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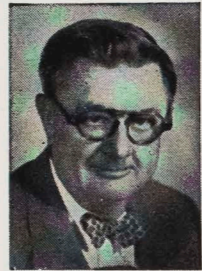
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On Being Important

TO BECOME IMPORTANT is a basic desire of human life. In my opinion, under today's conditions a main step on the road to realizing that desire is a knowledge of the basic facts of economics — a study of the principles underlying the production of material wealth.



O. A. SMITH

The world listens to the man whose opinions, thoughts, and actions stem logically from his knowledge of economic fact. Political issues are inextricably interwoven with economic questions.

Our votes will be more intelligent if we comprehend the economic ideas of candidates for office.

Our economic progress and probably our industrial supremacy are due to the Constitution which says that a man should be allowed to pick any job he wants and keep what he makes. The importance of preserving our Constitution will be recognized if we discern its economic as well as its political significance.

Our outlook on business conditions in the transportation industry and other industries depends largely on the degree of our enlightenment in the field of economics.

Why not go to your library and ask for a good introductory text on economics? A very interesting one is *Understanding Our Free Economy*, by Fairchild and Shelly.

I repeat, if we wish to become important, we should start by being informed in basic economics.



INCOMING SCOUTS DEBARK FROM SP TRAIN AT PUENTE

Thanks to Smooth PE Operation

NO "JAMS" ARE IN JAMBOREE

"ONE OF THE FINEST PERFORMANCES of a special movement in the history of our company!" That was the verdict of Passenger Traffic Manager *H. O. Marler*, after reviewing the record achieved in transporting Boy Scouts to the Third National Jamboree, held July 17-23.

"An outstanding contribution to better public relations," said *J. G. Shea*, Manager of Public Relations, "and a fine example of teamwork between PE and its parent company, the SP."

"We had lots of fun on the train," wrote *Billy Lofgren* afterwards to Mr. Shea. Billy, from Glenwood, Washington, was the first Scout to step off the first SP train at Puente, July 12. It was his first train ride.

Final figures show that 115 Operators of Pacific Electric motor coaches, traveling over the 37-mile route between Puente and the camp, hauled over 14,000 Scouts and their leaders in 359 busloads serving 43 SP trains, and traveled 32,929 bus miles without delay, breakdown, or injury.

In charge of planning PE's part in the transportation of Scouts was Asst. to Passenger Traffic Manager *F. E. Billhardt*, who emphatically praised the cooperation among departments and their personnel for the success of the affair.

As incoming SP trains stopped at Puente Station, PE Operators were waiting with their coaches aligned in strategic order on the station lot. On hand to direct the loading of the busses were District Passenger Agent *A. H. Fidel*, General Supervisor *Jack Stewart*, Mr.

Billhardt, and—frequently—Supt. of Passenger Service *J. D. Puffer*, along with two Scout executives.

Debarking with their hand gear from the train, the Scouts were lined up by their leaders and marched to the motor coaches, whose route numbers had been changed to camp site section numbers already known to the Scouts.

When all busses had been loaded, Instructors *J. T. Johnston* and *R. L. Woodrow* alternated at guiding the caravan, usually of 14 busses, to the camp and back. Headlights were turned on, even in broad daylight, to warn motorists that a caravan was coming. Non-stop trips were made possible by the presence of California Highway Patrolmen stationed at every intersection. "The Highway Patrol helped us wonderfully," said Mr. Stewart, "saving 15 to 30 minutes per trip."

Within the camp, PE service was guided by Supervisors *C. H. Cooper* and *J. T. Johnston*, and Traffic Inspector *M. C. Brucker*.

(More Jamboree pictures on pages 4 and 5.)

Our Cover

ON A VISIT to the National Jamboree, Terminal Foreman *Fred T. Sweatt*, of the Subway Terminal, thirstily waits while his grandson, Scout *Jack Parry*, of Wichita, Kansas, draws him a drink from the canvas water cooler near Jack's tent.

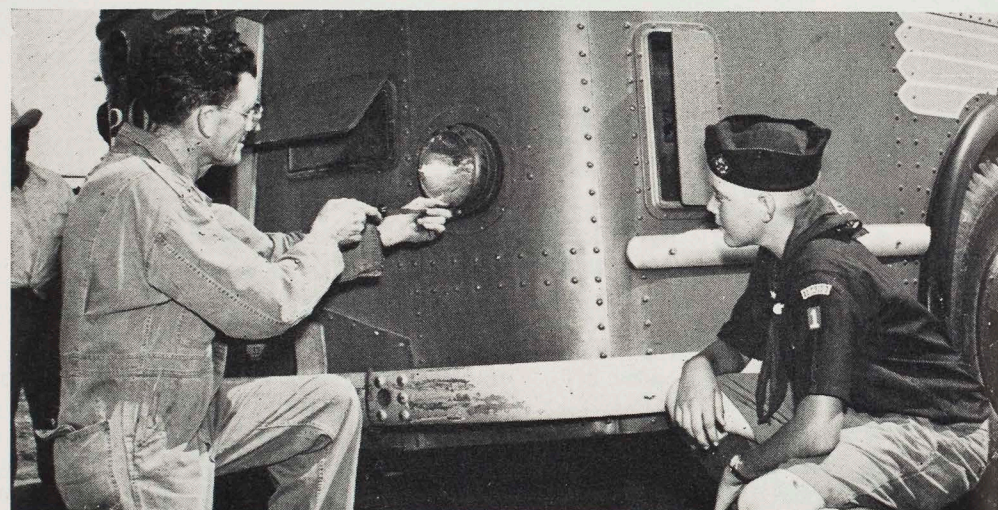
JAMBOREE SCENES



SUPERVISORIAL "VACATION" — Here's Supervisor D. L. Ladhoff in his role of Scoutmaster of L. A. Troop 116, at the Jamboree with three of his troop. Left to right are Norman Sakata, Roland Jefferson, and Walter Sakawye, who are helping Mr. Ladhoff perform his function of assistant commissary officer, Jamboree Section 12.

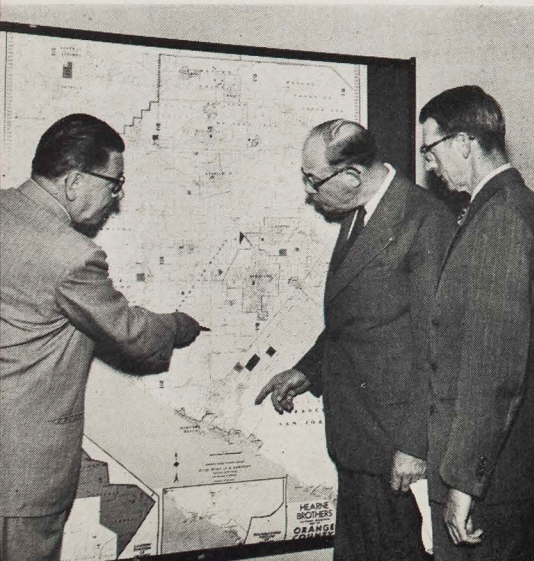


GOLD AWARD SCOUT Bill Cope-land, of Elmhurst, Ill., watches Operator C. W. Butler make out records.



TROUBLESHOOTER Leonard Urquhart, Macy mechanic on duty at Puente during Jamboree, shows Explorer Scout Ray Anderson, Idaho Falls, how to repair a bus headlight.

PLANNERS—From left, Asst. to Passenger Traffic Manager F. E. Bilhardt, Supt. of Passenger Service J. D. Puffer, and Supervisor of Schedules F. W. D'Arcy look at map of Jamboree area as they iron out details of PE's part in moving Scouts.



Appreciation

MY HEARTY APPRECIATION to all Operators and Supervisors, as well as to all other personnel involved — in the Transportation, Passenger Traffic and Mechanical Departments and the Schedule Bureau — for your cooperation and skill in handling movements of Boy Scouts during the National Jamboree.

Thanks to your fine work, there were no delays, no accidents, and no breakdowns on any of the trips between Puente and the camp site.

Especially commendable were the qualities of courtesy, good humor, and tolerance displayed by you Operators in your dealings with the Scouts and Scout officials. You did a wonderful job of public relations for the company.

