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# War Effort Commended

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1946

Dear Colonel Johnson:

The transportation facilities of the nation are now called upon for the most gigantic task in all the history of transportation. The American armies must be moved from the victorious battlefields of Europe to meet and wipe out the tyranny of the East. In order to do this job most of our soldiers will be transported the full length of the American continent.

It required every transportation ingenuity to assemble our armies in Europe over a period of four years. This time the job is to be done in ten months; the contemplation of this task would overtax our faith if we had not found during the course of this war that the impossible has become our daily job.

I am asking you to extend my congratulations to all of our transportation agencies—and their millions of workers—on the results they have accomplished. At the same time express my confidence in them for the greater effort that lies ahead.

Sincerely yours,  
*Harry Truman*

Honorable J. M. Johnson  
Director  
Office of Defense Transportation  
Washington 25, D. C.

For **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE** in war transportation I, as directed by the President, present this to  
**O. A. SMITH**  
AND THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE **PACIFIC ELECTRIC RY** with my congratulations.  
*J. M. Johnson*  
Director  
Office of Defense Transportation

**LEFT**—President Harry Truman, through ODT Director J. M. Johnson, extends his congratulations to Pacific Electric management and employes for their distinguished service in the furtherance of the war effort. The letter was just received.

**BELOW**—Brigadier General J. K. Herbert, commanding officer of the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation, observing activities at closer range, is more specific in praising Pacific Electric's assistance in handling troop movements and carload freight to and from the Harbor during times of crisis.

LOS ANGELES PORT OF EMBARKATION  
TRANSPORTATION CORPS A.S.F.

**Commendation**  
FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES

The successful fulfillment by the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation of its assigned mission during the prosecution of World War II was due in large measure to the cooperation extended to this Command by the various rail carriers serving the Los Angeles Harbor area. The achievements of

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO**  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

in the handling of troops and cargo through this vital Transportation Corps installation merit high commendation.

The performance of the officers and individual members of this organization was outstanding and noteworthy in:

- Assisting the Port in the formulation and execution of practical operating policies and procedures.
- Carrying out with great skill and proficiency the reporting, moving and placing of all troop trains and carload freight shipments.

The meritorious performance of the Pacific Electric Railway Company contributed materially to final victory and constituted an accomplishment of the highest type reflecting great credit upon the organization and its employes.

*J. K. Herbert*  
J. K. HERBERT  
BRIGADIER GENERAL, U.S.A.  
COMMANDING.

7 December 1945

WHAT PACIFIC ELECTRIC DID during the war is well illustrated by a comparison of freight and passenger figures for the first six months of 1941 (before Pearl Harbor) and the first six months of 1945 (when the Pacific war was at its height). The figures speak for themselves:

	PASSENGER RAIL AND MOTOR COACH	FREIGHT CARLOADS
Jan.-June, 1941	29,135,784	53,202
Jan.-June, 1945	77,834,242	113,594

Special rail and motor coach transportation was also made available to the armed services for use in handling men between Los Angeles and the Harbor as well as between other points on the system. Teletypes were installed at San Bernardino, Butte Street, Dolores, and the Car and Freight Service Office in the Pacific Electric Building to expedite the handling of freight, and as a result the Army was able to anticipate what freight was coming and when it would arrive at a given point, and could make plans accordingly.

# Welcome Home

## Pacific Electric Employes Returned from Military Service Since Last Publication of Pacific Electric Magazine

Adams, Samuel P.  
Allport, John R.  
Antista, Lawrence V., Jr.  
Bailey, Ralph C.  
Beggerley, Jack  
Broberg, Burgess N.  
Carrasco, Francisco  
Carter, Gertrude Odessa  
Christie, Walter V.  
Cox, Raymond R.  
Creamer, Martin J.  
Darling, Homer A.  
Endicott, Allen C.  
Estrada, Manuel S.  
Hanson, Clifford W.  
Jolley, Wm. S.  
Jones, William  
Knotts, E. L.  
Lohman, Walter E.  
Matthews, Amon R.  
Mennicurri, D.

Moore, Harvey P.  
Murray, Bill C.  
Noble, Loriston A., Jr.  
Nunn, Robert L.  
Oates, John H.  
Perry, Ralph J.  
Pitche, George R.  
Powell, William O.  
Prather, Bertram E.  
Ruggeri, Louis J.  
Scott, Homer C.  
Shafer, James N.  
Smith, James T.  
Smith, William W.  
Stevens, W. A.  
Tafoya, Manuel  
Twesten, K. A.  
Wageley, James H.  
Ward, Winfred W.  
Wilkes, Wallace S.  
Worthington, William R.

## The Story Of the 7,000

There's a story that needs telling.

It is the story of almost 7,000 individuals—7,000 people employed by the Pacific Electric Railway Company.

Every day you and I see and talk to some of them; every day we find ourselves in debt to some whom we may never have seen but whose work in some manner aids our own.

### EMPLOYEES ARE PEOPLE

In our everyday business relationships—and here is the point to be made—it is easy to forget that an employe is an individual personality, and not merely a cog in a machine for the purpose of grinding out accurate reports, making trains and busses run on time, or overhauling motors.

True, we may stop to think of our fellow employe or our boss as "a good fellow," "a sourpuss," "fun to be with," "hard to get along with," etc., etc. But, having mentally made that general and oversimplified classification, we tend to stop there. We forget that he—or she—is, like ourselves, one who loves

and hates; who is moved to laughter and tears; feels the ache of parting; has prickings of conscience; is eager for praise; feels upon occasion the sublime within himself or in nature. We forget that he may be, like us, tempted to evil; moved to acts of kindness; blinded by prejudices. Perhaps he even surpasses us in his tenderness with children, his sacrifices for his friends, and his affection for his family, for whom he struggles mightily all his life to provide the best within his power. In short, we tend to forget that he is made of a piece of the same foolish-compounded clay as we ourselves.

### MEN THE SUM OF VIRTUES AND VICES

Like us, he is the sum of his virtues and his vices—about half and half of each. Therefore he is to be no less pitied than admired; by no means scorned (do we not find excuses for our own weaknesses?); never hated—for whoever hates a fellow-worker must hate himself; and invariably regarded with the same tolerant and sympa-

thetic eye that we turn upon ourselves.

Did he make a mistake in his accounting? Perhaps he had stayed up all the night before with a sick neighbor. Did he fail to carry out an order properly? Perhaps his superior had inspired him with the fear of seeming stupid had he asked for clarification of the order he did not clearly understand. Did the boss call today for the impossible? Remember, he also is under orders. Was he grouchy? Perhaps a decision of lifelong importance was troubling him.

### DEFENSIVE ARMOR

Of such reasons for conduct we may never learn. Pride—the defensive armor of fear with which we cover up our true selves—causes most misunderstandings by impelling arrogant silence as to motives. Less pride and more self-revelation would be as water to flowers in the improvement of our relationships with our fellow-employes. No one can be a friend or have one who does not reveal himself as he truly is.

### TOLERANCE THE KEY

Tolerance is the key. If we were more tolerant, others would appear less proud; and understanding, followed by mutual cooperation to a degree at present unknown, would quickly result—all because of our awareness that Pacific Electric employes are individuals with feelings exactly like our own.

What better resolution could there be than to keep that awareness before our minds all during the New Year?

### Pay Roll Savings

#### Will Continue

Although the war is over, Pacific Electric will continue the Pay Roll Savings Plan to enable employes to buy government bonds by pay roll deduction.

Not only will the plan be continued, but a campaign to urge employes to subscribe to the idea will be continued in the PACIFIC ELECTRIC MAGAZINE as well as by other means.

Employes have proved their interest in savings, for the amount of pay roll deductions for the purpose has not appreciably dropped off since V-J Day.

The plan will continue in operation as long as there is sufficient employe interest.





MERRY CHRISTMAS!—Retired Motorman D. A. Terry (right) gets a Christmas basket and greeting from Sam Newcomer, Asst. PE Club Manager.

## Christmas Baskets from PE Club Bring Good Cheer to Many

During the Christmas, 1945, season, as has been the custom every year since N. B. Vickrey became Manager back in the early twenties, retired or disabled employees and those on sick leave received gaily-decorated baskets full of good cheer—candy, cigarettes, fruit, nuts, raisins—from the Pacific Electric Club, as a gesture to show that these who have given a goodly

LEFT, baskets for mailing to distant recipients are stacked by Janitor and general handy man Everett Holmes of the PE Club.

RIGHT, Mr. Holmes takes a truck-load of baskets to a Long Beach train for delivery to the Terminal Foreman, who will distribute them.



portion of their lives in the service of the company are not forgotten.

### EAGERLY AWAITED.

Many of the recipients look forward with eagerness each year for the arrival of their basket, for they have learned from experience that the light delivery truck piled with goodies may be expected a few days before Christmas, with Chauffeur Vic Westerberg in the driver's seat and Assistant Club Manager Sam Newcomer along to engineer deliveries.

It takes Sam and Vic three days to cover Los Angeles and the suburbs, starting at seven o'clock in the morning. And sometimes as early as eight o'clock Manager Vickrey receives telephone calls of thanks from some who have just received their gifts.

### PRELIMINARY WORK

There is plenty of preliminary work to be done before the truck sets out on its tour of good cheer. A month beforehand, a list of retired employees and their addresses is obtained from the Central Timekeeping Bureau, and a list of the sick and disabled from the Medical Department. Basing his estimate on the number of names on the two lists, Mr. Vickrey, about December 1, begins to buy the necessary supplies of baskets, Christmas wrappings, cigarettes, fruit, etc. During the war years it was necessary to place orders as early as August for scarce articles like cigarettes.

Packages are made up and wrapped in the PE Club rooms by Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer around the middle of December. Some whose destination is at great distance are wrapped for mailing. Since the baskets do not carry well in the mail, those too far away receive Christmas cards instead.

Working evenings for about a week beforehand, Mr. Newcomer and Mr.



Westerberg study their lists and maps in order to plan their delivery routes. A goodly number of baskets are turned over to Terminal Foremen and Agents, who materially assist in making deliveries.

### CASES OF REAL NEED

Sometimes cases of real need are discovered, in which event the Women's Club and the PE Club work together in distributing gift certificates for food and clothing, and in providing such other assistance as may be requisite.

Here is just one way in which the PE Club fulfills its purpose of bringing about good fellowship and good cheer. And hundreds of letters, cards, telephone calls, and personal appearances attest the gratitude each year of those who are remembered in this way.

## PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB BULLETIN

- THURSDAY, JANUARY 10:**  
PE Women's Club Afternoon Business Meeting and Program—1:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 11:**  
PE Bowling League Matches—6:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.—ARCADE RECREATION CENTER. Spectators invited.
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 15:**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3956 Monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 17:**  
PE Women's Club Afternoon Card Party Bridge & 500—Prizes to winners—1:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 18:**  
PE Masonic Club Business Meeting. Installation of new officers—7:30 p.m.  
PE Bowling League Matches—6:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.—ARCADE RECREATION CENTER.
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 22:**  
American Legion Post No. 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 321 Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 24:**  
PE Women's Club Afternoon Business Meeting & Program—1:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 25:**  
PE Bowling League Matches—6:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.—ARCADE RECREATION CENTER.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1:**  
PE Bowling League Matches—6:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.—ARCADE RECREATION CENTER.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5:**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3956 Monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7:**  
PE Women's Club Afternoon Card Party Bridge & 500—Prizes to the winners—1:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8:**  
PE Bowling League Matches—6:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.—ARCADE RECREATION CENTER.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12:**  
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, FEBRUARY 13:**  
PE Rod & Gun Monthly Meeting. Motion Pictures & Refreshments—7:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14:**  
PE Women's Club Afternoon Business Meeting & Program—7:00 p.m.
- PE RIDING CLUB**  
The PE Riding Club meets each Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at PICO STABLES 420 Riverside Drive.



FILLING CHRISTMAS BASKETS for the Club was Mrs. Sam Newcomer, who, when this picture was taken, was being aided by Rosine Syfrig, a neighbor.

## GIVE YOUR OLD CLOTHES To Aid Shivering Millions

By Christmas approximately 25,000,000 children, men and women in the liberated countries overseas had received clothing donated by the American people in the United National Clothing Collection of last spring. But 25,000,000 is only a small percentage of the destitute, homeless and looted people of Europe, the Philippines and the Far East.

### WANT BEYOND BELIEF

Devastation and want in those lands are on so vast a scale as to be almost beyond our comprehension. Millions there are even now inadequately clad for winter weather, for health and for self-respect. It is estimated that in China alone 200,000,000 people need clothing.

Among these threadbare millions, there are people of every age and from every walk of life—new-born babes, school boys and girls, aged farm couples, the village choir master, the woman who went out sewing, office clerks, doctors, teachers, young mothers, sick and fear-haunted ex-prisoners of war, the nearly hopeless wrecks from slave labor camps, and even newly elected big city officials. Most of them live and work in unheated rooms, for fuel, too, is still acutely scarce.

In the bomb-gutted, ruin-strewn lands, peace alone could not bring an

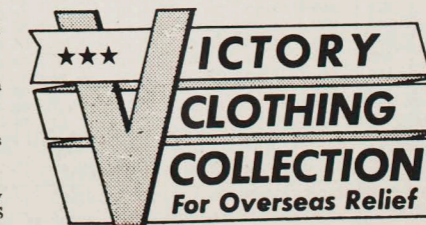
end to the war-created shortages in raw material, yard goods, clothing, shoes and bedding. The shipments of clothing that Americans donated were not nearly enough to go around. Yet as these war-sufferers try to rebuild their factories and their lives, they need clothes for courage, protection and survival.

### CLOTHING GIFTS SAY "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

The clothes which were hanging useless in American homes last year and which were gathered together in the nation-wide clothing collection and shipped overseas by UNRRA have made the difference between a hoped-for Happy New Year and no new year at all for many hundreds of thousands of our fellow men overseas. . . . A coat and a pair of shoes—the difference between despair and renewed faith. . . . A baby's blanket—the difference between a Christmas to celebrate and an empty house.

### Good Drivers Play Safe

When you leave your car—do you do these things? Park legally? Stop the motor? Set the hand brakes? Close the windows? Do you get out of your car from the side nearest the curb? Do you lock the doors before leaving the car? If you do all these things, then the chances are you're a good operator. Careful operation in seemingly simple phases of handling a car usually indicates that the car is being handled by a skillful driver. To be a skillful driver—use care and caution in every operation of your car!





# Changes In 1946 Withholding Taxes

By H. R. Grenke  
Assistant to the Auditor

**E**FFECTIVE with earnings for January, 1946, there will be a reduction in withholding taxes as provided for in the newly enacted Revenue Act of 1945.

