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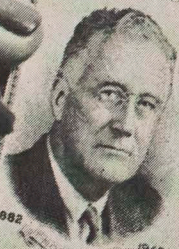


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To Mary -
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Santa*



The Season's Greetings

THE DREARY WAR YEARS are now a thing of the past and the Holiday Season of 1945 is truly a time of gladness and rejoicing for we celebrate our first peacetime Christmas in four years.

The year 1945 has been eventful and will long be remembered as a year of accomplishment for the nation as well as Pacific Electric. In a large measure, the accomplishments of Pacific Electric are due to your cooperation and effort, and to you I express my appreciation.

Many of our co-workers are still in the armed forces and it is our New Year's wish that they will soon return and be with us again.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

O. A. SMITH
President.



BUY BONDS!
Help Bring **MORE** of Our
Men Back!

In Memoriam

Victor Silva Villalobos, private first class, U. S. Infantry, and formerly employed as a Laborer in the Torrance Store.

Victor died of unknown cause in a German prison camp some months ago—the exact date is not certain. He came to work for Pacific Electric as a Laborer on December 18, 1941, and went into military service on July 31, 1942.

To his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Philipie Castorena Villalobos, of 1716 East 111th Place, Los Angeles, is extended the sincere sympathy of Pacific Electric employees.



WELCOME HOME

Pacific Electric Employees Returned from Military Service since Last Publication of Pacific Electric Magazine

Alexander, Wm. C.	Leman, L. J.
Amos, James T.	Lutz, L.
Averill, Horace C.	Madden, L. C.
Beach, R. B.	Madrigal, Antonio
Berkshire, Ralph E.	Margrave, Harley A.
Burdsal, R. G.	Martinez, Frank R.
Burgess, John H.	Mason, Audry G.
Burns, Richard H.	McCullum, Herbert B.
Cendejas, Henry	Meinert, Cyril V.
Chambers, Oliver B.	Michaels, Harvey S.
Charles, James R.	Morgan, David R.
Clabaugh, Jack W.	Nachman, Lawrence Richard
Cobbs, Donald E.	Nelson, Philip F.
Collette, Walter I.	Newton, L. A.
Colton, R. W.	Peak, Ople T.
Cooper, Lyle	Pearson, Everett C.
Cruz, Wm. C.	Perkins, W. E.
Davidson, C. H.	Peterson, H. B.
Edmondson, Justin F.	Phillips, Vernon E.
Fawley, R. F.	Poitz, Arnold
Fraker, John L.	Pottoroff, William A.
Gaul, C. E.	Rhinard, Guy
Goodman, Jim F.	Rumfield, Lester C.
Gore, Joseph T.	Scott, Floyd R.
Grayson, Willie J.	Smith, Raymond C.
Green, Edna L.	Stein, Joseph
Griffin, Elma R.	Stiles, Murl L.
Hamilton, John L.	Tedder, Lawrence I.
Harris, Charles L.	Thompson, Harry S.
Hendrickson, James C. K.	Todd, Wilvert
Hintz, Reuben F.	Toliver, Floyd McClain
Holcomb, Norman F.	Urquhart, Kenneth C.
Hunter, Brooks L.	Widman, F. A.
Ice, Loran D. Jr.	Wilkins, Hugh W.
Kircher, Henry W.	Williams, Carl E.
Krafft, Jack H.	Williams, Hugh E.
Lara, Daniel E.	Wippert, Charles E.

Christmas, 1945

Christmas, 1945, will be something extra special. For many PE employees the lights on the tree will gleam with added brightness; the traditional "fixings" will take on a sweeter savor, and there will be more abiding meaning in the beautiful words of the old carols—all because Johnny has come marching home—for good.

This was the dream which sustained so many heavy hearts through hours of agony. Some day, they prayed, *some day soon*, they'd all be together again, as a family. But before that dream could be realized there was a job to do, and a war to be won.

This Christmas you hold a magic wand which will make all your dreams a reality. Those bonds you've been buying regularly on pay roll savings—those bonds which you give to your family this Christmas—will keep on giving through the years to come. They'll build the home you've longed for, brick by brick—bond by bond. Your future will be serene and comfortable because you have built it that way.

This year the Christmas candle lights the way ahead. We can see it shining with even greater brilliance in days to come. It's shining for all of us who know that Victory Bonds in 1945 mean dreams-come-true—ten years from now.



1 Everything was ready—and it was just like I dreamed it those endless months overseas! Christmas at home with Jean and the kid. Carols clear and sweet over the radio—the smell of bacon and coffee coming up from the kitchen! You couldn't imagine how swell I felt riding Billy down the stairs piggy-back to see the tree and the presents.



4 We started breakfast but we couldn't get Billy away from the tree. He marched up and down tooting his horn, beating his drum, and everytime he would look at us he'd laugh.



5 Once Jean came out of the kitchen and giggled when she saw me on the floor trying to work out a jig-saw puzzle for Billy.
"It's a lucky thing we bought that for him. YOU certainly seem to be getting a terrific kick out of it!"



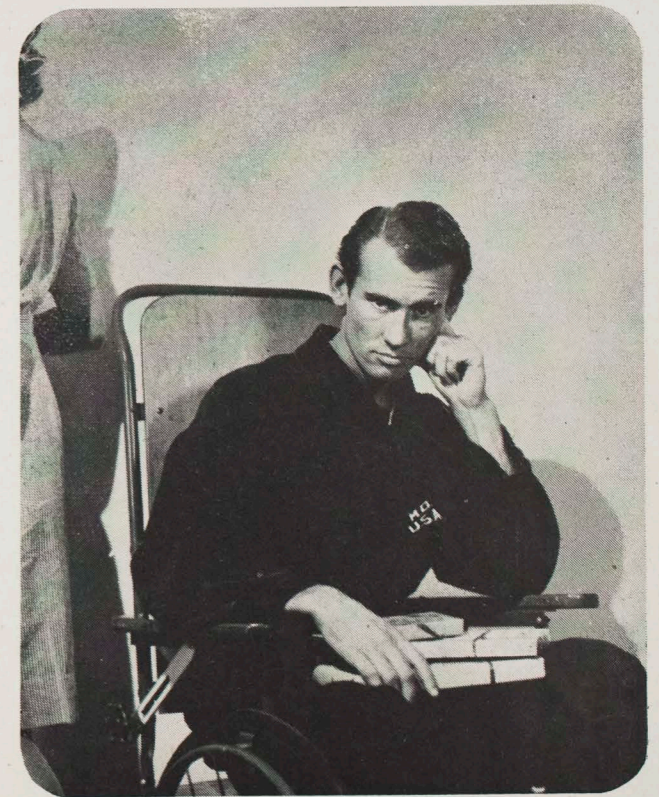
2 Jean said something about breakfast first, and then we'd open presents, but we couldn't wait. Billy ran right to the tree. Gosh, I thought, it was worth all the tough going just to see the smile come out on Billy's face when I switched on the lights and he saw the stuff which we had left underneath the branches the night before.



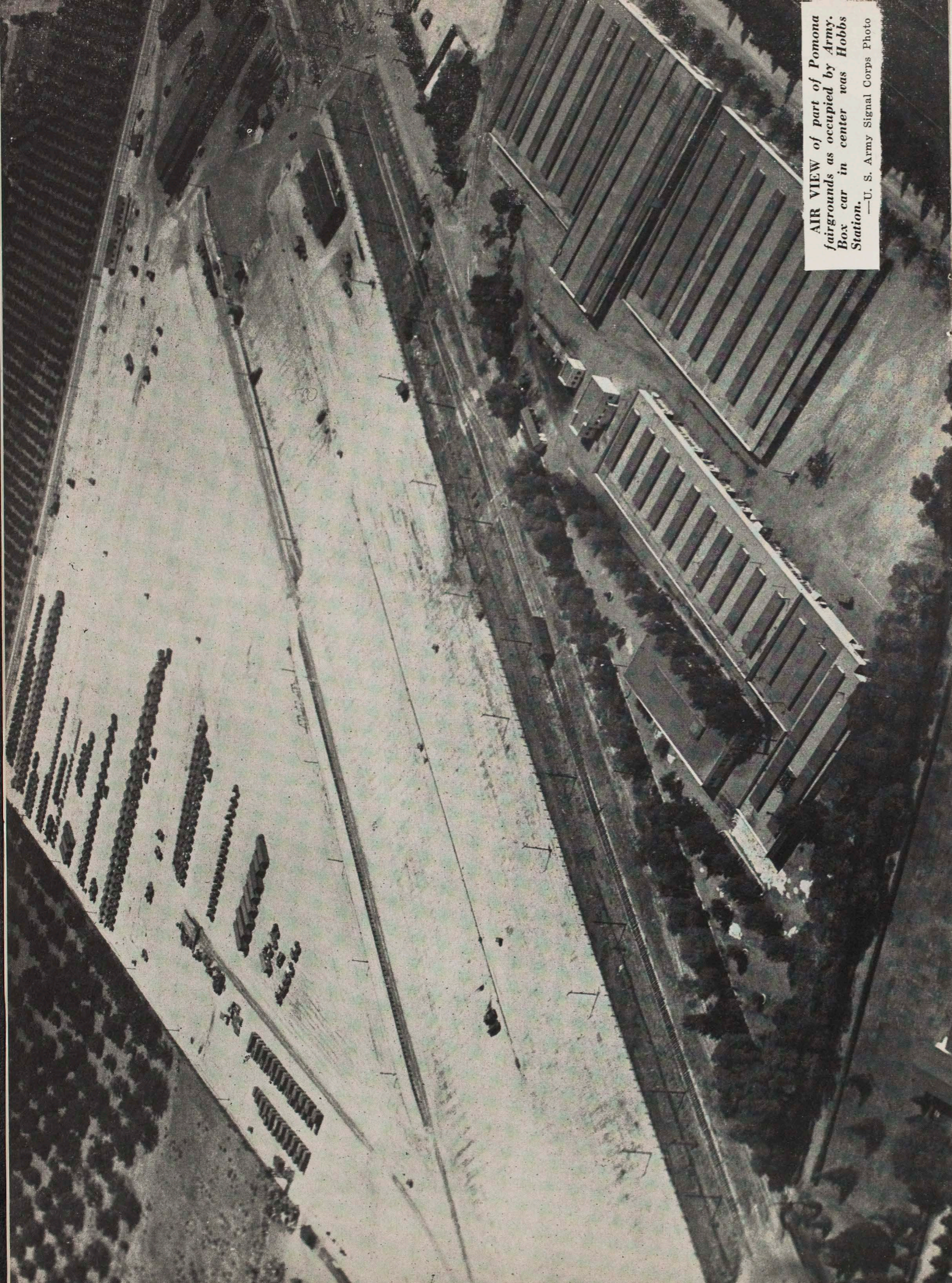
6 "We ought to snap his picture," she went on, "right there under the tree." But I knew that wasn't necessary. I'd always remember the way everything was that morning.