JOHN D. PUFFER
Supt., Passenger Service



(1) Group of PE men relax at camp site between trips and gawk at Eagle Scout Lester Hansen (Indian dress) of Eau Claire, Wis. (2) Jack Stewart, right, Asst. Supt. of Passenger Service, helps a troop of Scouts at Puente to find the right bus—as in (3), left, does District Passenger Agent A. H. Fidel. (4) Gaylon McIntire (winding rope), son of Personnel Manager L. R. McIntire, in pre-Jamboree practice campout with his Cobra Patrol mates at



Brookside Park. Dad was also very much on hand. (5) Supervisor J. T. Johnston (in coat) has just led a 14-coach caravan from Puente in his company car. This method of directing Operators was found most foolproof. With him is Asst. Scoutmaster Garvin Godfrey, of Western Colorado; and PE Traffic Inspector M. C. Brucker. (6) Supervisor C. H. Cooper, left, helps Scouts just in from Puente to find their section at the Jamboree camp site.

Puffer's Cure For Depression:

HE CAME TO WORK FOR PE!

(Seventeenth in a series of interviews with PE Executives)

JOHN D. PUFFER, Superintendent of Passenger Service, had no idea when he was a boy as to what he wanted to become. Hence, he tried a wide variety of occupations — with varying success — before he came to the conclusion that the transportation business is the most interesting field of all. Now, "It gets more interesting every day," he asserts.

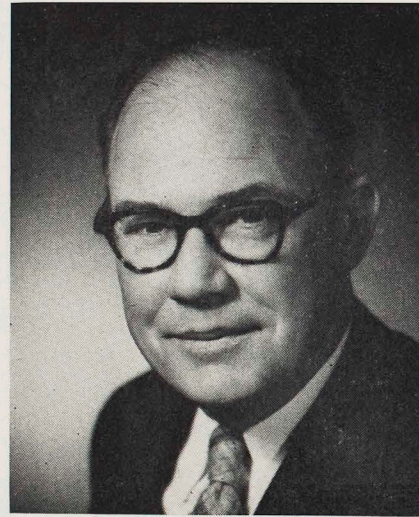
John was born in Clarendon, Arkansas, where his father was city marshal and owner of a flourishing lumber business. There were also an older brother and sister. Things went very well for the family until in 1914, when John was eight, his father died. The courageous mother and her brood then moved to Heber Springs, Arkansas, where she set up a rooming house and saw her children through high school.

In 1924, young John, then 19, went to Baton Rouge, La., home of a number of relatives, and for two years he operated an automobile storage plant. Tiring of this, he quit and went to work for a pipe line contractor who was laying natural gas lines through the East, South, and Midwest. John served over a period of three years as time-keeper, paint gang foreman, truck driver, and, finally, purchasing agent.

By 1930 he had reached a point so far west that he went to visit his mother, brother, and sister, who had come to California some years before. Deciding that the advertisements had by no means overplayed the glories of the Golden State, he returned to California the following year and went to work for the U. S. Forest Service as an instructor in the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps). His job was to show the boys how to build fire trails and fire breaks, and how to clean up wooded areas so as to prevent fires.

Since nothing in his previous record had seemed to qualify John Puffer as an instructor in forestry, the obvious question was raised. The PE executive grinned.

"I'm a bit puzzled myself over how I got the job," he said, "but it lasted about two years. Then, in December, 1932, I tried my hand at selling vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, and other electrical appliances from door to door throughout Orange County. Ex-



JOHN D. PUFFER

pensive appliances didn't mix with the days of the depression, however, and selling proved to be a not very lucrative enterprise.

"After I had pounded the pavements for a year and a half, the idea of driving a bus instead of walking began to appeal strongly to me; so I applied — and got — a job as Operator for the Motor Transit Company in June, 1934."

He resigned two years later to become a timekeeper for the Fluor Corporation in Anaheim, but within three months saw the error of his ways and quickly returned to the fold as Ticket Clerk, Long Beach. That was in September, 1936. Since then his rise has been steady: Motor Coach Dispatcher, 1941; Service Director, 1942; Terminal Supervisor, 1943; Line Supervisor, South Motor Coach District, 1945. A cut-back in supervisory personnel after World War II reduced him to Assistant Supervisor under R. R. Wilson, but upon the retirement of C. M. Allen, Mr. Puffer was made Chief Supervisor. He was appointed Supt. of Motor Coach Service in 1948, and Supt. of Passenger Service — his present job — on Dec. 1, 1952.

All through the years of his working career he has taken correspondence courses to round out his knowledge. As a pipe line employee, he took an ICS engineering course. His later clerical duties suggested a book-keeping course. A year ago he started a general law course at La Salle Institute, "because," as he puts it, "transportation today has become a highly complex business, in every phase of which legal angles and technicalities are plentiful." He has taken several public speaking courses, is a member of the PE Speakers Forum, and feels that such training is an extremely valuable asset to all who face problems in human relations — "and that includes everybody!"

His biggest problem as Superintendent? — "Men. Too many of them think the world owes them a living — although this attitude is beginning to change for the better." His other big problem is traffic conditions. He's glad Chief Parker is cracking down on freeway speeders, for freeway accidents might prejudice the public against letting busses run on the new fast thoroughfares.



THEY ADDED WITH THEIR HEARTS

FOR HELPING the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Los Angeles County in its marathon television drive for funds last June 5 and 6, 16 PE volunteers received engraved parchments of appreciation from the Association.

Presentation was made in the PE Club by Mrs.

Frederic W. Spencer, Vice-President of the Association and wife of PE's Chief Engineer.

The 16 volunteers included 12 Accounting Department girls who manned adding machines in four-hour shifts on a round-the-clock basis, and four men who at a later date helped count the pledges.*

*With Mrs. Spencer (holding flag) are, from left: back row, Helen McDougall, Opal Haas, Rollin Podlech, Jr., and John F. Hughes (the two men from Engineering); others, clockwise, starting from left, are Marge Zimmer, Alma Potter, Hazel Lawrence, Cora Snyder, Neldean Boucher, Jean Pratt, Alice Schaul, Marion Emley, Petra Baca, and Lee Eckland. Inset are, left, Russell Schaeffle, Engineering; and William E. Keelin, Accounting.

Industrial Department

McCLELLAND, REEVES PROMOTED

PROMOTIONS of G. W. Roy McClelland to Industrial Agent and William J. Reeves to Assistant Industrial Agent succeeding Mr. McClelland became effective June 16 in the Joint Southern Pacific-Pacific Electric Industrial Department.

Roy is well known to Pacific Electric employes, having started with the company in 1926 as an attendant at the Redondo Beach Plunge, which came under the Land and Tax Department. In 1935 he began a series of departmental transfers, starting as Typist-Clerk in the Transportation Department, Bill Clerk in Passenger Traffic, Rate Clerk and Tariff Inspector in Freight Traffic, and then again back to Redondo Plunge — this time (1939-41) as Superintendent in charge of operation. When the company discontinued the plunge in 1941, he returned to the Freight Traffic Department as File Clerk



WILLIAM J. REEVES

and Tariff Inspector for a few months, until called into service in the U. S. Navy during World War II for nearly four years.



G. W. ROY McCLELLAND

After an honorable discharge from the Navy as Aviation Radioman 1/c in 1945, Roy returned to PE as Traveling Freight Agent, and three months later was appointed Assistant Industrial Agent.

With his wife and two children, he lives at Redondo Beach, where he is active in Chamber of Commerce work. A basketball enthusiast, he has played every season since 1926, and in 1946 played with a Northrop Aviation team which won the Los Angeles AAU championship and traveled to Kansas City for the national playoffs. He plays now for the Redondo Eagles Lodge No. 935, of which he is a member. He also belongs to the Elks Lodge No. 1378 of Redondo.

His successor, Mr. Reeves, started with SP 14 years ago as Messenger in the Los Angeles Passenger Traffic Department. He transferred in 1941 to Riverside as Ticket Clerk, and a short time later became Cashier. Appointment as Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent in SP's District Freight Office in 1944 gave him a chance to learn industrial work. Bill, with his wife and three children, lives in Riverside, but stays in Los Angeles during his working days.

Reportable Injuries Still Dropping

ALL DEPARTMENTS but one continue to show a decrease in reportable employe injuries for the first six months of 1953, according to Safety Department figures. Total percentage of decrease is 40%.

Even the exception, System Freight, shows a smaller rate of increase for six months than it showed for four: 5.2% against 15.8%.