The new law affects only your 1946 income. It does not reduce the tax on your 1945 income. Each employe will immediately feel the benefits of the new Act in January, 1946.

Each employe was required to file a copy of Form W-4 "Employes Withholding Exemption Certificate," by January 1, 1945. If the depen-

dency status has changed since that time it is mandatory that new Form W-4 shall be filed. In the event that the number of dependents is increased, the tax will be reduced. On the other hand, if the number of dependents has decreased, the tax will be increased. Employes should consult with their supervisors regarding the proper manner of filling out Forms W-4.

On or before January 31, 1946, each employe will be furnished with two copies (original and duplicate) of the Withholding Receipt Form

W-2 showing the total amount of wages paid to him during the calendar year 1945 and the amount of tax withheld on such wages. The final 1945 income return must be filed with the Collector of Internal Revenue on or before March 15, 1946.

On the opposite page is a reproduction of the Withholding Tax Table that will be used by the Pacific Electric Railway Company for determining the amount of tax to be withheld on wages earned and paid after January 1, 1946, on a semi-monthly basis.

## 1946 Withholding Tax Table

NOTE: You are allowed one exemption for yourself; plus one for your wife or husband (unless she or he is working too; in which case each could claim his own exemption); plus one for each of your dependents.

Table with columns: And the wages are, And the number of withholding exemptions claimed is, At least, But less than, The amount of tax to be withheld shall be. Includes a sub-section: IF THE PAY-ROLL PERIOD WITH RESPECT TO AN EMPLOYEE IS SEMIMONTHLY.

—Reproduced from Government Bulletin

### Retirement Tax Increase of 1/4% Effective Jan. 1

An increase from 3/4 to 3/2 per cent in the Railroad Retirement Tax was effective January 1, 1946, and hence appears in your pay check for the first period in this month, announces H. R. Grenke, Assistant to the Auditor.

This percentage is applied to the gross monthly wage, up to and including a maximum wage of \$300. It is shown on your deduction slip as "Int. Rev. Code Ch. 9B (CTA)."

### Civil War Ends As Justice Triumphs

A riverboat carrying a load of cotton was coming across Galveston Bay. It was January 1, 1863; the Civil War was on; Union ships were blockading the harbor at Galveston.

Suddenly the riverboat headed directly for the Union flagship Harriet Lane, commanded by Commodore Jonathan M. Wainwright. As it approached, a deck-load of sharpshooters in Confederate uniform could be seen behind the bales of cotton and they started shooting. The name "Neptune" on the bow identified the boat as a Confederate ship.

It rammed the Harriet Lane amidstships, and its captain, William A. Bowen, boarded the flagship, along with his men. He found Commodore Wainwright dead, with nine bullet wounds in his chest.

Among the spoils of war which Captain Bowen and his men took away was a family Bible. It was returned to its rightful owner last December 7, when C. K. Bowen, grandson of the Confederate captain and Assistant to the President of Pacific Electric, personally delivered the book to General Jonathan M. Wainwright, grandson of the commodore, and famed hero of Bataan and Corregidor. General Wainwright was at that time staying at a hotel in Los Angeles.

For 82 years the Bowen family had recorded births and deaths in the Bible. At the suggestion of the general, Mr. Bowen removed pages bearing this information, and justice was fulfilled to the accompaniment of cordial handshakes. It was reported that neither Rebel Bowen nor Damyankee Wainwright so much as carried a gun during the interview.

(See Picture on Page 8)

"Have you said your prayers, Willie?"  
"Yes, mom."  
"Did you ask to be made a better boy?"  
"Yes. And I also put in a word for you and dad."

## New Retirement Tax Table

For Calculating 3 1/2% CTA Employe Income Tax Deductions Effective for Work Done Years 1946, 1947, 1948

Table with columns: Wages, Tax, Wages, Tax, Wages, Tax, Wages, Tax, Wages, Tax, Wages, Tax, Wages, Tax. Shows tax amounts for various wage brackets.

### EXPLANATION

The tax deductions shown are actual for wages up to \$100.00. For larger "wages," add to the tax for the amount below \$100.00, the tax shown for the even hundreds (not to exceed \$300.00). Example: for "wages" of \$1.01 the tax is 4c. For "wages" of \$101.01 the tax is \$3.54 (4c plus \$3.50). For "wages" of \$201.01 the tax is \$7.04 (4c plus \$7.00). Fractions of one-half cent or over has been considered as one cent and fractions less than one-half have been dropped.—JNO. J. SUMAN, Auditor.



# A Summary Of Conclusions Reached at the "TRANSPORTATION CLINIC"

By L. H. Appel  
Research Engineer

LOS ANGELES faces a great and constantly growing traffic problem of many years' standing. Solution of the problem is made the more imperative by an anticipated increase in population of the Metropolitan Area—now the third largest in the United States—from 3,500,000 to 6,000,000 by 1950. As a consequence, the City of Los Angeles recently engaged a number of nationally recognized traffic authorities to review all previous traffic relief plans which have been recommended from time to time

during the past twenty years, and, in addition, to propose a general transportation and traffic plan. Upon completion of the survey and study of local traffic conditions, the results were presented to the public in a unique manner—extending over three days, December 17-19, 1945, inclusive—in the Los Angeles City Council Chamber. TRANSPORTATION CLINIC Via what was termed the "Transportation Clinic," the many agencies, civic bodies, transportation

companies, and the general public were enabled to hear at first hand the individual reports and recommendations presented personally by the several experts, and heard for the first time by anyone. The meeting was opened by Mayor Fletcher Bowron and presided over by Judge Marshall McComb.

In opening the "Clinic," Mayor Bowron stated that "we should have an overall traffic plan for Los Angeles so that we can all agree on that plan and work toward a definite end."

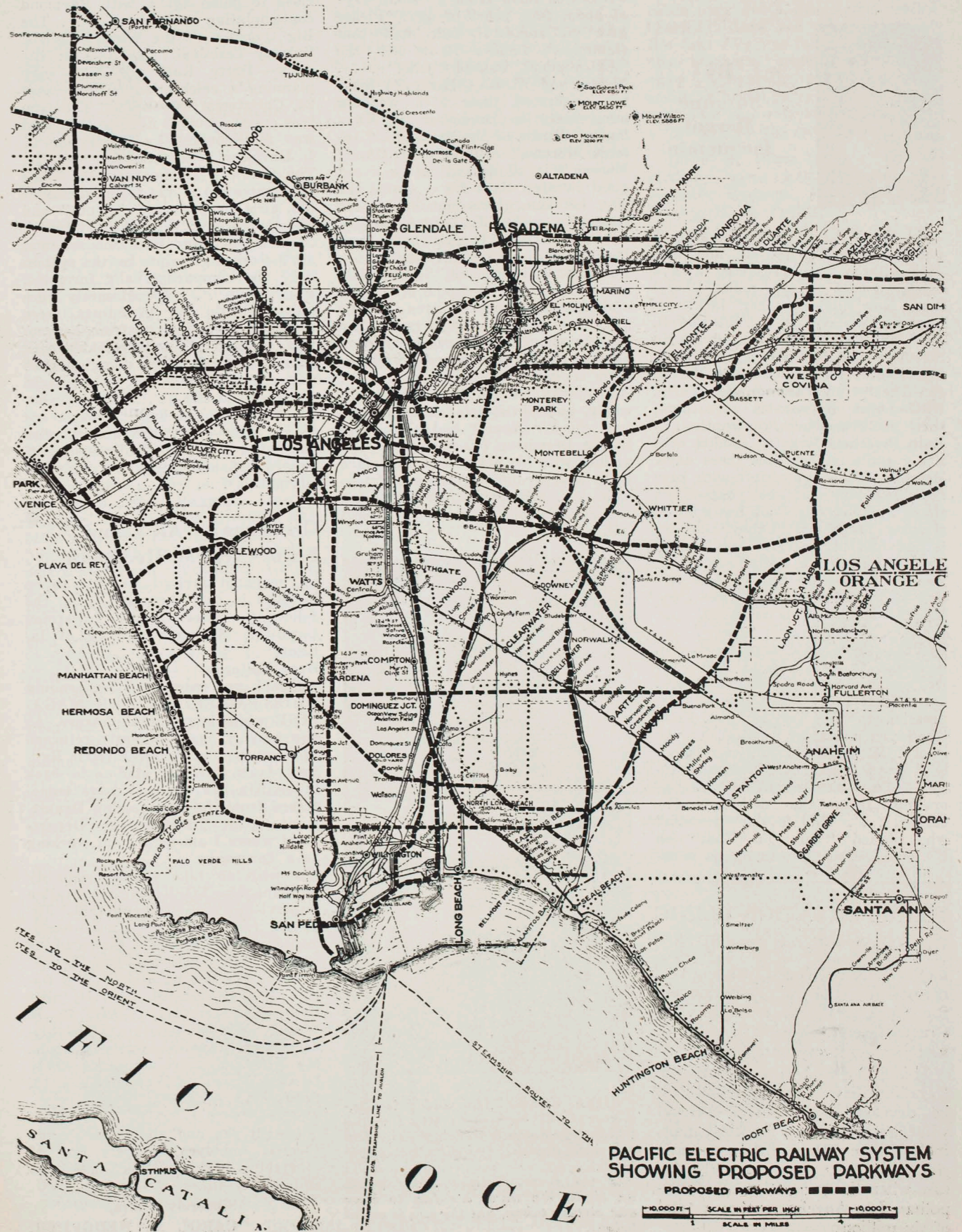
### PARKWAYS NOT ENOUGH

That the consultants worked with the Mayor's idea as their objective appears evident. The experts were wholly in agreement with the system of parkways already proposed for this area, but in addition recommended the development of a limited number of rapid transit trunk lines as well as use of busses on the parkways. It was held that a network of parkways is not enough to solve traffic congestion, and that rapid transportation by cars and busses must accompany the parkways.

- In general the recommendations of the traffic consultants included:
- (a) establishment of rapid transit lines on certain of the parkways and busses on the others;
  - (b) a more extensive use of trolley coaches;
  - (c) use of one-way streets in the downtown area;
  - (d) further modernization of equipment;
  - (e) establishment of more cross-town feeder lines;
  - (f) a limited subway construction program;
  - (g) grade separation program;
  - (h) a more mature handling of the parking problem;
  - (i) a more comprehensive city planning and development program; and
  - (j) a stricter control of traffic which includes many recommendations all the way from prohibiting left and right turns to coordinating signals.

### ONE-WAY STREETS EMERGENCY PLAN

A comprehensive network of one-way streets was recommended as providing the simplest, cheapest and most effective means of immediate improvement while final plans are being developed. (Continued on Page 10, Col. 1)



CIVIL WAR ENDS—Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, grandson of Union commodore, gets back his family Bible from Assistant to the President C. K. Bowen, grandson of the Confederate naval captain who appropriated it. See story on page 7, column 1. Photo courtesy L. A. Times



### TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



By  
**Suzanne  
Margot  
Jacquemin**

At the Wilshire Hospital, at 8:32 p.m. on December 19, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Church were presented with a 6½-lb. bundle of joy, petite Cheryl Ann. Now little brother Jack will have a nice playmate. . . . Bill Powell, our long-lost friend, is at Butte Street working Jumbo after returning from overseas duty in the European Theater of War. . . . Ray Tufts, BRC Local Griever, is seen here, there and everywhere, constantly. . . . Ruth Berscheid is going around with a big smile on her face these days. Reason: A new typewriter with keys so shiny you can see yourself in them. . . . Everette Cook has gone to Graham Yards and "Cobby" has replaced him at Butte. . . . Michael Raymond Donaghu, 8 lbs. and 2 oz., was born on December 6 and will grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Donaghu. This is Don's third son. . . . Yardmaster Byrl Young won't let me use his new fountain pen that is supposed to write for two years—hope it doesn't, so there! . . . What brings that pathetic expression to the face of Pat Frieze when you mention "turkey" to her lately? Seems she had a nice sandwich one Saturday noon and was absent from work for four days, recuperating from the delicious (?) turkey. . . . Who is the "gremlin" who signed "The Old Goat" on Christmas cards for numerous mem-

bers at State Street? Your guess is as good as mine. . . . Heard at the PE Coffee Shop from a "small fry" of about four years of age: "Please give me some of that stuff that shimmies." Believe it or not, the "girl-wonder" wanted "jello." . . . Myrtle and W. B. ("Barney") Blevins celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on December 19. Many happy returns of the day! . . . "Antonio Moreno," or just plain "Andy Moreno," is all decked out in a red plaid sweater. Says it's a shame the way his son grows out of all his clothes! . . . Wm. L. Truesdell, Clerk at State Street, is just back from Medical Corps duties in Manila. . . . For a little excitement, State Street private right of way (the other side of the tracks) had two fires in three days but the Fire Department had everything under control in nothing flat. . . . New passes and new faces seem to denote the New Year. . . . And thanks one and all for the cards, candy, and Christmas remembrances. . . . W. W. Wherry had his picture in the December 7 issue of the Examiner with his horse cars, for which he is a super-duper Assistant Supervisor. . . . A beautiful new edifice has replaced the old shack at 8th Street



**HIYA, FOLKS!** Our daddy is Conductor I. E. Nicholson. Me, I'm the littlest. My name is Penelope, and I'm two this month. And here's my big brother, Arthur—he's five and a half; and my sister, Talitha—she's going on eight. We think it's fun to have our picture taken, but the sun is awful bright.

Yard office. . . . Mr. C. W. Coutts' two sons, Raymond and Duane, are both close to home again, with Raymond contemplating matrimony. . . . The Big Question of the Week from the Subway Terminal is as follows: The girls—Dotty, Ruth and Pat—were planning a celebration on December 24, Christmas tree and all. Then the tree mysteriously disappeared and was re-discovered by Supervisor D. L. Davidson in the trashcan upstairs. The Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson expression is due to the fact that the girls have turned "sleuth" and are still trying to find the culprit. . . . Trainmaster Earl Johnson and all the other grandpas on the system have fun comparing baby formulas, ironing, etc. . . . We all surely were pleased with the Christmas trees that practically rained from heaven. The tree at State was decorated with cigarette butts, car tags, carbon paper strips, etc., and looked right different and classy. . . . If you wonder what all the bright flashes are in our office—they are nothing else but those super-duper diamond earrings the fiance gave yours truly for Christmas. . . .