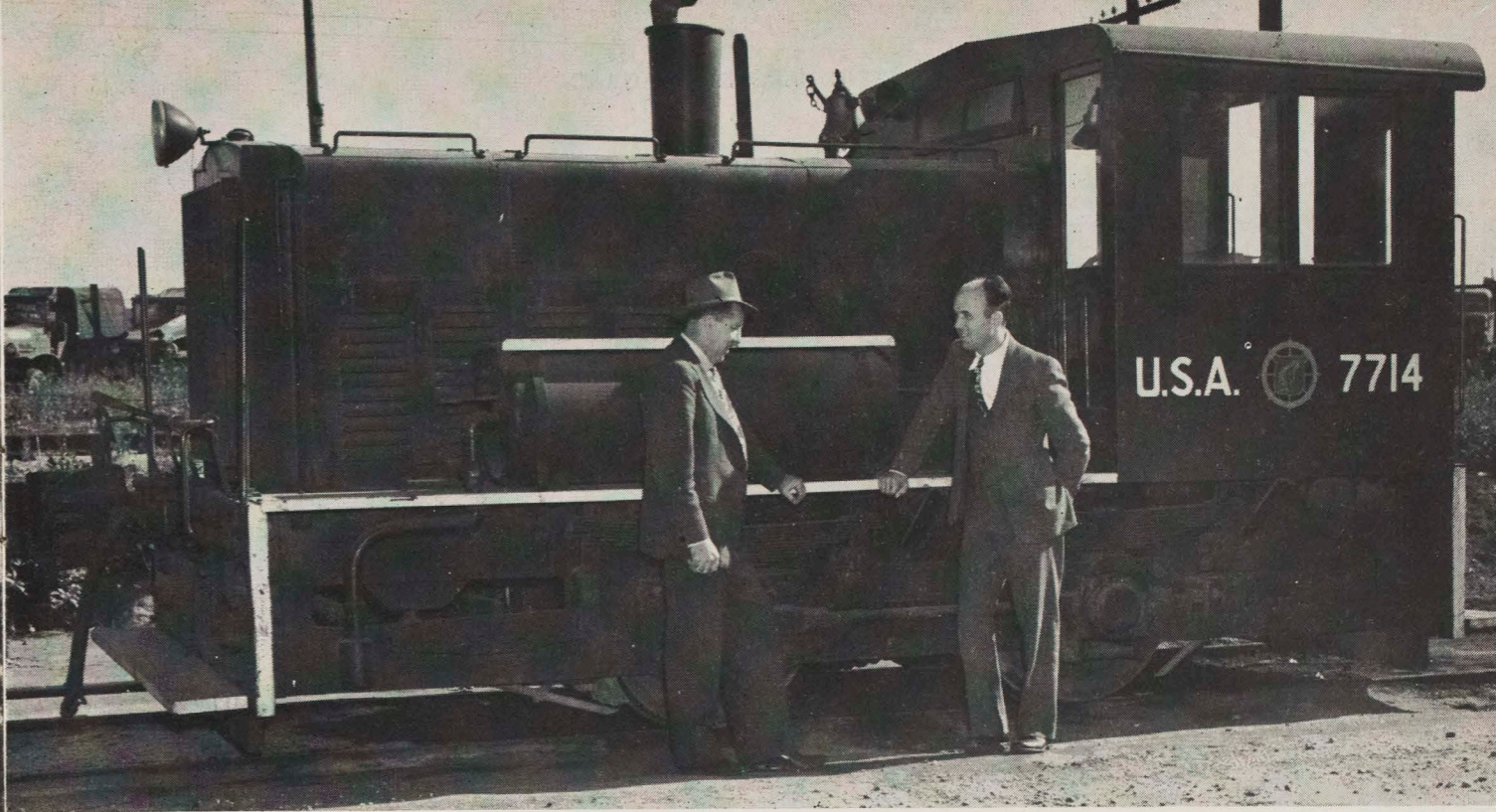
3 You wouldn't believe it, but Billy just didn't know which one to pick up first. "See, Mommy," he exclaimed. "See, what I have?" But after a minute he would find something else. "Look, Daddy, look at this." Jean and I just sat under the tree watching him . . .



7 It sure was a swell dream—while it lasted . . . Guess it'll be next Christmas before I can really celebrate with Billy and Jean—but it won't be TOO bad. I'm getting the best of care—the Victory Bonds you buy will see to that. Yes, your Victory Bonds will bring me home, and will build a more secure world for us all—tomorrow.



AIR VIEW of part of Pomona fairgrounds as occupied by Army. Box car in center was Hobbs Station.—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo



ARMY SWITCHER used at Pomona fairgrounds, site of Army supply and automotive repair depot and of PE's Hobbs Agency. Agent George Ray (right) and Assistant Freight Supervisor Jack Walsh stand in front talking it over.

COUNTY FAIR IN '46?

Hobbs Agency Closes as Army Leaves Pomona Fairgrounds

Will there be a Los Angeles County Fair in 1946?

Now that the Army has moved out of the fairgrounds and Agent George W. Ray has closed the Hobbs Agency after its existence of three years and one month (November 30 was the official closing date), the question is being asked by numbers of people who love fine agricultural exhibits, sideshows, horse racing, big crowds, and hot dogs with mustard.

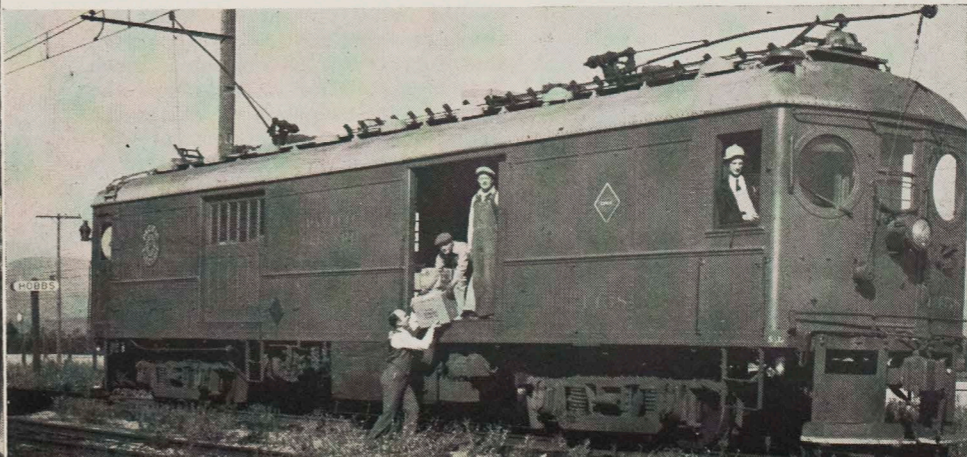
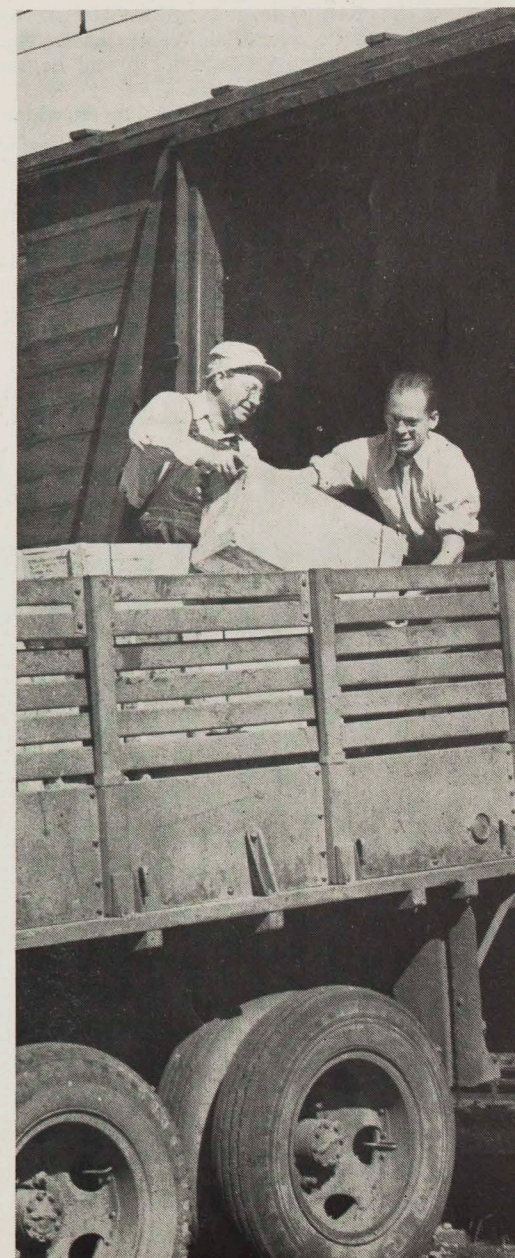
If there is a fair, it will be only

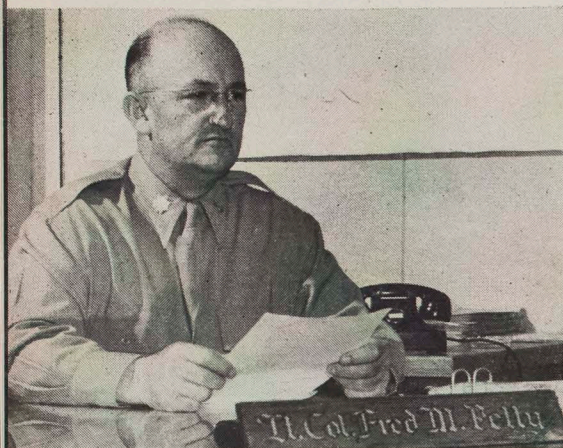
because the Fair Association President, C. B. ("Jack") Afferbaugh, will have managed to get mountains of preparations accomplished. Trying to turn a huge improvised Army automotive repair shop back into a fair isn't easy. So Jack's answer to the question is, "I don't know at this time."

ARMY TAKES OVER

The story begins with the Pearl Harbor disaster. Pomona fairgrounds, with its 250 level acres, its 30 build-

BOX MOTOR came daily to Hobbs Station at noon. Agent Ray receiving express from Conductor Ben Cardella. Motorman is R. S. Copeland; standing in doorway is Messenger O. J. Hart. At right, Army truck being unloaded into box car which served as Hobbs Station. Ray Krafft (hatless) was Agent Ray's last Clerk.





—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo
LT. COL. FRED M. PETTY, commanding officer of Ordnance Service Command Shop, Army Service Forces, Pomona.

ings, its parking area for 25,000 cars, its railroad facilities, and its network of roads ready to use, was a natural when, a few days after Pearl Harbor, the Army needed military reservations all over the West Coast. The military moved in quickly and began to make changes.

The big west parking lot, on which the Army quickly built 400 housing units, became a reception center under military guard for Japanese-Americans until the last of 5,000 of them were relocated on August 24, 1942.

SUPPLY AND REPAIR DEPOT

But from April 20, 1942, until November 30, 1945, the chief function of Pomona fairgrounds was as a supply and repair depot for motorized Army equipment, such as tanks,

TYPICAL OF THE WORK done at the Pomona base is the repair work going on in the chassis section of the shops. —U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo



jeeps, trucks. Here civilians were trained by the Army to make automotive repairs in order to relieve soldiers for active duty.

PE AGENCY SET UP

Toward the end of 1942 the depot area was widened to include Arizona and Utah in a maneuver area where General George S. Patton began training troops in desert warfare under conditions made as realistic as possible. When it became evident that a large volume of freight would be moved in and out of the base, Pacific Electric established in October, 1942, the Hobbs Agency on the base, with office in a small corner of the Domestic Arts Building, which also housed the office of the commanding officer. Relief Agents Charles Stein and Phil Durant started the agency, but that same month George W. Ray bid in the job and remained as Agent until it closed last November 30, after a life of three years and one month.

OTHER CHANGES

Many other changes in the fairgrounds were made by the Army to suit their requirements. Livestock pavilions and barns were transformed into storage buildings. Big exhibit buildings became machine shops. Railway sidings were run through the area and huge loading platforms were constructed here and there. The big grandstand was turned into a theater and a divisional post office.

FREIGHT HAULED

The great activity and importance of the Pomona fairgrounds as an Army base is indicated by the amount of freight hauled by Pacific Electric to and from the Hobbs Agency. Agent George Ray (now at Yorba Linda) states that during the life of the



C. B. ("JACK") AFFLERBAUGH, President and Secretary-Manager of the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona.

Agency there were 3,652 carloads received and 7,271 forwarded, a total of 10,923 handled. Total weight was close to 155,000 tons. Pretty good for a "war baby."

WAR PRISONERS

Another problem that vexes the fair authorities is the 1,500 German war prisoners who populate the west grounds. "There is no indication when they will be removed," says Mr. Afflerbaugh. "In fact, there is a hint that more of them may be sent here from northern states where winter weather halts their usefulness. These German prisoners are used to relieve the acute shortage of agricultural help."

LABOR SCARCE

The difficulty of obtaining sufficient skilled and semiskilled labor to effect reconversion also has President Afflerbaugh worried. And only a week after the last fair (in 1941) the giant agricultural exhibit building burned down and must be rebuilt or other quarters must be provided.

"Whether all this can be accomplished under present conditions between now and next fall is a question that cannot now be answered, much as the fair officials wish to hold the fair as soon as possible," states the President. "One thing they are determined upon, however, and that is that they will not reopen the exposition until they are fully assured that they can present a bigger and better fair than ever. They have prided themselves on doing this ever since the first showing back in 1922."

Victory Banquet for Agents Given by President Smith

W. W. Hale, SP Vice President, Among Special Guests; O. A. Smith Thanks Agents for Fine War Job and Urges More Sales Effort to Meet Sharper Postwar Competition

As a means of thanking Agents and Assistant Agents for doing their part in helping win the war, President O. A. Smith gave them a victory banquet on Friday, November 9, at the Jonathan Club. A total of 108 were present, including special guests. Senior Assistant General Superintendent T. L. Wagenbach acted as master of ceremonies for the affair.

Of 78 listed on the Agents' roster, 72 were present, headed by Station Supervisor H. E. Foskett and Assistant Station Supervisors George F. Jehl, E. W. Swanson and L. A. Vincent.

