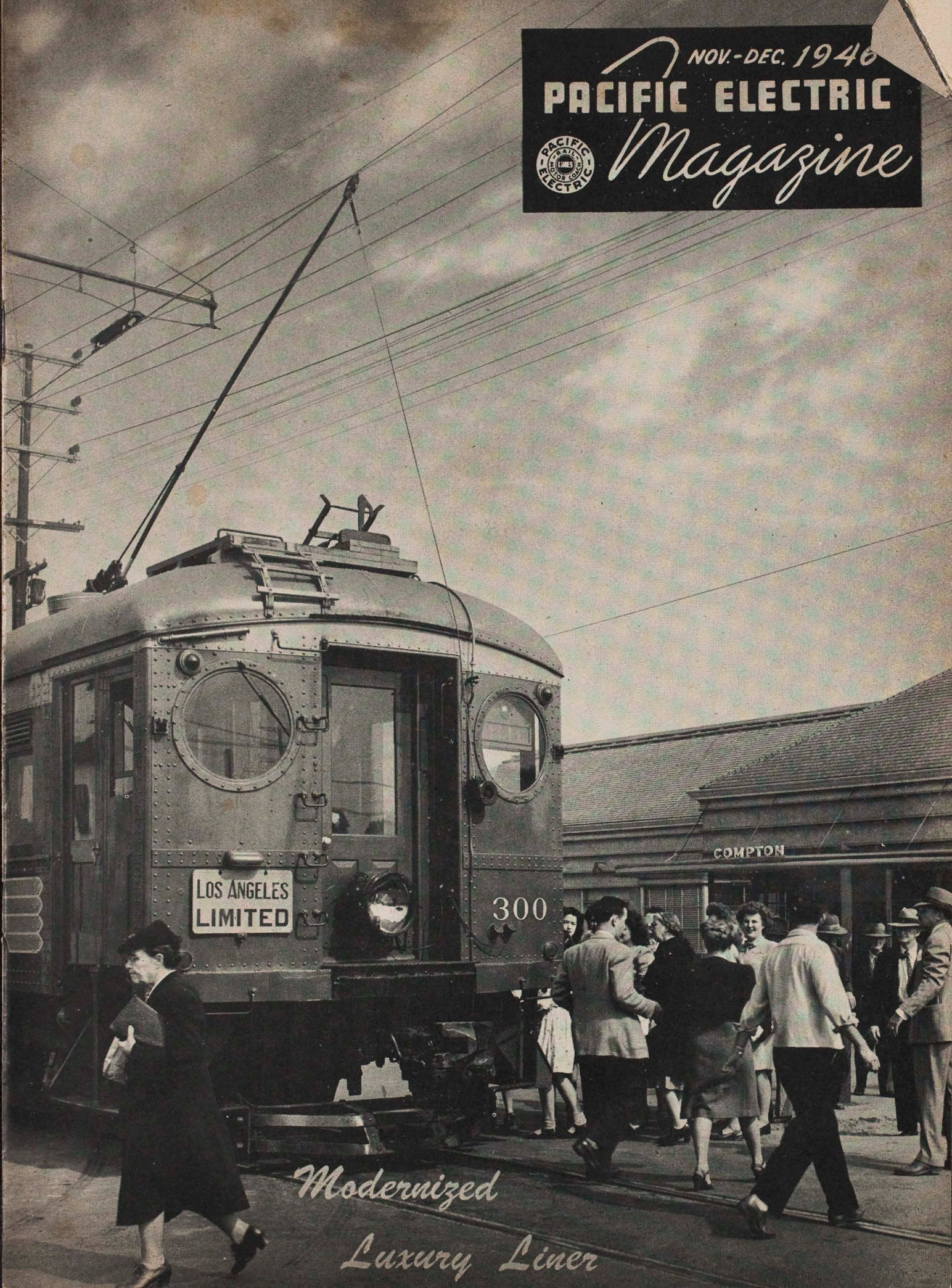


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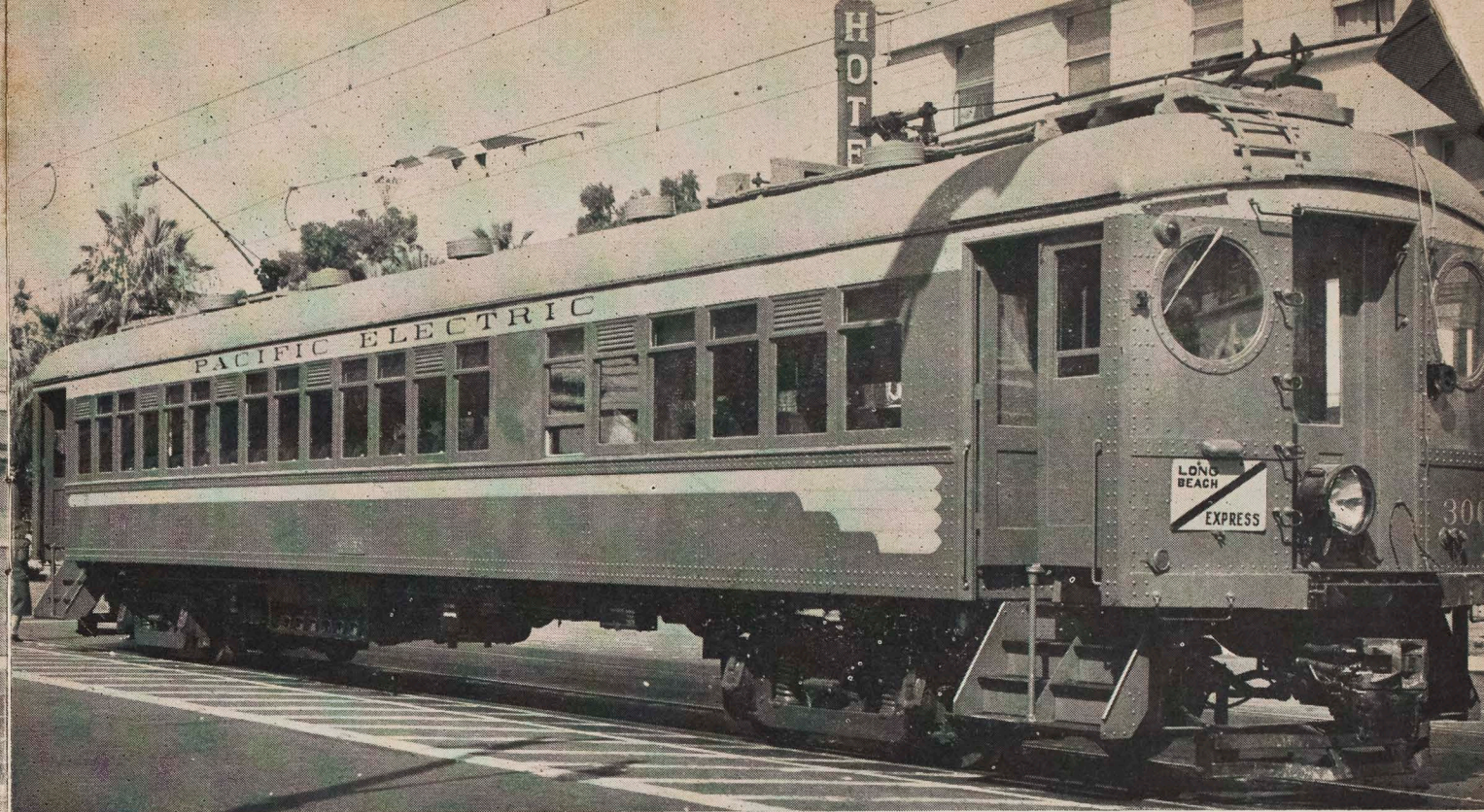
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*Modernized  
Luxury Liner*



**THEY'RE REMODELING THE BIG CARS** — Almost everybody at the Torrance Shops has had something to do with remodeling and overhauling the 4500-, 4600-, and 4700-class cars. Pictured here are those directly assigned to the work order. Standing, left to right, are Assistant Mill Foreman Edwin H. Pierce, Pipefitter Alexander J. Phipps, Carpenter Jesse W. Tidland, Pipe and Air Foreman Lacy King, Carpenter Leader Otto S. Caser, Electrical Foreman Milton F. Foster, Carpenter Leader Walter Nielsen, Wireman Albert V. Sverko, Painter Angelo Cerato, Pipefitter Thomas W. Higbie, Painter Anderijo Pervan, Cabinetmaker Mauritz Wallin, Paint Foreman William Peet, Painter Wilfred Tresise, Painter Arthur H. Briggs, Mill Leader Ernest Lock, Trim Leader Harry F. Hillier, Carpenter William R. Brown, Wireman Stanley Miller, Pipefitter Earl W. Harrison, Welder Arthur F. Zwirtz, Carpenter Victor H. Johnson, Sheet Metal Worker Walter L. Rhoads, Wireman William E. Ruppel, Carpenter Earl F. Choate, Sheet Metal Worker Jack C. Stokes, Upholstering

Leader Albert A. Winkler, Carpenter William Baglin, Wireman William A. McCracken, Pipefitter William D. Jensen, Sheet Metal Worker Joe N. Ochoa, Millman Arthur L. Barnett, Mill Helper Charles E. Brown, Upholsterer Herbert M. Benson, Assistant General Foreman Thomas H. Moore, and Shop Superintendent George Evans. Kneeling, left to right, are Wireman Mathew Laakson, Carpenter Milan Turner, Carpenter Earl E. Stubbs, Wire Leader William R. Thomas, Paint Leader Earl Brucker, Painter Clay C. O'Brien, Carpenter Ross A. Browne, Wireman William Stroich, Carpenter James T. Brady, Upholsterer Charles L. Petersen, Upholsterer Edron F. Waples, Millman Dolph Cain, and Assistant Materials and Supplies Foreman George Thatcher. Seated, left to right, are Cabinetmaker Charles C. Smith, Painter William W. Robbins, Wireman Manuel de la Sota, Wireman John A. Lindgren, Wireman Rayburn B. Cheek, Carpenter Cicero C. Brooks, Painter Martin Murguia, Millman Edward Axenty, Carpenter Vance E. Moore, Sheet Metal Worker Harry W. Slover, and Metal Foreman Gus M. Gundersen.



AFTER REMODELING

## REMODELED LUXURY LINERS

71 Big Cars to Be Completely Remodeled Within the Next Year

ON MONDAY, October 14, car Number 300 left Long Beach Station at 7:41 a.m., running express to Los Angeles, with crew consisting of *H. T. Gollar*, Motorman, and *Kenneth I. Morse*, Conductor.

### HALF-MILLION DOLLAR REMODELING PROGRAM

For Pacific Electric rail passenger service, this was a trip of great significance, for this car, formerly Number 4514, repainted and remodeled throughout its entire body, was the first of 71 big cars of the 4500-, 4600-, and 4700-class scheduled to undergo the same treatment at the Torrance Shops, at a total cost of some half-million dollars, or about \$7500 a car. The modernization program is scheduled to be completed at the rate of five cars a month within the next year.

### NEW SEATS

Changes in the big cars include the installation of new seats, reflector-type lighting over each seat, improved ventilation, remodeled entrances, repainting inside and out, and general refinements. The redesigned cars will seat 80 passengers each in new, revolving, sponge-rub-

ber top, spring-cushion seats upholstered in mohair of a dark green shade which blends with the lighter green interior and cream-colored ceiling. Ample leg room is provided between seats, and aisles are unusually spacious, to permit free movement through the car.