### Greetings to All Come From Carol M. Hedgpeth

Though it arrived too late to be included in our Christmas issue, the following letter from Towerman Carol M. Hedgpeth will be of interest:

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for sending me the PACIFIC ELECTRIC MAGAZINE while I was in the Army. As you know, I have recently returned to work for the Pacific Electric Railway. I am certainly glad to be back in civilian life again. I have transferred from the Engineering Department to the Transportation Department where I am at present working as a Towerman.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. FOSKETT, the Station Supervisor, and his assistant, Mr. JEHL, for the courtesy and consideration which they have shown to me as a returning war veteran.

I was married in July to Miss Lucille Bernice Graves, who at that time was Secretary to Mr. R. B. Walter, Chief Deputy Superintendent, Los Angeles County Schools. My wife and I are living at 403¾ Loma Drive, Los Angeles 13, California.

I wish you and all of the Pacific Electric employes the very best of everything during this Christmas holiday season.

Sincerely yours,  
**CAROL M. HEDGPETH.**

### ROOM 221 AND VICINITY



By  
**Rosanne  
Smith**

Parties here and there around us, some on Saturday, some on Monday, as we worked a sort of split shift this year. Mistletoe hanging on light cords and such; gay Christmas trees on little tables; the hurrying and scurrying to and from the offices to buy last-minute gifts; going without lunches to do it—all these things breathed the festive Christmas spirit.

In Room 217 on Monday, December 24, Mrs. Evelyn Kipp supervised a delicious luncheon for the staff of Rooms 202, 203, 208, and 217, with the capable assistance of Misses Pauline Sutton, Phyllis Walker, Lillian Ryan, Elna Raugust, Harriet Wissing and Jeanette Everson. The table was set with a bright poinsettia luncheon cloth and napkins; coffee was served from a beautiful sterling urn; small sandwiches, olives, and pickles were there for the taking. Gifts were presented from under the tree and the traditional Christmas stocking was given to H. L. Young (Superintendent of Personnel).

Around about 12:00 noon, Saturday, December 22, the "guys and gals" of the Transportation Department got together and threw their annual St. Nick's Day feast. Mr. G. F. Squires (General Superintendent) gave Season's Greetings to fellow employes, who gaily returned them. Cake, coffee, sandwiches, pea-

nuts, and popcorn were served. Little presents passed among the Department—friends dropping in from here and there added to the gayness of it all, but as some had to return to work and all good things must come to an end, adieus were said and things were put away for another year.

A toast to one and all: That your St. Nicholas Day was the happiest in many moons and that the New Year will bring many more bright moons.

To all who don't know: Our own cheerful, petite and sweet correspondent, Lu Paige, has resigned and yours truly, Pigtail Annie, has taken over. As a New Year's resolution I will do my best to keep up to the reputation that has preceded me. Good luck, Lucy.

On November 20, a lovely shower was held for Miss Virginia Bright of the Trainmaster's Office who was married the 21st and is now Mrs. Gene Willard and a beaming bride. It was given by personal friends, and those familiar to us who attended

were Misses Jeanette Everson, Margaret Jackson, Pat Frieze and me. The greater part of the evening was taken up with a game called "Bunco." Have you ever played it? It's fun! This was followed by a very nice luncheon, including some delicious Hungarian pastry and, of course, a bridal cake. The friendly atmosphere was obvious and I am sure a "good time was had by all."

Down in Room 208, a surprise birthday party was held for Miss Jeanette Everson. Her hosts were Messrs. H. E. Foskett, E. W. Swanson and George Jehl. These congenial gentlemen served luscious cake and coffee and presented their guest of honor with some exquisite perfume. She also received a lovely bottle of "heaven sent" from Mother Salmon.

Over in our File Room, we have another gay girl who has been engaged since August and now announces her forthcoming marriage in February, I do mean Miss Leslie Teater, our Mail Messenger Girl. Best wishes, Leslie!



SANTA CLAUS came to the Personnel Department.



GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE Christmas party





CARL GIESEGEH

### Operator Giesegeh's Act of Courtesy Is Noticed

The big red bus pulled over to the curb and stopped. Out came four children and the driver, who carefully escorted them across wide and busy Ventura Boulevard, stopping traffic when necessary, and leaving them safe on the other side of the street. He then returned to continue his run.

So says the Van Nuys News for December 3, in a story with a double-column headline concerning this act of 25-year veteran Motor Coach Operator Carl Giesegeh of the West Hollywood Terminal.

His action, furthering as it did the good relations between Pacific Electric and the traveling public, clearly reflecting his interest in his passengers as human beings, not "fares," and proving his interest in safe operation, drew the following letter of commendation, dated December 8, 1945, from General Superintendent G. F. Squires:

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Dear Mr. Giesegeh:

Desire you to know that the management highly appreciates outstanding acts of this character and can not but feel that you also share our sense of pride in having outstanding service of this nature reported by the press.

We are all particularly proud of the fact that this outstanding service was recognized and you are assured that this type of service is very much appreciated. A copy of this letter and newspaper clipping referred to is being placed in your personal record file.

It is also noted that you have a clear discipline record, which is commendable and very much appreciated.

Yours truly,  
G. F. SQUIRES

## PASSENGERS APPRECIATE

### Conductors Kidd, Miller, and Wise

Pacific Electric Railway Company:

I wish, as a rider of the PE street-cars, to commend the three following Conductors for their unflinching patience, courtesy, unflinching watchfulness, and kindness toward their passengers. They are always cheerful and thoughtful.

Nos. 2624 [C. D. Kidd], 2716 [H. L. Miller], and 2558 [A. W. Wise].

MRS. PAULINE GREENWOOD.

### Motor Coach Operator J. H. Mapes

December 18, 1945.

Pacific Electric Railway Company

It is with much pleasure that I write to you regarding one of your employees. The gentleman I'm referring to is Mr. J. H. Mapes, Bus Operator 632, of the Garfield Line.

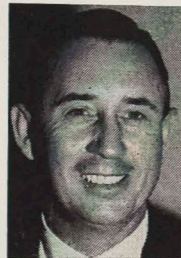
At the latter end of the evening of December 12, I discovered that I had lost my hand bag. Retracing my steps via taxi but failing to find it, I came home. Shortly after midnight, our doorbell rang and upon opening

### QUESTION AND ANSWER BOX

for

### PASSENGER CONDUCTORS AND OPERATORS

By  
W. J. Fenwick



Supervisor,  
Northern and  
Southern  
Districts

Continuing with the discussion of commutation tickets, we have a question of interest.

**Q. While working the Long Beach-San Pedro Cut-off, I recently received a 30-3 commutation ticket for a 25c rate. Stamped on the cover was "San Pedro to Barclay Street." I was confused as to how the ticket was to be honored, the passenger having requested a transfer. Can you give me some information regarding this ticket?**

A. The 30-3 skeleton form is sold only by Agents. In the case mentioned above the passenger requested a commutation 30-ride book for use on the San Pedro-Long Beach Rail Line from San Pedro to Long Beach and thence by way of the Huntington Park-Long Beach Motor Coach Line from Long Beach to Barclay Street. The Agent issued a 30-3 commutation book for 25c rate and stamped on the cover "San Pedro to Barclay Street."

The Conductor, in picking up and honoring this ticket, has only to issue transfer TS-5 to Barclay Street. Should he wish to check the rate, at his convenience he has only to look up the rate from Long Beach to Barclay Street on his Long Beach-Huntington Park Motor Coach Line tariff, which is found on Local Tariff

No. 1387, Seventh Rev. page 9.

The Agent issuing this ticket simply took the rate from San Pedro to Long Beach, which is 15c, and the rate from Long Beach to Barclay Street, which is 10c, added the two rates, and issued the 30-3 for a 25c rate, properly stamping the cover of the book between the stations the book is to be honored.

Many Conductors and Operators in honoring the last ride of a commutation book, which is the cover, are tearing off the contract and destroying it.

Definite instructions are given in Circular PD No. 1850, Fourth Revised page A-1, Rule No. 7, Item E:

"When covers of commutation tickets are presented for passage, they should be turned in complete to Auditor with ticket collections. In other words do not tear off and discard the back cover."

The rules covering commutation tickets are the same on all districts. Conductors and Operators should be on the alert in making fare collections to issue promptly necessary transfer when passenger presents 30-3 skeleton form commutation ticket on whose cover is stamped some station not reached on the line on which received.

the door, saw this bus operator with my bag and then he handed me my charge-plate by which he discovered my name and address.

I just can't get over this gentleman's kindness and certainly his honesty—that he would make such an effort to so speedily return my bag to me and at that late hour especially. He certainly gave me a restful night, which I wouldn't have had otherwise, as there was a considerable sum of money in the bag.

He was most courteous in his manner, very self-effacing, and simply would not accept anything, remonstrating against any attempt on our part to reward him and finally clasping his hands behind his back.

I also recall his kindness at several intervals while riding on his bus that night.

If there is some other person under whose supervision Mr. Mapes works, I shall be very pleased if you would show him this letter.

I wish there were more of such fine a type as Mr. Mapes.

With sincere appreciation of his kindness, I am

Cordially yours,  
CHARLOTTE S. ROTH  
(MRS. F. H.).

### MACY STREET TERMINAL



By  
Ted  
Harrison

Well, well, well! Look who's here! Little 1946, and, of course, lots of new resolutions and all that sort of stuff. I hate to tell this on my own boss. Someone said he made a resolution to be on the job early and here comes January 1 and sure enough, long before dawn lights blaze out at Macy at 3:40 a.m.! And it seems to be catching, for the restaurant is open at 4:01 a.m. Yes, sir! Terminal Foreman D. B. Van Fleet and his staff on the job before 4 a.m.! But, alas! it didn't last for come January 2 and the boss didn't get around till 5:30 a.m.

Say, you fellows on the other divisions that think you're busy. Try providing transportation for three big attractions in one day such as the Rose Parade, the Football Game, and the Horses at Santa Anita and you are busy people. Some of you made your annual visit to the North

January First. See you next year and thanks for your help.

Here is a little item I think should go in the Magazine this first month of the year. A certain "trouble-shooter" at Sixth and Main Street, speaking of the Magazine and the various writeups, said: "Nobody ever says anything about us poor night guys here." Well, sorry you got slighted, but I will say we have a swell bunch of fellows up there on the night job always ready to fix up those B.O. lights or broken bell cords or what have you.

By the time this is in print we will have Motorman F. J. Wheatley, O. T. Wheeler and T. E. Pendleton OK'd interurban.

Just heard that Motorman F. T. Nichols was out of the hospital. Glad to hear that you are getting well again and hope you are on the job long before this is being read.

This will introduce our new Cashier, Carlton Scott, who just recently bumped Anne Crocker. Welcome to Macy, Carlton, hope you like us here. We have a pretty good bunch of fellows.

That new operator on the Garfield Bus is Charlie Knight, who bid the job in after having held Oak Knoll run 4304.

Conductor A. B. Peterson, late of Uncle's Navy and later of a Temple City bus, has bid in Motor Transit run 3205.

We are glad to report at this time that Conductor Harry Hampton, who for a long time has held a job on the Sierra Madre line, and who underwent a very serious operation at St. Vincent's Hospital, is getting along very nicely. Hurry up and get well, Harry; we're all pulling for you.

Among new men here at Macy Street are Conductors C. C. Carpenter, G. P. Pfeifer, H. L. Adair, F. W. Linnard, and Leon Gillis. We welcome you to Macy Street, fellows!



**TRIED & TRUE**—Pasadena veterans of more than 25 years of service. Left to right are Motorman C. B. Lewis, originally from De Queen, Arkansas; Conductor A. Sandefur, Beverdam, Kentucky; Conductor T. J. Miles, Corydon, Indiana; and Motorman J. J. Lockshaw, Struthers, Ohio.

you and any whom I may have missed—and hope you like the job. I think you'll find the bunch O.K. and ready to give you a hand any time you're stuck.

Motorman Prewitt, Sr. is back in the motorman's cab again. Says he feels better there than on the back end where he worked for a while when he had a bad wrist.

### PASADENA TERMINAL

By  
H. L.  
Woodford



The sudden passing of D. M. ("Jim") Durkee was a shock to his many, many friends. A man well liked by his fellow workers, Jim was always on the jolly side, and it was a pleasure to be around him. Our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Durkee and daughter.

A welcome to Pasadena is in order to Motormen D. S. Varela, Al Carlini, and W. L. Thorson.

Confined to their homes: Conductor G. D. Stewart, for two weeks with flu; Conductor M. L. Anderson, for a month, with troublesome molars.

Conductor W. W. Blight had his ticket box stolen last month. Let it be a warning to you Conductors, with all this crime wave on, to keep your eye on your box all the time.

Conductor Harry Moulton is back from freight service, and bumped onto 4308.





**JOHN C. ARKO**, pharmacist's mate 3/c, U. S. Navy, is the son of Motorman I. C. Arko of Pasadena. He returned from service in the South Pacific last month for a month's furlough preceding another six months of service.

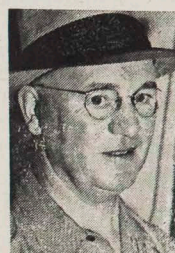
Motorman Jerry Weirich bid back from the South District to 4308.

Birthday greetings on January 20 to little Jane Goodman, our very efficient waitress at the B & C Cafe; and on January 15 to Conductor J. F. Kininy.

An anonymous author says: Imagination is something that sits up with a woman when her husband comes home late.

Happy New Year!

### SUBWAY TERMINAL



By  
**W. F.  
Servranckx**

Train Service Instructor J. F. Johnston and his charming wife Mary Ellen, announce an addition to the family, with the arrival of a new son, Gary Lee, at Burbank Hospital, December 10, 1945. We wondered why Johnny looked so tired next day. "Well," he said, "did you ever stay up all night waiting for your baby to arrive?" We know, Johnny, we know. Anyhow, we congratulate the happy family.

Conductor M. E. Kramer has been promoted, and will henceforth be known as the "Governor" of Ocean Park. If you don't believe it, ride on his car some time.

Motorman George Folz and family are making a holiday trip to visit relatives and friends. He left so quickly we failed to find out where,

but our reporters who know say it was Iowa.

Our grievance man, Harry Finglet, smiles again. No, boys. You're wrong; he has not settled any grievances. Mrs. Agnes Finglet and their talented daughter, Camille, are back home from a trip, and our good friend has his regular home-cooked meals again.

Our investigation committee has discovered that Motorman L. F. Monday hails from Little Rock, Ark., where the fish are larger than rabbits in Texas. Don't blame me, Ray H.; that's what the man said. Hobby: Motorman, Conductor, Bus Driver. A good hand at gin rummy and pinochle. He promises a real ham from Arkansas on any Tuesday.

The orchid for January for the best and neatest Trainman should be awarded to Conductor O. D. Hanson, West Hollywood. No matter what the weather is like, Olie shows up for work clean from hat to shoes.