HONOR GOLD STAR MEN

A solemn note on this festive occasion was struck near the beginning when the entire gathering stood in silence for ten seconds in honor of Pacific Electric's Gold Star employees.

Mr. Wagenbach began the program by introducing all the Agents. He then introduced the guests at the head table, who each made brief remarks.

PRESIDENT THANKS AGENTS

President Smith thanked the Agents for their fine war job, stressed the need for cooperation between management and labor, pointed out the growing competition for business, and urged Agents to make special efforts to sell Pacific Electric service to the traveling public and to shippers.

Mel Soper, President of the Agents' Association, thanked Mr. Smith, in the name of the Agents, for the fine dinner and courtesy shown.

HEAD TABLE GUESTS

Special guests from the Southern Pacific Company sat at the head table, and included W. W. Hale, Vice President in charge of Freight Traffic; George J. Blech, Freight Traffic Manager, Los Angeles Division; and George B. Hanson, General Passenger Agent, Los Angeles Division.

Others at the head table included G. F. Squires, General Superintendent; F. F. Willey, Assistant to the Freight Traffic Manager and Freight Claim Agent; H. O. Marler, Passenger Traffic Manager; Clifford Thorburn, Purchasing Agent; and Mrs. Lieuvernica Dickinson, Assistant

Agent at Pomona and the only woman present. Invited but unable to be present were R. E. Labbe, Treasurer of Pacific Electric; Jno. J. Suman, Secretary and Auditor of the company; and E. C. Johnson, Chief Engineer.

OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS

A number of retired Agents were present, including E. T. Battey, O. J. Hamble, W. W. May, George A. Schmidt, Charles L. Smith, A. E. Stempel, and L. M. Jones.

Also present as special guests were T. C. Keedy, assistant to Mr. Hanson; V. F. Frizzell, assistant to Mr. Blech; Donald Batman, Assistant to the President; J. R. Worthington, Assistant General Superintendent in charge of Passenger Service; and P. B. McDonald, Assistant Chief Clerk, Car and Freight Service Bureau.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

The dinner menu included shrimp cocktails, lettuce salad, fried chicken with appropriate vegetables, pumpkin pie, and coffee.

Victory Chest Thanks Employees And Editor for Generosity

In recognition of the generosity of Pacific Electric employees toward the Los Angeles Area Victory Chest, and of the many columns of publicity donated to the cause by the PACIFIC ELECTRIC MAGAZINE, Neil Petree, president of the Victory Chest, on November 6 addressed the following letter to Glenn E. Collins, Supervising Editor of the Magazine:

Dear Mr. Collins:

As president of the Victory Chest, may I express my appreciation not only to your generous readers, but also to you? In your capacity as editor of this publication, you cooperated fully with the Victory Chest by publicizing the needs of its 140 causes, and thus helped immeasurably to assume the success of our 1945-46 campaign.

Because I believe it is important that your readers know this fact, I hope you will publish this letter in

PE Medical Service Praised by Retired Man After Major Operation

Still another tribute to the Pacific Electric Hospital Association comes from John L. Columbus, former machinist at Macy Repair Shop and now retired as of September 16 after over 38 years of service. His letter reads:

328 W. 74th St.,

Los Angeles, California.

Pacific Electric Medical Dept.:

A few months ago I was seriously ill. Now I am getting strong and healthy. I owe all this to the Pacific Electric Medical Department which made it possible for me to undergo a tremendous operation.

Therefore, I wish to express my deepest and sincerest gratitude to DR. W. L. WEBER and DR. W. H. DANIEL who so successfully performed this miraculous and delicate operation, and to the St. Vincent's Hospital nurses, from whom I received such wonderful care.

My best wish to all.

JOHN L. COLUMBUS.

Mr. Columbus' wife (formerly Red Cross Chairman for the Women's Club) and their two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Mason and Mrs. Bernice Armstrong, also wish it known that Mr. Columbus' gratitude to the Medical Department is enthusiastically shared by them.

the next issue of PACIFIC ELECTRIC MAGAZINE.

In that way, it will also be possible for me to let all Victory Chest contributors in your organization know the gratitude of the people who are being helped by the Victory Chest. We have in our files letters from military hospitals, occupation zones, devastated Allied Countries, and addresses in our own Community where a child's life has been saved in a Victory Chest hospital or a family has received the kind of assistance that kept it together.

All of these letters make it clear that contributors to the Victory Chest are accepting a share of the responsibility that has fallen on all of us, to help guide the world toward a lasting peace.

Sincerely,

NEIL PETREE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

By
**Suzanne
Margot
Jacquemin**



Our shack looks right good with its black and red tile linoleum floor and new shades. It is a smooth job, any way you look at it!

It is hard to realize that the months have tumbled one after another and that Christmas is here once more. This has certainly been a year long to be remembered, for most of us, and especially for Trainmaster Earl Johnson, who became a grandpa on Friday, November 16 at 8:15 p.m., when his daughter Helen gave birth to 7½ lb. Diana Joan Goddard. . . . L. H. ("Cobby") Cobb was de-ton-silized by Dr. Clayton at St. Vincent's. . . . Byrl Young has a one-way radio in his super-de-luxe Dodge. . . . Mary Hendrix spent Saturday afternoon "bunny-hunting" and will soon be seen in a new fur coat—what's next? . . . Evelyn ("Evy") Moore is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her step-children from San Francisco. . . . Florence Furnival's daughter, Margie, left from San Francisco to teach school in Hawaii. . . . Fred Stranad (whose daughter also left recently to teach school in the Islands) resigned last month. . . . Charles Looney left the janitor job, leaving State Street high and dry without janitor's services. . . .

No, it was not a carload of shrimps that made C. W. Coutts rush to LAUPT one bright sunny afternoon, it was the arrival of his son. And

HIGHBALL!—Brakeman Eddie Bracken, leaving State Street on a San Bernardino hauler, gives the Engineer the go-ahead.

—Courtesy Wm. F. Barham

speaking of Navy Day, little Suzie had her interest too, in the pride and joy of the Navy, a certain ex-chief who received a Good Conduct Medal and an honorable discharge. . . . R. L. Nunn is in the States from Guam and Harry Holt is thrilling the gang with tales of Okinawa, Guadalcanal, and all those history-making places. . . .

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walker, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on October 21, and to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Beck, who also celebrated their "China" anniversary on November 25. . . . Thanks oceans for the deer (s'cuse pls.) venison steaks, R. M. Jones and C. B. McClure; and also for the receipt, Mrs. Bobby Calvett (vinegar and salt h-m-m). . . . Thanks, Photographer Harley Talbott, for the enlargements you made of my late Dad, E. V. Jacquemin. . . . Also thanks for the write-ups in last issue, Rosanne Smith, and Mrs. Tellechea. . . . Lillian and Jack Martin are amongst our newly-wedded happy couples.

Too many errors in the October issue: "Pap" should have been "Pat" Pope; "Ray" should have been "Roy" Thornburg; the Golden Rule and Eleanor's vacation were rather jazzed up; and "Burl" should have been "Byrl" Young. Nuff said. . . .

Bob Hilliard just returned from the battlefronts of Europe. A Substation Relief Operator, he stopped by Valley Junction and paid State Street a visit, discussing Masonic Club news with Earl Johnson and the Luxembourg situation with the red-head. . . . Mrs. Mary Adams announced the marriage of her daughter, Mary Laura, to our own Ralph Edgar Ross on Wednesday, October 24, at Los Angeles. It can now be told that Mary and Ralph were married on Roy and Rusty Thornburg's 13th wedding anniversary, and the Thornburgs not only introduced the young people, but also stood up for them. To Mary and

Ralph and the Thornburg cupids, we wish many more years of marital happiness. . . .

The boys are really coming home proudly displaying their discharge buttons. . . . Casey Hoffman, Clerk at Butte Street, is on indefinite sick leave. . . . Wallace Warren Donaghu, brother of Merle Donaghu, is working in civvies. Wallace is planning to study medicine, and though he is only 24 years old, has overseas and naval credit of almost six years. . . .

Do your Christmas shopping early, and here's hoping Santa brings you everything your hearts desire!

ROOM 221 AND VICINITY

By Rosanne Smith

"Breezy bits" that come from hither and yon. An apology to co-workers on the delay in reporting the happy affair given for Mrs. Esther Lane. On October 15 Mrs. Lane, of our Personnel Dept., gave birth to a lovely little miss—Janet, by name. Previous to this event a "stork party" was held at the home of Harriet Wisings of our Law Dept. Sharing honors with Mrs. Wissings were Elna Raugust, Lillian Ryan, and Mrs. Evelyne Kipp, all of the Personnel Dept. Among the other attending guests were Miss Helen Freedle, Irene Schwertfeger, Pauline Sutton, Bonnie Pomerenk, all of Personnel; Mrs. Katherine Salmon of Transportation; and Mrs. L. R. McIntyre and Mrs. H. L. Young. Highlights of the party were the blue wooden cradle which contained flowers, the individual ice creams imprinted with blue and pink booties, and the presentation of gifts from a bassinette.

Speaking of new additions, our own office has been practically filled with newcomers. Mrs. Ruth Barney has taken over the secretarial duties for Mr. Ivan Erhardt. Jeanette Everson has moved down the hall to Mr. H. E. Foskett's office, and a new "man," Hugh Cooper, just out of military service, has taken over Jeannie's duties as Mr. E. B. Whiteside's Secretary. Pearl Burruss, another new face, has accepted the position just vacated by Louise Gordon, who joined the staff of the Land and Tax Dept. Mrs. Beverly Hart (widow of the late David Hart, formerly of the Schedule Bureau) has the sweet face you see at our front desk.

Other "oldies and newies": The former Edna Green and now recent bride of Forrest Hughey (Motor Transit Operator) is now holding the position of Mr. C. M. Allen's secretary. Wayne Smith (a newie) who was transferred from our offices after a short stay, is also in the Train-

PASSENGERS APPRECIATE

**Conductor L. A. Dishon,
Motorman M. J. Hefner**

Accompanied by his faithful dog, a little boy of 2½ years, clad in his pajamas, was sauntering along Pacific Electric's private right of way at Vineyard about 8:00 o'clock on the morning of November 4.

How long he had been there they didn't know, but Motorman Merle J. Hefner and Conductor Lloyd A. Dishon, who were heading westward in their car, 672, on the San Vicente shuttle, saw him when they were 150 feet away, and quickly stopped.

Upon questioning the little lad, they found that his mother, Mrs. W. J. O'Keefe, lived at 845 Keniston Avenue. Taking him to Highland and San Vicente, they called his mother and waited for her to come for her little son.

Messrs. Hefner and Dishon report losing one round trip because of their delay, but a mother gained back her child—and it is certain that PE gained prestige with Mrs. O'Keefe and her friends.

Motor Coach Operators

**J. L. Patterson and
J. L. Gilmore**

From a regular rider on the Los Angeles - Montrose - Sunland Line comes a letter dated November 14. It reads, in part:

"We waited from 5:05 until 5:25 p.m. for the fifth bus driver, whose bus was more crowded than any of the other four, but he made room for us to get on. We were really angry by then, but he poured oil on troubled waters and was so nice in every way

that I want to commend him for his courtesy. His number was 3327 [J. L. Patterson].

"Another one who deserves praise for his service to the passengers day my day is 510 [J. L. Gilmore], who is usually on the morning run."

EMILY BIRD.

**Conductor
C. H. Stanford**

November, 1945.

Pacific Electric Railway Co.:

On my way to work the other morning I lost my billfold with \$10.26 in it. Conductor 346 [C. H. Stanford] found it and turned it in and I surely was very grateful and happy to think there are some people in this world that are honest and I wanted you folks to know how I appreciate it. Many thanks.

MRS. RUTH KUNTZ.

—And never think the company management doesn't appreciate such employes as these, too! They're the best salesmen Pacific Electric has on the road.

A kind old gentleman saw a little boy trying to reach a door bell. He rang the bell for him, then said: "What now, my little man?"

"Run like blazes," said the boy. "That's what I'm going to do."

"Been fishing, haven't you? Catch anything?"

"Yes, indeed, caught the 8:30 there and the 6:10 back. Got caught in a storm, caught cold and, boy, will I catch it when I get home!"

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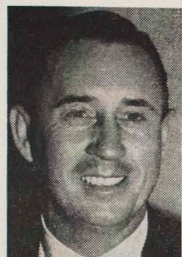
P. A. Du Bose at P. E. Club

Joe Sharpless, Rep. L. A. Motor Coach Employes



QUESTION AND ANSWER BOX
for
PASSENGER CONDUCTORS AND OPERATORS

By
W. J. Fenwick



**Supervisor,
Northern and
Southern
Districts**

With your kind permission, the usual column has been set aside to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Trainmasters and staff members wish to express their many thanks to the heads of the many departments, as well as to the many individuals of these departments, for their excellent cooperation and helpfulness.