### BETTER VENTILATION

For better ventilation, in addition to the circular vents in the ceiling, louvres have been installed in the upper part of every third window. Moreover, a shatterproof glass

windbreak, eight inches high, of the type often seen in offices to prevent direct drafts, has been placed about 1½ inches inside the regular windows. In summer months, when breezes are desirable, the lower sash may be raised above the top level of the windbreak to permit a more rapid movement of air. Window catches have been placed above the windbreak level within easy reach of passengers. Shatterproof glass has also replaced the old glass in the lower sashes.

A TYPICAL 4500-CLASS CAR BEFORE REMODELING



# RAILROAD RETIREMENT

## A Summary of the New Amendments

(Official Information by the U. S. Retirement Board)

### BROADER BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR RAILROAD EMPLOYEES

A NUMBER of important amendments to the Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Acts were passed by Congress and approved by the President late in July.

Of outstanding importance is the introduction of a system of survivor benefits similar to, but substantially higher than, those paid under the Social Security Act, and of a system of cash benefits in case of sickness.

The basic provisions applying to old-age retirement remain unchanged. The normal retirement age in non-disability cases is still 65 and, as in the past, an employe may retire at ages 60-64 if he has 30 years of railroad service but must accept a reduction in his monthly payments. Beginning January 1, 1947, however, women with 30 years of railroad service may retire under the new law at ages 60-64 without taking a reduction. Old-age benefits will continue to be figured on the basis of the formula previously used, except for employes in the lowest wage and service brackets to whom the new minimum formula will apply. The maximum retirement benefit remains at \$120 a month.

The principal features of the amendments are:

#### RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS

(1) The provision of monthly death benefits for a qualified employe's widow and minor children, or his dependent parents, and of a lump-sum death benefit for his survivors where no monthly benefit is immediately payable. The new benefits are modeled after those paid under the Social Security Act except that, in recognition of the higher taxes, the monthly payments will average about 25 per cent higher and the lump-sum payments about two-thirds higher. The lump-sum death benefit now being paid will be discontinued, as will the arrangement under which an employe may elect to take a reduction in his own annuity in order to provide an annuity for his wife after he dies.

(2) The liberalization of the conditions under which disability retirement annuities are payable and, in some cases, an increase in the amount of such annuities. At the present time,

an employe may retire on account of disability only if he is totally and permanently disabled from carrying on, not only his regular, but any other gainful, occupation, and either is 60 years of age or has completed 30 years of service. Under the new bill, the 30-year requirement is reduced to 10 years and the amount payable to an employe at age 60 with less than the minimum service requirement is increased. Also, a new type of disability annuity is introduced, payable to a qualified employe who is permanently disabled only for the performance of his regular work, provided he is 60 years of age or has completed 20 years of service.

(3) The liberalization of the conditions under which minimum retirement annuities are payable to workers with low-wage service records, and the increase in the amount of such annuities. Under existing law, only those who had 20 years of service and were employes at age 65 may qualify on retirement for a minimum

annuity, usually \$40 a month. Under the proposed change, most workers with only 5 years of service who are employed in the railroad industry up to the time they become eligible for retirement, regardless of age at retirement, will be able to qualify for a minimum annuity. For some years to come most employes will have enough service on retirement to qualify them for annuities of at least \$50. Aside from this, no blanket increase in the level of annuities is provided.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS

(4) The provision for the payment of cash benefits in case of sickness, including maternity. The daily benefit rate and the maximum amount of benefits will be the same as in the case of unemployment. An employe may qualify for both sickness and unemployment benefits in the same year but may not combine days of sickness with days of unemployment for the same benefit period.

(5) The addition of two new and higher daily benefit rates for unemployment insurance. The maximum daily benefit was formerly \$4, payable to an employe who had qualified on the basis of earnings of \$1,600 or more in his base year. Benefits of \$4.50 per day will now be payable to an employe who has earned \$2,000 but less than \$2,500 in the base year, and of \$5 to one who has earned \$2,500 or more.

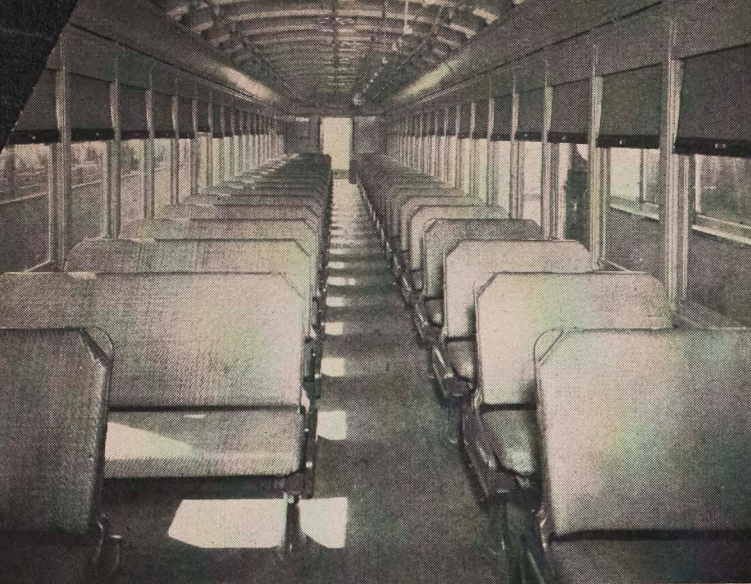
(6) The lengthening of the period for which unemployment insurance benefits are payable from 20 to 26 weeks within the benefit year.

#### TAXES

(7) The increase from 3½ per cent to 5¼ per cent in the special pay-roll tax paid by employers and employes' in the railroad industry for the support of the retirement system. Part of the increase is to

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1. The employer pays 5¼% and the employe pays 5¼%.
2. This pay-roll tax is deducted from each pay check. Deduction is not made, however, from the amount by which total monthly earnings exceed \$300.00. The amount deducted is shown on the deduction slip accompanying each pay check under the heading "Int. Rev. Code Ch. 9B (CTA)."



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#### INTERIOR

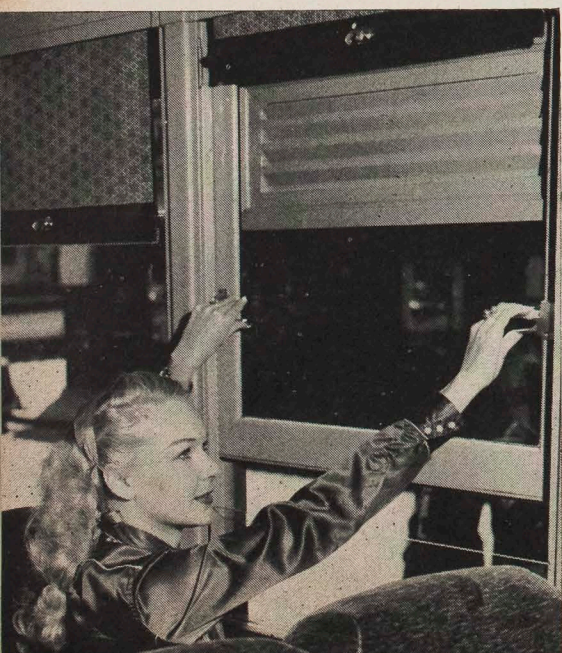
One of the most effective and pleasing changes in the cars has been the installation of a new interior safety glass partition to separate the smoking from the non-smoking compartment. By minimizing, without sacrifice of strength, the frame in which the glass is set, and increasing the area of the glass, an effect of spaciousness is provided as one gazes with almost completely unobstructed view from one end of the car to the other.

Ceilings in the cars have been dropped six inches, to provide room for the new lighting fixtures and to afford better insulation from summer heat.

#### VESTIBULES CLOSED

Vestibules have undergone several important changes. The sliding gates

FRANCES WILLEY, of Long Beach, shows how easy it is to operate the windows in Car 300.



over the steps are gone, together with the awkward cranking machinery by which the gates were operated. Vestibule doors have been installed to create an entirely closed platform, which was formerly open except for the motorman's cab. A vestibule end door has also been installed, replacing the chain barrier which formerly protected this opening. All of these improvements add to safety as well as comfort. In short, vestibules now closely resemble those of the 1100-class equipment.

#### MECHANICALLY RECONDITIONED

Before leaving the shops, each vehicle receives a complete mechanical reconditioning, including overhaul of trucks, braking equipment, and electrical installations. Of the nineteen 4500-class cars, seven which had been useful only as trailers have been equipped with motors. All the 4500's, formerly Northwestern Pacific equipment, will be renumbered from 300 to 318 to simplify record-keeping for the Operating Department. Of the 52 cars now numbered in the 4600- and 4700-class (four "combos" being numbered in the 4700-class), some will be renumbered as 400's and some as 450's, owing to present differences in their mechanical equipment. The 400's will train with the 300's; the 450's, because of differences in braking and control connections, will not. As fast as material is available, however, the 450's will be mechanically remodeled to enable them to train with 400's and 300's. The material to effect this interchangeability will come from retired 1000-class cars. As mechanical alterations on the

450-class cars are made, they will be renumbered in the 400-class.

In the shop as of the last week in October were cars 4511, 4515, 4608, 4618, 4619, and 4622, in various stages of remodeling.

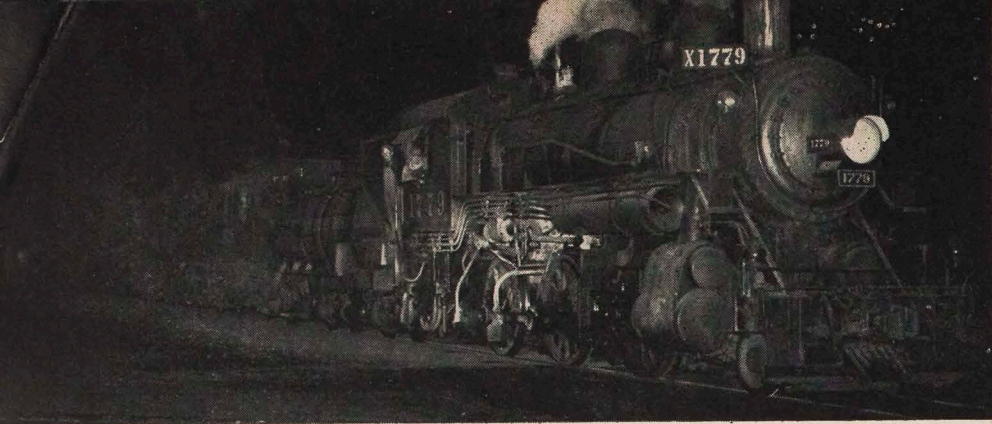
The more than 60 Carpenters, Electricians, Tanners, Upholsterers, Glaziers, and workers in other classifications who have had a part in the remodeling of the body of car Number 300, and all of the other members of the Torrance Shop forces who have had a part in the mechanical reconditioning (taken altogether these forces include almost every worker at Torrance) are proud, and deservedly so, of the first fruits of their labors. The changes they have made have produced an interurban car which is unsurpassed in appearance and comfort by any others in the nation.

#### PASSENGERS COMPLIMENTARY

Car 300 is now in regular service on the Los Angeles-Long Beach Line, and, as other cars are available,\* they will be used for Long Beach, San Pedro, and Santa Ana runs or wherever service demands. Passengers—and after all the opinions of the riding public form the crucial test of transportation service—are reported to be highly complimentary in their praise of the new cars.

In the remodeling program, Pacific Electric evidences once more its determination to keep in step with the rapid industrial, economic, and social progress of Southern California.

\*Car 400 went into service early in November.