Conductor and Mrs. D. O. King are indeed happy to have back home with them their son, Lt. D. O. King, Jr., of the 20th U.S. Army Air Force. He saw service until the last day of the war and was in the last mission over Japan, August 14, 1945. Glad to see you back.

We are happy to have back in our ranks Conductor L. F. Thompson, U.S.A.A.F.; W. E. Christie, U.S.-M.C.; H. D. Fisher, U.S. Engineers; L. J. Leman, U.S.M.M.; O. T. Peak, Seabees; M. L. Stiles, U.S.A.; R. G. Stewart, U.S.A. Welcome home, boys.

### Retired Motorman Downs of San Bernardino Passes

According to the San Bernardino Daily Sun for December 1, 1945, David E. Downs, former Pacific Electric Motorman in San Bernardino, died Thursday, November 29, at his home in Riverside.

Mr. Downs ran the last trolley car on the old Highland-San Bernardino line, and also the last car on San Bernardino's D street line, when service was abandoned in favor of bus transportation.

Mr. Downs, who was 69, began his 40 years of service with Pacific Electric in 1905. During the last 10 years of employment for the PE he worked out of San Bernardino. He retired in 1942.

The sympathy of PE employes is extended to Mrs. Downs and the family.

Colonel (after reviewing troops): "Hang it all! What's the idea of parading all the big men in front of the little men?"

Lieutenant: "It's the sergeant's fault, sir. He used to run a fruit store."

### BRT Has Christmas Party At West Hollywood

By W. F. Servranckx

A Christmas party and dance for the benefit of BRT members, their families, and friends was held through the courtesy of Lodge No. 448, December 22, at the West Hollywood American Legion Hall. Approximately 250 persons attended.

Beforehand a short meeting was held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at which officers were installed by our well-known brother, E. A. Jacob, Field Supervisor, BRT.

Then the party really started. Refreshments were prepared and served at the kitchen by Mrs. W. F. Servranckx and Mrs. D. O. King, with the able assistance of our newly-elected Vice President, Brother A. E. Brown, whose ability at washing dishes, etc., received well-deserved praise from the two ladies in charge. Brother Ed Fishman also helped, not only by serving hot dogs, but also by serving cough medicine to all who had even the slightest sniffles.

The hall was beautifully decorated, and provided a fine setting for the good time everybody enjoyed.

Through the medium of the PACIFIC ELECTRIC MAGAZINE may we of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen extend our sincere wishes to all for a happy and prosperous New Year.

### OCEAN PARK CAR HOUSE AND BUS LOT

By  
**Charlie  
Croninger**



Here I am again with my mugg in the PE MAGAZINE, doing a little scribbling about what's doing at Ocean Park.

Bill Williams, who has been writing this column, has given it up. He is making plans to spend his vacation in the east, near Arcadia.

It surely makes one feel good to welcome back the men that have been away doing their best to make this country and the world a better place to live and work in. The last one to return to Ocean Park (as of December 20) was Robert M. Mason. Bob was discharged December 4, on his birthday. He was in the 51st Marine Division, and operated a Sherman tank.

While deadheading to Vineyard,

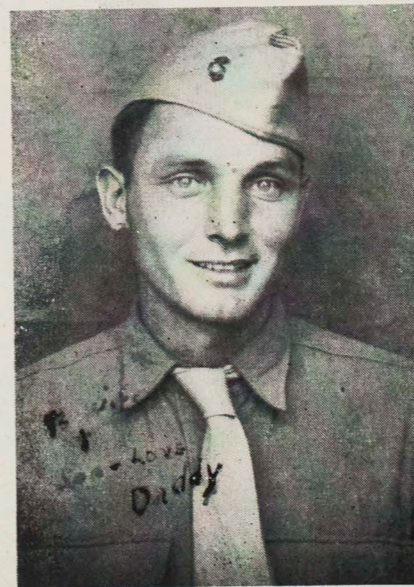
Bob told of a very exciting incident that happened during the first invasion of Iwo Jima. His tank was blasted out of commission and he was ordered to the front to bring back some wounded. While Bob was running down through a gully, a Jap started to attack him with a bayonet. Bob's only weapon was the stretcher he was carrying; so, being a good marine, not wanting to besmirch the Marine tradition, he used the stretcher to hasten the Jap on his way to the place where all Japs go when they try to sneak up on a U.S. Marine.

Charles F. ("Chass") Belz, who hails from the city that beer made famous, Milwaukee, decided during a rainstorm to come to sunny California. Chass' first job with PE was submarine shuttling at Albright Park during our liquid sunshine.

While deadheading to the Santa Ana Air Base on the Sunday before Christmas, Belz, Eddingfield, Chastain, and your reporter had the pleasure, near Seal Beach, of seeing an oil well come in—or should I say "bust out all over." First, black smoke rose a hundred feet in the air, and was followed by oil shooting up in the form of a black spray to an equal height.

Garnet E. Chastain, incidentally, added a few gray hairs on this trip while leading the convoy.

While waiting at the Santa Ana Air Base to transfer some of the soldiers to Camp Anza, that old "coffee and" habit took hold, and for the sum of 35c—and no tax—the boys partook of a small feast consisting of olives, celery, head lettuce, stewed tomatoes with bread (yum! yum!), mashed potatoes, a choice cut



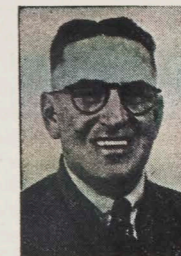
**ROBERT M. MASON** returns to Ocean Park from the Army.

of beef, hot biscuits, butter (did I say butter? Yes, sir, and not in a small square, either), fruit cake, ice cream, coffee, and milk.

Yeah, man! Uncle Sam surely knows how to feed his soldiers! No wonder they win battles.

Adios!

### SOUTHERN FREIGHT DISTRICT



By  
**J. E.  
Neville**

Yardmaster Charles Noonan of Butte Street is the proud father of a queen's handmaiden. His daughter, Dorothy, was the South Gate Queen's handmaiden in the coronation ceremonies preceding the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. On the basis of poise, beauty, and speaking, Dorothy was selected by Hollywood judges out of 43 winners of a popularity contest at South Gate High School. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Noonan and to charming Dot.

Recently Yardmaster Owens' auto was borrowed without his knowledge for a few days, and was finally returned to him in A-1 condition except for his prewar gasoline, which had been used up.

Conductor E. Vacher is fully recovered from his long illness of three months, and is back to work again. He bumped "The Palooka Frenchman," Frank Gerard, on the commercial work train. The best of health, Ed.

What strong wind blew away the fence at the Harbor Belt? We see Roy Soule at Watson, and G. Latham, R. Bond, Conductor Shepherd, and one or two more at Long Beach Yard. That's news, for these prodigal sons have been away from the premises for 20 years. Who's next?

Our sick list is heavy, and includes W. Paulson, H. Wolf, F. O. Bradley, C. A. McCarthy, Charles Ranco, and several others. We wish them all a speedy recovery and the best of luck. IN MEMORIAM

P. M. Layton, C. D. Mallory, and Mrs. L. Tieman, wife of L. Tieman of South Freight. Our sincere sympathy to the bereaved families.

"O, deem not they are blest alone whose lives a peaceful tenor keep: The Power who pities man has shown a blessing for the eyes that weep."

### Torrance Agent and Staff Praised for Fine Service To Maritime Commission

Indicative of the type of service rendered by outstanding Pacific Electric employes—the sort of service that makes customers come back for more—is the following letter from a representative of the U. S. Maritime Commission to Agent W. H. Bratton of Torrance:

December 20, 1945

Mr. W. H. Bratton,  
1200 Border Avenue,  
Torrance, Calif.  
Friend of Mine:

With the closing of our warehouse at Harbor City and the end of my two years tenure therein comes fond recollection of our past relation and the unexcelled service we have received from the Pacific Electric Railway and especially by you and your force.

Will you kindly present my thanks and best wishes to your most able and amiable assistant, Mr. John Cole, and all the others in your office.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

F. T. MONTGOMERY,  
Warehouse Superintendent.

Mr. Bratton has been with the company since November 10, 1919; Mr. Cole, Assistant Agent, since July 17, 1923.



**QUEEN'S HANDMAIDEN**—Miss Dorothy Noonan, daughter of Butte Street Yardmaster Charles Noonan, was chosen as one of the two handmaidens to South Gate Queen Jean Cequin during coronation festivities preceding this year's Tournament of Roses Parade.



## Agent C. J. Hileman Dies of Heart Attack

The death by heart attack of Agent Carl John Hileman of Huntington Beach Agency removed on Tuesday, December 4, one of Pacific Electric's most loyal and civic-minded old-timers, and one of the best Agents.

### HIS CAREER

Born in Marysville, Kansas, March 15, 1896, he and his family moved to Monrovia, California, when he was a young lad, and there he began driving a horse car and carrying special delivery messages. On August 28, 1913, he started work for Pacific Electric as a Warehouseman at the Monrovia Station, worked as a Clerk for several years, and then transferred to Etiwanda as Agent—dates here are uncertain. From 1921 to 1937 he was Agent at Claremont, and then moved to Compton, where he served as Agent until June 1 of this year, his period of duty there being interrupted for several months of illness, during which, it is said, his heart was apparently strong and healthy. He recovered sufficiently to assume the title of Agent at Huntington Beach, where he worked until his demise. The heart attack came as a complete surprise to his family.

Mr. Hileman was for many years Secretary of the Pacific Electric Agents Association, was an active Kiwanian in both Claremont and



CARL J. HILEMAN as he appeared at the ticket window of his former agency, Compton.

## LONG BEACH FREIGHT HOUSE

By  
Jack  
DeLaney



We have been missing our old friend J. A. McCarthy, Switch Foreman, the past few weeks. "Mac," well known by all, had the misfortune, while performing his duties, of injuring his shoulder. He is up and able to be around and expects to be back on the job soon now.

Brakeman G. A. Latham, who had been reported on the sick list, passed away December 20, at St. Vincent's Hospital. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his death. George was well liked and well acquainted around the harbor. All employes wish to express their sympathies to the bereaved family.

R. J. Nagle had the misfortune of breaking three fingers a few days back. Nagle, while performing his duties, fell off an engine onto his hands.

Thelma Thomas left the service December 31. She and her husband are taking a trip East, visiting relatives. Thelma has been employed here for the past two and a half years as Freight Clerk. They will go into farming in a big way on their return.

Compton, and was at one time president of the Claremont Chamber of Commerce.

### COMPTON FUNERAL

A rosary service was held at Hann's Funeral Chapel, Compton, at 8:30 p.m., December 6, funeral services being conducted at the same place by Rev. Vincent Flynn at 10:00 a.m. the following morning. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery, 4201 Whittier Boulevard. Active pall-bearers were prominent Compton business men, and included the Compton Station Agent, A. R. Crow.

### TWO SONS PE MEN

The sympathy of all Pacific Electric employes is extended to those of Mr. Hileman's family who survive: Mrs. Rose Hileman, his wife, of 219 North Pearl Avenue, Compton; and two married sons, Don and Raymond, both on military leave from Pacific Electric, Don being a Clerk-Warehouseman at Compton, and Raymond a Typist-Clerk at the Los Angeles Freight Terminal.

Madeline Somerby, Demurrage Clerk, looked forward to a grand time Christmas, as her boy friend, Frank Gill, was expected to arrive from overseas by that time. Madeline has been all a-jitter the past few days awaiting that call: "I'm in town, baby!"

A letter from our good friend and co-worker, Evelyn Metcalf, reached us a few days back. Evelyn is now living in Panhandle, Texas, where she and her husband, who returned from overseas not so long ago, are busy building their new home. Evelyn says she does most of the heavy work, such as wheeling dirt around in a wheelbarrow. She cordially invited the whole bunch down for Christmas.

Bill Lawrence has returned to the office as Demurrage Clerk. Bill was in the service for a year and a half, seeing service in England, France and Germany. He was a paratrooper in the 513th Regiment.

"Ole" Kallman, Warehouse Foreman, is taking a well-deserved vacation visiting his brother at Fresno. We miss Ole's alibis and long stories. If anyone has a good story to tell, Ole can always manage to tell one a little better or more far-fetched. Especially the one about the hot stove that his girl sat on when he



BRAKEMAN L. S. DUNHAM, of the Southern District, and his two sons. At left is Perry Albert, 29, now out on medical discharge after five months. At right is Robert Lloyd, 22, now stationed at Vallejo after 28 months of overseas service for which he received five Battle Stars. Father Luman Scott has been with PE since January, 1921, beginning as a Motorman on the South. Except for about three years, his entire PE career has been in freight service.

## Mrs. F. P. (Sibyl Mather) Raymer Retires as Information Chief

Considerable sadness is felt among Pacific Electric employes, especially among the old-timers, who know that Chief Information Clerk Sibyl Mather (old-timers find it hard to say "Mrs. F. P. Raymer") has announced her retirement on January 20, following a vacation period which began January 5.

Always charming and full of life, she added so much to whatever gathering she happened to be with that her absence will leave a large void. For her own sake, of course, everybody is glad. Mrs. Raymer had worked hard and long, and often under difficult conditions, to make the Information Bureau what it is today—a mine of information about practically anything tourists want to know about Southern California. She deserved a rest from her labors of the last 39 years.

### FAREWELL TEA

At an open house tea served Friday, January 4, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., in the Tea Room on the eighth floor of the Pacific Electric Building, a large number of employes came and said farewell to Mrs. Raymer. Invitations were issued to all PE employes and other friends of the guest of honor.

### STARTED IN 1906

When she started to work for Pacific Electric as a beautiful young girl of approximately 21 summers, she had just fought off the effects of a heart condition which had brought her on a stretcher to Los Angeles with her widowed mother. When she first (1906) applied for work with

was visiting back in the old country, a few years ago.

Well, by the time this goes to press, the Christmas will be well over and we will be into the New Year. We hope all employes had a Merry Christmas and will enjoy a fine, good New Year.

Yours truly and his wife planned a trip to San Francisco and Sacramento for a week, visiting relatives, expecting to be back December 29.

### INFORMATION PLEASE

By Deane H. Koch

There have been a number of changes in the personnel of our department. Thelma Bell has resigned as Assistant Lost and Found Clerk and Carolyn Dalthorp has "taken over" as assistant to Mrs. Phillips. Two new faces have been added to our crew—Loris Jones and Winifred Cartmell.

As we were unable to make the column last month we would like to mention the death of Lou Bundy, sister of Bessie Bundy. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Bessie at this time.