We are grateful to the many platform men, who day after day have borne the brunt of heavy travel under wartime conditions, and have worked together to set up a new record for the number of passengers carried.

In spite of this cooperation the last year has left behind a series of accidents, many of which have been fatal. Let us resolve that with the coming year there will be fewer of them. There will be if each individual

will put forth every effort to cooperate in preventing them.

We hear so often the word "cooperation," the phrase "willingness to work together as a unit," that such work and phrases have become trite and meaningless. A visual illustration is often necessary to express the importance of a word or phrase.

Such an example occurred a few weeks ago at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, when the speaker endeavored to show by illustration how one little effort alone is a very small item, but how the combined efforts of all can produce results.

The lights were darkened. One solitary match was struck. The result was only a flicker, a tiny flame in the darkness of the arena.

At a given signal everyone in the Coliseum struck a match. Nearly one

hundred thousand small flames sprang up, lighting the Coliseum in an amazing way. Thousands of little matches working together.

To you, an individual effort to prevent accidents may appear small and insignificant. But the combined efforts of all will give us a no-accident program that can't be beaten.

As the Christmas holidays are near, when we bid our patrons good night, what greater gift could we give than the thought "I have brought you safely home?"

**SIXTH & MAIN
TERMINAL**

By **W. B. Shrewsbury**

We had about decided this bit of trite patter was too much for us, and had contemplated giving it up altogether, but our 40 million readers have ruled otherwise. We have been deluged by literally millions of questions from an equal number of avid readers as to why no column for the last two months, and we have had to answer rather shamefully, "Too busy."

Incidentally, if some of you are wondering why your seniority is not as good as it was six months ago, here's the answer. We have back from the service some young old-timers with Motor Transit. They are **John H. Burgess**, who bumped **Sam McGraw** as the board make-up man in the office; **R. F. Chappus** working the MT extra board; **H. C. Ireland**, working out of El Monte; **H. B. Sandgren**, working out of Whittier; **Harold S. Updike**, working MT extra board; and **A. M. Spillsbury**, who is taking a month's vacation before reporting to work.

**Former Trucker Wins
International Pistol Meet**

International champion pistol shot is 23-year-old **Lt. J. C. Worthington** of the Army Engineers, and a Trucker on leave from the Los Angeles Freight House.

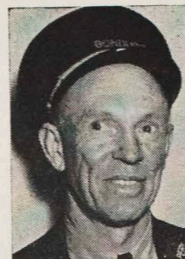
Last month he teamed with the well-known tournament shot **Captain R. A. Niblock** to defeat 200 other teams at the fourth annual pistol tournament sponsored by the New York Daily Mirror. The tourney was held at Teaneck, New York, and teams were composed exclusively of servicemen. It was Worthington's first big-time competition.

Lt. Worthington is the son of Assistant General Superintendent **J. R. Worthington**.

Son: "Dad, what is experience?"

Dad: "Generally speaking, my boy, experience is what you have left after you've lost everything else."

**MACY STREET
TERMINAL**



By
**Ted
Harrison**

Well, by the time you get this copy of the PACIFIC ELECTRIC MAGAZINE it will leave you very little time for your Christmas shopping, but to be in time for something else I'll say a real Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of you at Macy and to the entire Pacific Electric Family.

Boy, oh boy, here's a laugh! It seems that recently Conductor **Mapes** was breaking in on the San Bernardino Line and took a train order but did not catch the Dispatcher's name. He asked to have it repeated and the voice came over the phone "Newman." Again he asked to have it repeated and again it came over the wire: "N-e-w-m-a-n." Then the Conductor's voice came back: "Well, I'm a new man, too, and I know how you feel." Listen, **Mapes**, when you want a change, maybe you could bump a good daylight trick on the North Dispatcher's board.

Hey, you Conductors who are a little slow at going back that 2000 feet! Some little time ago an accident happened and the Conductor was quite badly hurt, but—and here's the who's who for December—this same Conductor immediately went back the required distance and put out full protection. Yes, sir! Well, I wouldn't mention any names, but he spent some time in the hospital. And we say, "Good boy, Sergeant; that's what we Motormen like to see when we are coming along behind you. Just a contribution to 'Safety First' for us and the passengers we're carrying as well as the company that is handing out those checks every two weeks."

Some few months ago we reported **E. J. Fox**, son of our Terminal Foreman, as having been transferred to Glendale as Superintendent of Maintenance for the Pacific Cities Bus Lines. Now he has again got out the old carpet bag and packed up for a trip. He has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance at Salt Lake City. Salt Lake City has considerably more equipment than Glendale has.

Many of our older men will remember Conductor **E. J. Ickes**, whom we see around Macy Street at times.

We are sorry to hear of the death of his wife about a month ago.

Motorman **Nichols**, who some months ago went East for an operation, returned to Macy Street recently, and after working for two or three days found it too much and had to go back to the hospital. Hurry and get on the job again, **Nick**, we're all pulling for you.

Surprising how some guys will keep in the limelight. That fellow, Conductor **Frank Purpura**, is here again. Guess after all his wife is the one who should have the limelight. Why? Well, you see she presented **Frank** with a baby girl born October 25 at 12:04 p.m. Weight 6 lbs. 6 ozs., and **Frank** says, "My wife named it **Donna Mae**." So you see after all, **Frank**, you really don't count too much, but thanks for the cigars.

Oh, yes, fellows, someone else who thinks he rates is Motorman **Oscar Perry**. You see, this makes him "Grandpa."

**LONG BEACH
FREIGHT HOUSE**



By
**Jack
DeLaney**

Good news for our Demurrage Clerk, **Mary Stowell**. Her husband arrived home, having been overseas for practically a year this Christmas. From what **Mary** says, he has been right in the middle of the scrap. No

doubt it will be a grand Christmas for them both.

Along with the good news, we also received some sad news. Our faithful **Vic Watson**, Telegraph Operator and Clerk, lost his mother November 19. She was well along in years, but apparently was getting along quite well until she suffered a broken hip several days ago. All employees wish to express their deepest sympathies to **Vic** and his family.

E. R. Muse is taking a short leave of absence from the rate revising desk. On inquiry as to what he is doing on his leave, he says just a little bit less than nothing. No doubt he needs a rest after working so hard at the local station.

Loretto Risley, Freight Bill Clerk, feels very grateful toward Pacific Electric. Thanksgiving evening, as she was returning to Long Beach from Los Angeles over our line, near Compton, she was suddenly taken ill, as if with acute appendicitis. After one lady passenger had helped her, the Conductor—whose name and number she does not know—came to her rescue, telling her he would hold the train at Compton till she could get to a drug store for some soda. After the train had arrived at Long Beach, he inquired whether she was able to go home alone, and stated that if he was not he would make arrangements to get her home safely.

Loretto is convinced that one rides in safety and protected by competent Conductors on Pacific Electric trains. She is sorry she did not learn this courteous Conductor's name.

"Are you the man who was married in a cage of lions?"

"I'm the man."

"Did it seem exciting?"

"It did then, but it wouldn't now."

MT. LOWE ZOO, 1909—Motorman W. ("Billy") Bush, now retired, was the zoo keeper. Here he is feeding his friends, the bears.



ROUTINE BUSINESS—At the registration desk in their quarters at Sixth and Main Operators W. B. Rumsey and A. S. ("Al") Murray look up an assignment, while Operators Glen Asher and J. R. Johnson sign the register as they come in from a run.

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

North and South Districts

By
Guy F. Gehde



During recent months Clifford Sibbett, who served three and a half years during battles in South Pacific—discharged in July—paints with both left and right hands—well, he and Everett Sims did a swell job with “ice green paint” covering the walls and woodwork in Macy Car House Office. With new desks for J. W. Wilcomb, R. P. Murphy, Flora Greenough, and the writer, you’d better call and see how nice everything looks, and how happily we are occupied. It keeps Ruth Green continually busy scrubbing, but what a job she does. Especially just the day before Mr. Vanderzee arrives with the paychecks!

Our very much liked Steve Lindenmayer was drafted, and is now at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Cy Madill misses him. However Cy has two perfectly good men to assist him on diesels—Palmer H. Butts and Wilburn A. Martin.

New employes from the Navy and Army are Jack Turner, Joe Yesinkus, Paul J. Neiman—others, Albert Harrison and Louis H. Busse. Welcome, boys! Glad to have you with us.

Deep sympathy to the Baxendale family in the loss of their baby.

Sick list during November—Nash Vigil, Bernard Murphy, Dan McMackin, James Logan, and Maria Almada; sincerely hope for your speedy recovery and return to steady work.

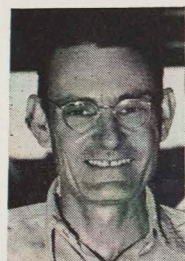
Mac Boswell had a visit from his nephew, Ernest Lowry, who will be discharged soon from the battleship Arizona. “Pop” Haggerty expects his boy home soon. Geo. Weatherby’s boy is in India. Wm. R. Tingler, Ass’t General Foreman, tells me his son, Harlan, who enlisted in the Coast Guard, is stationed at Atlantic City, N.J. radio school. Read a most interesting and comprehensive letter from John Hansen’s son, Woody; dated in November at Okazaki, Japan. Luebertha Williams back from ten-day leave after visiting her sweetheart in the Veterans Hospital at El Paso.

Bernice Ingram at the Repair Shop reports a fertile mind has suggested a loud-speaker system between office and operating department. Good idea,

hope you may put it over. Congratulations to the Noble Greenstreets on their 50th wedding anniversary. Henry Hammond and Frank Choens are going in for civic pride, vying with each other as to who has the best lawn or flowers. The Matten and Sadler families in the cabins at Crestline found it so cold they had to fell valuable trees for wood to keep warm. Jim Langley did a noteworthy job relieving Fred Soule while the latter was on vacation. Interesting letter from Hawaii to Nick Kinzinger from his son, Richard, who’s there on Pearl Harbor patrol. Think it’s time for all cigar smokers to get together—Jack Byrne, Joe Valdez, not to mention C. D. Strong, and Johnny (“Philip Morris”) Huemerich—a cigar would perhaps make him sick.

Happy Christmas from Macy St. May all your days be bright and merry!

MACY GARAGE



By
A. L. Bristow

The boys who served Uncle Sam are beginning to come back to us now. Joel D. (“Shorty”) Hall is back on his old job, and we are all mighty glad to have him with us again, for he has a sense of humor that nothing seems to dampen. J. B. Green dubbed him “Fox-Hole Shorty”—which may have come from his ability in getting into a pit when some B29’s happened to fly over.

Others we had the pleasure of welcoming back are Harry Thomson and Stanley Hanze. Altho they are going back to their old jobs, Harry at Long Beach and Stanley to Ocean Park, many of us at Macy worked with them before and are glad to see them back. Stanley not only saw a lot of service, but also got a bride in England. Contrgratulations, Stanley.

Many of the new employes are returned veterans. They are a modest bunch of fellows, and just seem to want to be considered as part of the gang. I’m sure all the old-timers will extend a helping hand to them and make them feel at home.

The only vacations this time were for Guy Woolley and Paul Jacoby, who both work at the Flower Street lot. Guy went to San Francisco on Lodge business, ’tis reported. Haven’t

talked to him since his return, but hope he had an enjoyable trip.

My apologies to L. Atwell and other vacationers. Because of getting my column in a little late there wasn’t enough space left so some of it had to be cut out. Will try to do better.

Many of us were grieved to hear of the passing of our good friend Mr. Ross, Twin Coach Representative.

We are glad to see Ralph Whitfield back after several days’ illness.

FIRE SAFETY RULES

1. Do your burning in an approved incinerator between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
2. If you dispose of rubbish by burning it in the open, make sure that the fire you start is at least 25 feet away from all buildings or fences. Never leave a fire of this type unattended. Stay with it until it is out. Burn the rubbish in small piles so that it doesn’t get out of control. Have your garden hose connected and handy so that you can control the fire if necessary.
3. It is illegal to burn weeds, wild oats, brush or other standing vegetation without first obtaining a permit from your nearest fire station. When obtaining a permit, definite instructions will be given you as to how such burning should be conducted.
4. Do not smoke in hazardous locations. Do not smoke in bed. Respect “No Smoking” signs. Remember, it is more important to extinguish a cigarette than it is to light it.
5. Do not overfuse or overload electrical circuits.
6. Use only approved electrical appliances. Replace all defective electrical wiring.
7. See that all gas appliances are safe, well guarded and properly adjusted.
8. Keep portable heaters a safe distance from curtains, drapes and overstuffed furniture.
9. Do not clean clothes in gasoline indoors.
10. Store flammable liquids in metal containers with tight fitting lids. Keep away from open flame.
11. Keep matches away from children.
12. Report fires promptly.

