". Mrs. Hanselman one of our own members, won the quilt. Another big thank you is due Mr. Holmes, the Club's "First Aid". We couldn't put over anything without his help, although he often puts things over on us, without any help

—but the Senoras can take it. The one get-together in December was the Christmas party on the 18th.

The main attraction of course was the beautiful, tall, straight, big Christmas tree, with Mrs. Santa Claus Miller taking over the duties of the old gentleman and she did it well. One little girl was really so impressed and so positive that Mrs. Miller was the "real thing" (Although she sees her most everyday) that her entire list of "I want and I want" was laid before her.

All the lovely old carols were sung, led by a hastily gotten up choir (not bad at all, you see Mrs. Hasty is program chairman). Then refreshments were served at tables around the tree, each table having clever little cellophane Christmas trees and favors for all.

It was a very pleasant afternoon, everyone trying for a few hours at least to blackout the worries and the tragedies of the outside world.

The Red Cross Unit had expected to work two days a week, but Mrs. Columbus the chairman, has information from headquarters that material and yarn is not available at the present time, so for the present will meet on Thursdays as usual at ten o'clock.

This last item isn't quite in keeping with our job, but we just want to say thank you to that splendid mystery quartette that calls up the different employes on their natal days and sings "Happy Birthday to you."

Such a little thing to do, but what a wonderful thought someone had, and we want you to know whoever you are, that we both think you're swell.

"Cook, I don't like to mention it, but the food disappears rather quickly in the kitchen!"

"Well, mum, I admits I eats 'earty, but no one could call me gorgeous."

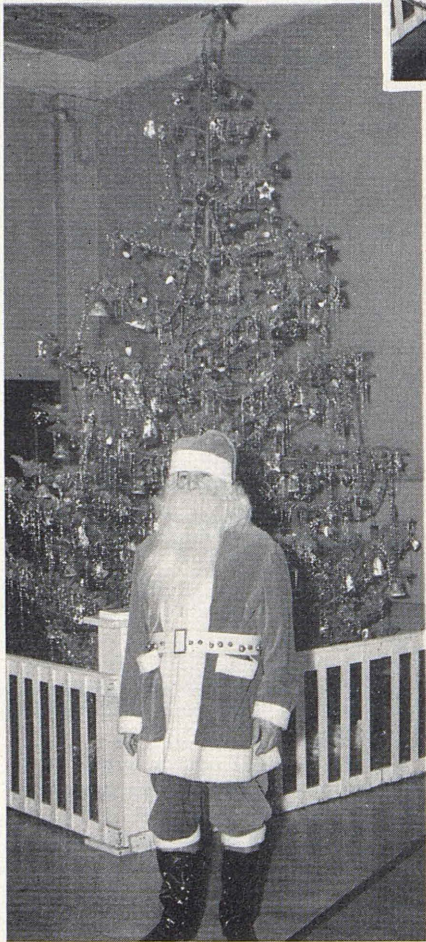
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party of the Pacific Electric Club was held on December 19th, and from reports received was by far the best attended as well as one of the most enjoyable ever produced by the Club Management.

As usual, Santa Claus, portrayed by F. J. Oreva who has held that position for years without number, was the central figure in the proceedings and carried on in his favorite role.

Music and entertainment acts of

high character filled the evening to repletion, and dancing following the entertainment features made Christmas eve complete.

As in past years the Club again remembered the sick and retired employes with a small token of Christmas Cheer, consisting of fruit, nuts, candy and cigarettes. Due to the large number of employes retired during past months the quota of packages this year exceeded 500, of which the majority were delivered to the home during the three days just

before Christmas.

Scores of letters of acknowledgment and appreciation have been received by the Club, many of which read as follows:

"Wish to thank you for the basket of fruit, nuts, etc., left at our door the day before Christmas. It's a pleasant feeling to know that even not active, we are still remembered, and the good wishes expressed speak louder than words."

"The family unites in gratitude for the basket of Christmas Cheer. The

fruit and nuts went into a loaf cake of which we are very fond. Senior doesn't smoke, so Junior had the cigarettes, and it was all deeply appreciated."

"After over thirty years of service it means a great deal to be remembered. Many men laid aside by retirement are so often forgotten and to receive a gift from the Club warms our hearts and makes us wish we were young enough to be back at our old job."

And many more such letters too numerous to mention.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC AUXILIARY By Martha Harper

The Unit attained their membership quota at the last meeting, thereby winning a citation from the National Department of the American Legion Auxiliary.

We welcome Mrs. Lois Wickham and Mrs. Sarah Steinmuller, our newest members.

Mrs. Lyons is spending Christmas in Chicago with her children.

The Unit had a Christmas party after the last meeting, and entertained the Post members.

Mrs. Brown, President and Mrs. Richards, Marshall, are doing duty as Defense Air Raid Listening Wardens at the Coliseum, under the direction of the 23rd District, who are under orders from the U.S. Army. Several other members are active in Red Cross Work. And assisting the U.S.O. in entertaining our boys from the Camps.

Comrade Newman won the goose that laid the golden egg, and it is being trussed up in a royal manner.

The Unit card parties will continue at the regular time until further notice.

We are proud of the fact that this Unit has the largest percentage of attendance per membership of any Unit in the 23rd District. And our Past Presidents are paid up 100 per cent for 1942.

Mrs. Nichols, Unit Chaplain, has been ill for some time, and she is sorely missed. We hope that she will soon be able to attend the meetings again. Several of the other members have been ill too, and we wish them all a speedy recovery.

Heaviest advance enrollment in history is pouring into the American Legion Auxiliary's national headquarters in Indianapolis as the Auxiliary musters its forces for service to America during 1942, according to Mrs. Fackler, membership chairman of Pacific Electric Railway Unit of the Auxiliary.

Latest membership reports from national headquarters showed advance enrollment of 136,357, a gain of 35,652 over the same date last year. Many thousands more member-

ship were in the hands of Units and Departments and in process of transmittal to headquarters.

Enrollment for 1941 has reached an all-time high of 521,832, a gain of 19,500 over the same date last year and an increase of 17,533 over the previous high record.

The local Unit has 31 members enrolled in advance for 1942. All wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Legion members or deceased veterans are being invited to join the Auxiliary at this time and take part in the 1942 program of patriotic service.

Delegates from 40 women's organizations, coming from every state, will meet in Washington, D.C., January 17, 18 and 19 for the annual Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense, it has been announced by Mrs. Lyons, National Defense Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary will take a leading part in the Conference, which is held to unite the women of America's patriotic organizations in support of the nation's defenses. The Auxiliary's National President, Mrs. Mark W. Murrill, will serve as first vice-chairman of the Conference and the Auxiliary will send delegates from all of its Departments.

P. E. MASONIC CLUB

By Ed Hasenyager

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, January 21. The new officers will be in charge and plans for the coming year will be discussed, for that reason it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

The New Year is here and that always reminds the Secretary that it is time to issue new Membership Cards and naturally it is his duty to call to your attention the need of sending in your dues. Let's do it now.