As for the sick list—a number have had heavy colds. We are sure the regular commuters missed the ready smile of our chief, Sibyl Raymer, when she was out suffering from loss of voice. We understand Mr. Raymer says he got his say in that time. The most recent ones were Edna Tilley and Adeline McIntyre. However, since our downstairs headquarters has been made a little more comfortable by the addition of windows and some doors, perhaps some of the colds will be eliminated.

Louise O'Connor enjoyed her vacation at her home in Santa Monica.



THE CLAIM DEPARTMENT put on a real spread at their Christmas party.



MRS. F. P. RAYMER

Pacific Electric, Los Angeles had only some 300,000 inhabitants, the Pacific Electric Building—in which she has worked ever since—was a year old, and Joseph MacMillan was Passenger Traffic Manager. She had answered a blind newspaper ad for an Information Clerk, because, after taking many rides on Pacific Electric lines with her mother just for the sake of travel, she had thought how fine it would be if she could only tell people about the beautiful scenery and interesting places which could be visited after only a relatively short journey over Pacific Electric lines.

The man she was to see in answer to the ad told her she was too young for the job, but Mr. MacMillan, to whom she was directed after she kept on insisting, wasted no time. "All right, young lady," he said. "You asked for it. Take off your hat and go to work!" That, at least, was the substance, if not the exact language, of his reply.

### GROWTH OF BUREAU

So she went downstairs, took off her hat, and at once began to sell magazines and give out information on the side. Pay: a dollar a day, seven days a week!

It wasn't long before she had proved herself so capable that Mr. MacMillan raised her salary to \$45 a month and made her a full-time Information Clerk—the first PE had ever had. As Los Angeles grew, and people found out that they could get from Pacific Electric accurate and



prompt information about streets, trains, fares, and places to go, her bureau grew and grew until it reached its peak under the wartime traffic of World War II with soldiers, sailors, marines, and anxious relatives looking for addresses, trains, etc., crowding around the desk or deluging the telephone lines with inquiries. Mrs. Raymer had to train and supervise 15 clerks working around the clock in order to serve the traveling public.

She herself has always held her place actively at the desk in the lobby or at the telephone upstairs.

**RETIREMENT PLANS**

After her retirement—and, incidentally, she says she had planned to retire for some time before she thought of getting married—Mrs. Raymer plans to take some long-deferred trips with her husband, who will also retire in June. She wants to visit Alaska, Mexico, and other distant climes, though her chief interest, she says, is in her home, where she loves to cook, keep house, and entertain. Reading, too, she loves, especially good travel books—and railroad timetables, for which she has long had a sort of mania. She admits to being a railfan.

**LOVED HER WORK**

In all the years of her service, Mrs. Raymer says she has never dreaded coming to work. She has never arisen in the morning with a feeling of foreboding, a fear of what the day might bring forth, in spite of the fact that at one time she had to work from 7:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. seven days a week. One of the reasons for her pleasure in her work has been those with whom she has been associated.

"I have had the loyal support of all my co-workers," she says, "and that has been wonderful."

Looking back over the course of her highly successful endeavors to improve and enlarge her bureau, she gives this parting word of advice:

"Never do a halfway job. Always do your best."



**ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT**

By  
**Dorothy B. Dunn**

Hear ye, Hear ye, on the morning of December 24, 1945, at 8:00 a.m. sharp, a Christmas breakfast was held in the Army Canteen, 355 PE Building, for the early risers of the Accounting Department. We were entertained by such exalted persons as George Perry, Ellen Sparks, Bob Rachford, Martha Hiltbrandt (borrowed for the occasion from Time-keeping, thank you, Earle Moyer), Ann Garvin, Clare Parker, Janie Catherine Cox, Dorothy Shields, Alice Wiff, Marilyn Hawkins, Nancy Fisher, Charles English, George Crystal, Thomas E. Dickey, Lester B. McNelly and myself. (I'm still wondering if it was the bird seed that made the Men's Sextette sing so sweetly.)

The program was formally begun with the singing of "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here," followed by the introduction of World War II veterans by Earle Moyer, Master of Ceremonies.

Between numbers we were served a delicious breakfast which consisted of bacon, eggs, potatoes, rolls, fruit cocktails, and coffee.

We then sang "Auld Lang Syne," and so to work.

We would like to express our appreciation to all those who took part in the program, to Jack and his staff who served us, to Harley Talbott, who kindly consented to get up out of a warm bed just to take our pictures, and to those who arranged the breakfast and program.

The Accounting Department extends a warm welcome and handshake to those men who have returned to the company after having served their country in its time of need.

We have four boys who have returned from the armed forces: Frank Carr, Jack Beggerly, John B. Thatcher, and Kenneth Williams.

Frank was stationed in Italy, France, and Africa. Jack, who was in the Navy in the South Pacific, was on the first ship into Tokyo. When asked what Tokyo reminded him of he said, "It reminds me of the Palos Verdes Hills between San Pedro and Redondo Beach!" John was also in the South Pacific on New Guinea and the Philippines. When questioned on how he liked the South Pacific, he said vehemently, "Not fit for print!" And I guess it isn't. Kenneth was in the Army in England. He was fortunate in having British cousins to stay with but says there is no place like the good old USA which is something we all know.

George Perry, Tax Accountant, received a letter from Noble Cates, a soldier who used to be with the Accounting Department. Noble is near Marseilles, France, where he is waiting to be shipped home. He expects to be in the States before Christmas.

The homecoming of Seaman 1/c A. P. Manhart was quite a pleasant surprise for his parents, Statistical Clerk and Mrs. A. F. Manhart. He is in the Quartermaster Division on the aircraft carrier Savo Island, which



**MANHART CHILDREN**—Taken at home while his sailor son was on leave is this picture of Statistical Clerk A. F. Manhart's son and daughter, Seaman 1/c Arthur Paul and Cadet Nurse Dorothy Manhart. Dorothy has been stationed at Orange, and has commuted daily from Altadena, home of the parents.



**THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT** satisfied Christmas hunger at an early breakfast, which was obligingly served by the Army Canteen, 355 PE Building.

recently arrived from Pearl Harbor with 1,208 war veterans. Mr. Manhart also has a daughter, Dorothy, who is a cadet nurse.

Charles English has returned from the Engineering Department to take over his old job as Equipment and Work Order Clerk. Will somebody please inform George Crystal of this fact?

Jeanne Albrecht has accepted a fraternity pin from Ted Mahl in lieu of an engagement ring, which places her in the happy realm of an engaged woman.

Allyn Louise Smith and Lois Williams have become brides in the last two months. Allyn Louise is now Mrs. R. J. Wartenburg and Lois is Mrs. Linton Owsley. Mr. and Mrs. Wartenburg spent their honeymoon motoring through the Grand Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. Owsley motored to Oregon.

Eileen Dillon spent her vacation in Spokane, Washington, where she visited her fiancé, Frank E. Smith, at the home of his grandmother. He had just arrived from the South Pacific. They will be married in the near future.

Dolores Gunnell's boy friend, Joe Eliason, came home for a thirty-day leave and she hasn't touched the floor since. Joe is off the aircraft carrier Saratoga.

At long last, we have a mail boy instead of a mail girl. (No pun intended.) His name is Bill Reich.

And to all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Enthusiastically, and also a little timidly, youthful (20), charming Miss Dorothy B. Dunn, Typist, Miscellaneous and Disbursements Accounts, herewith presents her first column for her department. She hopes you'll like it, and that you'll help her make future issues good by giving her the news. Came to PE in September, 1943, after June graduation from El Monte High. Loves music, especially Bach; plays the piano and delights in listening to records. Gossip-columned for her high school paper in Portland, Oregon.



**CONDUCTORS' ACCOUNTS** observed the Christmas season fittingly with a tree and presents.

**Frank D. Wilson, Clerk in Freight Accounts, Passes December 8**

By Dorothy Dunn

On December 8, 1945, Frank D. Wilson, General Clerk in the Freight Accounts Bureau, passed away at the age of 62. The funeral was held December 10 and he was buried in Rose Hill.

Mr. Wilson had a very colorful and picturesque life. Born in England, for some time he served the British Government in New Guinea. He was later an interne in the Health Service for the United States in the Philippine Islands, where he was wounded and crippled by a stray bullet. The man who shot him was never found.

He was a veteran of World War I, in which he lost two brothers.

He came to this company from the old Motor Transit Company when it was purchased by Pacific Electric. His seniority dates from December 26, 1924.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillian Wilson, 437 West Norwood Place, Wilmar. The sympathy of Pacific Electric employees goes out to her at her sorrow.



**WEDDED NOV. 3**—Mr. and Mrs. Carlos E. Morales. Mrs. M. is well known to employes as the former Esther Quast, Assistant Head Clerk in Conductors' Accounts. Her husband is an electrician at Consolidated Steel, Wilmington. After their wedding in Las Vegas, Nevada, they honeymooned at Grand Canyon and at a guest ranch in Arizona, and are now living at 906 West 40th Place. Mrs. Morales has been with Pacific Electric since September 4, 1923, and is still continuing with her work. Congratulations to the happy couple.

**RETIREMENTS**

Best wishes for a Happy New Year to the following employes who retired during the month of December, according to the Treasurer's office:

NAME	Occupation	Department	Years of Service
Frank O. Bradley	Conductor (South)	Transportation	28
Dorothy H. Collins	Steno	Local Freight	34
Laura May Harris	Clerk	Transportation	16
Arthur L. Hiatt	Carpenter	Mechanical	25
Robert A. Martin	Trav. Auditor	Accounting	37
Ray Moran	Brakeman (South)	Transportation	8
Victoriano Ramos	Laborer	Engineering	20
Ascencion Rubalcaba	Laborer	Engineering	28
John T. Watson	Electrical Machinist	Mechanical	27





CENTRAL TIMEKEEPING BUREAU really had themselves a time at their Christmas party.

**CENTRAL TIMEKEEPING BUREAU**



By  
**V. B. Tellechea**

A graphic account of our Xmas party can best be told in two words: "Wooooo—Wooooo," or "Ummmm Hmmmm!" Everybody is agreed that this has been about the best, and one of those who helped to make it so, is none other than Helen Sawyer! Two other ladies who worked hard at trimming the tree and doing all the catering, were Marion Lutes and Frances Houston.

Blanche Maitorena assisted with the coffee and cake, and Dave Alexander, minus everything a Santa should have—(except the prerogatives and a beard) had the time of his life, exacting a kiss from each of the ladies, as he presented them their gifts! And, to make it more hilarious, some of the men came in for their share of lovin' too! Carols were sung by Harry Shea and the group, to the accompaniment of Martha Hiltbrand's superb playing of the accordion. Of course, the mistletoe, as usual, was overworked! And perish the thought, my dears, but methinks we drove the photographer, Harley Talbott, nuts!

Now that all the festivities are over and done with, we can sit back and resolve that—doggone—this year we shall certainly start our Xmas shopping early. Ho, hum! Habits are hard to break!

There is one thing we must not forget, this first month of the year,

*Fight on!*

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**JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES**  
THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS, INC.

and that is the importance of supporting liberally, the March of Dimes which our late President inaugurated. ALMA POTTER'S little son was struck with paralysis recently, and although he is getting the best of care, it is our donations, large or small, that enable the children to keep on getting it. So, let's not stint ourselves, friends. Let's all give!

Extra! Here's one on Ray Albrecht: Ray joined the 300,000 people in L. A. looking for a place to rent, after selling his home in Monterey Park. Busy little beavers at work gave Ray a number to call and ask for Mr. Kennel and see if he had an apartment for him. It turned out that Mr. Kennel worked for no other concern but the Humane Society! Guffaws resounded on all sides. And quoth our poet laureate, Ida Durchin:



AS ONE GOB TO ANOTHER — Willis Herman Potter, 4½, son of Alma Potter, Senior Night Calculator Operator in Central Timekeeping, is in the Orthopedic Hospital, as a victim of infantile paralysis. Here he is, straight, strong, and happy, saluting Uncle Bill, before his illness began.

"So poor Ray's in the Doghouse now, and yet we pause to wonder—with people living where they do—did he commit a blunder?"

And in the way of contrast, Virginia Lamb moved into her new home and was promptly given a housewarming party by a number of girl friends from the office. "Ginnie" was acclaimed a marvelous hostess by everybody!

Altho belated, listen to what happened to Mr. C. J. Williams: Saturday before Thanksgiving, purchased a chicken. Sunday: two ducks. Monday: was shocked to find he had

fallen heir to a 20-lb. turkey! He who has, gits!

Telephone call for Margarete Christiansen! Call for M.C. M.C. at her desk: "Aw, wait till I put on my shoes!"

One girl we'll miss is Jean Pratt. Jean left on her vacation to attend the wedding of her sister, in Syracuse, Nebr. She'll be one of the bridesmaids, and who knows—maybe catch the bouquet!

The night girls celebrated Beth Amschler's birthday, and also the completion of one year's service with the PE on November 3, with a steak dinner. Various gifts were also very much in evidence.

Newcomers: Toni Cooper, Typist; Carmen Horta, Calculator Operator; and Annis Miner, nite Calculator Operator. Glad you've joined our family!

Bertina Schwartz, Blanche Maitorena, Geo. LaRoche, and Diane Delmar had a few days away from the office.

Birthdays: Frances Houston, December 7; Norine Bachman, 10th, and Anna Capo, the 18th.

"Dearly Beloved: We are here gathered. . . ." Guess who? None other than our redhead, Margaret Willis! Said there was nothing about obey in the ceremony, either! And Mr. Francis Northcutt is a Motorman in the West Division, too! Health and happiness to both of you!

And our fact-finding committee has reported a beauty of a sparkler on Mildred Woods' 4th finger, left hand! We'll bet it won't be long before the bells are ringing!

A happy and prosperous New Year to everybody!

**FIELD ENGINEERING NEWS**

By A. F. Dougall  
Junior Engineer

During the past several weeks the activity in this department increased tremendously. The new members, mostly returned G.I. veterans trained for real action in the armed forces, are now aggressively taking up their duties in this department.

Leonard Hoogenstyn was a sergeant with the Army in the South Pacific. He is 33 and single. Mr. Hoogenstyn was in the thick of the fighting and saw many of his comrades fall. He wishes to say nothing more about it.

Ralph K. Jones, formerly machinist's mate 2/c, U.S. Navy, served mostly in the South Pacific. He is 21 and not married.

William Majewsky, 23, single, served with the Marines in the South Pacific-Solomons. The question al-

ways was in order, "When do we go to town?"

Ronald E. Moyer, 21, married, served as first lieutenant, bombardier, and navigator in the Army Air Corps, South Pacific. He flew on 35 missions over enemy territory, was shot down twice, but managed to survive and return. Mr. Moyer says, "It was always a grand feeling to be back after each of the exciting missions."