REPORTABLE EMPLOYE CASUALTIES PER MILLION MAN-HOURS

Six Months 1953 — Six Months 1952
All Departments

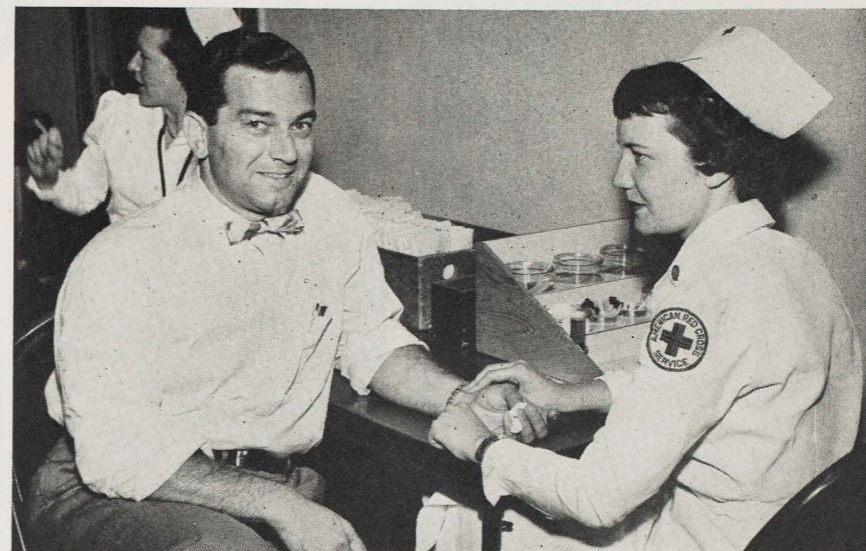
DEPT.	1953				1952				Percent Inc. Dec.
	Rank*	Killed	Injured	Ratio**	Rank*	Killed	Injured	Ratio**	
System Freight	5	—	36	55.0	5	—	33	52.3	5.2
Rail Passenger	4	—	7	32.4	4	—	11	44.0	—
South District	1	—	—	—	3	—	6	25.0	—
West District	3	—	3	5.6	2	—	5	8.7	—
Motor Coach	2	—	2	3.2	1	—	3	5.0	—
East	(2)	—	48	21.8	(2)	—	58	24.1	—
West	3	—	5	5.6	3	1	21	28.4	—
TOTAL TRANS.	2	—	2	2.4	2	—	9	11.0	—
Engineering	1	—	3	2.2	1	—	7	5.1	—
Mechanical	(1)	—	10	3.3	(1)	1	37	12.8	—
All Other Depts.	—	—	58	11.0	—	1	95	18.2	—
TOTAL NON-TRANS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GRAND TOTAL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40.0

*Determined by ratio.

**Obtained by dividing number of casualties by man-hours worked.

Figures in parentheses under "Rank" indicate that Total Non-Transportation Departments outranked Total Transportation Department.

PE Blood Bank Gains 65 Pints



TABLES TURNED — Dr. E. C. Heringman, PE's Chief Surgeon, gets a test instead of giving one, as Red Cross nurse tests his blood before donation in August 4 drive.

PE BLOOD BANK CREDIT received a 65-pint boost on Tuesday, Aug. 4, when a Red Cross Blood Bank unit was set up in Room 489, Pacific Electric Building.

Seventy-three PE volunteers took the preliminary tests, eight being temporarily rejected for health reasons.

Among the 73 were five people who came into town on their day off, persuaded of the importance of the Blood Bank campaign. They included Operators Richard Smith, James Hoover, and Charles Ballenger; Supervisor James Davidson; and Mrs. Gertrude Clements, wife of Operator William C. Clements.

To all who volunteered their blood, as well as to the 40 employes who acted as solicitors, Carl Campbell, Chief Clerk of the Hospital Association, who was in charge of the solicitation program, expresses his appreciation.

"The continuation of the PE Blood Bank program is possible only because of such fine cooperation," he said.

Those who were unable to donate on Aug. 4 but would like to contribute in their neighborhood

may call the PE Hospital Association for a date and time when a Red Cross Blood mobile will be in their vicinity.

"Be sure to ask the Red Cross to credit your donations to the Pacific Electric Employees Blood Bank," urges George Perry, Business Manager, PE Hospital Association.

"It is essential for employes and members of their families to donate blood," emphatically declares Dr. E. C. Heringman, Chief Surgeon, "because blood is required for the use of our own PE families as much as for any other purpose."

"Last year we used approximately 40 pints more than we donated. The Red Cross has never turned us down when blood has been needed for our sick and injured employes, but only your donations can prevent a continuing deficit," he added.

Another mobile unit will come to the PE Building in six months.

The complete list of blood donors is as follows:

Ray Albrecht, Charles Ballenger, Nancy Benham, Carl Berenschot, Lucy Bernal, Donald Bowman, Carl Campbell, John Chachere, Joe

Chapline, Gertrude Clements, Norma Cowen, John Cummings, Helen Daiber, Britt Dalby, James Davidson, Jeanne Day, Lee Eckland, Charles Escovar, Virginia Fees, Patricia Frize, Craig Heringman, Russell Hinis, George Hippensteal, Woodrow Honold, James Hoover, Mary Howey, Betty Hutchinson, Arthur Innes, Frances Irwin, John Kanaly, Paul Kari, William Katzenmeyer, Bert Kosak, Robert Matheny, Norman McCracken, Jean McGill, Earl Miller, Lorena Morris, Ray Morse, Ruth Nemec, Clara Offutt, Grey Oliver, George Perry, William Pollack, Betty Pollard, John Puffer, Sharon Rulo, John Ryland, Charles Sein, Steve Siemion, Warren Silliman, Richard Smith, William Steffey, Mary Stevenson, Philip Still, John Stockberger, Wayne Tanner, John Thatcher, Robert Voss, Hessel Vander Zee, Karole Walker, Bertha Weaver, Jeanne Willis, Dorothy Woods, Lloyd Young.

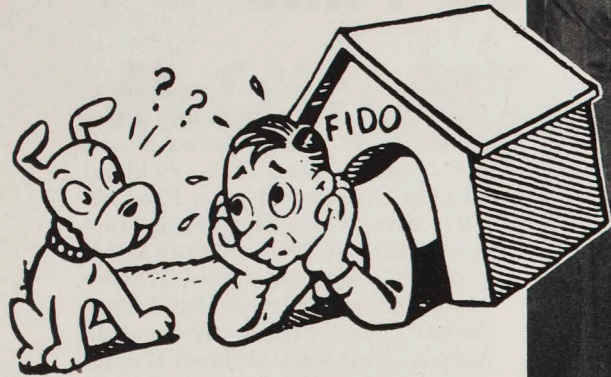
"Always Paying Out..."

PROMPT PAYMENT of a \$700 surgical claim under the hospitalization plan for dependents quickly changed the thinking of Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Osborne on the subject of insurance. Mr. Osborne is Powerhouse Operator at Torrance.

"I am sure I do not know just what we would have done if we had not been carrying insurance," wrote Mr. Osborne in a letter to Business Manager George Perry of the Hospital Association. "We carry several kinds [of insurance] and have been for years. There have been times when I thought about dropping it, because we were always paying out and never getting any good out of it. I assure you we will never feel that way again."

"We sincerely urge every employe to carry such insurance."

Doctors also appreciate prompt payments, which are not always possible when such expenses have to be made out of pocket. The surgeon who performed the operation on Mrs. Osborne also wrote Mr. Perry complimenting him on the promptness of the payment.



Pets -

Do You Have One?

HARDWOOD BROOMSTICKS at the rate of two a week are vengefully splintered by Maria, 12-year-old macaw belonging to Watson Station Clerk *Walter Krafft*. Maria, her wood-chopping, and her vocabulary of 75 words fail, however, to impress Walter's 14-year-old lame mallard, Elizabeth, who drags herself on one leg around the backyard while Maria watches from a big wire cage.

When he isn't getting his long hair brushed or isn't toying with a field mouse, Smoki, four-year-old cat, lazily watches, high on Rolling Hills, the unparalleled view of mountains and sea from the lovely home of his master, Watson Station Clerk *Herbert C. Hall*.

Even lazier is Squeaky, eight-year-old black and white cat with an ill-fitting black patch on his mouth.

"He's too lazy to catch gophers or even to meow - except outside the window about 4 a.m.," says his master, Torrance Demurrage Clerk *Raymond ("Tex") Stephens*, "and he's always sleeping in my favorite easy chair!"

Ever hear of long-haired Chihuahuas? Agent *J. C. Sams* of Hawthorne Station has two black ones, Chi Chi and Nita, both six years old, born of a strain developed by Mrs. Sam's brother, *Ralph H. George*.

"Chi Chi prevented a robbery not long ago by barking," proudly boasted her master.



LAME DUCK—Elizabeth, 14, though lame, lays egg for Station Clerk *Walter Krafft*.



LAZY-BONES—Squeaky, not his master, Demurrage Clerk *Raymond Stephens*.

There's good in anybody who loves children or pets, says the philosopher. The total goodness of all PE pet-loving employees (of whom

these four are but a fraction), if changed into dog biscuit, would no doubt fatten every member of the international canine fraternity.

LONG-HAIRED CHIHUAHUAS, Chi-Chi and Nita, 6, with master, Agent *J. C. Sams*.