TORRANCE TOPICS (Stores Department)

By Evelyn Wright

They say “Nothing ventured, nothing gained,” so here goes. I have been asked to contribute to the Magazine this month for Fred. December! Christmas! Can it be here so soon? Seems no time at all since we all enjoyed such a nice Christmas party here in the Store Department.

Christmas will mean so much more this year for some of us are fortunate enough to have our brothers, sons and husbands home with us. My brother is home from overseas. Mr. Stock, our Storekeeper, has his son, Glenn, home from Puunene for the Holidays. Bob Cain, Hugh’s son, is being visited over the holidays by his wife, Mena. Bob is now stationed in Kansas. Hugh’s second son, Gene, writes he will be home from France in February. Cliff Ruppel and Larry Otto have both returned from overseas. Pasqual Palacios and Frank Martinez have also returned and are both back at work.

Christmas vacations will be enjoyed by Lena and Royce Robertson, Burt Ordway and Bette Hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Lock went to San Francisco for a few days’ visit and they reported a very grand time.

Edna Fattler was married to Gale Combs in September and has gone to La Grange, Indiana, to live. Best of everything, Edna. We miss you.

BIRTHS AND BIRTHDAYS
Eulogio Castro is a grandfather for the first time. His daughter has a

FIELD ENGINEERING NEWS

By B. H. Grant
Junior Engineer

What’s going on in Room 660—compiled from all the facilities of the Grapevine.

Time to wish a Merry Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the members and associates of 660.

Pacific Electric had a big day in the recent Sunday night Rodeo at Pico Stables—took 30 ribbons out of a total of 38. Engineering Department did their share by copping 10 ribbons.

We are happy to have two re-

baby girl. Paul Rodriquez is the proud father of a baby girl.

The following had birthdays in November: Vera Wardy, Karen Frye, Alpha Barrett, Lena Robertson and Andrea Palacios. Each was feted with a birthday cake by the “Breakfast Clubbers.”

Violet Lock is home with the flu at the time of this writing. Burt Ordway is back to work after a few days of fighting the flu. Maybe the incident that occurred in the Receiving Room got Burt. A few moments after a mirror was installed over the wash basin, Burt, observing his likeness in said mirror, exclaimed, “What a homely picture. Why don’t you take it down?”

SENSE AND NONSENSE

Genevieve Fattler’s son, Tony, fell against her cook stove and broke off the oven door. At a time like this, too. How will you cook that turkey, Genevieve?

By now I guess you are wondering why I am here and what’s happened to Fred. He is on a three-months’ leave of absence and is touring the Eastern States. When he left here he had so many tickets “to and from” that I would have had to take along a secretary to keep track of them. Hope you don’t lose the last one that gets you back home, Fred. We have all missed you and especially the tantrums over the 4218’s.

May I close by wishing you all a “Very Merry Christmas” and a “Happy New Year” and especially the West Hollywood Gang that I worked with the Xmas of ’43.



OFFICE FORCE at Macy Garage—Left to right, Mrs. Nellie Martin, Head Clerk; John J. Roach, Day Foreman; Mary Gillette, Clerk; Frank H. Markley, Equipment Engineer; and J. B. Green, General Foreman of system automotive maintenance.



THE DAY SHIFT AT MACY GARAGE

turned officers of World War II join Field Engineering—R. H. Riddle and R. E. Moyer.

Field Engineering was well represented at the recent grand opera series—it was Bettie McAnally.

Reid Springer is about due for a vacation and says he believes he will use it just sitting most of the time. Genealogists report his lineage links up with "Chief Sitting Bull"—that partially explains it.

Birthdays in December overtake the following: R. Aten, R. K. Jones, Bill Tunnell and Sydney Weintraub. Many more happy returns, boys; may you all live long and prosper—heavy on the prosper.

Your correspondent has, along with other ailments, evictitus. Have any of you folks been evicted? You can speak about operations but this evictitus is just too tough to even speak about. I could more than fill this column telling of the suffering, but if you haven't had it you wouldn't want to hear and if you have had it you won't want to either.

So

That's thirty for this month.

Mr. A. F. Dougall has the columnist's headache for next month.

Experience, says Thomas Hardy, is a matter more of intensity than of duration. Concentrate, if you would learn.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT Eastern District

By

Mabel E. Forsberg



Work has been progressing favorably on Magnolia Ave. in Riverside. Foremen Sharp and Martinez have increased their Extra Gangs 9 and 13 in order to finish the job in the shortest time possible. The City is following us up with the paving, and, upon completion, this boulevard will be a great improvement for the PE as well as for the City of Riverside.

Charlie Shunk, Foreman Sec. 32 and Rosario Chavez, Foreman Sec. 33, have combined forces in relocating tracks and switches between 2nd St. & Rialto Ave. in San Berdoo. This new arrangement will eliminate a great many unnecessary switching moves. Shunk's gang has also replaced a 90-lb. crossing at Rialto Ave. on the Colton-San Bernardino Line.

Our anti-creepers finally arrived and Sec. 31, under the direction of Foreman Wm. Burton, has been busy installing them. This section is also working on an extension of PE spur track for the California Wines Co. at Alta Loma. Due to expansion of this packing house, our present spur track is being extended 140 feet.

Electrical service on the Arrowhead, Redlands, Highland and Riverside-Corona Lines is now past history, all poles and overhead having been completely removed from these lines.

By the way, some people we know like to dunk doughnuts, but Bill Mapstead prefers to dunk line poles in his new creosote tank. You may have an audience at your next performance, Bill!

Tony Contreras and Temp Smither, Bonders & Welders, have done a swell job of cleaning up their work shop. With the changes that were made, this shop should head the "Good Housekeeping" list in the future.

The new oil house, which was so badly needed by the Car Repair Shops in San Bernardino, has been completed by the B & B crew. This makes Mr. Van Deren very happy and puts the Engr. Dept. in his good graces.

Our Signalmen, Henry Williams, Rene Hunckler and Harry Null, are pretty much elated over the two new motor cars which have been assigned to them.

The news of the death of Jesus Ramos, Trackwalker on Sec. 31, made us all feel very sad and our sympathy is hereby extended to his relatives and close friends.

We are glad to hear that Jose Martin, Trackwalker on Sec. 33, is getting along nicely after his recent appendectomy. We miss you, Joe, so hurry and get well.

Mrs. Wm. Mapstead, wife of our Line Foreman, is convalescing at home after her trip to the hospital, which included an operation. Our best wishes to you, Mrs. Mapstead, for a speedy and complete recovery.

It is nice to see Mr. "Casey" Jones, General Agent, back on the job again. He looks grand, too!

Pvt. Concho Pacheco, former Laborer on Sec. 32, paid the gang a short visit while on furlough, on his way to a new assignment. We were sorry to learn that his brother, Frank, also a former Laborer on this section, was killed in action about a year ago. So far, we have been unable to secure further information regarding Frank's death.

Lt. Com. John Scott Burns, Jr., son of J. S. Burns, Timekeeper on our Extra Gangs, has returned from Okinawa and Japan, bringing in about 1000 troops on a 27,000-ton plane carrier, the Cape Gloucester. Mr. Burns expects his son to be released from service in about six months.

NEWS SERVICE AND RESTAURANTICS

By

J. A. Degerman



We are proud to present one of our returning heroes of the recent conflict—Ex-Corporal Byron P. ("Barney") Heath, who served with the 106th Division as military policeman. Byron has four Battle Stars from the African and European theatres of war and his division earned the Plaque of Meritorious Service. Since his return to civilian life, Mr. Heath has taken up his duties where he left off—at Unit No. 101, located near the restau-

rant in the back of the PE Station, 6th and Main Streets.

It is a privilege to swing the "spotlight" on the Unit and the employes who so gallantly and loyally carried on during his absence. Many of you will no doubt recognize their names—Charles Bolls, Jackie Lyons, Patrick Kennedy, June Gilpin and Carol Gibbens—and will remember them for the courteous service they have rendered during Mr. Heath's absence. We believe they are in line for a star for their efforts in serving the public and in trying to keep the home front going even when we were confronted with the problem of shortages and scarcities. At times this was a very difficult task, but you would never know it from the way these employes carried on.

We want to thank all of you who have been so patient and understanding during the difficult times just past. We like to remember the cooperative attitude of all who patronize this Unit and every effort is being made to show our appreciation now that the "Day of Peace" has arrived. A full line of merchandise is carried here for your convenience, and the employes are always happy when they have exactly what you want.

Barney has been a very busy person greeting the well-wishers and getting into the stride of civilian life and business. We know he will do as good a job at this as he did in the service of Uncle Sam.

Restaurantics is proud and happy to welcome you back, Barney, and this, we know, speaks the sentiments of all who know you.

Payroll Deduction

For Glasses Authorized

The company management has announced that a payroll deduction plan in connection with procurement of glasses, repairs to glasses, etc., has just been made with Dr. Walter F. Morrison, 818 Pacific Electric Building, Los Angeles, for the convenience of employes.

Dr. Morrison has been located in Los Angeles for many years, has a very high reputation, and has made glasses for many of the employes during the past. His services are of particular advantage to Pacific Electric employes because of the convenience of his office and the promptness of his service. Glasses are furnished within a few days after examination; new lenses to replace broken ones, as well as other repairs to glasses, are made promptly. Dr. Morrison maintains his own lens grinding facilities.—Adv.

Alibis are usually plentiful, but you NEVER have a good reason for an out-and-out blunder.



BYRON P. ("BARNEY") HEATH, ex-corporal, U. S. Army, is back at his old stand, Unit 101, near the restaurant at the rear of the Sixth and Main Station.

**CENTRAL
TIMEKEEPING BUREAU**



By
**V. B.
Tellechea**

Now that the last mouthful of Thanksgiving Turkey-lurkey has gone down the hatch—gulp—we find we're just about ready to start (the coming holidays) another round of turkey here, turkey there, turkey everywhere!

Incidentally, Harry Shea says as how he can't take the load off his feet—been taking iron in one form or another!

Before we get any further, lets say "howdy" to Emelyn Duffield, our new typist. And while were on the subject of pounding the keyboard, did you get a load of the fellow who came in for a test? The girls went simply "gaga"—which demonstration, of course, scared him away!

And believe us, before the year is out, we must give special mention to our most competent steno—Jean Pratt!

Walter Morrison is the most original fellow we know. When he writes a letter to his scattered family, he makes not one copy, but six (calls it a bulletin). Therefore, each and every one of them receives the same news!

Happy to hear Helen McDougall's mother is improving rapidly. And Margaret Taylor came in for her share of disagreeable sickness: lil old appendix acted up, and at this writing Margaret is still in the hospital. Hurry and get well, Maggie. Christmas is just around the corner!

Mildred Franse is on leave of absence and so is Joe Milano, who has gone to Wilmington, Del. Gene Barwood (on sick leave) is recuperating at his home in Tucson, Ariz. It's been a long, long time for Madelyn Matthews (also on sick leave). This is the first time in 27 years that Madelyn has been away, and we wish her well during her stay in the desert.

Iva Johnson has succumbed to being just a housewife again. Best of luck, Iva!

Virginia Lamb vacationed at home, but most of it was work!

Frank Hardesty had a happy birthday October 22, and Helen Sawyer, October 29. And many more kids!

There's a light in Goldie Morales' eyes these days, and its all for her husband, Anthony, who is back after three long years!

Marian Green was hostess to more than 50 guests at a Hallowe'en party October 27, at the Odd Fellows Lodge in Pasadena. There were spooks, games, gags, prizes, dancing and refreshments. Blanche Maitorena did a novelty dance and everyone got a bang out of Phillis Bonner in her clown costume. Marie Brogan won the door prize, and her husband, Sam, won first prize for his costume, which consisted of a suit of long flannel underwear pinned in back and in front with a large safety pin. Hugh Chesnutt had rubber galoshes, a fur muskrat hat, and an army hood. Everyone had fun and all expect to have another and bigger party next year.

Ethel Muck says she can't see stars at night, much less in the day time! Fer heavens sake! Could it be the Calif. dew?

And like Tiny Tim—"Merry Christmas—Everybody!"

Customer: "Do you remember that cheese you sold me yesterday?"

Grocer: "Yes."

Customer: "Did you say it was imported or deported from Switzerland?"