Richard H. Riddle, 40, married, former chief warrant officer, anti-aircraft, U.S. Army. Mr. Riddle had plenty of action in the South Pacific. Was in the Guadalcanal and Bougainville campaigns. Several close calls were his lot but he came out whole. In one instance, Mr. Riddle says, while driving in a jeep, he and an intelligence officer suddenly found themselves in an area where the Japs took great delight in depositing their "apples." The eye and the spirit were quick. A nearby dugout just came to them, and they were in it before they knew it, while the jeep was blown to pieces.

Russell E. Roy, who saw action as a master sergeant with the Engineers in the European theatre, is 30 and married.

We are glad to have these boys with us.

Reid Springer, who took his belated vacation, is back with us again. No amount of tactful questioning gave us any clue as to where he spent his time. His face was red, or was it suntanned?

John D. Swanson, our genial Safety Engineer, who brightened up the office when the skies were overcast, resigned his official capacity and is now associated with the Engineer of Planning and Development, Mr. F. W. Spencer.

Miss Bettie McAnally says she re-

fuses to grow up. How wonderful it must be to be always young!

The present-day ailment to many, known as "Evictitis" which afflicted B. H. Grant, causing consternation and fear of being thrown out on the street, has at this writing developed into the old-time "flu," confining Mr. Grant to bed.

Your columnist for next month will be Ronald E. Moyer.

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT Eastern District**

By  
**Mabel E. Forberg**



At this writing, "Merry Christmas" is the greeting of the day, but by the time this appears in print, the greeting will have changed to "Happy New Year" and that is what the members of the Eastern District wish each and every one of you.

In looking back over the year 1945, we find that various problems which occasionally produced headaches have been completely overshadowed by the pleasant associations which have existed throughout the Division. We have definite proof that teamwork brings results.

The Engineering Office in San Bernardino had its first Christmas tree this year. It was surprising to see the interest shown by these "seasoned" railroaders. No mistle-



THE BUREAU OF RESEARCH fittingly observed the Christmas season by cutting a birthday cake, though the symbolism of the 20-odd candles could not be definitely ascertained. Some little debate as to whether wedges or rectangles should be cut was also in evidence, until settled by Cake-Cutter Vi Martin. A coffee substitute was served.



toe, however, since they "cut down the old pine tree."

It is with great satisfaction that we report the completion of the Santa Ana River Bridge. This work included the 100 per cent renewal of the old structure, as well as a new addition. Pile-driving on the Temescal Bridge has begun.

Our sincere sympathy is hereby extended to Wm. Burton, Foreman of Section 31, who recently lost his father.

During the past month, three new members have joined us: Jack R. Tillman, Lineman; Bruce B. Wertenberg, Apprentice Lineman; and Clarence M. Naylor, Bonder & Welder's Helper. We bid you welcome, gentlemen!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Salome Becerra! A new baby boy has joined the family.

Who says you can't get a new car these days? Charlie Shunk and his Section 32 have a shiny new red motor car, and are they covering the territory?

We were happy to see Leonard Biehler, Senior Clerk, who dropped in at our Engineering Office to say "hello" one day while on vacation.

During her leave of absence, Mrs. Florence Davis (Bills Payable) and her husband paid our office a short visit. Mr. Davis recently returned from three years' service in India and received his release at the San Bernardino Army Air Field. We are always glad to see the members of our PE family.

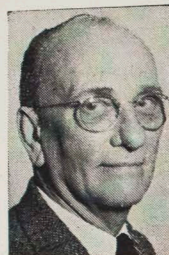
Hats off to Charlie Gibson, Clerk in Mr. Casey Jones' office. He is the fellow who calls up and says "The checks are in." Nice fellow—nice words.

### 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 employees.

Dr. Morrison has been located in Los Angeles for many years, has a very high reputation, and has made glasses for many of the employees during the past. His services are of particular advantage to Pacific Electric employees 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.—Advt.

## MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT North and South Districts



By  
Guy F.  
Gehde

The sick list at Macy Street continues—Edw. H. Hahnes was very ill during December but has been released from the hospital, and is back at work. Others confined for some time at home with the flu were Sloan Beck, John Roberts, and Eli Ellison. Andrea Chavez has been off duty with an infected wrist. Piedad Castaneda back with us after many weeks of illness.

There was considerable Christmas spirit at Macy. The Christmas Tree trimmed by Helen Garcia and Margaret Torres was a beauty. Everyone admired it. The girls all exchanged gifts, and had a very merry time. It's wedding bells for Luebertha Williams, recently married to Corp. Carnell Lang, who was discharged from the hospital in El Paso, Texas, after about three years' service in Alaska, France, and England. Great happiness to you!

Everyone is happy and thankful for the recuperation of our General



PFC ROBERT J. WEATHERBY, son of George Weatherby, Sr., Vice Commander of the Pacific Electric Post, VFW, and a long-time employe at Macy Street in the Mechanical Department.

Foreman, Roy L. Mankins, who has suffered for many weeks, and was obliged to spend some time at St. Vincent's. At home now we look forward to seeing him soon.

Carl M. Whalen, son of Martin E., has just returned home after service both in the Coast Guard and Air Corps.

Lorenzo Ruis has found a house—now Robert Ostrom needs one.

Hugh Jones' grandson, William, passed away in Detroit, Michigan. The remains will be brought home for burial.

Michael Karoglan transferred from the Car House to the Repair Shop.

Mrs. and 1st Lieut. Chas. L. Bevington are now home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pickering. Charles made 36 missions over Europe. He is now attending USC.

Deep sympathy to James Dillon and family in the loss of his father, who was buried a week before Xmas.

To EVERYONE—we extend our NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS! May all your years be HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS.

### Car Repairer Hahnes Appreciates Care Given By Medical Department

December 24, 1945,  
1426 East Lambert Ave.,  
El Monte, California.

Pacific Electric Medical Dept.:

Four months ago I had a serious operation at St. Vincent's Hospital at Los Angeles. At Thanksgiving I got pneumonia and was taken care of at Stanley Hospital, El Monte.

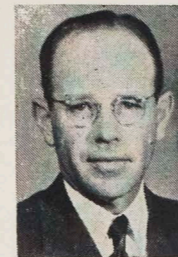
The Pacific Electric Medical Department made it possible for me to have care, (as well as doctors and nurses) at both hospitals. Therefore I wish to express my deepest and most sincere gratitude to Dr. W. L. Weber and staff; to Dr. Joseph A. Marlo and Dr. W. W. White of Stanley Hospital at El Monte; to Dr. C. B. Nicholson; and to the nurses of St. Vincent's and Stanley Hospitals, from whom I received such wonderful care. Also my gratitude to Mrs. Joseph Adams, ambassador of good cheer at St. Vincent's Hospital from the Pacific Electric Club every week; to the Pacific Electric Women's Club for their season's greetings and present by Mrs. J. B. Green, Welfare Chairman; and to the Pacific Electric Club for their season's greetings and present.

I wish to thank all my friends that inquired about me and all my friends that visited me at both hospitals. I appreciate it.

Now I am getting strong and healthy. My best wishes to all.

EDWIN H. HAHNES,  
Car Repairer,  
Macy Street Car House.

## MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT Western District



By  
Milton R.  
Clark

By the time you read this, Christmas will have passed and the New Year, 1946, will have started on its way. I hope all of you have had a very merry Christmas and that the new year will bring you health and happiness and a realization of your desires and ambitions.

Captain Thomas Green, of the U.S. Army Ordnance Department, is the title now held by the son of Thomas Green, Assistant General Foreman of the Western District Mechanical Department.

Home from military service: Joe Rondone's son and son-in-law, Bob Clement's son, who has spent two years, nine months in the Army. Art LaChance's son, who spent two years in the South Pacific with the Seabees. William Burger, in military service since May, 1941. We extend a warm and hearty welcome to all of you who have served your country so well in helping to win this war.

Bob Byrd, Night Foreman at the West Hollywood Car House; "Pappy" Hapgood, Foreman at Ocean Park, and Arthur Ryan, Car Repairer at the Subway Terminal, have recently been bitten by the flu bug and have had to take some time off. Freddie Wurm has been pinch-hitting for Pappy Hapgood during the latter's illness.

Happy birthday to Hugh McHale, Car Repairer at Toluca Yard.

Roy Helliwell, our roving Painter of the West, spent some time recently decorating the storeroom at Ocean Park Car House.

### REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS

December, 1945

#### DEATHS

NAME	Occupation	Died	Group	
			Insurance	Mortuary
Hileman, Carl J.	Agent	12- 4-45	Yes	Yes
Wilson, Frank D.	Clerk	12- 8-45	Yes	Yes
Latham, George A.	Brakeman	12-19-45	No	Yes
Vallejo, Sotero	Laborer	12-19-45	No	No
Miller, Fritz	Laborer (Retired)	12-22-45	Yes	Yes
May, John W.	Sub. Sta. Opr. (Ret.)	12-23-45	Yes	Yes

#### EMPLOYEES' WIVES' DEATH BENEFIT FUND

None

Bob Rinehart has had a big grin lately. Probably the O.T.

Edward Bray, Car Cleaner at Toluca Yard, has been off several days with an infected finger.

Charlie Schellstedt is sporting a new pair of glass choppers.

What became of Jim Perry's last pay? Ask him!

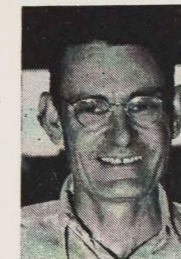
W. H. Snyder is attending to some business back in Illinois.

When a Trainman reported to Mechanic Willis Lovelace, a former jockey, that the 5000-class car he brought in was bucking and jumping, the ex-jockey said, "Just hang on and let her buck."

Understand Carl Wright of Ocean Park drove his car into a cesspool. Better steer clear of those cesspools, Carl; new cars are hard to get.

John Pasley, Clerk at the West Hollywood Car House, still greets everyone in the morning with a pleasant smile.

### MACY STREET GARAGE



By  
A. L.  
Bristow

Harry Zarp took the second week of his vacation enjoying a toothache, and having the offending teeth out. Hope the next vacation is more enjoyable, Harry. I also took the second week of my vacation — Anyhow, I didn't have to punch a time clock, and my car needed fixing. Denver Root spent his second week at home with the chickens.

We are glad to see Nellie Martin back after a few days' illness.

Familiar sounds at Macy Garage: the roaring of motors—the blowing of compressed air (maybe a little hot air, too)—Red and Ray checking a

bus on the dynamometer — Rosey singing "I want to be a sunbeam"—Stanley ("Dubbie") Moore timing a White—the boys calling Onion Head (I look for a Moose to appear any time)—Roach viewing the petunias —A board with feet dashing around, which on closer inspection proves to be "Shorty" Hall with his dope sheet —Kelso and his termites —Rinkus with a pair of mikes in hand—Dave Flores looking for inspection—Margaret Camacho dashing in to blow the ten o'clock whistle—then there's all the other whistles—the call buzzer, and telephone bells—Ernie Wheeler pleading for busses to fill the runs. But the highlight of all events at Macy Garage last month was the mad dash of "Mopey" Dick Brucker from the gas pump to the north end of the garage when we had our fire drill.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

### HOSPITAL LIST

Best wishes for speedy recovery to the following employes, listed on January 7 as confined to St. Vincent's Hospital:

Motorman Thomas Aiken, Messenger John Baggett, Signalman John W. Brenchley, Wilfred Brewis (Harbor Belt), Dispatcher Frank L. Ford, Trainman Hervey M. Gilliam, Truck-er Jerome Gilman, Elevator Operator Stanley Gronek, Motorman James H. Johnston, Lineman Guy Kelley, Supervisor L. H. Newport, Conductor Robert S. Nichols, Watchman John Stoddard, Carpenter John L. Vance, Conductor Lawrence E. Ward, Trainman Howard L. Warren, Car Cleaner Ione T. Wilson.

A pretty Army nurse, just returned from the South Pacific, was describing an air raid in New Guinea. "When the Jap bombers came over," she said, "I jumped right into the nearest wolfhole."

"You mean foxhole, don't you?" interrupted a listener.

"Maybe a fox dug it," said the nurse, sweetly, "but there was a wolf in it when I got there."

### Tommy Riggs' Wife Passes December 5

Mrs. Thomas Riggs, wife of the rear Elevator Operator we all know as "Tommy," died on December 5, after a lingering illness of almost a year. The funeral was held at St. Mary's Church, Third and Chicago Streets, amid a profusion of flowers; interment was at Calvary Cemetery.

Besides Tommy, she leaves a grown son and daughter. Employees extend their sympathy to the family.

Mr. Riggs has been with the company since 1920.





**THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, living up to their reputation of never sitting down on the job, ate their Christmas snack standing up along the office counter. The evidence is that they had fun.**

**TORRANCE TOPICS**  
(Stores Department)



By  
**Fred B. Hopkins**

Well, folks, I arrived back from my two-months' sojourn in the East just in time to read Evelyn's very interesting column in the last issue of the Magazine, which I enjoyed very much and I hereby take occasion to speak my appreciation for her contribution. Only thing, I notice she neglected to tell of the exploits of the "Famous 2-Gun Cain" and the doings up in the Torrance Mountains, so on Christmas eve I went to the Deacon's, where I had been invited to dinner, and, lo and behold!—his boy, Dan, was home from the Navy but had to return the next day to his base in San Francisco. Referring to

these boys in blue—in the words of Tiny Tim as told by Dickens in his "Christmas Carol," "God bless 'em, every one."

Well, my friend Lucille Tiellens of the Claims Department wrote and said she always looked forward to reading our notes from the Stores Department—likewise the same from Ernie Hargreaves, Bonding Foreman. So here goes:

We had our usual Christmas party in the Receiving Room on Saturday afternoon, the 22nd, and after the exchange of gifts and while they were all sitting around I spoke a couple o' pieces that included that one about Uncle Elnathan Shaw and his big, blue jug; Tom Wilkes blew a few tunes on his mouth organ; and Lorraine Winterberg waved a stick at us and made us sing "Jingle Bells" and "Three Blind Mice" whether we wanted to or not.

It sure was grand to get back in California again, and I want to say right here and now for the benefit of those who have never lived back East and had to endure the rigors of winter and its attendant hardships with the blasts of biting winds and freezing temperatures, that they should just go back and try it once. Then they will know how to appreciate this "Heaven blest land" as I do and as we told about in the former essay on "Coal," written by the Deacon.