WHO'S GETTING BRUSH-OFF?—Smoki, 4, or his master, Station Clerk *H. C. Hall*?



★ Commendations ★

THEIR COURTESY, acts of kindness, good humor, skillful operation of motor coaches and trains, and/or devotion to duty have won commendations from the public and the management for the following employees:

NORTHERN DISTRICT OPERATORS

Martin McBrayer, W. J. Richards, W. H. West and W. H. Windsor.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OPERATORS

E. E. Goodman, G. H. Harlow, C. W. Lebcher, R. N. Penny, O. D. Reedy, L. R. Robinson, J. H. Shelton, H. B. Smith, J. B. Stott, L. E. Wise, W. H. Woolman and K. M. Young.

MOTOR TRANSIT OPERATORS

E. W. Barnett, L. V. Blackmore, F. H. Richart, W. E. Turner, William Werner and R. O. Young.

WESTERN DISTRICT OPERATORS

W. E. Books, D. F. Bradley, E. C. Bryne, W. E. Burris, W. S. Churchill, R. H. Clark, C. R. Curd, T. H. Dailey, G. W. Demarest, E. J. Filek (2), C. N. Greet, P. B. Greet, I. V. Hoobler, G. M. James, J. W. Jeffus, G. L. Keely, John Kienegger, Joe Krietzman, J. G. Lamb, A. E. Landers, W. K. Lewzader, G. G. Long, J. O. Lucas, F. C. Mohawk, L. F. Monday, E. F. Morgan, W. A. Nathan, A. B. Pace, F. G. Poppleton (2), L. S. Redmond, A. M. Roberts, E. E. Rodgers, R. C. Rothermel, R. G. Seymour, J. H. Schmitt (5), J. F. Shea, L. L. Spring (2), M. D. Tafoya, W. L. Wells, and H. J. Warnock.

OTHER COMMENDATIONS

Appreciation for PE's improvement of its track crossing at East Amerige Avenue, Fullerton, was expressed in a letter dated June 24 and signed by 17 Fullerton residents who use the highway every day. Addressed to "Roadmaster," the letter was delivered to Agent *E. R. Burke*, of Fullerton. The Roadmaster involved is *Lee Wedl*.

Pascal Finds, Returns \$750

SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS and 39 cents, cash — all she had in the world — in her purse. Recently bereft of a husband who left her no insurance and many unpaid bills. An unsuccessful two-months quest of a job so that she could support herself.

Then a heart-sickening discovery that she had left her purse on a bench at a bus stop on the Sunset Blvd. Line!

"It was just about the last straw," later said the woman passenger (she prefers anonymity for obvious reasons).

On June 18, Operator *A. M. Pascal* of West Hollywood stopped his Sunset bus at Sunset and Gower to pick up some inbound passengers. Just as he was about to pull away, a passenger awaiting another bus shouted, "Wait! Somebody left her purse on the bench!"

"Throw it on," said Pascal, "and I'll turn it in at the end of the run."

The purse was returned, intact, to the owner by PE's Lost and Found Department, two days later.

"Getting the purse back was the first break I've had," said the lady, "and it's brought some more good luck with it, because since then I've had a call to come to work at a drug store near my home."

Torrance Ticket Clerk *Stanley A. Rea* was commended by Gen. Supt. *Russell Moebius* and Terminal Freight Agent *L. M. Duke* for the capable manner in which he handled the field work in connection with a movement of perishables while holding the position of Car and Bill Clerk in the Western District.

M. A. Soper, Agent at Gardena, was thanked by SP District Freight Agent *J. E. Blackburn*, Freight Traffic Manager *W. G. Knoche* and Gen. Supt. *Russell Moebius* for a continuation of a System routing which was largely the result of the good service Mr. Soper personally gave the shipper.

The Lynwood Chamber of Commerce's *Rex Atwell*, Chairman of their Clean-Up, Paint-Up & Fix-Up Committee, wrote to B&B Supervi-

sor *B. F. Manley* and Engineer *L. H. Love* of Maintenance, Track & Paving in appreciation for their cooperation in painting the depot at Fernwood Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard.

C. H. Jones, General Operating Assistant, San Bernardino, received a letter from District Ranger *Lloyd D. Hayes* of the U. S. Forestry Service complimenting PE on the clearing and fireproofing of the PE line to Arrowhead Springs.

Mrs. Bernice Yarberry of Riverside wrote in to express her appreciation for the personal service given her by *A. L. Cox*, Service Director, Sixth and Main, which made it possible for her to board the 7:30 a.m. schedule to Riverside.

Supervisor *D. L. Ladhoff* was thanked by letter for helping a passenger recover some luggage.



GETS GAVEL—Mildred Bates, r., new President, receives gavel from retiring Prexy, Marjorie Heyer.

OFFICIAL HOSTESSES—From left, Odessa Carter, Marge Zimmer, and Eleanor Lifur, with Jean Pratt, who acted as Installing Conductor for the occasion.

RBWA BANQUET

A LARGE AND HAPPY group of PE gals, their bosses and guests turned out for the Second Annual Birthday Dinner, Installation of Officers and Bosses' Night held June 26 by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Railway Business Women's Association in the Music Room of the Biltmore Hotel. The occasion was especially gratifying for them because Mildred Bates, Statistical Clerk, Disbursement Accounts, was installed as President of the organization for the coming year. Having served as First Vice-president last year, Mildred is well qualified to take over from Santa Fe's competent Marjorie Heyer, the retiring President.

The Los Angeles Chapter, although only two years old, has 220 members, PE and Santa Fe having the two largest representations in the group, which also includes women from Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, local offices of other railroads and their affiliates. The RBWA has 31 chapters in the United States and Canada. It ranks as the second largest women's organization in the United States and has as its primary purposes the promotion of railroads, the furthering of the business and educational interests of its members and the estab-

lishment of a home for retired railway women.

The Second Annual Banquet amply proved what a good job is being done by the Los Angeles Chapter. It was an attractive and efficiently run affair enjoyed by all those present. Among the numerous railroad officials who attended were—from Pacific Electric—E. L. H. Bissinger, H. R. Grenke, W. J. Honold, Joseph Shafer, James G. Shea, E. A. Stevens, Jno. J. Suman, E. H. Uecker, Earl Van Dusen, and George Watson.

After the salute to the flag, the invocation was given by Edna Trevillyan, Pacific Fruit Express, followed by a welcome and introduction of guests by President Marjorie Heyer. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and attractive favors donated by the various railroads (PE's souvenirs were purse-sized nylon clothes brushes with red plastic handles imprinted with the PE emblem in silver). Speaker of the evening was Leo E. Sievert, Executive Representative of the President, AT&SF Ry., San Francisco, who appropriately chose "Women in Railroads" as his subject.

A musical interlude followed played by the Moments Musical, a

AMONG THOSE PRESENT at the RBWA Banquet at the Biltmore were, left to right, H. R. Grenke, Frances Houston, Opal Haas, Elsie Grenke, John J. Suman, Amelia Grenke, Mildred Bates,

Florence Haldeman, Evangeline Moran, Clara Doll, E. A. Stevens, Belva Dale, Adrienne Upton, Eloise Little, Eileen Dillon, E. H. Uecker, Gertrude Faulkner, Margaret Hawks and Vida Sheets.



TROLLEY BELLES

trio of ladies from the Executive Secretaries of Los Angeles. After addressing the group briefly, Attorney Betty B. Gillette administered the oath of office to the new officers in a short and impressive ceremony. Retiring President Marjorie Heyer turned over her gavel to Mildred Bates and also presented her with a brakeman's lantern "to light her way during the forthcoming year." Mildred, in turn, spoke a few words of appreciation for Miss Heyer's splendid work as President and gave her a gift as a token of appreciation from the membership.

The installation ceremonies were followed by an entertaining program which included selections by soprano Marie Montain, an act of legerdemain by Magician Deward Lindsey (assisted by Theresa Gaminio of PE's Land and Tax Dept. who surprised everyone by appearing on stage in a pretty bathing suit which she must have been wearing under her equally pretty dress!) and closing with a group of numbers sung by the Challengerettes, a sextet made up of wives of Union Pacific Trainmen.

Correction

DIRECTORS of the Women's Club for 1953-54 were incorrectly listed in the June issue of the Magazine. The correct list is as follows:

Mmes. C. A. Wheeler, C. O. Leatherman, Frank Hart, William Thomas, and Myrtle Newby.

At the installation ceremony, Mmes. T. A. Juett, G. T. Ashcroft, and Edward W. Whalen were proxies, respectively, for Mmes. Leatherman, Hart and Thomas.