**FIRST THROUGH FREIGHT TRAIN** that ran after PE took possession of the new line. Electrification of the line has eliminated the need for steam locomotives such as this, and trains now run under electric power all the way between Los Angeles and San Bernardino.

## PE ACQUIRES NEW RAIL LINE

Passenger trains began operating on Monday, November 4, over the new Baldwin Park-Covina Line instead of over the old passenger line. The first train left Sixth and Main at 4:49 a.m., arriving in Covina at 5:52 a.m.

The new line is a portion of the former Southern Pacific branch between Bassett and Ganesha Junction acquired by Pacific Electric on September 1.

Pictured on this page is the first through PE freight train to pass over the new line. Leaving State St. Yard,

eastbound, it arrived in Baldwin Park at 3:00 a.m., two hours 59 minutes after Pacific Electric became owner of the line.

Joint operation of the section of line between Lone Hill and LaVerne had for many years been carried on. Recently completed electrification of the line between Baldwin Park and Lone Hill now permits the operation of all-electric freight trains over the entire distance between Los Angeles and San Bernardino.

The old PE line between Baldwin Park and Lone Hill has been abandoned in its entirety.



**IT'S 3:00 A. M., BUT WIDE AWAKE** is this freight crew on the train shown above. Left to right are Trolleyman Bert L. Bradley, Motorman W. C. Roberts, Brakeman H. G. Bracken, and Conductor Earl G. Johnson, all of Crew 2294; and Fireman Elmer Klopfenstine and Engineer Robert E. Carter, Crew 2305 (steam crew). The steam locomotive, before the line was electrified, took the train from Baldwin Park to LaVerne, helping out the electric motors up the Lone Hill grade; and then returned to Baldwin Park for another job.

## Grey Oliver, of EMBA, Weds Elda Grothusen

Congratulations to Grey Oliver and Elda A. Grothusen, who were married August 27 at Reno. Mr. Oliver is well known as District Representative of the Employees' Mutual Benefit Association, and perhaps even better for his service of 24 years as Secretary to the President of Pacific Electric. Mrs. Oliver has been in the President's office for the past 1½ years, being at present Assistant to Pass Clerk E. W. Battelle.

The couple are living at 2041 S. Third Street, Alhambra.

Presented with a \$130 merchandise order on Barker Bros. by a large group of their friends, the delighted Olivers asked that the following note of appreciation be inserted in the Magazine:

October 28, 1946

We wish to thank all our good friends for their thoughtfulness in providing the very welcome merchandise order on Barker Bros. as a gift after our recent marriage. It is greatly appreciated by us both.

GREY AND ELDA OLIVER

## You May Be Entitled To Refund On State Unemployment Tax

If you were working for a railroad in California\* between January 1, 1936, and June 30, 1939, you are entitled to a return on the unemployment taxes you paid into the State fund during that period.

Get an application form (Form G-29) in duplicate from your department head, fill it out in full, and mail the white copy as directed at the top of the form. Keep the yellow copy for your records. If you cannot fill in all the blanks from your present records, send in the half-page mimeographed form (which comes with Form G-29) to the Auditor, who will forward you the necessary information.

The reason for this refund is the passage of the Federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, under which all state unemployment funds were turned over to the Railroad Retirement Board.

\*Or in other states, with slightly differing dates. Other states include Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Rhode Island.

## PE Sponsors Radio Show "Spotlight on America"

By this time all employes have doubtless heard the new radio program, "Spotlight on America," sponsored by Pacific Electric every other Friday night between 7:00 and 7:30 over KHJ, and every Friday at the same time over KFXM, San Bernardino, and KVOE, Santa Ana. The first PE-sponsored broadcasts were on Friday, October 4.

## Railroad Retirement

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pay for the new benefits and part for the deficiency in the tax rate necessary to support the old benefit structure. No additional contribution above the 3 per cent now paid by employers is levied for the support of the sickness insurance program or for the liberalization of the present unemployment insurance benefits.

### EFFECTIVE DATES

The new retirement and death benefits become effective for the most part on January 1, 1947, and, in a few respects, on July 31, 1946, the date the amendments were approved by the President; the increase in tax rate, January 1, 1947; the new sickness benefits, July 1, 1947; the increase in the amount of unemployment benefits, July 31, 1946; and the increase in duration of unemployment benefits, July 1, 1946.



## BOARD OF MANAGERS, PE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT

Left to right are L. R. McIntire, PE Personnel Manager; Don H. Sheets, Acting General Chairman, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; U. George Perry, Business Manager for the Hospital Association; T. E. Dickey, Chief Clerk of the Hospital Association, Secretary of the Board; Jno. J. Suman, PE Auditor and Secretary, Chairman of the Board;

Robert V. Rachford, General Chairman, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Vice Chairman of the Board; L. E. Brown, General Chairman, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America; Clifford Thorburn, PE Purchasing Agent; and R. L. Bailey, General Chairman, Maintenance of Way Employees.

# New Plan for Hospital Department

Many employes may still be unaware that the administration of the Pacific Electric Hospital Department has been established on a Board of Managers basis.

The Board of Managers, composed of three representatives of management and four of labor, was established as the result of a joint management-labor agreement reached April 26, 1946. Chairman is Jno. J. Suman, Auditor and Secretary of the company; Vice Chairman, Robert V. Rachford, General Chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; Sec-

retary, Thomas E. Dickey, Chief Clerk of the Hospital Department.

Other members include: For the company, L. R. McIntire, Manager of Personnel; and Clifford Thorburn, Purchasing Agent. For labor, R. L. Bailey, General Chairman, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees; L. E. Brown, President, System Federation No. 159, Railway Employees' Department, AFL, Mechanical Section; and Don H. Sheets, Acting General Chairman, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

### Joint PE-SP Use of Specialists

With the advent during July of the medical offices of the Southern Pacific to suites adjoining those of the Pacific Electric Hospital Department, Business Manager George Perry states that it is hoped a plan may be worked out, in the interest of economy and convenience, for joint use of specialists by the two departments.

Joint use of facilities is already established in certain instances. The PE X-ray department is used by Southern Pacific; and the SP laboratory and SP skin specialists are used by Pacific Electric.

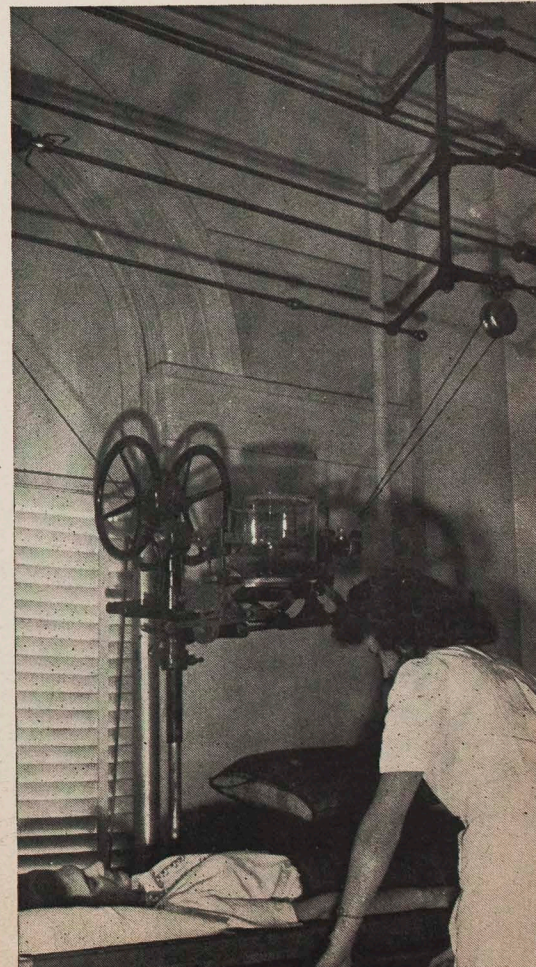
### New Equipment

In addition to the new arrangement and enlargement of office space, some new equipment is already installed and more is in prospect. A whirlpool therapy machine has been recently purchased and placed into operation; new sphygmomanometers (blood-testing apparatus) are in use; a new examining table is in the Chief Surgeon's office; and valuable major units of modern X-ray equipment are on order for delivery early in 1947.

HELEN BRADFORD, X-ray Technician, demonstrates, with Mary Jane Johnston posing as patient, the use of old-type radiographic equipment which is to be discarded in favor of an up-to-date machine. Another similar machine will be modernized and made shock-proof. Here is one more indication that the Hospital Association is doing its utmost for your welfare.



**1946 CHRISTMAS SEAL.** The lamp-lighter is lighting the lamp of health in the fight against tuberculosis, heart disease, and rheumatic fever. Your purchases aid this worthy cause.



# ... Passengers Appreciate ...

**D. L. Graadt Van Roggen**, Conductor, Venice Short Line, for "generosity and consideration" in immediately mailing to its addressee a special delivery package he found on his car. Card from addressee, **Donald L. Adney**, dated June 27.

**Whittier Boulevard Line Operators** in general for their "kindly, cheerful, and courteous demeanor at all times" during the transportation difficulties last May. Letter from **Dorothy M. Napkie**, dated September 10. Letter prompted by reading about **Frank Runa's** "baby shower on the bus" in the *Christian Science Monitor*, issue of August 30.

**Stewart F. Dispennette**, Motor Coach Operator, Los Angeles-Riverside-San Bernadino Line, for his "careful driving" and "consideration for elderly people getting on and off the bus." Letter from **Mrs. Georgia S. Rodgers**, dated some time in August.

**Charlie Berg**, Motorman, **Elmer Matzenbacher**, Motorman, and **Leonard S. Dodge**, Conductor, — all of the Western District — for their interest in two small sons of **Mrs. Ruth H. Matter** over a period of four years when the boys rode the PE trains to attend Trinity Lutheran School in

Hollywood. Letter from **Mrs. Matter**, dated August 18.

**F. H. Beattie**, Conductor, Venice Short Line, for his kindness to an elderly lady on Sunday, September 8, when, confused by large crowds and indefinite information given by certain Operators, she rode wrong busses for two hours before boarding Mr. Beattie's train at Genesee Street. Via telephone, the lady (name unknown) stated that Mr. Beattie was most courteous and kind, and patiently helped her to her destination.

**J. H. Wipfli**, Motor Coach Operator, for his courtesy in twice stopping his bus to allow a sick woman passenger to get off. Each time he courteously waited for her to return. Letter from **E. M. Bowling**, an observer, dated September 3.

**Adeline McIntyre** and **Lenore Tepley**, Lost and Found Department Clerks, for their courtesy, consideration, and vigilance in locating and returning an overnight case lost by **Miss Myrtle G. Davis** on a Long Beach train August 19. Letter from **Miss Davis**, dated August 24.

**Lenore Tepley** again for the courteous manner in which she answered a telephone call from an anxious lady who had lost a prized keepsake and

some money on a PE bus between Alhambra and Sierra Vista. Upon receipt of the lost articles, the lady, **Mrs. Opal I. Long**, wrote a letter September 18 to express "sincerest appreciation for her (Mrs. Tepley's) kindness."

**H. E. Roberts**, Motor Coach Operator, Santa Monica Line, for putting "the entire bus-load of passengers in a merry mood by his cheery greeting to each and every one as they entered the bus." Letter, dated October 9, from **Mrs. Grant L. Witte**.

**H. P. Davis**, Motor Coach Operator, North Hollywood Line, for his quick thinking in climbing to the top of the first of five freight cars which had broken loose in the yard during a switching operation at North Hollywood Station and setting the hand brake in time to prevent trouble. Letter from an observer, **Edgar Foxx**, dated September 24.