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS

October 21, 1945, to November 20, 1945

DEATHS

NAME	OCCUPATION	Died	Group Insurance	Mortuary
*Clark, Harry R.	Asst. Supt. (Retired)	10-20-45	Yes	Yes
Simmons, Louis	Trainman	10-21-45	No	No
Layton, Peter N.	Brakeman	10-23-45	Yes	Yes
Ramos, Jesus	Track Laborer	10-24-45	Yes	No
Vaughan, Herbert W.	Trainman (Retired)	10-26-45	Yes	Yes
Cooper, Walter W.	Motorman (Retired)	10-26-45	Yes	No
Morand, Rudolph	Elec. Optr. (Retired)	10-31-45	Yes	Yes
Stevens, Seth B.	Flagman (Retired)	11-10-45	Yes	Yes
Poschman, Richard H.	Repairman (Retired)	11-14-45	No	Yes
Suncelia, Louis A.	Motorman (Retired)	11-18-45	Yes	Yes

EMPLOYES' WIVES' DEATH BENEFIT FUND

NONE

*Reported subsequent to last publication.

**SPORTS
CHATTER**

By
**George M.
Kappers**

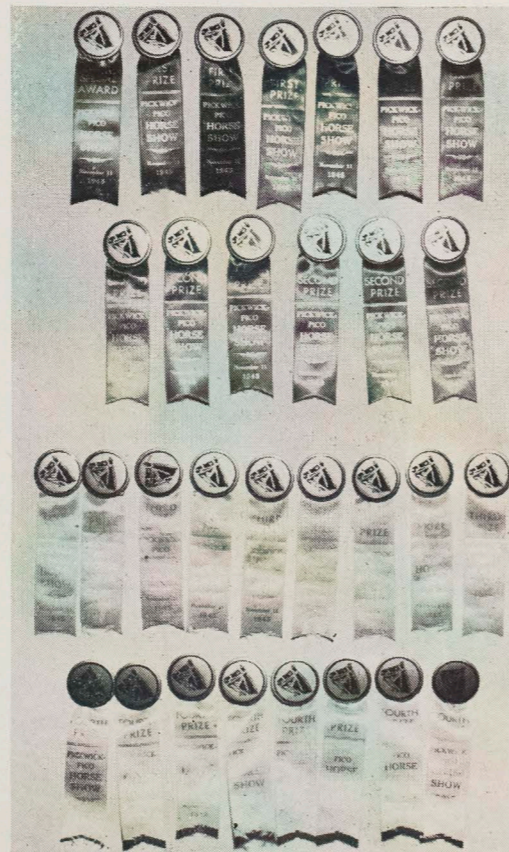


RIDING CLUB

Last issue attention was called to the Riding Club's plan to enter the Pico-Pickwick Horse Show on November 11. They did—and how! The Club and its members took 30 out of a possible 39 ribbons (see cut).

In the first event, English horsemanship, PE won the first three places, with G. Smithson, A. dePfyffer, and L. Johnson placing in that order. In Western horsemanship, PE won all four places, with B. Bowers, J. Kappers, C. Rogers, and V. Barr placing in that order.

In the second event, English and Western exhibition team formation



PRIZE RIBBONS won by PE Riding Club and its members on November 11 in the horse show at the Pickwick and Pico Stables in Griffith Park.



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(PE's First Semiannual)

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TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

Two special busses will leave the Sixth and Main Terminal at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 21, for Alpine Terrace, resort located at Twin Peaks. Reservations for 100 have been made here for Thursday night, Friday, Saturday, and until Sunday afternoon, February 24. . . .

SKIING and TOBOGGANING

at Snow Valley

ICE SKATING or SLEIGH RIDES

at the Village —

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All for Total Cost of \$10.00!

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REMEMBER THE DATE:

Washington's Birthday, Thursday, February 21,

to

Sunday Afternoon, February 24, 1946

drill, PE's English group won first place, PE's Western group won third.

In the third event, English pair class, PE's L. Johnson and Helen Sullivan won third, and G. Smithson and A. dePfyffer, fourth place. PE took all the Western pair class places, pairs placing as follows: G. Kappers and B. Bowers, J. Kappers and C. Rogers, K. Dunning and D. Gaylor, E. Locke and B. Young.

In the fourth event, English division of trail horse obstacle race, G. Smithson, A. dePfyffer, and L. Johnson took second, third and fourth places. In the Western division, B. Bowers, G. Kappers, and Dorothy Sullivan took second, third, and fourth places.

In the fifth event, a circular box race, H. Searing, V. Barr, and B. Bowers won first, third, and fourth places.

We also won the special award for best all-round horsemanship.

Out of our total membership of 85,

we only entered two teams of eight riders each in the show.

From now on our drill team meets for workouts (preparatory to the next show) on Thursday nights at 6:30. Others interested in trail rides meet on Sunday afternoons at 4:30. Both events are at Pico Stables, 420 Riverside Drive. We still have our coffee and doughnuts, as well as a dancing session for those who wish to remain. New members are welcome!

SOFTBALL

Red Taylor, of West Hollywood Terminal, has done a very fine job of lining up the various teams for a late fall tournament, preparatory to the main event next spring. We will probably start in with the following teams, unless more are organized before we start: West Hollywood, Torrance Shops, Butte Street Yard, Subway Terminal, Sixth and Main Terminal.

If any more wish to organize a team at your place of work, do so

soon. Plan to have a schedule of play, players' names, places of play, etc., in the next issue.

Be sure to check with Red Taylor if you are interested.

BASKETBALL

The Los Angeles Examiner seems to think we have a better team than even we think we have. The Examiner for Sunday, November 11, lists PE as one of the six top-flight teams of the city.

The boys are shaping up well. We are entered in a pre-season Class A tournament composed of six of the best teams of Los Angeles. The schedule is as follows: Nov. 26, Douglas Engineering; Dec. 3, Douglas Production Control; Dec. 12, Olympic Hotel of San Francisco; Dec. 19, Douglas Experimental; Dec. 27, L. A. Club of the Deaf. Games will be played at Los Angeles City College at 8:00 p.m. There is no admission charge. Come on out and see a couple of games; support your team!

This pre-season tourney is good practice for the team, in view of the forthcoming AAU competition during the main season.

Some of the results and perhaps some pictures will be in the next issue.

P.S.—You should see our 6 ft. 10½ in. center, Jack Prose!

GOLF

The first semiannual PE golf tournament is progressing as a complete success.

A lot of new friends and acquaintances have been made, both through playing together and through the 19th hole get-together.

The first two weeks of play have been completed (at this writing), with results as shown in accompanying box. Prizes will consist of merchandise orders for amounts as specified. (Net low for 54-hole tourney).

1st	\$ 25.00
2nd	15.00
3rd	10.00
4th	7.50
5th	6.00
6th	5.00
7th	4.00
8th	4.00
9th	3.50
10th	3.00
11th	3.00
12th	2.00
Closest to hole in one on each day of play—9th hole @ \$2.00	6.00
Lowest Net each Sunday @ \$2.00	6.00

TOTAL

NOTE: Each person entitled to one of first 12 prizes and one of "Freak Prizes."

FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL PACIFIC ELECTRIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

PLACE: Griffith Park Harding Golf Course
SCORES TO DATE

Name	First Sunday			Second Sunday			Third Sunday		
	Score	Hdcp.	Net	Score	Hdcp.	Net	Score	Hdcp.	Net
Tom Roscoe	116	30	86	113	37	76			40
J. Schafer	95	19	76	102	21	81			26
James Rankin	85	8	77	90	10	80			15
R. K. Lambeau	94	28	66	91	25	66			15
J. Suman	92	14	78	92	17	75			20
Al Weigl	113	24	89	110	32	78			39
Geo. Kappers	112	30	82	106	37	69			37
Frank Gregory		36		108		72			36
Frank Converse	102	19	83	96	24	72			27
Ed. Hasenyager	102	25	77	96	27	69			27
W. Scholl	102	24	78	96	27	69			27
R. Porter	78	4	74	71	5	66			4
Bessie Chobotsky	101	30	71	105	30	75			30
Eunice Fisher	124	36	88	117	44	73			46
R. J. McCullough	92	19	73	94	19	75			22
Larry Owen	82	7	75	84	8	76			11
Al Smith	114	36	78	118	39	79			43
"Pop" Henry	80	8	72		8				8
Jack Gerhart	90	18	72	85	18	67			15
E. F. Clark	120	20	100		34				34
Grey Oliver	90	19	71	84	19	65			12
Earl McCall	97	16	81		20				20
Col. Belt	85	8	77	89	10	79			15
Russel Roy	122	36	86		43				43
Don Houston	97	17	80		21				21
Tony Huber	120	36	84	123	42	81			49
C. C. Dickson	105	29	76	96	31	65			28
R. F. Albrecht	95	24	71	89	24	65			17

Results for Sunday, November 18, 1945:

Winner Low Net—C. Dickson, G. Oliver, R. Albrecht with 65 net.
Winner closest to hole in one—9th hole—F. Gregory 12.5 ft.

Results for Sunday, November 4, 1945:

Winner Low Net—R. K. Lambeau with 66 net.
Winner closest to hole in one—9th hole—R. Porter, 2.2 ft.

for the week preceding, knocking them out and taking possession themselves.

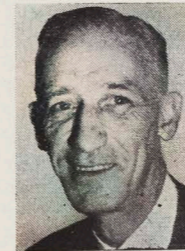
These Timekeepers, however, the very next week were met by another determined bunch of girls—Hi-Lo by name—and when the latter team took all four points, this allowed the Schedule Bureau outfit, which had been waiting just outside the gates several weeks for a break, to sneak in. In the meantime, the Trainmasters have somewhat regained their equilibrium and with 25 wins are now just two points behind the Schedule Bureau; and when these two teams get together next week (Nov. 30) there is a chance for a further picture change.

The PE Club, Timekeepers, and PE Scrubs are tied for third position with 24 wins. The Pile Drivers are in sixth

place (21 wins). In the second division of the First Branch are Hi-Lo, Electrical Department, Field Engineers, Atoms, Freight Accounts, and Stake Drivers, in their respective order.

The race in the Second Branch is also close. The Los Angeles Street Terminal, BRT, and West District were all tied up for the top honor, when, on November 23, the BRT took full possession by garnering four points from the BRC Railers, while the West District men were able to grab only three from Vineyard. The L.A. Street Terminal and Virgil Coasters were idle on that date as the result of an agreed bye due to the fact that the Virgil boys participated in the special Hollywood Christmas doings. The Los Angeles Streeters were in the lead until they met

PACIFIC ELECTRIC BOWLING NEWS



By

Charlie Hill

The officers of the Pacific Electric Bowling League extend Christmas Greetings to the members and all other employes of the Company, with the wish that the New Year may be brim full of happiness for all.

Within the past six weeks, prior to the time of this writing, four teams, i.e., Trainmasters, PE Club, Timekeepers, and Schedule Bureau, have each occupied first place position in the First or "Twilight" Branch. The Timekeepers were a potent force in removing their dissilient* opponents from the top rung of the ladder. They descended upon the Trainmasters, and by routing them for four points drove them from No. 1 to a tie for No. 5 position in one night. Then the following week they were invincible against the PE Club contingent, defenders of the much-coveted position

* Dissilient: starting asunder, springing apart. — Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. — Zowie! — Ed.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC BOWLING LEAGUE

Date	Team High Series	Team High Game	x Individual High Series	x Individual High Game
FIRST BRANCH				
Oct. 26	Timekeepers (2706)	Timekeepers (969)	H. Mason (548)	C. Oliver (214)
Nov. 2	Schedule Bureau (2617)	Timekeepers (893)	B. F. Manley (583)	Hal Smith (221)
Nov. 9	Hi-Lo (2690)	Hi-Lo (973)	R. M. Jones (575)	D. F. Houston (235)
Nov. 16	Trainmasters (2651)	Hi-Lo (968)	Joe Shafer (559)	R. M. Jones (212)
Nov. 23	Timekeepers (2667)	Freight Accounts (961)	Jack Williams (536)	J. Williams (221)
SECOND BRANCH				
Oct. 26	B. R. T. (2659)	B. R. T. (920)	W. Hawkins (592)	W. Hawkins (242)
Nov. 2	L.A. St. Terminal (2718)	B. R. T. (966)	O. Steuernagel (605)*	J. Gerhardt (254)**
			Claud Kazee (605)*	
Nov. 9	B. R. T. (2668)	Claim Department (954)	Jack Bahr (585)	V. Prettyman (242)
Nov. 16	Station Hounds (2753)*	Station Hounds (979)	Claud Kazee (580)	Jack Bahr (223)
Nov. 23	West District (2729)	West District (946)	Ona Gregg (589)	C. G. Gonzalez (227)

x Does not include individual handicap. * Season High Score. ** Tied with O. Steuernagel for season high score.

and could not cope with the Restaurant and News girls, who took them into camp three for one. These girls are in fourth position with 24 wins after taking a rather thrilling series (free, however, from hair pulling) from the BRC Railettes.