Hospital News

Brothers Ludwig Otterstedt and Chester Reid are reported by the Hospital Department as being confined to the St. Vincent's Hospital.

Resume of Activities During 1941

By Past President F. F. Willey

During 1941 the Pacific Electric Railway Masonic Club held seven business meetings with an average attendance of twenty-two members. There was also held the spring dinner dance in May and the stag dinner in November, both of which were well attended.

During the year the Club accepted to membership eight new members and I regret to report the passing of three members.

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I desire to express my appreciation of the assistance rendered by the officers who served with me during my term of office. The next meeting is scheduled to be held January 21, 1942, at which time the following officers for 1942 will be installed.

T. H. Ewers, President

W. S. H. Weeks, 1st Vice-President

Gordon Hall, 2nd Vice-President

Alfred C. Smith, 3rd Vice-President

E. J. A. Hasenyager, Secretary

H. G. McDonald, Treasurer

I hope everyone will make a special effort to be present on this installation night.

BOWLING NOTES

Since last going to press things have been happening in the two divisions of our league faster than Neal Vickrey reaches for the last roll on the plate at dinner.

On the Eastside it would seem as though someone put the names of the leading clubs in a hat and threw them up in the air, with the result that we find the Freight Traffic Team out in front of the league from the opening night, is now in third place, Ted Cuccia's P. E. Club now occupying the top spot and Harry Hampton's five in second place.

Harry Hampton helped his team along when he turned in a nice series on the night of December 18 while Thorne of the L. A. Freight club copped the high game prize for that night.

That hot and cold outfit, the B. of R.C. faltered a little when they dropped three contests to the Freight Service on December 18.

The club headed by the Gray Eagle, Bert Manley, now resting in fifth place, is still within knocking distance of the leader and Bert has been seen on various occasions massaging the left wing of his problem child, Hal Smith. If he ever gets Hal in shape things will be different, says the Eagle.

The Motor Transit, Outlaws and L. A. Freight teams have been having a so-so season to date but like good old vintage could improve with age. Probably that goes for the other two, the Outlaws, so we understand, are still all in their teens. Down in the well we find the Washington Street and the Transportation Nine. Both these clubs have good teams but haven't been able to click as they should. Maybe time will tell a different story here also.

On the Westside the leading Hemet Bus Line took terrific thumpings, one by the tune of 3-1 from the Amazons and the other a total eclipse of 4-0 from the rejuvenated Electrical Club. It might have been that the Christmas season so close to hand had something to do with



HAS NEW POSITION

Paul H. Jacobsmeyer stepped into a new job with the Freight Traffic Department on December 1st, this being his fifth transfer in the five years he has been with the company, which speaks very well for the efficiency of the young man.

Paul came with the company on September 11, 1936 and in successive stages has worked as freight handler in the L. A. Freight Station and from thence to extra clerk at the same station. In May, 1937 he became Clerk in the office of the General Superintendent; then stenographer in the Trainmaster's office at Pasadena; Car Service Clerk in the office of T. L. Wagenbach; File Clerk for the General Superintendent; and, now Clerk in the office of Freight Traffic Manager Knoche.

Best wishes and congratulations are extended to Paul.

it but when a club turns in a 2611 series, as the Electrical Club did on December 19, there is only one answer, the opposition was just too good for the league leaders.

Rolling along in second place we find the Five Aces, that unpredictable and amazing aggregation of stars. They muffed a glorious chance to catch the leaders when Hemet dropped four but the Aces, just to

go along, also took four on the nose from the Schedule Bureau.

Eaton's Signal Department Club is rocking along in a tie with the Aces, and they mistreated the Freight Traffic five something awful on the last bowling night.

In fourth place we find the Claim Department, seven games out of the top spot. They will have a chance to pick up several games on January 9th when they meet the leading club. Archie Brahm has been giving the boys the old pep talk and the fur should fly come next bowling night.

Charlie Hill has his Schedule Bureau in a tie with the Freight Traffic team and after taking the Aces for four in a row the run changers are out for more of the same. The Amazons may have something to say about that, however, when they tangle at our next session.

The Vineyard and Electrical Dept. teams both getting back in winning stride after some reverses, are still in the fight and should give the rest of the teams lots of trouble down the home stretch.

The four teams at present down at the bottom of the pile, with the Passenger Traffic Dept. right on the bed rock, are getting ready to shift out of reverse gear and now that they have found the rest of the league not tough but somewhat luckier than they have been to date, will make it still tougher on the others. The Amazons, for one team, have picked up their tempo and in the last two or three weeks have come out on the right side of the ledger.

The Streamliners are another outfit that is plenty tough to handle, and the same goes for the Wilshire five.

Paul Durbin of the Schedule Makers was not in his groove the last two or three nights—reason, there is a new addition in his home, and Paul better improve or else he will be hearing from his two darlings.

Jay Gowanlock is out in front again, boys. Can't anyone give this fine bowler a battle for the top average spot in our league? Jay is sporting a nifty .181 average to date.

The same thing goes for Ted Cuccia on the East side. Ted is out in front with a .184 average after his name and no signs of weakening.

We've noticed some of our old friends back at the alleys recently. The Crownovers for two and also the Chases, last year in our league, have been seen at the battle grounds in the Arcade Recreation.

The fine sport, Fred Bixenstein is a regular rooter and although he plays no favorites, apparently, he is always rooting hard for Grey, the Great Oliver, to kick through with a good game. Some of these days

Grey is going to shock Fred with a top flite game and series.

Some of the improved bowlers on the West Side, improving constantly, are Baudisch of the Streamliners; Sayan of the Aces; Birmingham, Hasenyager and Ohlinger, who have been way below their regular averages are now coming with a rush toward the top of the heap. Other improved performers include C. Hill of the Schedulers, O. Carter of the Amazons, Laurel Jones and Ralph Perry of the Freight Traffic, Swanson is still lagging a little here; Ivan the Great, Erhardt now with the Passenger Traffic; Blum and Lewis of the Vineyard team and Eaton of the Signal, Cleveland of the Wilshire, Cross and Loveys, also the Shafers, on the Hemet Bus Line, Archie Brahm and Schuyler aided and abetted by our genial Secretary-Treasurer, Gonzalez, of the Claim.

Others who have rushed up to the top on the Eastside are Charley Oliver and Krug of the Freight Service, Engle and Henry of the P. E. Club, Jones and Art Pabst of the North team, Randig of Motor Transit and Coffman performing with Manley's B&B aggregation. Milnes, a newcomer, with the L. A. Freight is proving to be a mighty fine bowler and Roth with the Washington Street team is holding up his end in great style also. On the Outlaws they are all on the up-grade with Marion Lutes showing the way with a nifty .143 average. The B. of R.C. team, all champions according to the Captain, are doing all right and this club brings out their own rooting section each evening. More power to them.

ROD AND GUN CLUB NEWS

By Arlie Skelton

The December meeting of the Club was one of the best of the year. That being the meeting which brings to a close our 1941 Tournament Season and due to the present war emergency might be referred to in years to come as the good old days.