By way of contrast to the heavy fall of snow thru which I waded in Providence the day I came away and as I went to take the train for New York—it was nice to behold the grand bouquet of poinsettias that Johnny Vasquez had on his desk in honor of my return, and also to see in bloom the beautiful Russian eucalyptus trees that line many of the streets of Torrance. Hard to tell which was the redder and the prettier

—Johnnie's face or the poinsettias. Gosh! How I do love RED.

In the next issue, I'll have to tell you how I went for quahaugs while visiting in Newport, R.I., and of my week's visit in Washington, D.C.

I guess Evelyn hadn't heard how Karen Frye's poppa told her to stop coloring her nails and the next morning caught her red-handed.

**NEWS SERVICE AND RESTAURANTICS**



By  
**J. A. Degerman**

Restaurantics wishes you all a very happy and prosperous 1946. This peacetime holiday season has been an enjoyable one. May we always be grateful for it—and may it continue for a long time.

As the 1945 season came to a close, wedding bells chimed in to help the Christmas bells ring at the Restaurant No. 120. Carl Ester and Sylvia Brown exchanged vows. They have much in common. May they reap the rewards of happiness which we know are due them.

Miss Iva Lue Gibbs, Manager of Unit No. 104, "The Smoke Shop," has taken a 90-day leave of absence, to catch up on a much-deserved vacation and rest. Katherine Tischhauser consented to pinch-hit during her absence. Iva Lue, don't spend too much time at that new piano.

Margaret Thompson of 766 PE Building was wearing a checked sport coat when accosted by Joe Parison, our Engineer. Says Joe: "You'll never have to worry about losing that coat." Margaret: "Why?" Joe: "Because it's always checked!"

Our bowling team, comprised of girls from the various units, has really been on the beam. Every week we see mention of one or more on the honor roll or prize list. We're on the home stretch—toward the finals—heads up, girls, and pins down.

Ex-Staff Sgt. Thomas L. Hamilton is back with us after helping Uncle Sam. He was in the anti-aircraft battalion, 4th Army, and has a string of campaign ribbons—Africa, Sicily, and European theaters of war. He is much too modest. We don't know how many Battle Stars, but we do know he has a Good Conduct Ribbon, too. That's Tommy, always willing to help the cause. He is at Unit No. 108 as-

sisting Ival Williams at the present time.

The members of Unit No. 103, managed by D. P. Howard, have had a short vacation because they have vacated the PE Building. You'll find their new place on the south side of the bus-loading ramp, near the Los Angeles Street elevator. Congratulations on your new location.

On our convalescing and sick list: Madge Stewart is still at the SP Hospital, Fell and Baker Streets, San Francisco, getting along quite well. Why not drop her a card? We know she would appreciate hearing from all of you.

The flu has kept many at home during the last few weeks. Among those who have had to spend some time at home were Sadie Fudge, No. 121-A; Margaret Thompson, Room 766; Kay Tischhauser, No. 104; Betty Thompson, No. 120; Frances Jackson, No. 120; and also C. F. Hill, our Superintendent. Hope you'll all be in perfect health soon.

See you next month and Happy New Year to you again.

**SPORTS CHATTER**



By  
**George M. Kappers**

We are proud to announce the conclusion of a completely successful first semi-annual Pacific Electric Railway Golf Tournament. Heartiest congratulations to Trainman Jack Gerhardt, first golfer to have his name engraved on the first place perpetuating trophy. Nice work, Jack!

Full announcement of winners appears on the adjoining chart. Trophies were presented at a banquet held at the Riviera Restaurant on the evening of December 21.

According to a recent survey, it appears that there will be over 100 entrants in our spring tournament. The more the merrier; remember, it is open to any and all PE employees and their families.

The Board of Tournament Control—Jno. J. Suman, James Rankin, and Ralph Porter—and the Prize Committee—R. J. McCullough, Joe Shaffer, and Tom Roseoe—have asked your correspondent as Chairman to thank all participants for their sportsmanship and cooperation, and



**GOLF BANQUET** climaxing the tournament season was held at the Riviera Restaurant, 845 North Broadway, on December 21. Above, a group of the banqueters. Below, Tournament Committee Chairman G. M. Kappers (left) presents trophies to winners of the tournament. Left to right are Jack Gerhardt, Trainman, with winning score of 207; Russell K. Lambeau, Attorney, who took third place with score of 213; Ed. J. A. Hasenyager, Electrical Clerk, who took fourth place with a 214 (after playing off a tie with C. C. Dickson of Freight Traffic); Ralph Porter, Valuation Estimator, who took second with a 209.

**GOLF STATISTICS**

Results for Sunday, December 2, 1945:  
Winner Low Net: Tony Huber, 66  
Winner Closest to Hole in One: C. H. Belt, within 7 feet at 15th Hole

**SUMMARY OF FINAL RESULTS—PLACE WINNERS**

Place	Name	Total Net Score	Award*
1st	Jack Gerhardt	207	\$25.00 and Trophy
2nd	Ralph Porter	209	15.00 and Trophy
3rd	R. K. Lambeau	213	10.00 and Trophy
4th	Ed. Hasenyager	214**	7.50 and Trophy
5th	C. C. Dickson	214**	6.00
6th	R. F. Albrecht	215	5.00
7th	† R. J. McCullough	221	4.00
8th	† Wm. C. Scholl	221	4.00
9th	† Jno. J. Suman	222	3.25
10th	† Grey Oliver	222	3.25
11th	Larry Owen	224	3.00
12th	James C. Rankin	225	2.00

**CLOSEST TO HOLE IN ONE**

Date	Name	Distance	Award
First Sunday	Ralph Porter	2 feet	\$2.00
Second Sunday	Frank Gregory	12 1/2 feet	2.00
Third Sunday	C. H. Belt	7 feet	2.00

**LOW NET EACH SUNDAY**

Date	Name	Net Score	Award
First Sunday	R. K. Lambeau	66	\$2.00
Second Sunday	C. C. Dickson	65	2.00
Third Sunday	Tony Huber	66	2.00

\* All money given in form of merchandise order.  
\*\* Tie played off—winner, Ed. Hasenyager.  
† Tie.

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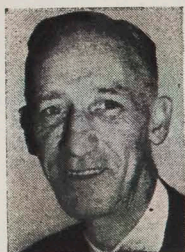
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### PACIFIC ELECTRIC BOWLING NEWS



By Charlie Hill

Your scribe has just this morning returned to the office after several days' absence occasioned by the "flu" or something of that nature; it is at the brink of Yuletide, and all of the other bowlers are on vacation; and I must confess I do not feel very much in the mood for writing about anything, but guess I must fulfill my duties as prexy, so here goes:

In the First Branch of our Bowling League the Timekeepers finally took full possession of first place, setting the Schedule Bureau and PE Club back as tied for second place honors as of December 22. The Schedule Bureau had been at the top since November 9, due to having the largest total in pins, but they were able only to break even in their efforts on December 14, which upset the Timekeepers right in there. Your scribe still thinks the Schedule makers are the real contenders in the twilight branch.

In the meantime the PE Club has held its own. On November 30 Les Lutes went on a rampage, banging out a 221 game and 564 series. The Trainmasters are in fourth position, Bill Baker having more or less shown the bosses how it is being done these days. "Hal" Smith really got hot, rolling a 233 and 544, which were instrumental in his Pile Drivers jumping into fifth place, six points out of first place. The PE Scrubs complete the first division of the First Branch.

Bette Jo Wells has returned to her Atoms and she has really started things humming. Watch out for these girls. That must have been some contest between the Trainmasters and Hi-Lo ladies, the latter composed of the better halves of the Trainmasters. The battle ended in a draw, at

the bowling alley. They are probably still at it at home.

In the Second Branch, the Los Angeles Street Terminal, after some bad breaks, finally regained their equilibrium, and are now nesting in first place, with 34 wins and 18 losses. On November 30 the South District team, which has been rather pert recently, smacked the Terminal boys for three points, but they came back to grab four from the branch leading BRT aggregation, and then took everything, except their pretty shirts, from the Vineyard squad. This Terminal set-up is really tough. The BRT team holds second place, two points behind the leaders, while the Restaurant & News girls have replaced the West District in third place. South District, Virgil Coasters, and Station Hounds, with 27 wins each, are all tied up for the fifth to seventh positions.

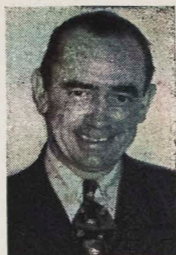
Ona Gregg has evidently become rejuvenated, at least in his bowling, as he has certainly been bowling them over. He really takes his kegling seriously, though he gets plenty of fun out of it. I would like to mention the individual performances of many of our bowlers, but space is not sufficient. However, I do want to mention those who won out in the Christmas Tournament held on December 7, the prizes being awarded on December 14, the last night before our Yuletide holiday season.

There were 92 entries in the events. Fiftyfive entered the singles of 145 or higher average bowlers, and 37 were in the singles of less than 145 average. In the former, Ona Gregg (705) came out the first place winner, Ollie Steuernagel (670) second, and Nolan Lambert (667) third. In the 145 or under class Laura Jones was first with 652, Ruby Savage (651) second, and Ruth Clark (646) third.

In the doubles Ona Gregg and Ruby Savage were partners and won with a total of 1356 to take first place prize; Nolan Lambert and "Pappy" Setty were second; Ollie Steuernagel and Betty Knight finished third; and Claud Kazee and Ruth Clark were fourth.

Joe Shafer won the bogie prize. 520 was the lucky number and Joe hit this on the head to take a carton of cigarettes.

### PACIFIC ELECTRIC ROD AND GUN CLUB



By Arlie Skelton

Greetings, Rod and Gun Clubbers!

At the December meeting all 1945 registrations for fish, game and predatory animals were turned over to the Prize Committee for classification of prize winners.

Considering the handicaps and restrictions encountered the past year, it was truly remarkable the success our members were able to achieve. The finest collection of deer horns I have ever seen assembled at our Club. Also plenty of fish registrations.

Conspicuous by their absence were Sam Harris and weasel registrations. The fact that K. L. Oefinger, Field Captain, learned early in the season to distinguish the difference between ground squirrels and weasels probably had no bearing on the case.

The annual President's Party and distribution of prizes for 1945, held in the PE Club Auditorium January 5, marked the end of the tournament season.

Our retiring President, A. M. Cross, has done his job well the past year, because his whole heart was in his work. He probably maintained the best attendance record for quite some time. Just shows what personality plus will do for a club.

The machinery is now in motion for the beginning of the 1946 Tournament Season. The line-up of officers is as follows:

Arlie Skelton .....President  
Frank Converse ..First Vice President  
Roger Lemelle..Second Vice President  
Rollin A. Podlech .....

.....Recording Secretary  
Robert Dornor.....Financial Secretary  
C. G. Gonzalez.....Treasurer

The Executive Committee is as follows: B. F. Manley, W. G. Knoche,

### WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC BOWLING LEAGUE

FIRST BRANCH			
Date	Team High Series	Team High Game	x Individual High Series
Nov. 30	P.E. Club (2699)	Freight Accounts (926)	L. H. Lutes (564)
Dec. 7	Schedule Bureau (2600)	Schedule Bureau (903)	J. C. Rankin (553)
Dec. 14	Pile Drivers (2667)	Atoms (915)	Jack Kolar (551)
SECOND BRANCH			
Nov. 30	B.R.C. Railers (2728)	Station Hounds (975)	J. Latimer (595)
Dec. 7	South District (2774)*	South District (994)	Ona Gregg (651)*
Dec. 14	L.A. St. Terminal (2742)	Long Beach (980)	C. Cardwell (582)
			x Individual High Game
			L. H. Lutes (221)
			J. C. Rankin (232)
			Hal Smith (233)
			E. W. Swanson (235)
			Ona Gregg (244)
			C. H. Kazee (230)

x Does not include individual handicap  
\* Season high score

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REMEMBER THE DATE:

Thursday, February 21, to

Sunday Afternoon, February 24, 1946

F. B. Patterson, J. B. Rogers and A. M. Cross. The regular appointive Committees will be announced at the regular January monthly meeting and will be published in next month's PE MAGAZINE column.

Thanks a lot, fellows, for your support in elevating me to the honorable position of President of your Club. My fondest hope is that I don't let you down in the performance of my duties. I also extend this as a personal invitation to every member of this Club to attend the meetings and take part in the Club's activities. This is your Club, and your voice shall be as loud and your vote as mighty as any one else's, so long as I serve as President. The majority rules, and it is hoped no one can truthfully say any certain clique governs.

I am especially grateful for the high type of officers elected to assist me in performing the duties of the Club this year. We hope to do a good job and have a lot of fun while doing it.

Don't forget the meetings are held regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., in the Club rooms of the Pacific Electric Club. Come out, let your wishes be known, and we will try to grant them.

It is hoped this year in addition to our Arrowhead outing there will be other outings and charter parties. It's up to you.

Ivar E. Black was in to see us from down Redondo way, to pay his respects, also his 1946 dues. Reported several pleasant fishing trips off Redondo banks the past season, along with his old pal Roy Ratliff.

### HERE AND THERE With THE WOMEN'S CLUB



By Ruby Gallacher

The annual Christmas party was held in the PE Women's Club rooms on December 20 at 1:30 p.m. Santa must have been there early, as the large tree was beautifully decorated, and presents for every one were piled high. As this was a festive occasion, there was no business meeting; we were there strictly for pleasure! Mrs. Wm. Smart introduced several talented children who gave a musical program which was thoroughly enjoyed. Bobby and Freddie Maynard

sang a duet, and Freddie gave some imitations; little Phyllis Andrews sang three Christmas songs; tiny Carol Thomas played a piano solo. The talented children of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Marshall were presented. Little eight-year-old Alice played two numbers on the piano, and her sister Martha, 11-year-old violinist, gave three lovely selections for our enjoyment. Mr. Marshall is Terminal Foreman at West Hollywood. . . . Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served in the Tea Room, which was beautifully decorated. A vote of thanks to the hostesses!

Ring out the old . . . Ring in the new! We are truly hopeful that 1946 will be a happier year for all of us. We will strive with all our might to make it so. The members of the Women's Club certainly decided to wind up the old year with a bang! They did it to the tune of \$338.80 at their November 29 bazaar. The doors were open at 10 a.m. and from that

time on room 805 was one busy place . . . especially the tea room, where lunch was served from 11 a.m. till . . . well, till the food gave out. The support given Mrs. W. E. Smart by the ladies was truly appreciated and she wishes to thank each and every one; for without their help the bazaar could not have been such a huge success.