Women's Club News

By MRS. A. J. ANDREWS

BE SURE to attend our opening fall meeting on Sept. 10!

Our picnic at Echo Park on Thursday, July 30, was well attended and enjoyed by all. Bixby Park in Long Beach was to be the locale of our next outing on Aug. 21.

Visiting their son, Wendell, and his family at Ridgefield, N. Y., and taking in a Leatherman family reunion at Toledo, Ohio, were the highlights of a three-week trip to the East by Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Leatherman.

Her wonderful view of San Francisco from the Starlight Roof of the Drake Hotel was a high point on a trip taken by Mrs. Viola Hendricks to visit her brother in the Golden Gate city.

In Massachusetts, Mrs. W. E. Hayes visited a friend of 40 years' acquaintance in Springfield, and also made side trips to Boston, where she enjoyed Revere Beach, and to Northampton, site of Smith College.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson T. French attended a graduation, as well as birthday and wedding anniversaries, during a 21-day visit to National City.

Mrs. J. Adams encountered a cloudburst when she visited her son in Denver, but the cooler weather that followed made her visit still more pleasant.

Yours truly thought Chicago was the most interesting place we visited on a trip East. Husband A. J. thought picking up a new car in Detroit was the most interesting part of the trip. Phyllis, 12, voted for the grandeur of the scenery around Denver.

Home now and doing nicely after an operation is the husband of Mrs. Ralph Howe. May his recovery be rapid.

The death of an aunt necessitated a trip to San Jose for Mrs. E. J. A. Hasenyager July 31. She expected to visit a brother in Chico before returning home.



STILL SMILING AFTER 52 YEARS OF SERVICE — Mrs. Della Wiebers, retiring General Clerk at Santa Monica Freight Station, holds farewell gifts she has just been presented on behalf of company and employes by General Manager T. L. Wagenbach, third from left, and General Supt. Russell Moebius, at her home in Whittier. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Wesley (Margaret) Falterman, witnessed the happy ceremony.

Della Wiebers Retires

THE TOP SPOT on the merged seniority roster has just been vacated — and by a woman, too!

After 52 years of Pacific Electric service, all of it in the same building — the Santa Monica Freight Station — Mrs. Elizabeth Delphina ("Della") Wiebers, General Clerk, retired July 15.

The Mirror for Saturday, Aug. 22, announced she had won its Gold Cup award on the "You're Never Too Old" contest for that week.

She took a job in October, 1901, answering the telephone when her husband, William F., was Santa Monica Agent for the Los Angeles-Pacific. They worked together for 25 years. Her starting salary was \$20 a month.

Deputy Supreme Matron of the Order of the Amaranth of the World, Past Matron of the Santa Monica Chapter of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Los Angeles Women's Traffic Club, Della has been extremely active in club work for the past 50 years.

Her particular interest has been in homeless girls. While holding the position of Grand Royal Ma-

tron of the Amaranth, an office to which she was elected in 1927, she founded a home for such girls at 14th and Pico, Santa Monica. Mrs. Wiebers is justly proud that her name is on the door of the home — to which a \$35,000 recreation hall has recently been added.

General Manager T. L. Wagenbach and General Supt. Russell Moebius made a special trip to her home in Whittier to present her with a Retirement Commendation on behalf of the company, and a wallet containing a large sum from her friends and co-workers.

After the presentation, she spent many minutes reading aloud the long scroll of signatures accompanying the gift, and exclaiming in pleasure over every name.

"My sincerest thanks to officials and other employes for your part in the gift of the billfold with its very useful enclosure of \$52.52, commemorating my 52 years with the company," wrote Mrs. Wiebers in a note for publication in the Magazine.

She is full of plans for the future, and intends to start a Reader's Digest agency in Whittier.

TROLLEY BELLES

New Women's Lounge

WITH MODERN, aluminum patio furniture, gay plastic upholstery, large rugs and restful green walls, the newly opened Women's Lounge provides relaxing facilities in attractive surroundings. It is located in a large and airy room (827) on the quieter Sixth Street side of the PE Building and has been enthusiastically praised by all those who have seen it. There is also a vanity and washstand.

When the change was made, the kitchenette was moved to Room 806 (the PE Assembly Room) which makes it possible for those wishing to rest during their lunch period to do so without being disturbed by those lunching. Room 806, newly repainted, affords plenty of handy tables, as well as boiling water, cups, etc., for coffee or tea.

Visit these rooms and see if you don't agree that this is a happy improvement!

Emily and Mabel . . . by Angelo



"We don't tell fortunes, but we guarantee your future!"

FAREWELL PARTIES



FAREWELL PARTY — When **Maye S. Ritterhoff** (cutting cake), Steno-Clerk, Land and Tax Department, resigned July 17 after some 15 years of PE service, friends from Land and Tax, as well as other departments, clubbed together to give her an automatic coffee-maker, cream pitcher and sugar bowl, a tray, a vacation guide book, and a farewell party. Left to right are **E. O. Miller**, Tax Agent; **Dorothy Pearson**, Secretary to Manager, Land and Tax; **Theresa Gamino**, Tax Clerk; **Florence Davis**, General Clerk, Engineering; **Harry Gorman**, Valuation Estimator; **Earl Van Dusen**, Manager, Land and Tax; **Charles Sein**, Asst. Research Engineer; **Jeannette Gorevitch**, Steno-Clerk, Land and Tax; **A. K. Hartman**, Asst. Research Engineer; **Katherine Timmerman**, Steno-Clerk, Land and Tax; **Mildred Bates**, Statistical Clerk, Accounting; **Nancy Kelly**, Bills Payable Clerk, Engineering; **F. W. Converse**, Asst. to Manager, Land and Tax; **Marilyn Hollingshead**, Clerk, B&B; **Jessie Eaton**, Pass Bureau Clerk; **Hessel Vander Zee**, Paymaster; **C. L. Bordner**, Asst. Tax Agent; and **William Clarke**, Right-of-Way Agent. Mr. and Mrs. Ritterhoff are currently touring the U. S.



AU REVOIR TO "CHUCK" — Chief Supervisor **H. F. Tiemann**, left center, gives his Secretary, **Charmaine ("Chuck") Gauthier** a stuffed sausage dog covered with signatures of her friends on July 7, following **Chuck's** resignation. She also received from her friends a gift order for a love-seat glider. Left to right are **Katharine Salmon**, Pass Clerk; **T. V. Hoyle**, Asst. Trainmaster; **F. W. D'Arcy**, Supervisor of Schedules; **W. M. Wainwright**, **F. G. Wakefield**, **Lloyd Irby**, and **F. G. Cook**, Supervisors; **J. D. Puffer**, Supt. of Passenger Service; **Mr. Tiemann**; **C. H. Cooper**, Supervisors; **Pat Frize**, **Charmaine**, **Eleanor Fawley**, **Virginia Fees**, and **Margaret Jackson**, Clerks in Mr. Tiemann's office; **Jack Stewart**, General Supervisor, behind **Charmaine**; and **Elna Harper**, Asst. Supervisor, Personnel Records, extreme right.

WELCOME . . . To New Employes

A HEARTY WELCOME to the following new employes, who entered PE service between May 22 and July 24, according to records of the Personnel Department:

Engineering Department

ASST. SIGNALMEN: **Ronald D. Bate**, **Orson A. Beesley**, **Douglas A. Boley, Jr.**, **Fred R. Bringham**, **Oran T. Cosand**, **Edward A. Frawley**, **Robert B. Hays**, **Vern A. Hunsaker**, **Edwin H. Knapp**, **Patrick M. McGinness**, **Paul V. Richardson** and **Robert M. Searle**.

BLUEPRINT DRAFTSMAN: **Richard M. Altman**.

CARPENTER B & B: **Robert A. Jones**.
CARPENTER HELPER: **Jimmy E. Davis**.
CHAINMAN: **Frank N. Boyd**.

LINE HELPERS: **James M. Hays**, **Arthur M. Herman** and **William A. Mills**.

LINEMEN: **Donald A. Cleremont**, **Raymond Cone**, **Daniel Eubanks, Jr.** and **J. R. Jackson**.

RODMEN: **James L. Clark** and **Wilson S. Dunn**.

TRUCK DRIVERS: **Frank R. Austin** and **Alexander Escoboza**.

Freight Traffic Department

STENO-CLERK: **Lila A. Quitmeyer**.

Hospital Association

PHARMACIST: **John P. Merjanian**.
PHYSICAL THERAPIST: **Christiane M. Benoit**.

Law Department

STENOGRAPHERS: **Mary E. Bonner**, **Claudette S. Duffy** and **Emma E. Farrell**.

Mechanical Department

CLERK: **William A. Katzenmeyer**.