All committees closing reports were quite favorable and pointed to a very successful season.

The President's Annual Show to be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 1942, will bear me out in this statement. All plans have been carried out and unless further instructions are given, the show will go on as planned. We hope to see as many of you there, as can come out that night.

Your Club is showing its patriotism by passing a resolution at our December meeting to invest the Club's surplus funds in National Defense Bonds. Due to the fact we are an unincorporated organization and the bonds are not transferable, the legal phases of such transactions are now



L. G. (Lou) BOWERS
Retired from service Nov. 30, 1941

being studied by our capable Executive Committee. It is estimated approximately five hundred dollars will be available for such an investment. This of course is in addition to the liberal investments being made by the individual Club members.

The election of officers for the 1942 Tournament Season was held with the line-up of officers as follows: president, J. B. Rogers; first vice president, L. L. Lloyd; second vice president, J. S. Harris; recording secretary, Arlie Skelton; financial secretary, Robert Dorner; treasurer, C. G. Gonzalez.

For the executive committee: E. L. H. Bissenger, B. F. Manley, W. G. Knoche, H. P. Bancroft and D. E. Porter. Other committees, also the Field Captain and Fishing Captain, will be appointed by the new president when he takes office at the regular January meeting which will be held January 14, 1942.

Fellow Club members—1942 will no doubt be a hard year on your Club due to war conditions and with us all trying to do our bit on the Defense Program but let us not forget, it is for the right and privilege to have such clubs and to be able to enjoy the sport of hunting and fishing as we always have in the past as free Americans, we are in this war to the victorious end. We must have some recreation, so let's keep the old Club spirit alive.

Many of the old faces will, by necessity, be absent from our meetings due to their work on the defense program. We hope to have you members who have been neglecting to come to the meetings come out now and take a hand in the Club work. President-elect J. B. Rogers is well capable of handling the club affairs but he can't do it alone. So, come out and lend a hand when you can.

With the new draft law in effect, no doubt a good portion of the Pacific Electric Rod and Gun Club will be in some branches of the service during the 1942 Tournament Season. How about offering trophies for enemy warcraft brought down in action? Then for the Garden Clubbers we could offer bounties on gophers and snails.

A discouraged traveling salesman wired his house as follows: "If Hitler wants more territory, he can have mine."—Calumet.

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OUR "PHONE" GIRLS DINE

One of "the best ever" Christmas parties was that held at the P. E. Club Dining Room by the very capable and unusually good looking women of our Telephone Exchange here in the big building. They also had a lovely tree in addition to a fine dinner just prior to Christmas.

Those in attendance as shown in the picture, reading from left to right are: Gertrude Baker, Bessie Wright, John DeMany, Bettie Sanderson, Esther Lane, Francis Lane, Betty Claybourne, Anna Benson, Virginia Linehan, Anna Hall, Howard Crews, Nita Waugh, Mabel Sweeney, Anna Siegel and Cliff Bartlett.

Seated at table: Emma Neff, Irma Steger, Lois Springman and Martha Higgins.

Standing beside the tree, left to right: Bettie Sanderson, Lois Springman.

Bride: There are a lot of mistakes in this cookery book.
 Husband: Yes, I've tasted them.

"A thousand thanks for the presents, Auntie."
 "Don't mention it, my dear; it was nothing much."
 "No, I don't think so either, but mama said I should do it anyhow."

Floorwalker (to attractive young salesgirl)—"I noticed that your last customer didn't buy anything, but he seemed quite pleased anyway. What did he want?"
 Salesgirl—"Me, for the dance to-night."

A smart man is the one who hasn't let the women pin anything on him since he was a baby.

PUNZ and FUNZ

The woman who drives from the back seat of a car is no worse than the man who cooks from the dining room table.

As the majestic liner came into the harbor, a grimy coal barge floated immediately in front of her.

"Clear out of the way with that old scow," shouted an officer on the bridge.

A round sun-burned face appeared over the cabin hatchway.

"Are you the captain of that vessel?"

"No," answered the officer.

"Then speak to your equals," came from the barge. "I'm the captain of this."

"Should I marry a man who lies to me?"

"Lady, do you want to be an old maid?"

Grandfather: Mr. Brown, I believe? My grandson is working in your office.

Mr. Brown: Oh, yes. He went to your funeral last week.

Father—"I'm surprised that you should become infatuated with that girl. Why you should have been able to read her like a book."

Son—"Well, you see, Dad, the light was rather low."

Mary—"Well, after his behavior yesterday, I will never go fishing with him again as long as I live."

Kate—"Heavens, what did he do?"

Mary—"Oh, he just fished!"

A gentleman who was rather sensitive about his figure visited his tailor and was alarmed to see that the assistant began altering all the measurements recorded in the book.

"About the same as last year, surely?" queried the business man.

"Oh, yes, sir," replied the tactful tailor; "chest a bit lower perhaps, that's all."

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DEPARTMENTAL NOTES

ACCOUNTING DEPT. NOTES

By N. E. Cates

Happy New Year!

The new year finds every one on deck, that is, with the exception of Mr. Dickey who is on vacation; Miss Bettis is back after a long sick leave; Jimmy Gould is back, his arm now practically as good as new. Paul Fancler is also back in harness after a long siege of illness.

Betty Enscoe has returned from a vacation, I believe the last one of the year for this office. Betty went to Sun Valley in order to find plenty of snow and it snowed every day of her six day visit. Betty is a ski enthusiast and likes her snow soft and in large quantities.

Jimmy Gould was injured November 8th in an auto accident, sustaining a broken right elbow. His car was a total loss and both he and his wife consider themselves lucky to have escaped with their lives.

Ray Smith has bid out of this office and transferred to the Transportation Department station forces.

Suzanne Jacquemin is now Secretary to Miss Freedle and Lon McIntyre in Personnel Bureau.

It is our privilege and pleasure to introduce two new girls in the Typing Bureau, Marilyn Hawkins and Ruth Harrison. Beauties.

"Cy" Saunders returned to work the day after Christmas and found that Santa Claus had visited the office. A bit of rare old good cheer had been left on his desk. It was quickly disposed of in order not to attract too much attention. He appeared to be both embarrassed and pleased, for "Cy" has long been associated with the reformers.

Happy Birthday to You!

	January
Ethel Merriam	4
Adele Dole	5
L. B. McNelly	8
Ruth Altpeter	9
Gladys Sunday	10
A. F. Pabst	10
Al Manhart	15
Jimmie Owens	16
Betty Gorrell	16
Doris Lindeman	17
Fred Eggeman	19
Bill Keelin	22
Laura Drake	22
Irene Hurlbut	25
Grace Reed	27

Ual L. Drake had a day off last week, and before going, informed us he was going to Yuma. We offered congratulations, etc., but don't

worry, girls, he didn't get married!

It seems every one had a Merry Christmas, ate too much turkey and all the goodies that go with Christmas dinner, but survived even the New Year celebrations.

Mr. Eggeman had a few days vacation and celebrated his silver wedding anniversary.