**K. L. Stevens**, Motor Coach Operator, Los Angeles-Pomona Line, for his cordial greeting to all who entered his bus and equally cordial "good-night" to all who left it. **M. E. Dambach**, a visitor from Ohio, wrote in September 29 to commend Mr. Stevens for his equal cordiality to friends and strangers.

**A. W. Carlock**, Motor Coach Operator, Hollywood-Beverly Hills Line, for his "perfect service" in announcing clearly and cheerfully the names of streets, and also announcing minute details as to how to change at transfer points. Letter dated October 16 from **Emmett C. King**, a passenger.

**C. B. Clary**, Motor Coach Operator, Huntington Park-Long Beach Line, for taking the time from his layover between schedules to telephone the family of a nine-year-old school girl commuter who left her purse on his bus. Letter from girl's mother, **Mrs. C. A. DuShane**, dated September 28.

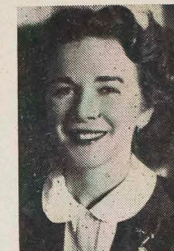
### CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE — Antique flintlock Kentucky squirrel rifle with violin markings. In family 175 years. Priced reasonably. **J. L. Gilmore**, CApitol 8480.

### TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

By **Suzanne J. Smith**



**Ralph Bailey** spoke his "I do" vows with **Laurita Cota** on September 8 and they honeymooned at Lake Arrowhead. . . **Irene Brown** and **Cyril Albright** were wed on October 19. Mrs. Albright is holding down **Irene Cunha's** job since Mrs. Cunha has been off almost two years on a sick leave due to injuries sustained when she was struck by an auto. Mrs. Cunha is recovering so well that we expect to see her smiling face again by the first of the year. . . **Del Warner** and **Eleanor Ahumada** surely are an attractive twosome, devouring their sandwiches at noon. . . **Brakeman A. E. Babcock** has our sympathies on the loss of his mother. . . **Trolleyman George W. Preece** celebrated his birthday on September 11 and said he would retire one year from that date. . . **Florence Furnal**, previously a Car Desk Clerk at Butte Street, is now messenger, and does a swell job regardless of flat tires and engine trouble galore. Florence had a two-months leave to go back East to attend the wedding of one of her daughters. . . **Joseph E. Neville**, Brakeman, retired on November 1. . . **Roy and Rusty Thornburg** celebrated their fourteenth wedding anniversary on October 24 and **Ralph and Mary Lou Ross** celebrated their first anniversary on the same date. The two couples had dinner at **Scully's** and then saw the **Follies** (Ice, that is). . . **Conductor H. A. Holmes** and his wife celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on October 17 by going to see the "Black Outs" in Hollywood. . .



**W. E. CRAIG**, Assistant Trainmaster at 8th Street, is justly proud of his kids: **Kenneth, 14,** and **Mary, 8 months.**

**Art Nasher** had a perfect vacation trip to the "Statue of Liberty" State and saw all the best plays in town. **Marie Shaw** was awed by the Grand Canyon and Boulder Dam. . . **Bill Truesdale** and his wife **Wilma** (formerly a nurse in **Dr. Ben A. Patton's** dental office) are the parents of a girl, **Michelle**. . . **Allen Breese**, recently discharged from the Navy, is working as Jumbo Clerk at Butte Street, where his dad, **J. N. Breese**, is Chief Crew Dispatcher. . . **Dorothy Hillan** celebrated her 23rd birthday with a large family party, and yours truly luckily got a bid to attend it. . .

**Carl Haufe** transferred from Butte to Wingfoot, and there met **Jack Walsh**, who has his own story about what happened to "Kilroy." . . **D. W. Yeager** and **Les Lutes** went to Utah to "bag their deer." Conductor **Walter Goldman** is a mighty proud man, and rightly so, as his prize pigeon won the Southern California Combine from Tulare, flying approximately 150 miles in about four hours. Over 2,000 pigeons were entered in this race. He was presented with a trophy bearing the pigeon's history and the date of the race — September 22.

### Prevent That Sniffle!

By **Earl O. Miller**  
**Dr. A. M. Scholz**, Pacific Electric Railway Company's Chief Surgeon, offers the following "Ten COMMON SENSE Commandments" to help you keep from catching colds and losing valuable time from the job during the chilly months ahead:

1. Wisely avoid contact with people who have "colds."
2. Intemperance in smoking or drinking alcoholic beverages is dangerous.
3. Stay away from drafts.
4. Eat adequately but do not overeat.
5. Always get eight hours of sound sleep.
6. Drink plenty of liquids.
7. Very important to keep dry—no matter what the weather.
8. If a "cold" threatens, gargle with hot salt water.
9. Constipation won't help — avoid it.
10. Evade possibility of getting chilled or overheated.

And the first letters of these "commandments" will show you that this is W-I-S-E A-D-V-I-C-E!

### QUESTION AND ANSWER BOX

for  
**PASSENGER CONDUCTORS AND OPERATORS**



By **W. J. Fenwick**

Supervisor,  
Northern and  
Southern  
Districts

What do patrons say about our service? Many very complimentary letters have been received praising the courtesy of individual Trainmen. But just how do we stack up as a whole?

Many years ago my mother had an occasion to travel from Staunton, Illinois, to Litchfield, on the old McKinley System, now known as the Illinois Terminal Railroad Company, an electric interurban system similar to our own. She became ill enroute and the Trainmen made her a bed on the seats and covered her with their overcoats. To this very day, she mentions "how nice" those boys were. These are little things to the Trainmen, forgotten perhaps at the next train order meet or passenger stop, but how big they are to the individual who is so kindly and cour-

teously treated!

Be helpful and comforting to those who may be crippled or ill, kind to children and older passengers, patient and tolerant with those who may be slow to understand, compassionate for those who try to "take it out on you," for they must be very unhappy.

Each day, as an individual, resolve to do some missionary work, even to the extent of opening a window, loosening a shade, supplying to patrons those schedules which you have been forgetting to pick up for so long.

Knowing your job and extending courtesy to all will build for the Pacific Electric Railway and its employes in Los Angeles and surrounding communities the kind of reputation that builds business by creating friends.



## MACY STREET TERMINAL



By  
**Ted Harrison**

Only when five friendly spirits get together can a wonderful time, filled with educational values, be enjoyed and appreciated as were the few hours five prospectors from Macy Street spent together the first rainy day of the season. Meeting at El Monte at 6:01 a. m., Leader Switchman Leo Therolf, wealthy landowner; Motorman Gene Scheetz, transportation chief; Foreman Ed Fox, co-pilot; Assistant Foreman A. M. Brouwer, head of the commissary department; and your humble scribe, director of traffic, made an interesting tour of the six southern counties of the state. The main point of interest was, however, a piece of property owned by Leo Therolf, which seemed to be the envy of the rest of the party, to say nothing of many of his friends at Macy Street.

Just heard that Tom Lloy, youngest son of Motorman "Red" Lloy of the El Monte Line and famous horse trader of that town, has been discharged from the Coast Guard and is now one of the star players on the El Monte football team. This is the last of this family of three boys to return from service. The oldest boy, Douglas, is settling in El Monte in

the refrigerator business — more peaceful than his experiences in North Africa. Melvin, the second boy, already home some time from Germany, is at the present time at home helping "Pop." Many of you fellows on the South will remember Douglas when he, too, belonged to the PE family.

Say, fellows, I wonder why more of you do not get in on this Mortuary Fund? Of course none of us want to use it, but, on the other hand, when some fellow passes away, it's sure swell to know that at a time like that we can help in putting a good-sized check in the hands of those left behind when it's needed. It's a wonderful insurance, and you couldn't spend twenty-five cents to better advantage.

From the depth of the ocean to captain of Chaffee College football is the experience of Jack Miller, son of Conductor C. H. Miller of the El Monte Line. He has just been discharged from the U. S. Navy, where he spent much time under water in the submarines.

Saw a notice up there at Sierra Vista about a deep-sea fishing party that Conductor John Howard was getting up in the near future; so we should have some good fish stories for the next Magazine.

Conductor A. R. Picking took his wife quite recently for a vacation trip. They went to Chicago, back west to Seattle, by boat to Victoria, B. C., and then home again to sunny California, and report a great time on their trip.

Conductor Rice, late of the Sierra Vista owl, is now spending his nights working the night line car. His Motorman, F. L. Patterson, used to work at Macy Street, and many of you boys will remember him.



**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS WITH PE** on September 4 were the four men here pictured with their wives at dinner at Little Joe's. Left to right, the men are J. W. Kipp, Assistant MT Supervisor; G. V. Thompson, Conductor; J. L. Gilmore, Conductor; and P. J. Bever, Motorman. All are O.K. as Conductors, Motor Coach Operators, one-man car Operators, and Motormen. They were the only four in their training class, started at Pasadena together as rookies under Asst. Supt. H. E. Rodenhouse, and were Assistant Trainmaster A. P. ("Art") Smith's headaches, according to Mr. Gilmore. All went to Pasadena City Lines when those lines were sold, but came back to the fold later. Gilmore went to Motor Transit, where he is working now; Bever, who went to Macy, qualified as Fireman, Terminal Foreman, Dispatcher, and Stationmaster — and is now resting from a tour of duty as Dispatcher by working a Temple City bus run; Thompson shuttled back and forth between Macy and Pasadena, and is now working a Temple City bus run; Kipp came back as a MT Operator, qualified as Supervisor in 12-28-42, and is now working as Assistant Supervisor at El Monte Station. The ladies, left to right, are Mrs. Evelyne Kipp, Interviewer; Mrs. Margaret Thompson, General Clerk, PE Restaurant & News Service; Mrs. Betty Gilmore; and Mrs. Marjorie Bever.

## PASADENA TERMINAL

By  
**D. B. Gardner**



Now, here is the kind of news I like to write about. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Ott (young Geo., that is) are the proud parents of a fine 9-lb. 1-oz. baby boy christened Kenneth, born September 18.

Being a very modest person, my good friend Ted Harrison, our correspondent at Macy Street, seldom tells about himself, but we learned recently he formerly was county surveyor for San Diego County and knows the country around there like the back of his hand. So, should you plan a trip and need a guide, look up good old Ted.

Effective November 18 E. L. ("Cap") Harris, Foreman of the Mechanical Department at Pasadena, retired, and to say he will be missed is putting it mildly. We have known him around Pasadena for almost 20 years, and in our humble opinion Mr. Harris is tops in his line.

J. D. Freman, recently retired, told me how wonderful it feels to be fancy-free, and after seeing how fine Claud Conner looks after a year of retirement in his mountain retreat at Big Bear Lake, your humble servant has applied for retirement effective with the new law January 1, 1947. So to my friends over the system: Keep 'em rollin'!—and I'll be seeing you.

## SUBWAY TERMINAL

By **Jack Gerhardt**

The new Depot Master, W. J. Stewart, just returned from Montana and is now classed as a big game hunter. He had the good fortune to bag an elk.

W. L. Blakely just returned from two weeks of hard work at home. He says, "It sure is nice to be back; I almost worked myself to death at home."

W. E. ("Billy Goat") Miller spent 30 days in Missouri and liked the real estate prices so well that he bought a house. Now he is trying to figure out how to get it to L. A.

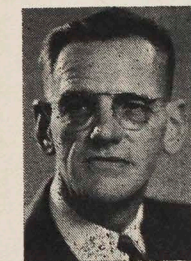
H. R. Heidelberg spent his gray time visiting old friends in Ohio and

West Virginia. He reports that elbow-bending is much cheaper in the East.