Office Of The PE Building

JANITORS: **James Hoover** and **Alex Hunter, Jr.**

JANITRESS: **Oslee Scott**.

Passenger Traffic Department

INFORMATION CLERK: **Pauline M. Querbach**.

RECEIVING CASHIER: **Theodore F. Davies**.

Purchasing Department

STENO-CLERKS: **Phyllis A. Perry** and **Denise M. Wombwell**.

Stores Department

LABORERS: **Norberto Alcala**, **Joe E. Castro, Jr.**, **Frank A. Gonzales**, **Hector M. Molina**, **Bonny H. Padillo**, **Jose E. Ruiz** and **Paul H. Rivera**.

Transportation Department

BRAKEMEN — HARBOR BELT: **M. Loren Myers** and **Thadius T. Seeley**.

BRAKEMAN — NORTHERN DISTRICT: **Phillip D. Miner**.

BRAKEMEN — SOUTHERN DISTRICT: **Kenneth M. Benton**, **Frank E. Branam**, **Jack B. Bruner**, **Joseph G. Dieterle**, **Cecil F. Replogle**, **Harry K. Rosenbaum** and **Lloyd A. White**.

MOTOR COACH OPERATORS — MOTOR TRANSIT: **Jack B. Ayres**, **Albert Berg**, **Harry M. Edwards**, **Terrell H. George**, **Murph Matteson**, **Billy Ray Myrick**, **Wanza L. Nichols**, **John B. Schaepers**, **Chester G. Studer**, **Gordon Wakefield** and **Carol T. Woods**.

MOTOR COACH OPERATORS — WEST: **Dean H. C. Farris** and **Jack L. Manning**.

MOTOR COACH AND ONE-MAN OPERATORS — WEST: **Frank V. Bopp**, **Herald G. Callahan**, **Joseph Heaney**, **William R. Kinsey**, **Robert J. McCormick**, **Bruce E. Morton**, **Jerome T. Rappy** and **Joseph H. Reeves**.

OPERATOR — SOUTHERN DISTRICT: **Samuel M. Mallett**.

STENO-CLERK: **Gladys E. Staley**.

TYPIST-CLERKS: **Wallace G. Wallick** and **Jeanne C. Willis**.

YARD CLERKS: **Reginald A. Backus**, **Earl Beamesderfer**, **Richard D. Hanna**, **George Karapetian**, **George L. McMicheal**, **Harry W. Moore**, **James M. Moore**, **Charles A. Nuetzel**, **Sam Purpura**, **Frederick D. Selin**, **Charles M. Walsh** and **Robert V. Waters**.

What's New in the Safety Department

Toluca Yard Sets Mark

Toluca Yard Mechanical Group under the supervision of Foreman **J. A. Hawks**, completed 850 days as of July 31, 1953, without a reportable personal injury accident, and only one accident of a very minor nature.

This is a commendable record, and we congratulate Mr. Hawks and his group of 15 men for this splendid safety performance.

Group Safety Meetings

Group Safety Meetings have done much towards eliminating avoidable accidents, as is evidenced by the reduction of the number of personal injuries occurring on PE property. The meetings are beneficial in developing the habit of thinking in terms of safety and making safety the first considera-

tion in every detail of operation.

Noteworthy is the table below showing the number of safety meetings held for the first six months of 1953, as well as the number of employes attending these meetings:

SAFETY MEETINGS		
JANUARY through JUNE, 1953		
Dept.	No. in Attendance	No. of Meetings Held
Transportation	1,367	240
Mechanical	5,345	717
Engineering	10,114	862
TOTAL	16,826	1,819

Safety Shoes

Since safety shoes were made available to our employes in October, 1952, through payroll deduction, at a savings to the purchaser, 419 pairs have been purchased and

delivered.

Subsequent to October, 1952, there has been but one accident resulting in toe injury which could have been avoided had the person been wearing safety shoes.

This program was inaugurated for two reasons:

1. To protect you against toe injury.
2. To afford you the benefit of procuring your shoes for less money and greater convenience.

We suggest to all of those engaged in such work which exposes them to toe injuries: Avail yourselves of this convenient and money-saving method of procuring safety shoes.

See your Foreman or contact Safety and Instruction Department for full details.

A Teddy For Linda

A TEDDY BEAR that winds up and plays music was the gift of Redondo commuters to five-year-old *Linda Jean Kelly* as she rode in her dad's bus on the morning of her third major foot operation, July 23.

Operator *James T. Kelly* was bringing his wife and two daughters — *Linda Jean* and her sister, *Nancy Gail*, 6½ — into Los Angeles on his regular run that leaves Redondo Beach at 7:18. They were headed for the hospital. At Manhattan Beach, passengers suddenly produced coffee, cake, and candy for a party, presented *Linda Jean* with her teddy — and also gave *Nancy* a beautiful walking doll.

Passengers had ascertained earlier the *Kelly* family would be taking this particular bus schedule, and their questioning had made Operator *Kelly* a bit suspicious.

"I kinda thought they had something up their sleeve," he admitted later, "but had no idea what it was."

HAIL TO THE FAIR!—Queen *Ruth Eleanor Pierce* of the 1952 Los Angeles County Fair is "transported" by some of the PE Operators who carried passengers to and from the fairgrounds and Los Angeles. Left to right are Operators *Frank Blumenthal*, *J. P. Jones*, *B. E. Edwards* and *M. J. Colores* supporting the Queen, *W. R. Starkey*, and Supervisor *Charles Cooper*. They helped handle 78,000 passengers to and from the fair in 1952. This year the fair will be September 18 through October 4. Again PE will provide motor coach service directly to and from the entrance gates.



Forthcoming Picnics

THREE FORTHCOMING picnics just around the corner promise to add spice to life for the next month or two.

Agents' Picnic Oct. 17

PRESIDENT *Floyd Carper* of the Agents Association announces that the annual Agents' picnic this year will be held on a Saturday — Saturday, Oct. 17 — instead of a Sunday so that dancing to the music of *A. R. Crow's* orchestra may be added to the entertainment.

"Bring the kiddies and the whole family, along with your lunch," says Mr. Carper. "There'll be lots of free coffee and cold drinks, plus games for all and innumerable prizes. Picnic starts at noon."

Bill Cunningham, Azusa Agent, will be the master of ceremonies.

San Berdoo Line Picnic Aug. 30

"TIRED OR RETIRED EMPLOYEES of the San Bernardino and Pomona rail and motor coach lines are invited to bring their families to Ganesha Park for their an-

nual picnic on Sunday, Aug. 30," announces *Mrs. Ove Jensen*, wife of the Stationmaster.

Mrs. Jensen requests picnickers to meet near the swimming pool about 2 p.m., and to bring their own refreshments.

BRC Picnic Sept. 26

STREAM-LAND PARK, Pico, will be the location of the annual BRC picnic on Saturday, Sept. 17, according to General Chairman *R. V. Rachford*. *Marge Zimmer*, Chairman, Entertainment Committee, promises an interesting program. The park may be reached at either 3802 S. Rosemead Blvd. or 3845 S. Durfee Road, Pico.

Optimist O. A. Smith

PAST PRESIDENT of Optimist International (1926-1927) as well as of the Los Angeles Downtown Optimist Club (1925), *O. A. Smith* on July 2 was installed as a member of the Board of Governors of the downtown club.

"The Club feels itself very fortunate to have the services of so outstanding and experienced a man as Mr. Smith in this advisory capacity," said the Club's President, *R. E. Baum*.

"Your employes may also be interested to know that Mr. Smith just headed a fund-raising drive which greatly exceeded its quota for building a new Administration Building at the Optimist Home for Boys on North Figueroa St.," added Mr. Baum.

MECCA Thanked

MECCA'S GIFT of \$2,500 to the 1953 campaign of the American Cancer Society was gratefully acknowledged in a letter dated July 17 by *Fredrick E. Rathgeber*, Campaign Vice Chairman.

"The fine support which the Pacific Electric employes who are members of MECCA are giving to the American Cancer Society is sincerely appreciated," said Mr. Rathgeber. "With this type of assistance we are looking forward hopefully to the day when the cancer problem will be solved."