Every one is very happy about the back pay, but did the Timekeeping Bureau work hard! They did.

Bonnie King is away on a combination vacation and leave-of-absence to visit her husband at Bremerton, Washington.

MOTOR TRANSIT NOTES

By M. J. Cramer

When some hombre does you dirt,
Skip it!

Don't let the sucker know it hurt,
Skip it!

Just keep quiet and alert,
Keep tab on the little squirt;
The time will come to take his shirt,
Then go git it!

—By Otis Barnard

We hope that YOUR Christmas was a joyful one and that the NEW YEAR was welcomed in—in royal fashion and that it will be a PROSPEROUS one! The holidays were really something for the "book" and did the patrons ride. Ask anyone who had to work Christmas Eve and day. . . . Of course, many were home—enjoying dinner with friends and relatives and those—we envied! Yet, if you were to wander the streets down our way and see some of the less fortunate of which there were many—would have much to be thankful for!

It was almost a "candy" Christmas for most of us. Our thanks to Max Green (Mt. Auto Line) for his

remembrance to all—to the Union Pacific Stages for their yearly greeting—to Alfred Fox (depot cigar stand) for his tempting sweets—and NOT forgetting our own "Winchie" (Marion Snowden) who delivered a beautifully wrapped box of candied nuts for this scribe and our "gang". T'was one of the most appreciated gifts—and those almonds, walnuts, pecans and full variety, were mighty good . . . we're looking forward to next Christmas already!

Sam Carr and Dick Butler AGAIN received their usual \$10 currency gift enclosed with card from "Old John" who, for a number of years has made regular gifts of like amount to each. Perhaps it is his way of spreading kindness and in his religious faith "Old John" apparently measures money ONLY by the good it can do. SUCH a yearly remembrance will long be remembered!

First prize amongst the Christmas cards received by the "gang" goes to Hank Faulkner—or did you see his "cleen sweep" card? Know that Mrs. Frank Pilkerton must be nursing a hand from a bad case of writer's cramps noting all the cards she sent thru the mail to the "boys". Henry Stone is mighty proud of his new pipe—it's a "Kirsten" and really a pipe! Yep, the Mrs. bought it and it's A No. 1 in any man's language! Owen Whitaker presented the family with a projecting machine and screen and know they'll derive much enjoyment from it. . . . the camera will come later! Geo. Jehl loaded down with shirts and ties. . . . Mrs. Jehl with a rain outfit and a "dilly". Mrs. Seifried with set of pottery and many nice things. Mrs. Tucker breezing thru the depot and saying hello—her ever-abounding "pep" and cheerful greetings is like spreading sunshine. R. Wilhelm says he got a "quart" for Christmas—didn't say what but don't think it was milk. D. Leviton buying U. S. Saving Defense Stamps and books for his friends and relatives. . . . such a WORTHY cause.

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS—DECEMBER 1941

DEATH CLAIMS

Group	Insurance	Mortuary	Name	Occupation	Died
	No	Yes	*Harmon, Ernest R.	Retired B.B. Carpenter	11-19-41
	No	Yes	Brinker, Harold J.	Conductor	12- 4-41
	Yes	Yes	Sullivan, James	Retired Sec. Foreman	12-14-41
	Yes	Yes	Weyant, Arthur B.	Motorman	12-15-41
	No	Yes	Rosenberger, Melvin D.	Retired Clerk	12-18-41
	Yes	Yes	Marsh, Alston L.	Retired Clerk	12-25-41
	Yes	Yes	Moore, Leland M.	Terminal Foreman	12-28-41
	Yes	Yes	Shanley, John M.	Retired Brakeman	12-27-41
	Yes	Yes	Caldwell, Thomas J.	Motorman	12-30-41

* Not included in Vital Statistics statement for November, 1941.

EMPLOYES' WIVES' DEATH BENEFIT FUND

Name	Died	Wife of	Department
Bush, Hazel M.	12-14-41	Daniel A. Deal, Retired	Transportation
Deal, Rosa D.	12-27-41	Leo J. Bush	Engineering

. . . Let's ALL make it a point to buy them! Eugene Wickham was away on his Christmas vacation to Toledo, Wash. Al Doig was the ONLY operator OFF for Christmas day . . . the gang inferred that he was "SUPPOSED" to be sick . . . a comment, which Al resented! "Pop" Reynolds struggled thru Christmas day . . . working under protest but took sick the next day. Jehls dined with his sister and folk, Tuckers eating out, Rhinard whizzed down to Santa Ana to have dinner with his sister and family. M. J. Freeman was lucky inasmuch as his day off fell on both Christmas and New Years. His was a mighty nice Christmas—with a new suit, gobs of shirts and the like and says his shopping for his folk was solved by endorsing over his check for Christmas saving fund. Howard Strong with nothing to say "we don't give gifts—don't believe in it" ("Well, Scrudge, was it BAH, HUMBUG?) Well, no gifts, no promise to pay NEXT year which is something! We do know that he did something unusual in remembering his mailman with some crisp one dollar bills enclosed in a card. The back pay received by the operators helped out during the holidays and spread an inkling of prosperity!

It WAS a "BLACK OUT"—or don't you remember? For some three hours our patrons milled around and waited for bus service to resume . . . (those in L. A. Depot) and the questions asked were non-ending and in repetition. "WHEN will the black-out be over? HOW LONG will it last? I HAVE to get home—can't you call up someone and find out when it will be over?" Many were patient but others just could not be handled, "Why (I never heard tell of such . . . your schedules say bus leaves at 9:45 P. M. and now you say they won't run schedules until the black-out is over . . . am going to report it to the Railroad Commission!" (Yep, there's lots to learn and "patience" will be the word to understand in the end. Know our boys had their hands tied too with inquiries, those who were stranded on highway and at other points.)

Over the phone: "I have a complaint to make" (Charlie Stein, Claremont, at the listening end) "I have never said anything about it previously but I don't think YOUR trains should blow their sirens when they go thru town. It was bad enough in peace time but NOW while there is a war and a siren means something—it should be stopped." (Yep, she was mighty put out and presume that every time the box motor blew for a crossing, the poor ol' gal dove into the cellar, thinking it was an air-raid—no less.) Charlie, to relieve himself of the pressure, advised her

to call the Santa Fe Railway as it must be one of their trains . . . wonder if the Santa Fe handled to conclusion?

Let's remember: "Christmas greetings" from Adolph Zmoos . . . wishing all of the boys a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and adding "I was once a hack hand . . . drop me a line." (His address is Company "C", 103rd Anti-Tank Bn., Fort Lewis, Wash.) How about it fellows? Drop him a line. Those who are IN the Army, Navy, etc., appreciate letters and knowing that others "think" of them. There's Roy T. (Round-trip Langston going in the Army now and Fred A. Widman with the Coast Guard . . . we'll be interested in their addresses when things get under way! Pete Petersen received holiday wire from his son, Donald (Ltd.) U. S. Air Force (Manila) wishing him the usual greetings but adding "keep my car in trim." We'll have to hand it to those boys out there where things are happening. Our always smiling, cheerful Emma Hammond (night waitress at P. E. Subway Terminal) deserves a "pat on the back". She was worried but kept on plugging . . . her young son joined the U. S. Navy recently and was sent to Honolulu and was in the midst of things. To many—it brought chills and anxiety . . . it touched very close to home and saddened holidays. For her—good news arrived "Merry Christmas"—ALL she wanted to know. She—amongst others, has a boy she is proud of!