Terminal Foreman H. W. Bradbury was busy caring for Mrs. B. who is recovering from a major operation. We are all glad to hear she is doing so well. Congratulations on your 30th anniversary, Brad and Mrs. Brad!

The sudden death of Forrest F. Leininger was a shock to all at the Subway. "Len," as he was known to all of us, had been Depot Master at the Subway since it was opened in 1925. No matter how bad the tie-up, Len always found a way to keep them rolling. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

## OCEAN PARK CAR HOUSE AND BUS LOT



By  
**D. L. Graadt van Roggen**

Speaking of meeting people, get acquainted with our new Conductors: A. E. O'Brien, L. E. Lewis, T. R. Asel, and R. R. Haymann.

A bit belated, but still news: A baby girl, born on August 4, 1946, and named Gurson M. Levitt, to Conductor and Mrs. G. M. Levitt. Says he does not walk the floor nights. He says "Let 'r bawl. Food for the lungs!" Some people have all the luck! Take me now, for instance, when——. Anyway, congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Levitt!

Among the vacationers who returned to their posts on VSL cars are Motorman R. E. Dean, who spent his 30 days with Mrs. D. in Pueblo and Rye, Colorado; Motorman Philip Schwartz, who paid a visit to our good neighbors, the Canadians; Conductor R. S. Nicholls, who attended the convention in Miami, Florida, and said it was "hotternell" there; and Mrs. G. v. R. and I, who spent some time in Fort Worth, Texas, where I got acquainted with my wife's family. Our trip ranged from 100 feet below sea level to 11,302 above.

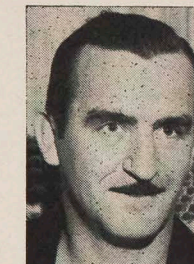
Returned to OPCH after quite an absence is Conductor W. E. Reed.

**SEEN ON THE LOT:** Motorman A. H. Wolff, sporting a brand-new Buick; and Conductor H. H. H. ("3H") Henkel, with a baby portable radio and Wolff's old gas buggy.

With regret we inform our readers that since the publishing of the previous issue, Conductors S. J. Hayball and H. A. Miller have died.

## Merry Christmas from G. L. Sullivan

Because he received some very welcome — and much-needed — donations of money from the men on the South and West Districts as the result of



G. L. Sullivan

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

He says he is getting excellent care from the Hospital Association, and is awaiting the arrival of artificial legs. When they come, he hopes to attend the Berry Institute to learn to walk again.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan live at 509 East Hellman Avenue, Wilmar. G. L. says he'd like to see more of his old friends.

## LONG BEACH FREIGHT HOUSE

By  
**Jack DeLaney**



Well, folks, you can quit worrying now about the meat shortage.

Jimmy Brock, Yardmaster, is on his way to Utah, deer hunting. We expect by the time this article is read all the PE men around here will be well stocked up in venison.

Evelyn Metcalf, former Demurrage Clerk, came all the way from Panhandle, Texas, to pay us a visit and to absorb some good Long Beach weather. Says that is something they don't have a lot of down there.

Mary Stowell and her husband, Ralph, left September 16 for 30-day vacationing way back in South Dakota. She is back to work as Freight Yard Clerk after being capably relieved by George Collins.

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I did not get any pictures from you and your families, so I thought I would submit one myself: Meet my family.

**AFTERTHOUGHT:** Having seen some of the street railway equipment in other cities: "Gimme those 900's any time!"

Be talking to you again in 1947!

## 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 convience 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 employes during the past. His services are of particular advantage to Pacific Electric employes because of the convenience of his office and the promptness of his service. Glasses are furnished within a few days after examination; new lenses to replace broken ones, as well as other repairs to glasses, are made promptly. Dr. Morrison maintains his own lens grinding facilities.—Advt.



**POPULAR POP** — Conductor D. L. Graadt van Roggen and his family. Pretty daughter Janet is at left; lovely Mamma, Izetta, at right. Son D. L. G. v. R., Jr., is absent owing to previous engagement with Uncle Sam. He's on location in Japan, and expects release from active duty next January.

# 534 TRAINMEN, MOTOR COACH OPERATORS COMMENDED

## Their Courtesy to Passengers and Employes Wins Them Letter of Appreciation From Management-Labor Employe Morale Committee

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- Guy Stephenson
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- J. T. Wilkerson
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- L. M. Young

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- L. A. Nilsen
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- R. N. Orton
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- Babe Shaw

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- George Sushinsky
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- Ray Thomas

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- S. H. Williams

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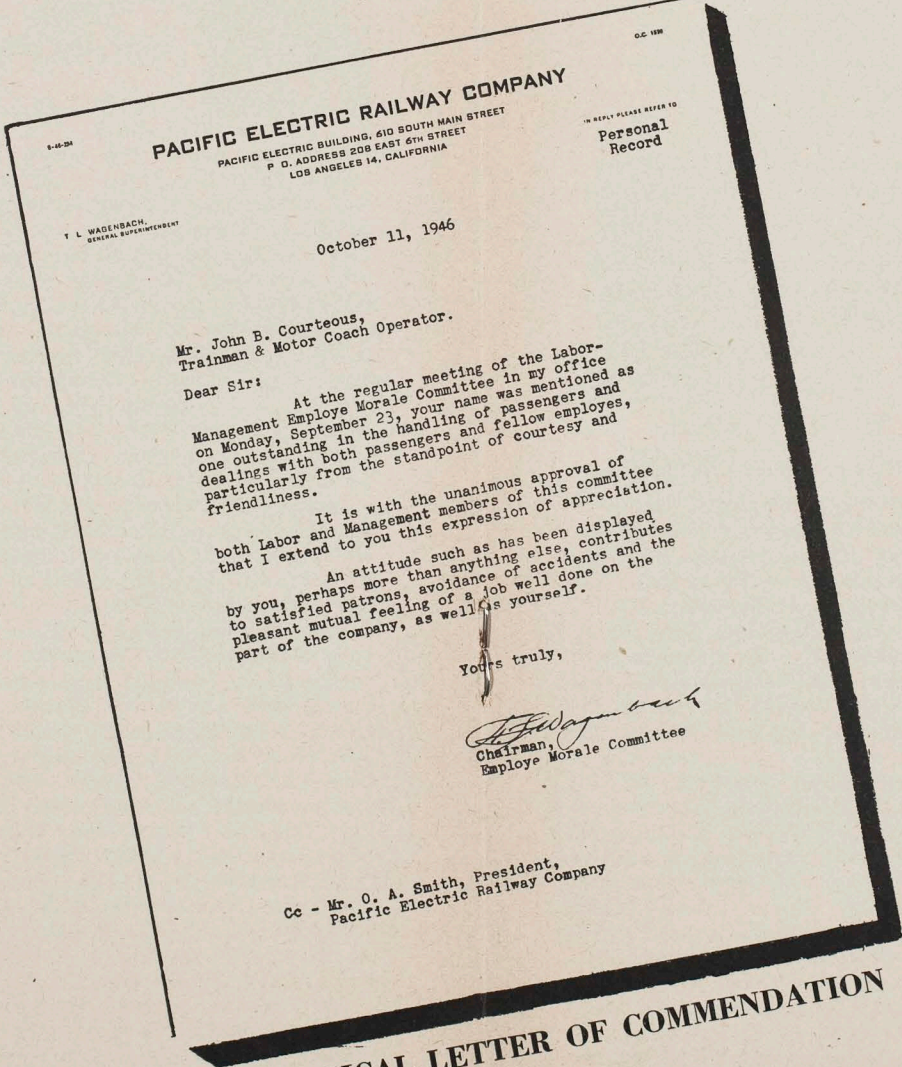
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- B. L. Hunter
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- O. V. Selig
- N. W. Seyforth
- R. R. Shappell
- J. M. Smith
- W. E. Studley
- G. E. Tennant
- W. A. Tribble
- H. L. Turner
- Owen Whitaker
- Eugene Wickham
- Ralph Wilhelm
- E. L. Worsham
- W. L. Wybrant



TYPICAL LETTER OF COMMENDATION

**LONG BEACH  
FREIGHT HOUSE**

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We were all very sorry to know of the serious accident sustained by **Bob Hoffman**, Yard Clerk, and **Madeline Somerby**, Demurrage Clerk, near Compton, September 14. We are pleased to report that Madeline is progressing well. As soon as she can throw away her crutches, she will be back at work.

We welcome **Eddie Oakes** into our midst on the Interchange Desk. From all accounts Eddie is doing a fine job and we hope will remain in the office, after working several months in the Warehouse, where he also did a good job.

The Claim Department is functioning all right now. **Bernice Swinney** is back from his vacation; so everything is back to normal. **Verne Brechner**, Checker, was much surprised October 2. We surprised him with a shaving kit. Soon as he is old enough to grow whiskers this gift will come in mighty handy — so says Brech.

**Long Beach Ticket Office**

**Elsie Lawlor** suffered an injured arm October 2. Says she bumped into an auto. All OK now, and Elsie is back at work selling tickets again.

**Beulah Edwards** has sold her Dodge; so now she has no buggy to ride in. Says she is looking for a man that has a nice new Cadillac, but in a pinch, will settle for a Ford.

**Norville Knox, Sr.**, is proud to mention that he is a grandpappy. The proud father, **Norville, Jr.**, is with the Harbor Belt Line as Check Clerk. Grandpa says the eight-pound baby girl is doing fine.

**ROOM 221  
AND VICINITY**



By  
**Emory W.  
"Ace"  
Hanlon**

Greetings to you, one and all:  
In Two Two One and down the hall;  
Up the stairs in Eight Two Seven,  
One flight up from Seventh Heaven;  
In the Schedule 'round the bend—  
Of guys and gals there is no end.

Let's cram this column with juicy disclosures  
Of births, anniversaries, weddings, socials,  
Engagements, hobbies, trips to the ocean,  
Vacations, parties, that new promotion;  
If you've got any news—don't be a  
"meany"—

Tell ye scribe—don't tell it to Sweeney;  
And watch this pillar grow from a pole,  
Getting your Ace out of the hole.

Whew! That's awful, isn't it? By mutual consent, it's the first and last bit o' verse that will ever be perpetrated by this correspondent. But we do need news, so let us know about such things as, f'r instance—

**Rosanne Smith's** resignation, with one of those vine-covered homes in the background more than a dream.

**Lonnie Campbell's** vacation, spent among his rutabagas and such, and including just plain loafin'.

**Ruth Barney's** eventful vacation trip to San Francisco.

The addition of **Phyllis Davis** to the File Room staff as Messenger.

**Margaret ("Bubbles") Jackson's** changeover in jobs from Assistant

File Clerk in Room 220 to Adding Machine Operator in Room 221.

**Mrs. Florence Stockhill's** lend-lease from L. A. Freight Station to "pinch-hit" for **Helen Sennacher**, now on leave, as Secretary to Assistant General Superintendent C. H. Belt.

Superintendent of Safety & Instruction **Harry L. Young's** leisure-time artistry with a brush—more than dabbling, for my money.

Chief Supervisor of Schedules **L. J. McGrath** back from a vacation in the mountains. Other vacationists: Trainmaster **B. G. Jones** to Grand Canyon; **Ruth McCabe**, Secretary to General Superintendent, to Las Vegas and San Francisco.

**Leola Butler's** new position in office of General Chairman **R. V. Rachford**, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

We're sorry to report the loss of **Rosanne Smith** with this issue — she resigned to be married — but we welcome **Emory W. ("Ace") Hanlon**, Secretary-Clerk in the General Superintendent's office, as her successor. Emory is a former newsman, having reported police and prison stories for the Auburn, New York, Citizen for three years 'way back when. He also corresponded for Buffalo and Rochester papers on stories of prison escapes, etc. Auburn has a state prison, you know. "Ace" came to work last February from the Santa Fe. He lives in North Hollywood where his hobbies include his wife, three children, chickens, and gardening.