Station Hounds (21 wins) and Vineyard (20 wins) complete the first division of the Second Branch, while in the second division are Virgil Coasters, South District, BRC Railettes, Claim Department, BRC Railers, and Long Beach Line, in their respective order.

On account of the Yuletide Season there are no scheduled league matches for December 21 and 28.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY SHOOT

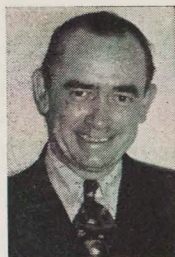
The real outstanding feature so far this season was the Second Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot held November 9. There were evidently a good many turkey-hungry bowlers, as of the 95 members participating in the event, 26 of them rolled 600 or better series (handicaps included). Prizes were awarded as follows: 1st, Jack Bahr, 713; 2nd, Betty Knight, 665; 3rd, "Vic" Prettyman, 658; 4th, Ernie Pont, 652; 5th, Marion Lutes, 646; and 6th, Ray M. Jones, 644. The blind bogey prize, a plum pudding, was also won by Betty Knight, her series being nearest to 670, the lucky number drawn. A special Christmas event will be held on December 7, which will include individual and doubles features.

At a recent shipyard launching, the woman who was to christen the boat was quite nervous.

"Do you have any questions, lady?" asked the shipyard manager, just before the ceremony.

"Yes," she replied meekly. "How hard do I have to hit it to knock it into the water?"

PACIFIC ELECTRIC ROD AND GUN CLUB



By
Arlie
Skelton

Greetings, Rod and Gun Clubbers!

After an absence of two long years from our regular monthly meetings caused by a fling at swing shift duty, I'm now, to catch up on my sleep, back working days in the Subway Tower and will be able to attend the meetings.

Glad to see the old familiar faces in attendance and make some new acquaintances. President A. M. Cross seems to have had a very successful season in spite of unfavorable conditions the past year which he had to contend with. It is very pleasing to note the interest our members are taking in the conservation of dwindling supplies of fish and game. The meetings are followed by two or three reels of high-class motion pictures, and refreshments that are more like a meal.

You fellows who are not attending these meetings are really missing a good time. The December meeting, marking the end of the 1945 Tournament Season, will be featured by the measuring of deer horns and the election of officers for 1946.

Some concern is felt over the recent report that the Santa Anita Race Track may take an option to buy the Arrowhead Lake property. Whether

or not such a change would cause any alternation of our established custom of holding forth at Lake Arrowhead for the opening of trout season each year remains to be seen. We don't think it will.

The Club has 20 boats reserved for the opening of trout season (1946) and several members have private boat reservations made, just to be sure they don't get "shut out." Some of the boys who have contributed liberally to the new management cause, in years gone by, might get free or reduced rates on their fishing trips in the future. At least that's a pleasant thought.

President A. M. Cross announced that the President's Annual Show and the awarding of prizes for the 1945 Tournament Season will be held in the Club Auditorium Saturday, January 5, 1946, at 7:30 p.m. While the show will not be as elaborate this time as in years gone by, it will be a good show, consisting mostly of moving pictures, an address by our retiring President, and the awarding of prizes by the prize committee or by a celebrity chosen probably from a local studio. It might be your favorite movie star. Remember the date and bring the wife and kiddies for a gala night of fun.

To the members returning to work after military service, you are in good standing, your dues having been suspended while you were away. See Bob Dornor about your membership cards.

Next regular monthly meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 7:30 p.m. Place: PE Club. Election. See you then.

P. E. POST 321, AMERICAN LEGION

By
Jackie
Lyons



PERFORMANCE: This is all about our meeting held on the evening of November 13. Vice Commander Withee had charge of the affair. He gave out with every indication that he possesses "big league" timber. As a parliamentary engineer he bats first.

TRIBUTE: The reason for Comrade Withee's appearing in the top spot . . . our genial Commander, Wally Bone, lammed it over to San

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A BOMBING MISSION

Just how our airmen went about a bombing mission—their duties, thoughts, and feelings—is a subject not many of us get to learn at first hand. Hence, the following letter, dated September 18, Guam, from Lt. GEORGE M. WITHEE to his wife, will prove of interest to many. It is one of the most colorful letters written about life at the front that the Editor has been privileged to read.

Lieutenant Withee, a member of the Pacific Electric Post, American Legion, is the son of RAY E. WITHEE, who has been a Motorman on the Southern District since June 15, 1928, and a member of the PE Post since 1937.

In quoting the letter, certain personal references have been omitted.

WE WILL START with target study, which was held at 1830. The alerted crews would meet in a quonset and S-2 would tell us the target for the following night. We learned how to identify it by landmarks. We learned its composition, what was there, and consequently its importance and the reasons for destroying it. We learned how it was defended, and were shown how our tactics would reduce these hazards. All pertinent data available were given.

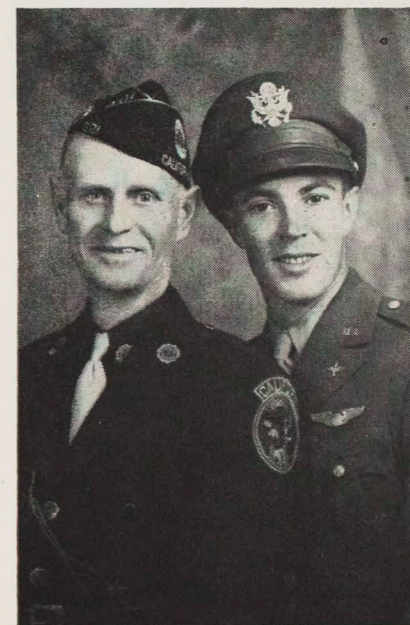
BRIEFING

The next day we arose at seven, breakfasted at eight, and then went to the line to prepare our ships for the mission. Never were ships more carefully inspected—it could mean life or death! After the preflight inspection we were hauled in trucks to the 315 wing H.Q. for briefing. It was here we met the luminous maps, charts, etc., and we learned the minute details: altitudes, bomb and gas loads, and time enroute.

After lunch we gathered our equipment, filled water jugs, canteens, and took care of the thousand small things that always show up. We took our stations (in the ship) at the appointed time and awaited our turn to start engines. The ships had previously been lined up on the taxi ways by tractors and it was a beautiful but awful sight. There are a number of groups to a field and a number of planes to a group. Naturally I won't say, even yet, such specific things. When the line starts to move all the ground men and paddle-feet are lined up watching. They all wave and give the O.K. signal and you force a grin, and give it right back, even though you wonder if the sun will ever rise again for you.

TAKEOFF

The take-offs start. The noise is terrifying. The great ships start with a lurch and roar down the runway. Their bellies are full of bombs, tons



FATHER AND SON—Vice Commander Ray E. Withee (left) of the PE Post, American Legion, and his son, Lt. George M. Withee.

and tons of bombs. Their tanks are filled with high-octane gasoline, tons and tons of gasoline. One mishap now and all is finished. The ships seem to bow in the middle as they clear the ground inches, it seems, from the end of the runway and then disappear over the edge of a 500-foot cliff. Everyone holds his breath until they come back into sight.

We are off the ground now; everything is normal and nerves tight as steel wires begin to relax. The sun is setting and a million clouds are smeared in as many colors, many of them trailing pieces of broken rainbows beneath their dark, growling bellies. It is majestic.

The pins are now removed from the bombs so they are ready for use. The auto pilot is set up and we are on our way to deliver our "freight" where it is needed.

FLIGHT

The islands pass by slowly: Rota, Aguijan, Tinian, Saipan, Farallen de Medinilla, Anatahan, Sariguan, Guguan, Alamagan, Pagan, Agrihan, Asuncion, Mang, Uracas, Minami Iwo, Iwo, Kita Iwo—on and on they go. It is long after dark now and the sky is filled with little green lights to the left and little red ones to the right. It is comforting to see you are not alone.

DEFENSES

Now we turn on course to landfall and a hundred miles out we put on our heavy suits-of-armor and put up our flak resistant curtains. We have been climbing up and up and are pressurized to insure us against anoxia, but we must be ever ready for an emergency. So, we put on our helmets and masks and have them ready. We have turned out all our lights now save those that cause the instruments to glow.

We have reached landfall now and so turn on course to the "initial-point." The low clouds below are thinning. There are even occasional holes. Damn! why couldn't they stay as predicted, they afford much needed protection. Oh well, the moon is down and that helps some.

FLAK AHEAD

At the initial point the great ship is turned toward the target. Here it comes! We can see explosions ahead—the fellows are giving them hell.

Last minute adjustments are made in the auto-pilot. Control is given to the bombardier. We desynchronize the props so that instead of a steady hum we now have a beat. Errumm, errumm, they go and we know the sound devices so eagerly trying to locate us will be well confused.

There is flak ahead now. It resembles fireflies—little flashes of blue-white light. Let one of them near you and it will tear your guts out!

Little scud clouds are brilliant

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orange from the fires below and occasionally flare a brilliant red from exploding bombs, burning oil, gasoline, wood, etc. Part of the procedure I will delete here.

BOMBS AWAY

Now we hear the bombardiers say "Coming up on bombs away, bomb-bays opening." The men aft check and acknowledge.

"Bombs away!"

The men again check and acknowledge.

"Bomb-bays closing!"

And again the check.

Now we are free to evade the gunfire. The great ship is put through maneuvers resembling its death throes. She twists and turns. She climbs and dives, and all the while streaking for land's end. Everyone watches with straining eyes for any note of importance to report when and if we get home.

RELIEF

A hundred miles out we take off the heavy armor, turn on the lights, relax a little, and then sleep starts leaning on the eyelids with heavy fingers.

We are slowly descending now, very slowly. Coffee and sandwiches are brought out and they taste good.

Slowly the hours drag by, even more slowly than before. The eyes are heavy, the back and arms ache with weariness.

The chain of islands go by the other way now, and we are thankful. In the east the sky is paling. The tops of clouds are pink, but the ocean below is still jet black. Oh, how the hours drag.

DAWN

The sun is up now and even at six in the morning the sweat begins to roll in large drops. The body aches in every joint.

Now our island breaks the horizon. Only another hour or so to go, but you're so tired. Incidentally, on our last mission we were in the air seventeen hours.

LANDING

Back on the ground, unload the equipment, stow it away, and off to interrogation. We are met with whiskey, coffee, cigarettes, cake, and smiling faces. We smile weakly and force the weary mind to remember. Hot news—any ships seen, any planes shot down, were we hit? We tell the story, and now, it is almost lunch time, we stagger back to our tents.

Now I remove my flying clothes sticky and rancid with oil, gasoline, sweat, coffee and peach juice. A cold shower relaxes the strained nerves and muscles failing from long hours without sleep.

WEARINESS

Now, weary and aching, I do my daily must. I write to my wife so that she will know I am safe. I cannot say the things I want to say. I cannot write the things I can say. I long for sleep, sweet sleep.

After a few short hours of rest we get up and attend a meeting to discuss the operation of the mission, was this satisfactory? was that satisfactory? And back to bed.

DAY OFF

The next day is free. Some stay in bed, some go to the beach. Others do laundry. Rest has restored us to almost normal and life goes on as usual. Then tonight at 1830—target study.

There it is chief, "the pace that kills." I have omitted probably more than I have written, but it will give you an idea about it.

GEO.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC POST 321, AMERICAN LEGION,

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Marino that night, for the purpose of catching up with some work that should have been attended to many moons ago. He presented to our former Comrade, W. G. Knoche, a token of appreciation for the latter's efforts in making this Post outstanding in the Department of California. To you, Comrade Knoche, I also doff my beret.

SUFFERING: Comrades **Juston** and **Kady** appeared none the worse for the wear and tear of the Armistice shindy. The colors did not get back by themselves. Also, "**Pappy**" **Woods**, a junior pilot of 23rd District, attended the meeting . . . gunned us about organization being essential to veterans' welfare. "Pappy," we agree with you, all the way.

SMART GUY: Supervisor **Stewart**, of the Western Division, and of the late "western front," has taken up his belated postwar duties of 1918. Comrade **Stewart**, better late than never!

TAPS: **Richard J. H. DeLeon**, a member of the Post, passed away at the Veterans Facility, November 17. Interment took place at the Sawtelle cemetery.