Odds & Ends: Ira Junkins back from vacation (Phoenix) and appeared in his National Guard uniform . . . he's doing his bit! Planned such a big turkey dinner (Xmas) and bought a whopper and then was given another for a gift . . . so it held over until New Years. E. W. Barnett clipping fenders—just a scratch! E. B. Dunson "no likee comment" in last month's yarn . . . says he didn't want it inferred that he was TOO GOOD for news but that he has been SO good that he can't make news . . . how about the others huh? We didn't get our box for the drivers' room for Magazine note items as planned. Slim says he was too busy to make and there is a shortage of lumber.

Kenny McCollum out of the U. S. Naval Training station and visited us over the holidays . . . he's a smart looking sailor in his uniform and likes the U. S. Navy . . . and is ready for come what may! Radio will be his line and will be in schooling for some weeks. Wonder if "Goldie" misses him? Say hello Kenny, soon!

The driving personnel is in the throes of a general shake-up (new contract Jan. 1st). Glancing at a few of them (as this goes to press

and nothing definite) we find Harry Reeves bidding in San Bdo. Llody Irby for Whittier. E. B. Dunson (El Monte) and Herb McCollum (Sunland). Herb has his home in Highway Highlands and we understand his daughter is quite an equestrienne (yea, I had to look that word up too) and she loves horses. Herb has two horses on his estate (?) at present.

CHAT: Slim Siefried anticipating says to come—when gasoline may be rationed and tires unobtainable "will have to get me TWO bicycles" When pressed for reasons for wanting TWO—said "Well, one for me and ONE for Viola (the Mrs.). First arrivals—Hudson Booster Chemical spray with buckets of sand to extinguish bombs . . . we hope we never have to use! Charlie Cooper says if he was in an open field and one of those things came down—he wouldn't bother hunting for chemical spray—he'd just RUN!

GREYHOUND leaves us to return to their newly enlarged and remodeled station on 6th St. It's a beautiful depot. Do look in some time. We envy them in the respect that everything is nice and shiny and NEW with all the adequate lighting facilities, etc. . . . a step further in transportation needs. It was suggested that they have the Red Cap buzzers from the different channels tuned so they will play musical chords when they're all buzzing at once. We believe the "Good Humor" man has a priority on that idea. Perhaps they will recall the few months spent with us ("slumming" as some inferred) but then—it was very handy and accommodating for all concerned to have passengers step from Greyhound bus to depart from same terminal for points served on our line and vice versa. Many commented on ideal set-up in that respect. Our best wishes go out to them for a "booming" success in their NEW HOME! Greyhound has a fine bunch of fellows and we enjoyed their visit!

Advice to the conscriptee: A letter that was never mailed, the boy WAS and probably IS still in the army. It's Lost & Found and written as reprinted.)

Der Mother: Wil try and drop you a fu lines to let you no how i am wel and hop you are the sam well mother i am getting discherg tomarro i wod have got discherg to day but i cont get payd so i had to wate until tomorrow then i wil get out then i wil be in lenora the evening of the 22 or december. how is neoma getting along in her school and what graid is she and do yo uthink she wil pas what is ramond and rex duing now and has ramond had to go to the arme yet tell hem if he hast to go for hem to get a ordely

job and it is a good job and you dont haft to stand retret or make iney inspens or eny of that stuf but i hope he doesnt haft to jon the armye it is a hard life to led and dont ful your self i wil hafe about 1hunder dolers whin i leve here that is what i saved sence july the 10 i think that is prity god dont you think i shure wil be glad to get home to i thank we are going to move down to enid and bild down there if we do we are going to bild a house 16 by 20 for the time being and biger after a wile i am going to get me a job on milk wagen if i can i dont no what kind of luck i wil haf.

PURCHASING DEPT. NOTES

By Ray Cragin

All members of this Department seemed to have withstood the severe strain of the holidays. All report receiving their quota of ties, hankies, and etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorburn spent Christmas with their daughter and her family up San Francisco way. The head man of our Department and his wife have two grandchildren who are tops on their hit parade and when the big day comes, being with the grandchildren tops their must list.

The citizens of Gardena would not be surprised if the Rock of Gibraltar moved. Everyone thought the Fenimore were too well-rooted in that city to ever leave, but they did, and now reside in La Crescenta. I get it from very good authority that C. C. F.'s membership in the Royal Order of Cabbage Pickers and Egg Gatherers has been cancelled by the Chamber of Commerce.

The Livermore family now occupy their new home in Torrance. It is equipped with all latest improvements. One of the new inventions is an apparatus that will pull Jimmy out of bed at 6 a.m., shave him, pour a cup of hot coffee down his throat and push him out the front door.

"Dot" (Beranek) Shafer drops us a line to say she is the happiest girl in the world now that she is an (Old Married Lady). In the morning she bakes, washes dishes and runs the vacuum cleaner. In the afternoon she practices her bowling by rolling the fish bowl around the front room without losing a drop. She starts her letter by saying "Dear Office and Friends". At last she found us out.

The Following News From Torrance:

Frank Winterberg reports on Christmas as follows: "I got tired of listening to the Lone Ranger, Jack Armstrong and Captain Midnight, so I brought Franklin a radio and an electric train for Christmas. Now

we are both happy." How would you interpret that statement?

A certain Scotsman of the Torrance Store is very angry. When the blackout came he backed his car out of the garage and left it in the driveway with the engine running. The next morning he found the car still running with sparks coming out of the exhaust pipe. You should see the Sparks fly when he discovered that.

There is a certain red-headed man in the Torrance Store who was slightly detained in Glendale by a man wearing a badge and riding a motorcycle. The man wanted his autograph. After this he will REED the regulations.

Burt Ordway is vacationing. He is downhearted. Uncle Sam's boys have taken over the Torrance Mountains and his happy hunting ground is ruined. How about hunting for yellow jackrabbits, Burt?

Nick Basileu is back to work after several months from the job recovering from a broken leg. Nick is glad to be back and so are his many friends glad to see him return to work.

Orville Strosnyder and family had Christmas dinner with relatives at South Gate Christmas day. Orv spent the afternoon showing Junior how to shoot a rubber gun Santa brought to the young man. Orv told the young man he could play with it on the 26th if he would be patient on the 25th.

The Charles Stock family had a gathering at Redondo on Christmas Day. The big time was interrupted when one of Uncle Sam's boys did a little bombing out at sea a ways. Charlie thought a young man by the initials of W. N. had the 4th of July and Christmas mixed up, but found he was mistaken.