The \$25 merchandise order was won by Mr. Glenn E. Collins. When interviewed, he said his wife was agreeably surprised, and had the situation (including the \$25) well in hand. Mr. Collins is President of PE Club; also assistant to Mr. O. A. Smith, President of Pacific Electric.

The door prize, Pyrex flame ware, was won by Miss Katherine McGovern of room 911 PE Building. She expressed delight and said the articles will be put to good use in her kitchen.

The needle work chairman reported the pillow cases were won by





CHILDREN provided most of the best entertainment at the Women's Club Christmas party December 20.

a recent bride, Mrs. G. Figueredo of Torrance. Mrs. E. J. Hasenyager, our capable Treasurer of the Women's Club, won the box of candy. Our hearty congratulations to all the lucky winners!

Celebrity of the Month: Wonder how many of our readers saw the picture of our own Mrs. Wm. H. Shoup and Gen. Jonathan Wainwright in the Examiner recently? The occasion was the "Heroes of Bataan" celebration during the general's visit in our city. Oh yes, we do have some famous people among our members.

It is predicted that the Brothers

Green will be wearing rose-colored glasses this month. The reason: Mr. T. H. Green, Shop Foreman at West Hollywood, is expecting his boy home from the South Pacific by New Year's, if not a little sooner. Mr. J. B. Green, General Foreman of Automotive Maintenance, expected a son just home from overseas, the week of December 16. The third brother, H. A. Green, Electrician at West Hollywood, is a pleased bystander. We say Welcome Home to these boys and all others who are lucky enough to be "Home for Christmas."

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Appreciation

I wish to express publicly through the Magazine my personal appreciation and that of the Club for the splendid assistance given by PE employes in selling tickets for the bazaar. They included Mr. Carl Weatherly of the Engine Room; Miss Norma V. Comer of the Law Department; Mrs. Ethel Merriam, Land and Tax; Mrs. Lois Brown Guthrie, Purchasing Department; Miss Ilma Bateman, Executive Department; Mrs. F. P. Raymer, Information Bureau; Miss Elizabeth Brahm, Medical Department; and Mrs. Katherine Salmon, Transportation Department.

MRS. W. E. SMART, President, PE Women's Club.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC MASONIC CLUB

By M. J. Davison



We are entering a new cycle in the life of our club and we are grateful to our wartime Presidents, Brothers Ewers, Weeks, Hall and Labbe, who guided the club's destinies through the dark war years. The strength of our organization and the enthusiasm exhibited at our December meeting proved that they had done a grand job.

We had a splendid meeting on December 5. After the usual business session, the officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m., at which time refreshments were served us by Mesdames Weeks and Davison.

The officers for 1946 are: President, Brother C. A. Newman; First Vice President, Harry Young; Second Vice President, J. A. Harper; Third Vice President, Vernon B. Williams; Treasurer, J. L. Smale; and Secretary, M. J. Davison.

Brother Ewers installed the officers in his usual excellent manner, after which Brother Newman thanked the members and spoke on some of the plans for the year. Brother Newman

is well qualified to be head man. He is past Commander of the Pacific Electric Post, American Legion; Senior Deacon in York Lodge No. 423; is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Royal and Select Masters.

We are to have another degree team. President Newman has appointed Brother Ivan Cammack as director. He requests that anyone desiring to have a place on the team communicate with him through the Secretary or direct.

It was reported at our meeting that Brother John Jackson was quite ill at home, that Brother Roy Mankins was in St. Vincent's Hospital, and that Brother Harry Young was at home for a day or so with the flu.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday evening, January 18.

Announcement of all committees for the ensuing year will be made at the January meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Another brother has passed on to that bourne from which no traveler returns.

Brother Geo. B. Barclay, retired.

P. E. POST 321, AMERICAN LEGION



By Jackie Lyons

REGRETS: Where were you on the night of December 11, 1945? . . . Well, that's just your hard luck. Why? Because our Auxiliary tossed a real party. There was a considerable misuse of the term "potluck." This appellation fell short of describing that supper, which ran the gamut from hors d'oeuvres to the piece de resistance, turkey. Get this, you stay-aways: you take on the nose-bag without the customary rap—it's free.

ENCOMIUM: It was their night, and they did all right by the Post. The Auxiliary had a tree set up on top of a heap of wrapped packages in their meeting room. I may be wrong, but I think it was there for the grandchildren. Mrs. Thos. Waner, President of the 23rd District Auxiliary, was there with the Vice President of that worthy organization. From the information released, we gather that the Vice President has been eased into a membership contest, and that she is all broken out with salesmanship. The prize is to



AT THE BAZAAR—The ladies in the top picture served hot lunches to employes on November 29, the date of the annual Women's Club bazaar. Left to right are Mesdames Charles Glick, A. J. Andrews, D. C. Niggle, A. Hornbuckle, W. A. Hasty, Joseph Adams, H. A. Green, and W. E. Smart (Club President). Below, at the aprons and baby furnishings booth, are, left to right, Mesdames A. J. Andrews, Dora Murphy, Mary E. Childs, W. R. Thomas, Anna McKenney, Roy Renfron, and J. L. Columbus.

be a suit of sea-going red flannel undies with latch effect. Both ladies are charming.

NEW MEMBERS: A. W. Bone, Jr., saw service with the famous 23rd in the South Pacific. He landed

on Luzon and saw plenty of fighting on the northern sector of the island.

Byron Heath saw plenty of action at St. Vith in the Battle of the Bulge.

Joseph E. Swain, crew member of a minesweeper, celebrated his 18th

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R. C. Milnes, Jr., was presented by his father with a card and button last meeting.

CHRISTMAS: The Post spent \$60 this year at Sawtelle Hospital for Wards 3 and 4. We are proud of the work of Comrade Nichols.

SICK CALL: Our Comrade Jimmy Johnston has spent the past year at St. Vincent's Hospital, undergoing one operation after another; and now faces operation number five. Jimmy, we are pulling for you.

REGARDS: We were closed up December 25, but expect to see you all on the second Tuesday in this month.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**  
**P. E. Post 3956**



By  
**Jim Boswell**

Our last meeting was quite a special occasion as it was our First Anniversary. We were sorry our Past Commander, Harry L. Young, could not attend because of illness.

So many veterans are returning who have had overseas service that it has been almost impossible to contact each one personally and explain the advantages of joining the VFW.

We hope to make Pacific Electric VFW Post 3956 one of the outstanding posts in this community. Commander Earl Moyer has expressed the wish that our membership will be one hundred by the time his term expires. Those who wish to join may secure application blanks from T. E. Dickey, room 269, and Charles Wakefield, room 609, both rooms being in the Pacific Electric Building. George Weatherby, Macy Street, is Membership Chairman.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15. Be sure to bring your service discharge with you.

**SALUTATIONS, NEW MEMBERS:**

- Burgess Neslen Broberg, Hdqrs. Co., 765th Ry. Shop Bn.
- Salvador Castaneres, Army Air Force ATC.
- Joseph W. Chapline, 56th N.C. Bn.
- James W. Cragin, USS Idaho.
- John W. Dilley, 490th Bomb Group, 850th Bomb Sqdn.
- Charles M. Escovar, Co. I, 121st Inf., 8th Divn.
- Victor W. Glunt, Co. C, 271st Infantry.
- Roderick O. Gray, 803rd Medical A. E. Sqdn.
- George C. Hamilton, Co. E, 134th Inf., 34th Divn.
- Lincoln W. Johnson, U.S. Navy, USS YR-38.
- Arthur R. Levinson, AAF.
- Walter E. Lohman, 379th Bomb Group 524.
- Ronald Earle Moyer, 868th Bomber Sqdn. (H).
- Rudy W. Papenfuss, U.S. Navy, USS Rigel, YOG-59.

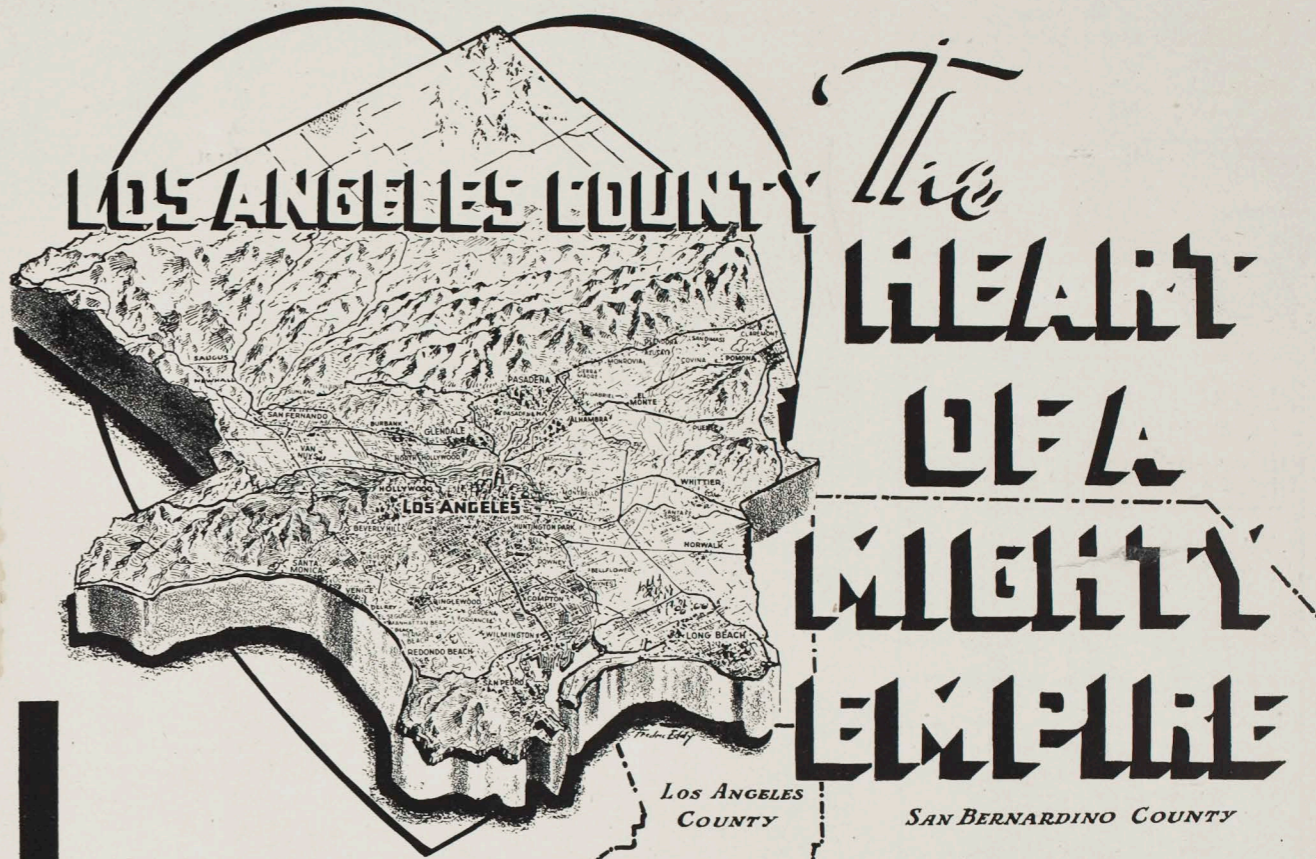
- Charles P. Scott, 512th F.A., 404 Group, 3rd Army.
- Laverne C. Vogt, 454th Engr. Depot Co.
- Leslie Arthur Dix, Jr., USS Goshen.
- Arthur Squires Tellechea, USS Stormes DD-780.
- Robert Lee Hunt, USS Beaver.
- Ralph Kenneth Jones, USS The Sullivan, DD-537.
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- FOR SALE—Used furniture: beds; mattress; divan; oak library table; washstand; small table; 2 pairs French doors, standard size, 8'x6'6"; 1 pair French windows, 3'x5'. Also 3 spading forks without handles; modern wood heating stove. F. M. Seibert, Operator, North Hollywood Substation, 4446 Ensign Ave., North Hollywood. Phone SUNset 2-1740.
- FOR SALE—Women's new riding breeches; also riding boots, size 7½. Call TRinity 1623. Mrs. Blue.



**COVER PICTURE**—*Santa Claus Lane, 1945, was a beautiful example of the art of Hollywood lighting engineers. Photographer Harley B. Talbott made this time exposure from the top of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel one cold December night. The camera was looking east on Hollywood Boulevard. One of PE's main transfer points, Highland Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, is near the foreground.*



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In undertaking the gigantic task of becoming one of the greatest contributors to America's victory, it was, almost over-night, changed from the world's foremost vacationland to a mighty force of united people grimly forging the tools of war.

Industry, agriculture and commerce were weighted with the responsibility of vastly extending their production efforts. That they were successful is best exemplified by the fact that more than \$10,500,000,000 in war contracts were placed with Los Angeles County industry between June 1940 and January 1945.

Thousands of bomber and fighter planes ceaselessly rolled from the assembly lines of our giant airplane factories, while hundreds of great cargo vessels slipped quietly into the waters of Los Angeles County harbors with an almost monotonous regularity. Unbelievably large aluminum and synthetic rubber plants contributed their products to victory

and, nearby—the tall structures of many refineries denoted the production of 100-octane gasoline—the vital fuel which powered our air offensive.

Hundreds of small factories worked day and night to make the component parts of the ships, planes, guns and tanks which were a part of Los Angeles County's contribution to victory.

Agriculture, too, had its part in this all-out effort. Los Angeles County farmers and ranchers extended their productive acreage and increased production beyond belief in this, the richest agricultural county in the nation. Products raised here supply not only the local market but are being shipped to hungry humanity throughout the world and to our armed forces in far-flung lands.

Behind all of this productive effort by industry and agriculture has been the unfailing, never-ending job performed by the transportation systems. Transcontinental and local rail lines have moved freight tonnage which has extended their facilities to the limit, while passenger travel has exceeded, many times over, the peak year in the history of any of these carriers.

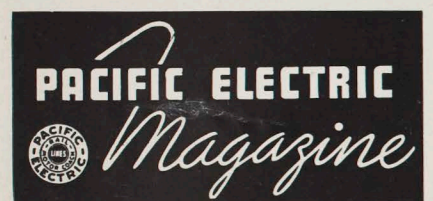
Pacific Electric is proud to have helped Los Angeles County attain its phenomenal war-time record.

It is proud to have served and become a part of the daily lives of a people whose production efforts have received world acclaim.

It is generally conceded that the peacetime years ahead hold for Los Angeles County a future of brilliant progress and unparalleled opportunity. Pacific Electric eagerly looks to this future with the determination to contribute its full share to the convenience and comfort of living in Los Angeles County—as it contributed its every effort toward the movement of vital freight, troops and war-working civilians during the critical war years.



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