Rates On Daylights

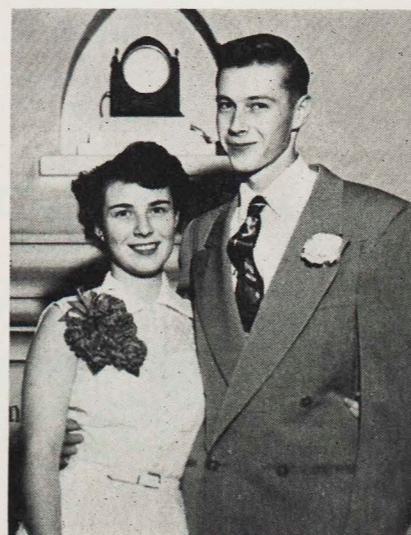
FOR A TRIAL PERIOD, employes holding Southern Pacific annual or trip passes may ride at half the special fare rates in chair cars on the COAST DAYLIGHT, SAN JOAQUIN DAYLIGHT, SHASTA DAYLIGHT, and the STARLIGHT between Los Angeles and Portland and intermediate points, except on certain dates, announces *C. E. Peterson*, SP Vice President in charge of Passenger Traffic.

The trial period is between Sept. 15, 1953, and March 31, 1954, although Mr. Peterson says, "it is expected that this arrangement will be extended through next summer, with certain limitations on weekends and holidays."

Passes will not be good on the following dates: Nov. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 24, Dec. 31, Jan. 3, Feb. 19, and Feb. 22 — dates when public demand for space normally exceeds capacity, according to the announcement.

Children five years old or older but under 12 will be charged one-fourth the published adult rate. The regularly established reserved seat charge will also be added to the reduced fares.

Agents will receive a circular of instructions as to issuance of reduced fare tickets.



MR. & MRS. ART HALL

REMEMBER WHEN ?



IN THE OLD DAYS—Electrical Department tug-of-war team, system champs, as snapped by a camera hound about 1916 or 1917 at the Redondo Picnic, according to retired Substation Operator *E. L. Martin*, a member of the team. Left to right are *Owen J. Moser* (now with LATL), *James Truelson*, *Harry Widrig*, *Melvin Moore*, *Martin*, and *Andy Herskind* (Captain). "Men used to train for the tug-of-war from May till August, when the picnic was held," says *Martin*. "Ten thousand people would come."

Groom Inducted

WEDDED LESS THAN A WEEK, *Art Hall*, Station Clerk, Fontana, reported for military service on Wednesday, June 17, following notice of induction.

He was married to *June Adkison*, student at Chaffey College, on Thursday, June 11.

Son of *Herbert C. Hall*, Agent, Alta Loma and Etiwanda, *Art* began his PE career June 6, 1952, after he had almost completed a semester's work at Chaffey College.

The bride will receive her diploma in August and then begin vocational guidance work in Fontana with the Chaffey School District. She will make her home at 713 Palmetto Ave., Fontana.

Morse-Fitz Wedding

THE RAY MORSES are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, *Anita*, to *Cpl. Robert Fitz*, USMC, at Los Vegas, Nevada, Sunday, July 26.

Mr. Morse is an Assistant Research Engineer for Pacific Electric.

The groom, who has been at Camp Pendleton, expects to be stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C., from August to February, at which time his term of service with the Marine Corps will be completed. *Mrs. Fitz* will be with her husband at Camp Lejeune.

The bride, 18, attended El Monte High School. The groom, 20, was attending high school at New Brunswick, N. J., before he enlisted.

Maid of honor was *Linda Wheeler*, daughter of *Ed Wheeler*, Clerk at Butte St. Yard Office. Best man was *Anita's* brother, *David*.



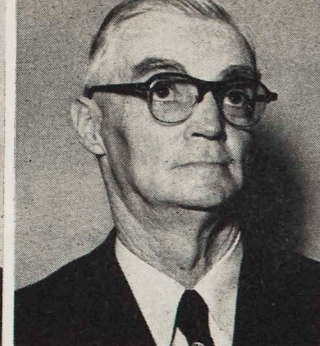
NEWLYWEDS—Cpl. and Mrs. Robert Fitz.



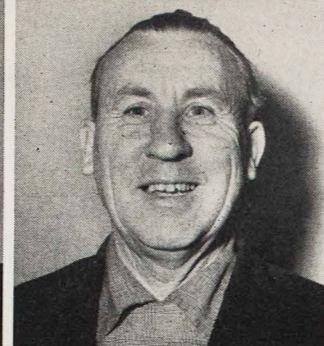
CHARLES R. BECK
Substation Operator
System relief man
30 Years a Railroader
10½ Years with PE
Plans to travel



PETER NORDQUIST
Motor Coach Operator
Western District
30 Years a Railroader
All PE service
Will tinker with engines



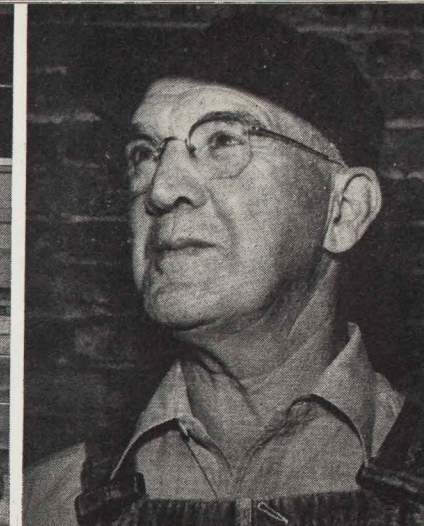
WILLIAM H. BOND
Trolleyman
Southern District
44 Years a Railroader
33 Years with PE
Will raise fuchsias



GLEN C. CLEEK
Motor Coach Operator
West Hollywood
30½ Years a Railroader
27 Years with PE
Now lives in Vancouver



CLARENCE N. VAN SYCKLE
Motor Coach Operator
Oak Knoll Line
30 Years a Railroader
All PE service
Is goin' fishin'



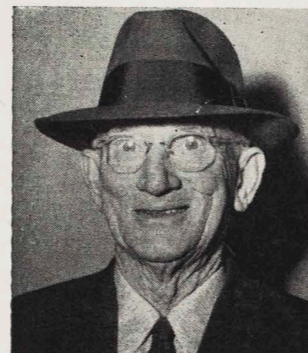
HAPPY GATHERING—When West Hollywood Machinist George W. Young (close-up shot and standing in center foreground above) served his last day July 31, Foreman Tom Green presented

him with a Retirement Certificate showing 34 years of PE service, and also handed him a good-sized check from fellow-workers. George's wishes as to gifts couldn't be easily discovered.

Retirements

VERY BEST WISHES for many more years of peaceful, happy living to the following employes, who retired, according to the Treasurer's office, during the months of February and March. May their years of loyal service bring their just rewards, and may their memories of PE be always pleasant.

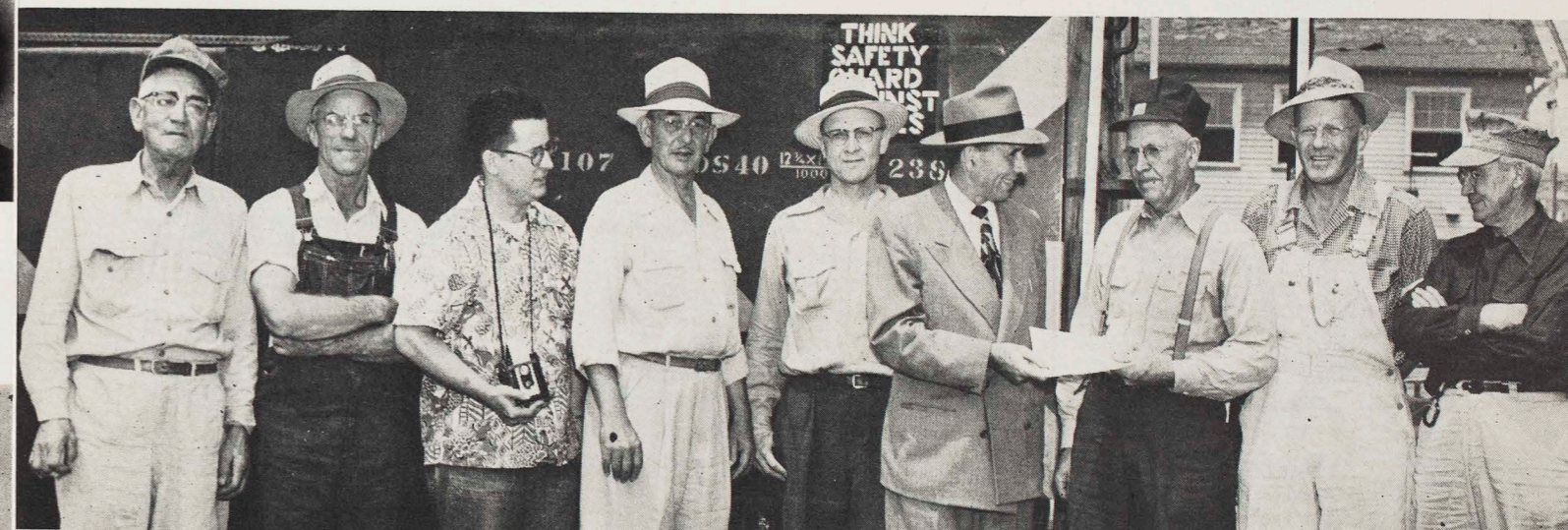
NAME	OCCUPATION	DEPARTMENT	YEARS SERVICE
Jack W. Anstrom	Trolleyman, South	Transportation	30
Michael C. Baker	Motorman, West	Transportation	27
William R. Bough	Operator, West	Transportation	11
Charles R. Beck	Substation Operator	Engineering	11
Frank W. Bednar	Agent	Transportation	9
Charles Benson	Machinist	Mechanical	32
William A. Blakely	Motorman, South	Transportation	34
Bertram W. Carrington	Chief Draftsman	Engineering	33
Herman F. Christopher	Operator, West	Transportation	27
Julius Y. Cohen	Car Repairer	Mechanical	11
Joseph L. Doolan	Asst. Signalman	Engineering	11
William L. Fox	Driver	Engineering	30
Baldomero Garcia	Laborer	Engineering	11
Elra W. Hayes	Trolleyman	Transportation	24
Frederick B. Hopkins	Store Clerk	Purchasing	31
Alejandro Lopez	Laborer	Engineering	22
Roland W. McDougall	Agent	Transportation	44
Herbert V. McLaughlin	Car Repairer	Mechanical	27
Irvin E. Mankins	Foreman	Mechanical	34
Peter Nordquist	Operator	Transportation	30
Vivian H. Osmer	Paving Foreman	Engineering	31
Katharine M. Salmon	Clerk	Transportation	31
William Schmidt	Motorman, West	Transportation	34
George K. Stewart	Substation Operator	Engineering	32
Clarence N. Van Syckle	Motorman, North	Transportation	30
Clemente G. Toledo	Laborer	Engineering	10
Earl B. Whiteside	Supt. Personnel	Transportation	47
Gust R. Wicklander	Car Inspector	Mechanical	11
William H. Bond	Trolleyman, South	Transportation	30