From West Hollywood we learn that Cliff Curle and wife spent their vacation at Portland, Oregon, where Cliff visited with an old friend, the editor of the Portland Journal. On the return home they stopped over in San Francisco. Here the Mrs. put over a fast one on Cliff. She invited his folks up to Frisco and just as Cliff and wife were ready to go out for a big dinner, a knock on the door and he had company.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

By Victor P. Labbe

Scoop—Nancy Kelly received a personal letter from Betty Demmerle, who took a month off to pay her home town a visit in New Jersey. Well, here goes, Betty writes to Nancy and tells her—"I may bring back a husband, although I might have to support him. Still, I have a good job in the Engineering Dept.

and most married girls work. He is tall, good looking, and talented; and thought this is my chance to show Jean Fogarty what an Eastern girl can do." Well Nancy let it out of the bag, and perhaps Betty will return with her brand new husband. If so, we will see a blushing bride or a disappointed Betty. Thanks to Kelly.

When is Noble Cates leaving for the unknown?

Evelyn Tenny says she will soon compete with Jean Fogarty for the best dressed girl in the Engineering Dept. Watch the two lovelies from now on.

Jessie Eaton and family celebrated Christmas in 695 with an enormous Christmas tree. Presents were distributed and a good time was had by all.

Kollen Podleck will soon start his annual diet of candy canes.

To the family of Leo Bush whose wife recently passed away we extend our deepest sympathy.

Certainly glad to see George McClure around again. How about it, Doc Weber, can he smoke?

Burley Manley, the great guy from the B&B, brought his son who is now an Ensign around for an introduction.

Understand that Nicolay likes Muscatel. Does the cutie you were with the day before Christmas also like Muscatel?

Thanks for the cigars and candy. It was lovely of you to think of the gang as you always do. None other than Bill Baxter. He was assisted by his lovely little daughter and son.

Ray Buford is in the hospital for a check up and rest.

Why should Grey Oliver be so mad because he got a 5.

Roy Swanson paid us a visit and we were glad to see you Roy.

Who is Roy Ewing sponsoring now. She is working in the Engineering Dept.

Leonard Biehler still likes new stenographers.

Where did David Boyle go on his vacation?

When is Bob Donner going to take his back vacation?

Mrs. Angus G. Bailey, mother of Louis D. Bailey, an employe of the Company since April 1, 1907, passed away on Dec. 29, 1941. Mrs. Bailey was born in Wellsboro, Pa. on Dec. 12, 1868, lived in Los Angeles 46 years and is survived by 2 sons, 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

On a little service station away out on the edge of a western desert there hangs a shingle, bearing this strange legend: "Don't ask us for information. If we knew anything we would not be here."

STATION STATIC

 By James J. Adams

Christmas and its attended joys has come and gone. But there's always a fly in the ointment. Harry Ditsch is having roadbed trouble again. His electric train just won't stay on the tracks.

Don Gates says he "don't want to set the world on fire." He only wants to get some wear out of the gift neck ties. He was seen at Seventh and Broadway the other day giving the upper crust (female) a preview of what the well dressed man will wear next spring.

Joe Stein made a flying trip to Ohio to see his folks before he is inducted into the army.

Henry Eggert has completed the job of remodeling his home at Newport Beach. This includes the addition of a large living room and two bedrooms. And of course a new brick patio.

A lady stepped up to Leonard Shockley gave him a chuck under the chin and said "My, but you are a fine looking man!" Shockley says he thinks she was slightly inebriated. (What d'ya mean—SLIGHTLY!!!).

Dick Burns has been making a tour of the system. Even (he'll probably sue us for libel for this) including the busses.

Our sick list is practically a thing of the past and we hope it stays that way. Rea Bowman and R. G. McGaw having both recovered and are back on the job.

CONDUCTORS' ACCTS BUREAU

 By Marion Snowden

Remember this: "To brag little, to lose well, to crow gently if in luck, to pay up, to own up, to shut up if beaten, are the virtues of a sporting man." — Oliver Wendell Holmes. (Ditto to all us gals.)

Winchie At The Keyhole

We might as well have stayed out of the Magazine last month, for nobody could read what we put in except the printer, and he read just enough to know that Uncle Tommus and Winchie needed a good cussing. So, Uncle Tommus got hell, and Winchie got the job of reading the proof. Result:—As a New Year Resolution, we hereby promise to be a good girl and not write in the vernacular as long as printers hafta set up type.

Speaking of New Year resolutions, here are some the people in our office might make, (and we wish we hadn't made that rash resolution so soon, as some of the following might sound better in the vernacular.):

Mr. Suman—no more moves for awhile. Many of the busiest bees in the office are now on the far east side. Shofer Ann, left temporarily stranded alone at Frank Screech's old location, plaintively wanted to know if folks thought she had BO.

Florence Haldeman—to open up the candy business in a big way—tho 375 pounds are not to be sneezed at. We certainly appreciate her efforts and efficient handling.

Tom Hinkle (who really no longer has a place in the annals of Conductors' Accounts history, but some things we CAN'T forget)—to keep up that air of bustling energy—hm, been showing more life than he has for ages, as he dashes in and out on his traveling auditor job.

W. L. "Brownie" Brown—to fight to the last ditch any effort to dislodge him from the exclusive "Bull of the Woods" position he now occupies. He has no favorites—or has he? toting Fannie's basket of tickets out to the sack.

Amelia Grenke—to tell the agents what she really thinks. Imagine Mimi telling them off—or even thinking about it!!!

Emma Taylor—resolved that now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country—she's buying defense stamps. Atta gal, Em.

Esther Quast (thanks for the candy, Hock; a good cook going to waste)—to ride 'em cowboy as long as priorities on a certain dude ranch will let her. Seems the Govt. likes dude ranches, too.

Violet Phillips—to dig into her own backyard when and if the air raids start. There's no place like home.

Esther Ross—that it was more fun than a barrel of monkeys making all those little apple Santa Clauses at Christmas. We hope she'll give a repeat performance next year.

Mabel Kratzer—to stay off the highways when accidents are apt to occur. That's a good one for these blackout nights. (Thanx for your scrumptious divinity, Mabel.)

Martha Smith—to get more names on the dotted line on the strength of the "back pay" checks. She's not doing so badly as it is.

Florence Davis, who had to have the door taken off to get her desk into our office—resolved that she's little, but oh my.

Margaret Hines, who celebrated Christmas so well (??) she took the two following days off—resolved to make every minute count.

Lola Ellis, who resolved to rest on her final week of vacation and they went out and bought hooks and eyes, so—sewing is the order of her week.

Dovie Brown, who vacationed at Reno—resolved it's good to be at

home in Long Beach even in the blackouts.

Fannie Jones—to talk less and say more—louder and funnier.

Elizabeth Stoddard (see her new hubby's Christmas wrist watch gift?)—to settle down and behave after the many escapades she got into in 1941. (Thank you, Lizbeth, for the choocs and bon-bons.)

Gwenith Klockers, one of the "temporaries"—resolved to stay with us as long as she can, and we hope it's a good long time.

Isa Henderson, the wee one from Scotland—to do a little more in the future than she has in the past towards filling up the column.