**TORRANCE  
NEWS TOPICS**

By "The Ghost Writer"

We are plenty busy these days 'way out here with the remodeling of the 4500- and 4600-class cars. We feel that the Carpenter Shop, the Sheet Metal Shop, and all other departments — Pipe, Machine, Mill, Paint, Air and Electric — have done a swell job on car 4514 and will do as good a job on the rest of the cars in the future as they are sent through the shops.

Regarding our vacations at this point on the PE system: We are about to the end of the list of employees. The following have yet to receive their few days of "rest": **Art Graham**, **Evelyn Hopps**, **James Ruse**, **Charles Benson**, **Ruth Gansereit**, **William Sutherland**, **George Lallich**, **Martin Monson**, **Ella Grills**, **Arch Boyd**, **June Tarbit**, **Eugene Rivet** and **Louis Ugalde**. Hope you lucky people enjoy your vacation as much as we, the ones that have already had ours.

There are a number of new employees since the last time a Torrance

article appeared in this magazine. Don't know the names of all, but will try to keep up with them as time goes on.

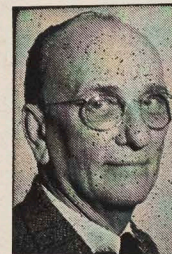
Cigars were passed around in the Carpenter Shop this week. **Raymond White** had the honor of becoming a father for the third time. Ray is one of our new fellows who have hired out since the ending of the war. He can tell much, if he will, regarding conditions on the other side of the pond.

If you have a news item for the Magazine, drop it in the shop mail box or hand it to our "fe-mail" man, who will put it in the Ghost Writer's mail box.

The "Ghost Writer," well known by his real name around the Torrance Shop, prefers to remain anonymous, but you may rest assured that he's perfectly reliable. **Jack Wright**, former contributor, has resigned, owing to pressure of work and other interests.

**MECHANICAL  
DEPARTMENT**

North and South Districts



By  
**Guy F.  
Gehde**

Deer hunting and vacations are over for this year. The deer hunters were not so successful, but all enjoyed their leisure time and trips.

**Flora Greenough** returned October 14 after a two-weeks rest at Crestline.

**Charles Good** left for a trip to Oklahoma and Nebraska, returning November 9.

**John Hansen** took a trip to Portland and Salt Lake; after an additional leave was back on the job December 15.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Murphy** are comfortably settled in their new home at 1512 N. Ave. 49, Highland Park.

Deep sympathy to **Vernon B. Williams**, who buried his mother on October 15.

**Betty Joe Collier**, daughter of **Eli Ellison**, has a nice baby boy born September 16. Now that the mother and baby are doing nicely, "Grandma Ellison" will travel to Seattle.

**Albert Harrison** was called east on account of the illness of his mother.

**Bernice Ingram** reports from the Repair Shop:



TO KEEP HIM ROLLING — General Foreman **Roy Mankins** presents retiring **Pasadena Car House Foreman Emory L. ("Cap") Harris** a set of four new tires on behalf of Cap's many friends in the Mechanical Department, as Cap's co-workers gather around at Pasadena. The tall fellow in the background is **Carl F. Peer**, Mr. Harris's successor. Second from extreme right is retired General Foreman **James F. Briggs**.

**"Cap" Harris, Foreman at Pasadena,  
Retires from Service November 18**

"The best handy man on Pacific Electric," according to his co-workers in the Mechanical Department, retired November 18—**Emory L. ("Cap") Harris**, Foreman of the Pasadena Car

House. His active duty ceased on November 1, when he took his two-week vacation.

After the September bidding, **Cliff Martin** was again looking down from the crane, **John Miller** was doing electrical work at Torrance, and **C. E. Woodbey** was Car Repairer, night shift.

The many friends of capable and worthy Machinist **Frederick V. Marsh** were saddened by his sudden death September 9. Mr. Marsh's seniority was Feb. 16, 1916. His genuine good humor is greatly missed at Macy Repair Shop. Deep sympathy for Mrs. Marsh.

Although he modestly disclaims expertness in more than his chosen field, the mechanical repair of cars ("A man can be a master of only one kind of work," he declared), it was said by several with whom he had worked that he could do any kind of job that needed to be done better than most of the regulars.

**WANTED TO KNOW "WHY"**

The success he has had Cap attributes to inquisitiveness, close observation, study, and experience in the many different kinds of work he has done. He always wanted to know why. While in the Philippines with the  
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**BRIDAL SHOWER FOR ROSANNE SMITH** (holding cake) was held in the Tea Room on September 16. Clerk in the General Offices of the Transportation Department since April 3, 1944, and correspondent for "Room 221 and Vicinity," Rosanne has left us to become Mrs. **Vernie John Koski**. Left to right, standing, are **Jeanette Everson**, **Irene Nordquist**, **Vi Martin**, **Leola Butler**, **Margaret Ann Scheirer**, **Rosanne**, **Peggy Oliver**, **Nancy Norris**, and **Marie Shaw**. Seated at left side of table are **Peggy Johnston**, **Eleanor Lifur**, **Katherine Salmon**, and **Suzanne Smith**. The three seated at right of same table are **Dixie Ralston**, **Bubbles Jackson**, and **Evelyne Kipp**. The five behind them are **Ruth Barney**, **Pearl Burruss**, **Mildred Johnston**, **Rita Sherwood**, and **Pat Frieze**.

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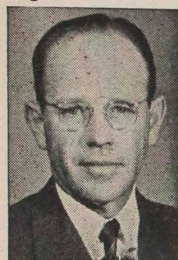
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**MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT**  
*Western District*



By  
**Milton R. Clark**

Jack Hawks, Foreman at Hill Street, spent his vacation visiting the old familiar seaports in the Puget Sound area, where he spent many years of his early life as a seafarer. Jack said his visit there brought back many fond and cherished memories.

**"Cap" Harris Retires**

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Army during the Spanish-American War, he figured he needed to learn a trade. So he took an ICS course in streetcar maintenance and operation, studied everything thoroughly and conscientiously, and qualified in 1905 as night mechanical foreman for the Manila transit system.

**TRAVELED WIDELY**

But Cap was young, and the wanderlust was in his blood. Returning to the States in 1907, he held a number of jobs with various companies, including PE, saw Army service in France, left the Army as a captain (hence his nickname), in 1919 came back to PE as Assistant Foreman and later Foreman at Macy, transferred to Pasadena as Foreman in 1925, and remained there until his retirement.

At a little ceremony at the Car

Claude Blair of Toluca Yard became the proud grandfather of a nine-pound, 12-ounce baby girl born June 24 to his daughter, Mrs. Robert Von Wald.

E. A. McGill of Hollywood Car House became the happy father of a baby boy September 15. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Lillian Reid of Toluca Yard has been confined to St. Vincent's Hospital on account of sickness. We all hope for rapid progress in her recovery.

We all extend our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of Jim Perry, Carpenter at West Hollywood Car House, who was killed by a hit-and-run driver July 10.

I extend to you all my very best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving and a most joyous time at the Yule Tide.

House on Friday, November 1, General Foreman Roy Mankins, on behalf of Mechanical Department employes, presented him with a fine set of tires, at the same time paying tribute to his ability, loyalty, and efficiency. In his acceptance, Cap praised the effort and cooperation of those who had worked with him, and left this parting word of advice:

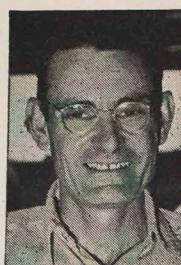
"It's not how much or how little you do that counts, but how well you do it."

**PEER FOLLOWS HARRIS**

Succeeding Cap as Day Working Foreman is Carl F. Peer, former Night Leader at Pasadena. Carl started work for PE at Torrance in 1927 as Air Brake Machinist.

Employes wish Cap Harris many happy years of retirement, and Foreman Peer all success in his new position.

**SYSTEM GARAGES**



By  
**A. L. Bristow**

All the boys at Riverside and San Bernardino join me in saying "Hello!" to the rest of the system.

Thanks to Dan Telekey, Les Patrick, and the boys at Ocean Park Garage for their able assistance in compiling the sheet on Diesel Trouble Shooting.

Still a lot of vacations—E. H. and Mrs. Harper had a very enjoyable trip through the Northwest. E. W. Randig went deer hunting on his vacation. J. Roach painted his house. "Shorty" Hall also painted and touched up the apartment. They both say that "Donald Duck's" idea of tying the paint brush to an inverted umbrella is a good idea when painting ceilings.

'Tis reported that "Kilroy" either has been or is at Macy Garage—could be. Anyhow, "Shorty" Hall found a geyser in the middle of the yard. He was all set to charge admission when it was discovered to be a leaky air line under a puddle.

E. L. Pittman decided to change single blessedness for married bliss. Congratulations, "Slim."

**IN MEMORIAM**

Denver T. Root, Tinsmith, Macy Garage, died September 18, 1946.

Bryant Dees, Painter's Helper, Macy Garage, died September 26, 1946.

Their many friends extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved.



**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**  
*Eastern District*



By  
**Mabel E. Forsberg**

All of us here on the Eastern District desire to extend sincere sympathy to the family of Carmen Macias, who passed away on Sunday, October 27, 1946. Carmen was a Switch Repairer on the San Bernardino District and had served the Pacific Electric since May 20, 1922.

On the 26th of August, 1946, Jose Martin, Trackwalker on Section 33, Riverside, departed this life after a long illness. Jose had been a PE employe since April 1, 1935. We hereby express our deep sympathy to Mrs. Martin and her family. These two old-timers were very well known around San Bernardino and vicinity and their many friends will miss them a great deal.

William Burton, Foreman of Section 33, Riverside, has returned to his former Section 31 at Upland as of September 16, and Thomas N. Sharp was awarded position of Foreman of Section 33 on September 26.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Romero, who are proud parents of a baby girl, Linda, born August 7, weight 7 pounds. Sammie is a Track Laborer on Section 32.

**ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT**



By  
**Dorothy B. Dunn**

Again we have a bevy of beautiful, blushing brides.

Frances Lambuth married Keith Ellis at a private ceremony in her home August 29. The happy couple honeymooned in Oregon.

Eloise Klages married Joe Little September 22. They honeymooned in San Francisco.

Dolores Gunnell married Carl Boles

**NEWS SERVICE AND RESTAURANTICS**



By  
**J. A. Degerman**

October 5. They went to Yosemite and San Francisco.

Dorothy Shields is now Mrs. Howard Riseling. They were married October 19 and at this writing were in Yosemite.

Norma Sewall became engaged to Frank Curry on August 22.

Alice Heard flew to New York and back on her vacation.

Margaret Hicks went to Illinois. If you're ever in Hollywood and go to the Club Cocacabana, formerly Hollywood Canteen, notice the master of ceremonies. It is none other than Dorothy Rutheford's husband, Dick. Dorothy is a Disbursement Calculator.

Sincerest sympathy is extended A. F. Manhart, whose mother passed away on September 10.

Eleanor Bauers, formerly Baccus, has returned to the Company and is typing for Disbursements.

Our girls' bowling team has started the season with determination—it was tied for top honors at this writing.

Nora Chism is back from a month's vacation. Nora is Head Waitress at PE No. 120 (PE Building Restaurant). It's been eleven years since she visited her relatives back East. She reports a good time and says the cost of food back East is a great deal higher in comparison with restaurant prices. Welcome back, Nora!