Chief Petty Officer: "Well, you certainly took a long time to find me. Didn't the officer of the day tell you how to recognize me?"

Wave: "Yes, but there are several men around here with large stomachs and red noses."

HERE AND THERE With THE WOMEN'S CLUB

By
**Ruby
Gallacher**



Another year is fast drawing to a close, and what an eventful year it has been! We are joyously looking forward to a happier Christmas and a peaceful New Year. . . . Looking back on the Women's Club activities, I can truly say they can be proud of their record. Rain or shine, the sewing unit could be found every Thursday, in a little room just off the cafeteria. They came early, brought

PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB BULLETIN

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11:
American Legion Post No. 321. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 P.M.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12:
P. E. Rod & Gun Club Monthly Business Meeting and election of new officers for coming year—Motion Pictures and refreshments—7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13:
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Business Meeting and Program—1:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14:
P. E. Bowling League Matches—6:00 P.M. & 8:15 P.M. Last matches before Xmas Holiday vacation — ARCADE RECREATION CENTER.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20:
P. E. Women's Club Annual Christmas Party. Christmas tree and refreshments—1:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25:
Christmas Day—Club Rooms Closed.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27:
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Meeting and Program—1:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1:
New Year's Day—Club Rooms Closed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3:
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Card Party. Prizes to the winners—1:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4:
P. E. Bowling League Matches—6:00 P.M. & 8:15 P.M.—ARCADE RECREATION CENTER. First matches after Xmas vacation.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5:
P. E. Rod & Gun Club Annual President's Party—Interesting Motion Pictures, Speakers and Annual Distribution of Prizes — Club Theater — 7:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8:
American Legion Post No. 321. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 P.M.
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9:
P. E. Rod & Gun Club Monthly Meeting. Motion Pictures & Refreshments — 7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10:
P. E. Women's Club Afternoon Business Meeting and Program—1:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11:
P. E. Bowling League Matches — 6:00 P.M. & 8:15 P.M.—ARCADE RECREATION CENTER.

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING:
The P. E. Riding Club meets each Sunday Evening at PICO STABLES—420 Riverside Drive—6:00 P.M.

their lunch and stayed till the work was finished. Mrs. J. L. Columbus received a lovely letter of commendation from the Red Cross last month, which she and her faithful workers richly deserved.

Then too, the hospital work is a project of our club. Much of the money made in our bazaars goes to further this work. Our hospital chairman, Mrs. Joseph Adams, is a faithful ambassador of good cheer at St. Vincent's Hospital. She performs her duties as if she loves her job.

Well, I promised to give names of the winners of best costumes at our Hallowe'en Party. Mrs. Thomas won first prize and is my face red! Guess who won second? Pumpkin pie and cider were served, and the hostesses received a vote of applause for clever decorations.

The Thanksgiving Homecoming meeting was very much a success. Many old-time members and several new ones and visitors attended. It is hoped that this good attendance will keep up throughout the coming year. Card party attendance has increased this last month, which is also encouraging to the Card Party Chairman.

Our Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 20, and a nice program has been arranged. Santa Claus will appear, and there will be an exchange of gifts. Card Party dates will be the first and last Thursdays in December; there will be a club business meeting December 13 and the Christmas party December 20. This change was necessary on account of club activities, but the old routine will be in effect during January.

As this goes to press the week before our bazaar, I will have to give the results next time, but I just know that the news will be good. I want to wish all members, new and old . . . and every friend and reader . . . a Very Merry Christmas.

Cancer Concerns Us All, Says American Society

We are all of us concerned in the control of cancer.

Cancer strikes indiscriminately at us and at those we live.

600,000 of us in America are now afflicted with cancer.

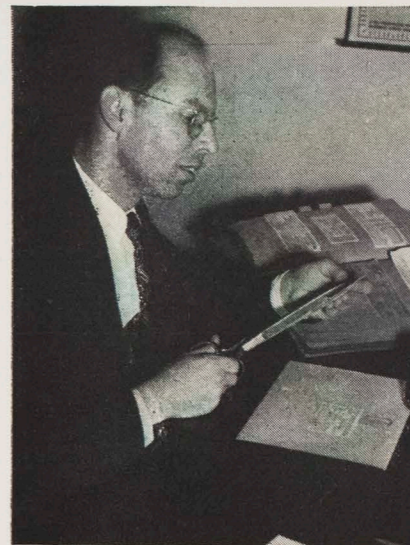
Out of every eight of us, one will die of cancer.

Cancer kills 60 per cent more of us than all the infectious diseases combined!

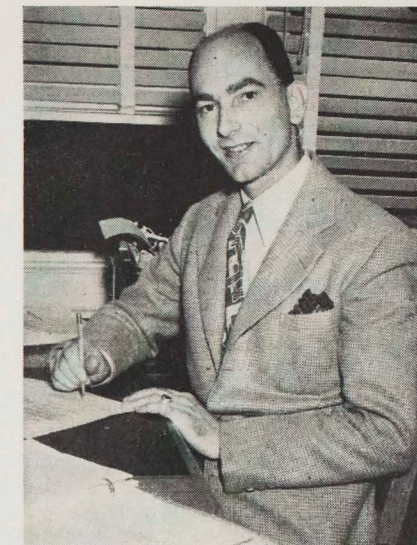
If we get at cancer early about 60,000 more people can live each year.

We must all of us learn what to do. We must consult the doctor at once,

L. C. Young Made Traffic Engineer; C. E. Ferguson, Chief Rate Clerk



LLOYD C. YOUNG, newly appointed Traffic Engineer, Passenger Traffic Department.



CLIFFORD E. FERGUSON, Chief Rate Clerk, Passenger Traffic Department.

Lloyd C. Young, former Chief Rate Clerk of the Passenger Traffic Department, on November 1 became Traffic Engineer upon the resignation of **H. M. Horrworth**.

As of the same date, **Clifford E. Ferguson** moved up from the position of Assistant Rate Clerk to the position vacated by Mr. Young.

Pacific Electric has been the recipient of many years of honorable and useful service from both Mr. Young and Mr. Ferguson.

Lloyd started as a Steno-Clerk in Passenger Traffic on April 6, 1928, became Secretary to the Passenger Traffic Manager in 1933, and was made Chief Rate Clerk in 1942. As Chief Rate Clerk it was his duty to prepare and publish tariffs and instructions for all Conductors, Motor Coach Operators, and Agents on all districts. He has been constantly revising and bringing them up to date to meet new conditions; and as new lines were added, he has prepared tariffs and instructions to fit requirements.

In his new job he retains supervision of rates, and, in addition, carries

out investigations relative to proposed changes on motor coach lines, keeps in touch with what other transportation companies are doing, handles general service matters, prepares applications to regulatory bodies for changes in operations, and performs other duties as needed.

Cliff Ferguson started as a Ticket Clerk in the City Ticket Office in 1927, transferred to Passenger Traffic as a General Clerk in 1943, became Ticket Agent May, 1944, and then, in October, 1944, became Assistant Rate Clerk. In his new position as Chief Rate Clerk he continues to assist Mr. Young in compiling tariffs and filing them with the California Railroad Commission, preparing instructions regarding transfers, handling baggage claims, taking care of complaints from passengers over applications of fares and transfers, and making up rate orders on foreign lines for Pacific Electric employees.

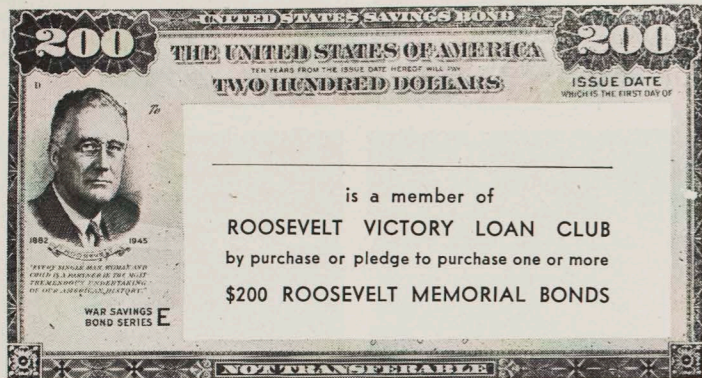
Employees wish both Mr. Young and Mr. Ferguson the best of success in their new positions. Good wishes also follow Mr. Horrworth in his new venture.

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He admitted ownership. "Well," she said, "it was running away down the street." "I know it was," said the man sadly. "I was pushing it to the garage."

Annoyed because he was still waiting some months after placing a big order, a retailer wired his manufacturer, "Please cancel my order immediately." Back came the answer, "Regret cannot cancel immediately. You will have to take your turn."

Triumphantly the new bride placed the dessert on the table. It was an oval-shaped piece of covered pastry, about 18 inches long and 6 inches wide.

"What is it?" her husband inquired. "Why, darling, can't you see?—it's a pie." "Rather long for a pie, isn't it?" "Of course not, silly. It's rhubarb."

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Employees are invited to send in their "want" and "for sale" ads to the Editor. Ads will be published free of charge.

FOR SALE—Edison phonograph with Victrola attachment. Cabinet model in good condition. Make excellent Christmas gift for child. \$25.00. Helen Sawyer, Central Timekeeping Bureau. After 6:00 p.m. call Fitzroy 5781 or come to 277 South Bonnie Brae.

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A housewife opened her refrigerator and found a little rabbit sitting inside. "What in the world are you doing in my refrigerator?" she asked. The rabbit peeped out and then craned its neck to catch a glimpse of the name plate on the icebox. "This is a Westinghouse, isn't it?" he asked. "Yes, it is," she replied, "but what are you doing in it?" "I'm just westing," the bunny replied.

Him: "Well, I suppose you're plenty angry because I came home with this black eye last night."

Her: (sweetly): "Not at all, dear. You may not remember it, but when you came home you didn't have that black eye."

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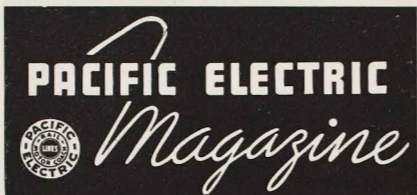
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"Oh, it wasn't your refusal," exclaimed the young officer. "You see, I've been in Washington for over a year now and this is the first time I've ever had a definite answer."



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The 4½ million sun-drenched acres of Riverside County produce food and minerals which are vital to the economic health of the great Southland Empire comprising San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles counties. Probably no other region in the world offers such a limitless range of climatic conditions conducive to the growth of diversified agricultural products. From the Salton Sea, 265 feet below sea level, to the pine-studded 10,800 foot summit of Mt. San Jacinto, there exists a climatic condition in which nearly all fruits, grains or vegetables flourish. From the Coachella Valley come 75% of all of the dates grown in the western hemisphere and from the first two navel orange trees in

America, one of which still blossoms and bears fruit in the City of Riverside, there has arisen a giant citrus industry. During these war years when the production of food has been so essential to victory, the citizens of Riverside County set an unprecedented record of production. They increased their productive acreage from 179,760 in 1938 to 211,032 in 1943. The value of crops produced increased from \$13,670,000 to \$51,270,000 in the same period.

There are hundreds of thousands of young Americans in our armed forces who will vouch for the productivity of Riverside County. Whether they trained at Camp Haan, Camp Anza or March Field—great training and staging centers for our ground and air forces, or stormed ashore to establish a beachhead in a Riverside-made amphibious tank, these men know that Riverside County residents were in all-out war production until final victory was won.

Now since the war is over and their uniforms at Benning—many will return to make their homes in Riverside County—to visit the famous Mission Inn, or Palm Springs or relax in the cool comfort of the tree-clad slopes of the San Jacinto mountain range.

While Riverside County was an outstanding example of patriotic endeavor in time of war—its greatest attributes are those which make for the true American way of living at all times.

Pacific Electric is proud to have served the people of Riverside County for decades past, but the service we were able to provide during the war years has been especially gratifying to us. Not only did we have the privilege of serving the local residents—we were able to provide a much needed transportation service for hundreds of thousands of our American boys who were in training near Riverside—boys who fought on the battlefronts of the world.

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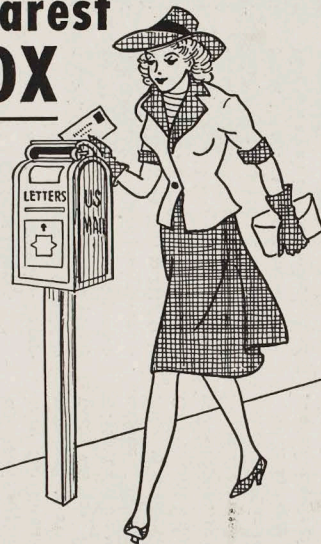
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