Charles Escovar—to lay off the Scotch.

Violet Haddock, new in our office, though well-known at the late Redondo plunge, who lost her voice a cuppla weeks ago and found it in her sock Christmas morning (or was it Warren's sock)—resolved to pipe down and take good care of it.

Alice Elliott—to try to get along with the people fore and aft of her desk. (Thanx a lot for the choclits, Mam-ma.)

Florence Cox—to land her man this year, by cooky, or know the reason why not.

Grace Shreeves, who believes in spreading herself—to try to make one desk and a three-drawer highboy do. (Winchie will now pack up her doll-rags and prepare to start the New Year in Gracie's dog-house.)

Ann Shofer, who just WILL flow over into Gracie's domain—resolved to keep to her desk and mind her own business. (Thank YOU, Shofer Ann, for the cooky chews; another good cook going to waste.)

Arvilla Curran, whose vacation, lately ended, took her to San Luis Obispo to see her daughter Aileen—resolved that it's better late than never.

Ethel Chandler, back from the hospital with tales of her operation—fervently resolved to let that be her last.

Agnes Heckman, who has auntied several nieces and nephews, Bill Keelin's little Bernard being the latest—resolved that the best she can do is little New Year resolutions.

Esther Craig—resolved not to listen to Chuck Escovar who says she'd be good-looking if she would dye her hair black. Imagine ruining that nice-looking mop!

Dorothy Randolph—that maybe she didn't make such a good move after all from Altadena to blacked-out Long Beach.

Hazel Allen, who at this writing is on her vacation doing goodness knows what!—resolved to be back by the time this is printed. (That 28th

deadline is hard on news, Uncle Tommus.)

Mildred Edwards—resolved to be a good ma-in-law if she has to fight her in-laws to do it. (With that propensity you have of making candy, Milly, you'd make a better step-ma.)

Edna Abell—resolved not to let the grass grow under her feet. She's on the move so much, her feet will never gather any moss.

Nell Flanders, who seems to fit in wherever she's put to work—resolved that even a square peg has its place in the scheme of things, and we don't mean a blockhead.

Nina Robertson, who resolved not to tell what her sweetie gave her for Christmas, but murder will out—it's a fitted over-night case, and do we mean fitted and do we mean over-NIGHT! !

Donna Fuller, who went to San Diego for Christmas—resolved to tie a string to her latest acquisition who made a direct hit with his electric calculator.

Veda Underwood—to quit doing the highland fling on the car tracks. It costs money.

Maybe! Wirz — resolved before Christmas to do her bit toward spreading cheer with her puffball goodies.

Marie Shaw, that gal who hobbled with Manchester Boddy, Dr. Von KleinSmid, Norman Chandler of the Times, and Dr. Hsia, Chinese Foreign Minister, and other notables at the banquet given at the presentation of the "Order of the Jade"—phew!—after all that, she resolved to hang the mistletoe where it would do the most good. (We wonder what luck DW had with what Martha brought in???)

Carmen del Campo—resolved to be on time at her corner every morning, so Esther Quast and Lois Brown who pick her up, won't have to start the day with nervous prostration in fear of being late. (Imagine Esther having nervous prostration over anything!)

With all those resolutions off our chests, we'll go back to Christmas, where we love to linger. As usual, Miss Templeton sent a beautiful card remembering us all. She's a past master at finding just the right card. To her go our thanks and appreciation, and the wish that we may have many more Christmases in which to think of each other.

Cards also came from old girls who do not forget the friends they made among us—Elizabeth Reckweg, (where've you been lately, Liz?), Alice Hilstrom, Marie Thomsen, Catherine Mautz, "Little Audrey" Brackett, "Tilly" Johnson, Helen Maloney, and Helen Sawyer (thanx for the cookies, Helen). If we've missed any, it's because we haven't their cards

before us, and we won't have access to them before the notes are sent in. (We're nothing if not punctual.—Noble Cates, N.B.)

Our sincere thanks to Bob Rachford for his efforts in getting for us "back pay", etc., and to the management and timekeepers for getting the checks to us before Christmas. In these days of stress every bit helps. In case you haven't found a place to put that money, how about into defense bonds? Don't forget, our country needs our help.

The annual Christmas party at Catherine Mautz' home dwindled down to Esther Quast, Esther Craig, Martha Smith, Nell Flanders, and Lois Brown. How their tongues must have clattered in the absence of the others! What was the matter, gang, afraid of a blackout? The order of the evening was eats, a tree, packages, and Charles and Wesley.

Happy New Year, everybody! Because of war, we're closer together than we've ever been before, and we can live and work and fight together in harmony. Let's DO it!

WEST HOLLYWOOD

By G. R. Stevens

Another Christmas has passed and 1942 is beginning. This Christmas stood alone among all others. West Hollywood trainmen and their families enjoyed an extra fine Christmas with relatives and cards from friends. 1942 is here and with it the usual new resolutions, with chin up and eyes forward planning how we are going to lick 1942. With the new year all look forward with a determination to the future, hopeful for the outcome of the present crisis, with a feeling of confidence.

The high morale of the American people and our trainmen is voiced by humorous utterances about the recent blackouts, etc., as, Rochester (of the Jack Benny program) has said—all he has to do to "blackout" is close his eyes. From another source came the assertion that it was the first time in ten years that all the members of his family were home for an evening at the same time, which was the night of the "blackout", and they got acquainted all over again. The present crisis will do much to bring folks back to the fireside.

It seems every little new and interesting untold facts about the early days of Los Angeles comes to light—such as the old school that used to be where the public library now stands; also a church once stood where Paramount Theatre is now located—a small building on 7th and Broadway where Loew's now is. All this seems only a short time ago, but it is twenty years. Seventh and

Broadway is rated one of the busiest corners in the United States.

Conductor Hobson was away on a ten days trip back to Texas and New Mexico.

One of the genial trainmen working out of West Hollywood is Conductor O. E. Nordberg. He served in the U. S. Marines in 1918-19. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was engaged in bookkeeping and general office work from 1920 to 1928. Was finance officer, American Legion, Post No. 30, for one term. He has been with Pacific Electric since 1929.

Mrs. Daisy Murdock had six soldiers from a nearby camp at her home for Christmas dinner which consisted of turkey and all the trimmings.

We are all urged to help win the conflict by buying Defense Stamps and Bonds. Some of the trainmen gave them for Christmas presents.

Wish to extend best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year to all.

SUBWAY TERMINAL

By F. W. Servranckx

Conductor and Mrs. I. E. Black on December 24th celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary at their home at Redondo Beach. We of No. 448 all 600 of us, want to extend our sincere congratulations to you both wonderful people and many happy returns.

Daniel Keeley has been confined to his home for several days suffering from a bad cold. Better go back to carrots again, Dan.

Motorman A. M. Kirk has returned to work again after being ill for some time. Glad to see you back.

W. T. Duggins has been home with a cold. You had better waited till after January 1, Tony.

Homer Miller has a great smile. Must be because he is working with that "Beau Brummel" Jack Hugenot.