Who is the new Clerk that you see in Mr. Hill's office? That's Pauline McGee. Welcome into our fold, Pauline. We're glad you like it here and hope you will be with us for a long time.

Annie Dudley, Soda Clerk at our Fountain in the PE Building, hospitalized for a month, is back on the job.

Betty Lou McKibben has transferred to PE No. 121A (opposite the PE Building Soda Fountain) and is happy at her new position.

**CENTRAL TIMEKEEPING BUREAU**



By  
**V. B. Tellechea**

Marie Brogan, Toni Cooper, Marian Green and Carmen Horta starting a fad for women who slump; running around with strait-jackets—oh, isn't that what they're called?

Harry Shea: Singing at wedding, first week in Oct. for friend of Ethel Muck's while E. was on vacation.

"Lorry" Noble, Jr., did not bag his deer!

Marion Lutes: Sixth and Main. Bundle of bowling clothes dropped. Traffic stopped. Husband roared. Nobody bored!

Pocket of baggy trousers, dragging Frank Ferris down. Reason: check-pot of five dollars, practically all pennies! First time he wins, too!

Marjie Helwig: Showing sample of art work in water colors. Marvelous!

Vacations: Herman Grenke: Ensenada. How was the tequila? Al Hanna: Guests at his home,—so he stayed and showed them a good time!

Martha Hiltbrand: One month leave. Rosetta Apple: 1½ month leave in Michigan. Jean Pratt: Syracuse, Nebraska. Marion Lutes: Salt Lake City. Martha Falbaum: Post card from Ivar House in Hollywood. Bertina Swartz: one month at brother's ranch. Ray Albrecht: Chicago and points east.



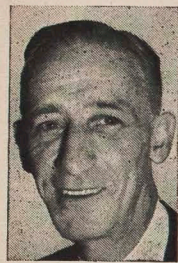
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**PACIFIC ELECTRIC BOWLING NEWS**



By  
**Charlie Hill**

With the season well on its way, at the end of the seventh week the Rod and Gun Club was leading the First Branch, with 23 wins and 5 losses, trailed by the Schedule Bureau, B.R.C. Railers, and Restaurant and News, all tied for second place (17 wins and 11 losses). In the Second Branch the Los Angeles Terminal and B.R.C. Aces were tied for first place honors (20 wins, 8 losses), followed by the B.R.T. (17 wins, 11 losses).

All of the teams have about hit their strides, including the Payroll Accounts, which took all four points on November 1 from the B.R.C. Railettes; and the race in both Branches promises to be tight. The two Branches are almost evenly balanced, the Second Branch with a total of 180,847 pins excelling the First Branch approximately 700 pins only.

The three lady teams are holding their own, and, as usual, these roses' thorns are proving painful to their masculine opposition, with anchor-ladies Marion Lutes, Grace Wolfe, and Myrt Shaw leading the attack for their respective teams.

Space will permit covering only a few of the team and individual high-class performances, shown under WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS below.

Two of the real old-timers showed up on Friday night, Oct. 18. Colonel Carle Belt, after laying off the game for 26 years, donned the togs, substituted for the Atomics, and then paced with the L. A. Terminal team. Lloyd Covell, whose record season average of 198, made years ago, has

not been equalled in our league, was initiated as an official scorer.

Considerable interest was manifest in the Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot, which took place on November 15, with pay-off on the 22nd.

And, incidentally, what could be more distressing than a pair of "snake eyes" staring at you in the tenth frame?

**Summer Leagues**

This is the first opportunity to mention the winner of the PE Summer Mixed Scratch League. Congratulations to David Newman, Jack Rowe, Roy and "Rusty" Thornburg, members of the PE Tigers, which team won the play-off of a three-way tie.

Also, the Pacific Electric Team won the championship of the Holly-Western Bowl Summer Scratch League.

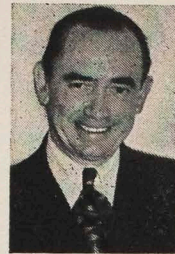
**Steamship League**

At this writing the Pacific Electric Team was in first place by one point with 12 games won and six lost. There were only six points between the first and tenth position teams, with ten teams in the League. The P.E. Team this season consists of Ollie Steuernagel, Johnny Hubener, Charlie Gonzalez, Dick Prettyman, and your scribe as Captain. Johnny Hubener holds this season's league high individual game of 256, Steuernagel holds the high individual series, while the P.E. Team has rolled a 2782 series and 1026 game, for the League's season high so far. The team is anxious to win the championship in this League, which carries with it a trip to San Francisco for play-off with the winners of the Northern California district.

**The Ramblers**

Since the last issue of PE MAGAZINE the Ramblers have lost only one of their matches, and that was to the Boulevard Bowl Team by the narrow margin of eight pins. On October 19 the team bowled at San Bernardino, where a picked team from the Santa Fe League was taken for a net of 188 pins.

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC ROD AND GUN CLUB**



By  
**Arlie Skelton**

Greetings, Rod and Gun Clubbers:

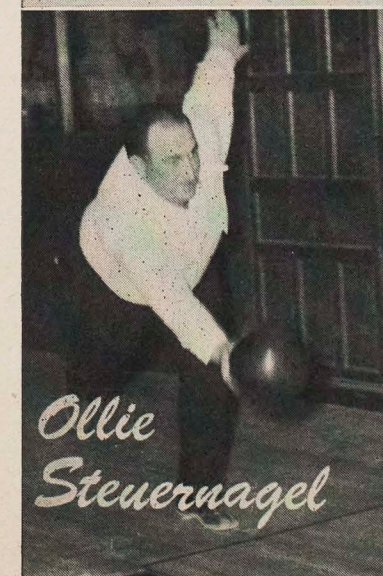
Far too many so-called "sportsmen" pile out of autos with pockets bulging with hard-to-get ammunition, and blast away at everything that moves or flies, whether it be lizards or another man, or all living things between. That is why almost all private property is now legally posted against trespassing. It is every true sportsman's patriotic duty to see that these destructive vandals are brought to justice.

K. L. Oefinger reports that at one of the places where he went to do some buck hunting he overheard some "sportsmen" discussing the "wiggle shots" they had taken. On inquiring as to what a "wiggle shot" is, he was informed it was a shot taken into brush that had been seen to wiggle, cause undetermined, but supposedly the result of a big buck's striking his horns against a bush. MORAL: With that kind of hunters afield, stay out in the open until you can get back to your car, then get to "aitch" out of there, and to the nearest peace officer for a full and complete report on same.

The big Rod and Gun Club-sponsored show held October 9 was well worth seeing. We were very happy to see a houseful of people, including many old-timers, present at one of our shows. Those who couldn't make it really missed a good motion picture. Thanks are due to Charles Rucker and members of the Club for making this show possible.



*PE Bowling League --- 1946-47*



*Ollie Steuernagel*



*Girls' Teams*

*Last season's high average bowler. Will he repeat this year?*

**WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC BOWLING LEAGUE**

Date	Team High Series	FIRST BRANCH			
		Team High Game	x Individual High Series		Individual High Game
Sept. 20	B.R.C. Railers (2579)	Electrical Dept. (933)	R. M. Jones (554)	W. B. Piper (207)	
Sept. 27	B.R.C. Railettes (2701)	Atomics (934)	J. Shafer (606)	J. B. Rogers (207)	
Oct. 4	Rod & Gun Club (2682)	Special Agents (950)	J. Shafer (557)	J. Shafer (223)	
Oct. 11	P.E. Club (2671)	B.R.C. Railers (961)	J. B. Rogers (536)	J. Shafer (222)	
Oct. 18	P.E. Club ** (2898)	P. E. Club ** (996)	L. Wedl (556)	C. G. Gonzalez (209)	
Oct. 25	Rod & Gun Club (2825)	Rod & Gun Club (1022)	C. P. Hill (566)	L. L. Loyd (220)	
Nov. 1	Schedule Bureau (2799)	Schedule Bureau (967)	C. P. Hill ** (618)	C. P. Hill ** (235)	
<b>SECOND BRANCH</b>					
Sept. 20	Lucky Strikes (2633)	Western Dist (943)	J. Gerhardt (584)	L. Wedl (202)	
Sept. 27	L.A. Terminal (2833)	B.R.T. ** (1029)	C. H. Kazee ** (621)	M. Robart (224)	
Oct. 4	L.A. Terminal ** (2890)	L.A. Terminal (1024)	V. C. Prettyman (613)	C. H. Kazee ** (246)	
Oct. 11	L.A. Terminal (2837)	L.A. Terminal (1011)	C. H. Kazee (614)	V. C. Prettyman (235)	
Oct. 18	Station Hounds (2805)	Station Hounds (1027)	J. Kinney (565)	C. H. Kazee (234)	
Oct. 25	L. A. Terminal (2752)	L. A. Terminal (993)	C. Henry (607)	R. R. Wilson (234)	
Nov. 1	L. A. Terminal (2780)	Motor Transit (946)	R. J. Price (612)	W. J. Gerhardt (236)	
				R. J. Reiter * (218)	
				R. J. Price * (218)	

x Does not include individual handicap.

\*\* Season high score.

\* Tied.

# Joe Frownfelter

## MY FRIEND

By C. K. Bowen  
Retired Assistant to the President

WHEN word reached me that Joe had passed on October 20 into a serener sphere, it came as a distinct shock to one who has known and loved this fellow-Texan for more than 36 years.

For, you see, it was I who, 'way back yonder in March of 1910, passed upon the application of this then slim youth for a job as Rodman on one of our busy Engineering parties. I worked side by side with him all during the decade from 1910 to 1920, when we were finishing the task of rounding out the PE into the world's largest interurban electric railroad, and never did I know him to be guilty of a hurtful or unkind word or deed. Joe's whole life was so shaped and that this trait touched and influenced everyone with whom he came into contact.

Professionally, I would say that Joe's most outstanding characteristics were a single-minded consecration to the high ethics of the Engineer, coupled with a conscientious discharge of the duties assigned him.

To the devoted wife and children goes out my whole-hearted sympathy, coupled with my assurance that their grief is shared by a whole host of those of us who knew and loved this fine man. Personally, I am the better man for having known Joe; I hope he was none the worse for having known me, his friend.



## P. E. POST 321 AMERICAN LEGION



By  
John L.  
Morris

Hello, Comrades: We are very pleased to announce the following new members who have joined our post during the past two months. New members are comrades Erwin W. Holmstrom, Donald Q. Kelly, Joseph E. Martin, Ernest R. Jones, Joseph E. Travers, Howard C. Wright, Henry A. Pelletier, and Arthur C. Stewart. Welcome to the post, comrades. Your families and friends are welcome to attend the meetings of our post and Auxiliary.

Recent news has been received from Comrade Jackie Lyons, who has re-enlisted in the WAC Transportation Corps. Comrade Lyons was stationed at Camp Stoneman, California, at the time of writing. Jackie desires overseas duty. Many thanks for the letter, Jackie.

Comrade Sales has won the name of being the most active member of the Membership Committee. Thanks, comrade Sales, for obtaining the three members that you have presented.

Comrades Wilcox and Justin attended the National Convention. They aired their views concerning the National Convention at a recent meeting.

Comrades James McNaugh of Chapter 61, Disabled American Veterans, and Comrade Saunders of the Legion were guests at a recent meet-

ing. Comrade McNaugh is well known in our post.

Comrades, there is to be a Fourth Area Convention in Glendale, November 16 and 17. Any comrade who decides to attend should see Comrade Ray Withee for information. Comrade George Withee, our newly elected Adjutant, has had the misfortune to be absent during several meetings recently. He has been working nights, but the last report was that he is working days again. Many of our comrades would attend the meetings more often if working conditions permitted.