Conductor H. A. Butcher had his picture taken in Pershing Square. Wonder why?

Paul Greshke has shaved off his mustache. Is getting ready for the U. S. Marines.

There was a big meeting at Forsters Hall December 13th at which Mr. O. A. Smith, P. E. President and staff, addressed about 700 B.R.T. members, and gave a very interesting talk, followed by Mr. H. O. Marler, passenger traffic manager, and Mr. Frank Karr, chief counsel, who talked on present conditions and the war in general, and stressed the point of being careful, not to talk too much, as a slip of the lip may sink a ship. Back pay checks were paid after the meeting and a good time was had by all.

Christmas was celebrated at the home of L. L. Wilcox. Visitors were Mrs. L. L. Wilcox' father and Conductor Harry Hutton and sons, and a fine time was had by all.

Ferguson does not mind any one pushing his hat over his eyes, but does object to you spoiling his curly, permanent wave.

We have among us a new tenor, none other than L. O. Briles, who sings morning, noon and night, and is always happy.

And then there is the story of that kind gentleman who saved a dog for a lady, and well, all Ed Sale has to say is, "What a story."

"Spark Plug" reports everything O.K. on the Redondo Line, and says that was not a sub at El Segundo—that was just H. D. Fisher out there swimming.

Jack Kemmerer sends a Christmas greeting from Pensacola, Florida.

Ray Hightower is sporting a new pair of very dark goggles. Says he wants to keep up to date and will wear them during blackouts.

"Hotfoot" Harvey is now training for his grand opera debut. Has trained his voice untill it resembles nearly a howl, especially around 7:00 a.m. May we suggest that you take a few lessons from our mutual friend Daniel Keeley, who really has a good voice and can sing.

Famous last words at Subway Terminal: "Have you got your lantern?"

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of you and don't forget—Buy U. S. Defense Bonds and help defeat the infamous Axis powers.

Our sincere sympathy to Conductor Max Stolps and family for their bereavement of Mrs. M. Stolpe who died December 14th, 1941 after a brief illness.

OCEAN PARK CAR HOUSE

By Bill Williams

It's been a long time since O. P. C. H. has had any publicity in the Magazine; and as we have a lot of things down here that we are really proud of, I took it upon myself to tell your readers something about them.

In one of your recent issues there was an account of a baseball game played between Hill Street Terminal and this terminal; and this report would lead your readers to believe that Hill Street were the victors. Now anybody that has any baseball knowledge at all, knows that to be an impossibility. Dake Boardman, Pat Garrison and I were talking things over the day before the game, and knowing that we had a soft touch, the only question was how to keep track of the correct score; we decided to take over the adding machine; as the game turned out, even

this was useless, as before the seventh inning was completed the tape in the machine had run out and we could use the machine no more.

But, all joking aside, we have the best softball team on the P. E. and are willing to prove it at any time.

I expect that many of your readers when visiting Ocean Park have noticed the P. E. Coffee Shop, which is located right beside our ticket office; this is another venture which we are proud of; everybody working there is connected in some way with the P. E., either directly or indirectly, and the meals they serve are the best, and the girls that attend to your wants are the "tops". For courtesy, service, beauty and form, you can't match them anywhere, not even at Earl Carroll's Vanities.

Where else on the P. E. can you find a lady "Dues Collector"? We have one here, and when the boys draw their pay-checks, instead of trying to dodge the collectors, they are only too eager to fall in line, and if you are acquainted with Mrs. Ludvigson you won't be surprised at that, really a swell girl.

Ocean Park Terminal is also famous for having as one of its members, Mr. George Rice; this fellow is really uncanny, as he can give you advice on almost any subject, but specializes on "the horses," and the "Fair Sex", and anything he tells you can be relied upon, as his reputation for reliability and truthfulness is well known.

We should also like to mention a member of the mechanical staff at this terminal: Carl Wright is one of the most energetic and hardworking fellows you could wish for; you only have to mention that something is wrong and he finds it right away. He never seems to get tired, and I understand that in his spare time he runs a hog ranch just outside the City Limits of West Los Angeles.

At a recent meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, C. McLindon was elected to the office of Grand Counsellor, and this fine compliment seems to have changed his mode of living. We understand that he is taking piano lessons, learning the minuet, and has baby ribbon in his underwear.

Of course, at this time, all of us are thinking about the war, and everyone is planning on what they individually can do to be of help. Those of us who are too old to do the fighting, can help in a great many ways, and there isn't anyone in this country that can do too much to pay for the privilege of being a citizen of this great democracy.

Bob—"I hear Harry had a big party last night."

Barbara—"Yes. I saw him with her."



WAS AT PEARL HARBOR

From Eddie C. Giffin, Conductor No. 1344, Southern District, who was one of the first of our employes to go into Military service, and who was well known to a lot of our folks, comes an interesting letter to Miss H. M. Freedle, of the Personnel Bureau, with whom he has corresponded occasionally since entering the service of "Uncle Sam". Giffin went to Oahu in November, 1940.

December 19, 1941

Hello Miss Freddie:

How are you and how are things going on the job? I hope you are well and that everything is going along o.k.

I know that you have read or heard the news reports of what we have had over here, well when I return in a few years I will tell you about it. It does not seem right to have 4th of July in December but that is what we had over here.

All of us are o.k. and we are doing our part to the best. As long as we have the kind of fellows that are in my outfit and the kind of officers we have, it will be o.k. The fellows all work together and there is a lot of the personnel you can't beat. I am glad to serve my country with the outfit I'm with.

I hope that my job will be there when I return. Well this is all for this time. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you get time, drop a line. I am always glad to hear from you. Please address as follows just plain Giffin, E. C., 251 P.H. on the envelope and no more otherwise I may not receive it. Tell them all hello for me. "COULD YOU USE A JAP JANITOR? HA! HA! I'll bring one back".

Sincerely

Giffin, E. C.

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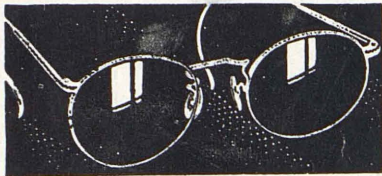
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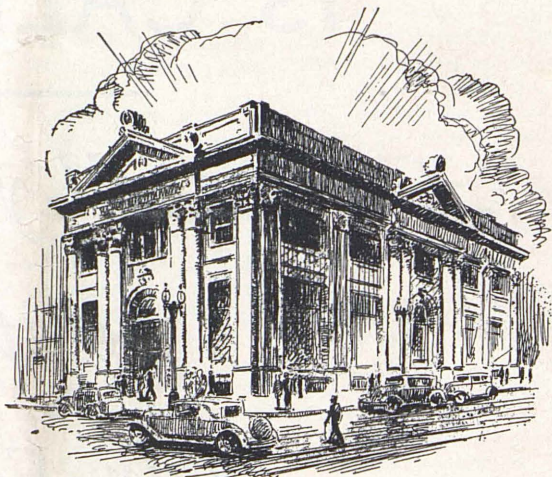


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