Comrades, let's all try to get the old-timers back doing their bit for the Legion, and to do our best to get more of these World War II boys in our post and elected to the various offices. At present we have about half of the elective offices filled by World War II boys.

John L. Morris, new Legion Historian for the coming year, has been with PE 22 months as Electrician in Substation Maintenance. He was in the Army Signal Corps as radio operator and radio repairman, serving 15½ months in Porto Rico. He says you've never seen rain or felt heat and humidity till you've been in Porto Rico. Says he got his PE job through seeing a PE employment ad. Welcome, John!



**NEWLYWEDS**—Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Don Skelton were married September 7 at Florence Methodist Church; reception followed at Huntington Park Ebell Club. Groom is son of the Towerman and Rod & Gun Club correspondent, and is studying chemical engineering at Compton Junior College following two years with the AAF overseas. Bride is the former Miss Yvonne Butler, a registered nurse at General Hospital, Los Angeles.

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

P. E. Post 3956



By  
Jim  
Boswell

Comrade Charles A. Wakefield visited Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif., on Sunday, October 13, 1946, accompanied by Glenn Hendrickson, Department Service Officer, and Mrs. Wakefield. This was the first visit by a member of our Post. Many veterans recuperating here were visited by the comrades and sisters and a large entertainment program, provided by the VFW, was enjoyed by all. This is one of many worthwhile programs sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and it is hoped that more members of PE Post 3956 will participate in these functions.

Comrade Jake Sutton is ill at the Veterans Administration Hospital, West Los Angeles. Visiting hours are from 1:30 p. m. to 3:00 p. m. We are looking forward to your rapid recovery and hope you will be back amongst us soon.

### Ladies Auxiliary

The formation of our Ladies Auxiliary has been temporarily delayed because not enough ladies attend the organization meetings to secure necessary charter. However, the ladies are invited to attend our meetings — which are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month — and enjoy a social gathering after our regular meeting. We are still hoping that the ladies will be able to form a regular auxiliary and plans will be discussed with all those interested.

The switch engine hogger, when anything went wrong, had the habit of throwing his cap on the floor of the engine, tramping on it, waving his arms, and shouting at the top of his lungs.

One morning, going through this performance in a fit of rage, he noticed the new switchman, riding the top of the first car back of the engine, doing a perfect imitation of his actions. The engineer looked up and shouted: "Just what in heck are you doing?"

"I don't know," replied the switchman, "but I'm passing it on to the man behind."



**OPENING THEIR NEW SEASON** on September 12, the Women's Club celebrated President's Day by having the new President, Mrs. W. F. Palmer, with her staff, pictured at the head table. Left to right behind the table are Mesdames C. E. Chaplin, member Board of Directors; C. Brearley, Corresponding Secretary; Ed Hasenyager, Treasurer; W. E. Smart, Immediate Past President; W. F. Palmer; Dora Murphy, Vice President; Ruby Gallacher, Secretary; "Aunt" Martha Huelsman; and Ethel French, member Board of Directors. Others in the picture, left to right, are Mesdames Will Shoup, Anna McKinney, Frank Miller, Grace Bishop (almost hidden behind hat), E. H. McDaniels, Chas. Glick, A. Partington, Sarah Davidson, H. A. Green, Freda Maynard.

## HERE AND THERE With THE WOMEN'S CLUB



By  
Ruby  
Gallacher

September 12, the first fall meeting, known as "President's Day," was well attended, it being a festive occasion. Mrs. Frank Palmer, President, took over her duties after an interesting program arranged by Mrs. Lloyd Murphy, Vice President. Four speakers were introduced, namely: Fred Geibel, Neal Vickrey, O. A. Smith, and his new assistant, George F. Squires. They each gave a brief friendly message, which is looked forward to yearly.

The musical part of the program

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was furnished by Jim Gallacher, who played two numbers on his electric steel guitar. The Tea Room was beautifully decorated, and refreshments were served by Mesdames H. A. Green, Bishop, French and Wheeler. A vote of thanks to these ladies for the lovely party!

Mrs. C. Brearley, Hospital Chairman, is doing splendid work. She has been ably assisted by Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Palmer. September 26, Mrs. Smart consented to take charge of the October 24 program, which was a Hallowe'en party. . . . Mrs. Hart was in charge November 14. Mrs. Palmer hoped to announce the appointment of a new Vice President by that time.

Two dates to remember . . . Annual Bazaar December 5 and Christmas party December 19. . . . Don't miss them!

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC  
MASONIC CLUB**

By  
**M. J.  
Davison**



On August 19 several of our members visited John Marshall Lodge in Beverly Hills and assisted in conferring the third degree of Masonry on brother Lloyd Leary. Moneta Lodge was visited on October 24, where our degree team conferred the third degree on Brother H. F. Fortner. Both of these lodges gave us a royal reception, for which we thank them. Many degrees are coming up, and if you will notify the Secretary, notices will be mailed.

We are contemplating changing our mailing system to U. S. mail, and will appreciate it if you will mail correct home address to the Secretary.

Don't forget the date for our election and installation of officers: Friday, December 20.

Our Treasurer, Brother J. L. Smale, has been on the sick list, and at time of writing, is recuperating back in Indiana. We sincerely hope he is back on the job by the time you read this.

Our club was well represented at Grand Lodge in San Francisco in October. Now that the vacation season is over, let us all get behind the officers in our respective lodges and our club and give them our support.

**RETIREMENTS**  
Best wishes to the following employes, who, according to the Treasury Department, retired during September and October, 1946:

NAME	Occupation	Department	Years of Service
Benjamin B. Ayres	Conductor (North)	Transportation	26
John M. Avedesian	Laborer	Mechanical	19
Charles K. Bowen	Assistant to President	Executive	43
Juan Chavez, Sr.	Section Foreman	Engineering	30
James D. Freeman	Conductor (North)	Transportation	23
John M. Finney	Check Clerk	Transportation	29
John W. Fitzpatrick	Motorman (West)	Transportation	32
Earl W. Frazee	Trolleyman (West)	Transportation	27
Thomas C. Garnett	Motorman (South)	Transportation	23
Daniel E. Garrison	Section Foreman	Engineering	24
Roy M. Herr	Conductor (North)	Transportation	36
Archie Lancaster	Janitor	PE Building	3
Lachlan A. MacDonald	Motorman (South)	Transportation	23
Member H. Moor	Brakeman (West)	Transportation	27
Joseph E. Neville	Brakeman (South)	Transportation	27
Lester L. Norman	Engineer (South)	Transportation	18
Walter J. Polson	Switchtender (South)	Transportation	24
Ygnacio Rodriguez	Laborer	Engineering	4
James L. Smith	Motorman (South)	Transportation	23
John W. Spiegel	Motorman (North)	Transportation	33
Theodore A. Tausch	Janitor	PE Building	3
Teofilo R. Trujillo	Asst. Pass'r Director	Transportation	25
Fletcher Upp	Conductor (North)	Transportation	28
William O. Walker	Motorman (West)	Transportation	30
Dr. William L. Weber	Chief Surgeon	Hospital	33
Marcus E. Weir	Motorman (North)	Transportation	26

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC CLUB  
BULLETIN**

- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21:**  
PE Women's Club Afternoon Card Party. Bridge and 500—1:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22:**  
PE Bowling League Matches—6:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.—Arcade Recreation Center.
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26:**  
American Legion Post No. 321. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27:**  
Philatelic Club Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28:**  
Thanksgiving Day—Club Rooms Closed.
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29:**  
PE Bowling League Matches—6:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.—Arcade Recreation Center.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3:**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3956. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5:**  
PE Women's Club Annual Bazaar. Many useful articles and gifts at moderate prices—Proceeds for charity. Doors open all day—Room 806 PE Bldg.
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6:**  
PE Bowling League Matches—6:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.—Arcade Recreation Center.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10:**  
American Legion Post No. 321. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11:**  
PE Rod & Gun Club Monthly Meeting. Refreshments—7:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12:**  
Women's Club Afternoon Card Party—Bridge and 500—1:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13:**  
PE Bowling League Matches—6:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.—Arcade Recreation Center.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17:**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3956. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19:**  
PE Women's Club Annual Christmas Party and Business Meeting—1:00 p.m.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:**  
American Legion Post No. 321. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25:**  
Christmas Day—Club Rooms closed.
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1:**  
New Year's Day—Club Rooms closed.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 2:**  
PE Women's Club Afternoon Card Party. Bridge and 500—1:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 3:**  
PE Bowling League Matches—6:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.—Arcade Recreation Center. First Matches after Christmas Holidays.
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 7:**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3956. Semi-monthly Meeting—8:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8:**  
PE Rod & Gun Club Monthly Business Meeting—Refreshments—7:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 9:**  
PE Women's Club Afternoon Business Meeting and Program—1:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 10:**  
PE Bowling League Matches—6:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.—Arcade Recreation Center.

Incidentally, I hope all of you had an enjoyable vacation.

**IN MEMORIAM**

- John T. Ashcroft, Retired
- R. A. Martin, Retired
- Emil T. Rokola, Mechanical Dept.

Helen: "I wonder what men talk about when they are off by themselves."

Nellie: "Probably the same things we do."

Helen: "Oh, aren't they awful!"



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NAME	OCCUPATION	Died	Group	
			Insurance	Mortuary
Martin, Robert A.	Trav. Auditor (Ret.)	8-23-46	Yes	No
Martin, Jose	Laborer	8-26-46	Yes	No
Schoenberg, Roy T.	Substation Operator	8-31-46	Yes	Yes
Curze, Dicie J.	Electrician	9- 2-46	No	No
Rokola, Emil T.	General Foreman	9- 4-46	Yes	No
Marsh, Frederick V.	Machinist	9- 9-46	Yes	Yes
Kellogg, Clifford F.	Trainman (Retired)	9- 8-46	No	Yes
Miller, Harry A.	Trainman	9-11-46	Yes	Yes
Ashcroft, John T.	Line Foreman (Ret.)	9-12-46	Yes	Yes
McFarland, Francis W.	Trainman (Retired)	9-17-46	Yes	No
Root, Denver R.	Tinner	9-18-46	Yes	No
Jones, Richard G.	Bookkeeper (Retired)	9-26-46	Yes	Yes
Dees, Bryant C.	Mechanic's Helper	9-26-46	Yes	No
Hood Clinton I.	Trainman (Retired)	10- 2-46	Yes	No
Ritchie, Fred B.	Trainman	10- 4-46	Yes	No
Smith, William A.	Machinist (Retired)	10- 8-46	Yes	Yes
St. Clair, John W.	Trainman	10-11-46	Yes	Yes
Betruie, Joseph A.	Flagman (Retired)	10-14-46	No	No
Davis, Homer A.	Trainman	10-15-46	Yes	Yes

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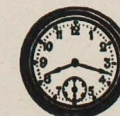
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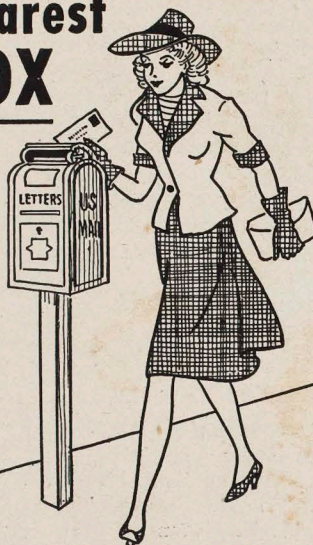
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