C. FRED BOREN
General Clerk
Passenger Traffic
Worked at Long Beach
PE since 1923
Former school principal



WILLIAM SCHMIDT
Motorman
Subway Terminal
46 Years a Railroader
34 Years with PE
Will visit 10 relatives



ARTHUR H. LOGUE, Freight Engineer, worked his last day July 31 and wound up at State St., where Supt. of Freight Service D. W. Yeager (wearing coat) presented him a Retirement Commendation for 41 years, three months, of service, all PE. Third

from left is Mr. Logue's son, Art. Others are his crew and supervisors, including, l-r, R. E. Clarey and H. G. Bracken, Brakemen; W. B. Blevins, Yardmaster; W. E. Craig, Trainmaster; L. I. Dennison, Conductor; and W. E. Schwartz, Diesel Helper.

TRACY'S LAST DAY — On June 29 Chief Car Clerk R. W. Jackson, left center foreground, presented Jumbo Clerk Eugene Tracy a farewell gift of two checks — one from the day crew and one from the night crew at Butte St. Yard Office. From left are A. C. Bordeau, L. H. Cobb, Hugh Thorne, Fred Knerr, M. N. L.

Donaghu, (Asst. Chief Clerk), Mr. Jackson, Mr. Tracy, W. L. Lees, J. N. Breese, Hans Kleinfeldt, and John Stanton. Mr. Tracy, who began as Car Clerk 30 years ago, has gained a considerable reputation as an artist (see PE Magazine, February, 1946,) and can now devote his whole time to landscapes, stills, and cats.

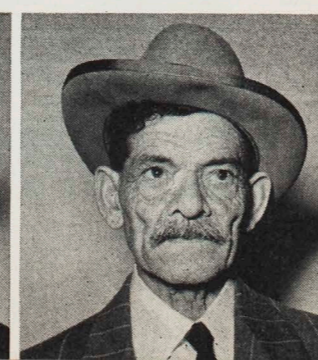
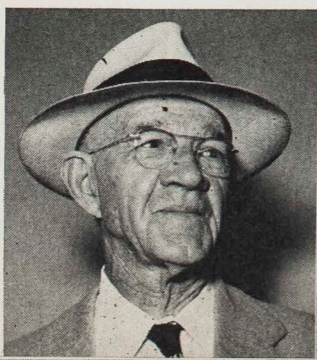
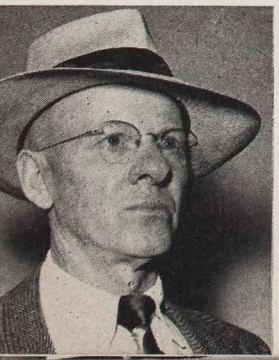
ELRA W. HAYES
Brakeman
Western District
24 Years a Railroader
All PE service
Will "see the country"

WILLIAM A. BLAKELY
Motorman
Southern District
35 Years a Railroader
33 Years with PE
Will "take it easy"

ALVIE F. BANKSTON
Freight Car Inspector
Butte St. Yard
33½ Years a Railroader
9 Years with PE
Plans to "keep busy"

JACK W. ANSTROM
Trolleyman
Butte St. Yard
31 Years a Railroader
30 Years with PE
Plans to "tinker"

JOSE DOMINGUEZ
Yard Foreman
Store Department
52 Years a Railroader
38 Years with PE
Will watch new TV set



Farewell, Old-Timers!

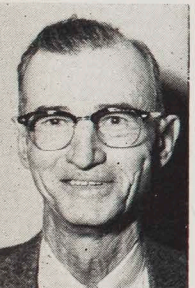
BERTRAM W. CARRINGTON, Chief Draftsman, retired June 30 after 38 years of railroad service, all with PE. Starting as Rodman in 1912, he worked up through the ranks in the Field and Structural Engineering Departments, and was in the Drafting Room and Valuation Department from 1930 on. At a retirement party, he was presented a good-sized check and a scroll inscribed with names of 111 fellow-workers.



She Appreciates You

"MY FORTY YEARS with such a fine company as Pacific Electric, have been made enjoyable because of the association with a splendid group of friends," said *Katharine Salmon*, Pass Clerk and Receptionist, Transportation Department, after retiring July 24.

"I greatly appreciate and thank you all for your many acts of courtesy and kindness."



CHARLES W. RONCO, South Brakeman, worked his last day last February 13 and was on sick leave until recently. He started with PE March 10, 1923, after 13 years of previous railroad experience. From 1929 to 1932 he served the Harbor Belt Line RR. He's planning to take things easy in his home at Long Beach.

PAVING FOREMAN Vivian A. Osmer, seated, and his crew who had come to say au revoir to their chief on the occasion of his retirement, which was effective Aug. 1. From left are Francisco Hernandez, Freddie Martinez, Jesus Guzman, Prsiliano Flores, Anselmo Sarmiento, and Manuel Guisa. Mr. Osmer was stationed at San Bernardino with Extra Gang 30 for the past five years, commuting daily from El Monte. In 1925 he started with PE as Steam Shovel Helper, B&B. Snapshot by John Elkins, of B&B.



FAMILY ATTENDS FAREWELL PARTY — Retiring Supt. of Personnel Earl B. Whiteside, seated, and his family members who were present at a retirement party held in Room 224, June 30. Left to right are his daughter, Mrs. Hubert Finch; his son-in-law, Ralph Thorsen; Mr. Whiteside; his granddaughter, Joan Finch; his wife; and his other daughter, Mrs. Ralph Thorsen. Fine-looking family to retire to!

Supt. Whiteside Retires

AFTER 47 YEARS of PE service, Supt. of Personnel *Earl B. Whiteside* cut a retirement cake at a party given in his honor in the General Office of the Transportation Department last June 30.

More than 100 guests, including President *O. A. Smith*, other company officers, Operators, and office workers, came by to wish him well. Also present were Mrs. Whiteside and other family members.

A Retirement Commendation was presented by Mr. Smith. Two pieces of rawhide luggage, a well-filled wallet, and an electric razor were presented by General Man-

Katharine M. Salmon, Pass Clerk and Receptionist in the Transportation Department, receives wrist watch with four diamonds (one for each 10 years of service) from Vice President *G. F. Squires*, right, on behalf of her fellow-workers; and a Retirement Commendation for 40 PE years from General Manager *T. L. Wagenbach*.



ager *T. L. Wagenbach* on behalf of employes. A merchandise order for some fishing tackle and a substantial check were presented by Terminal Foreman *Earl Jardell* on behalf of the American Train Dispatchers Association, of which Mr. Jardell is Vice Chairman.

Mr. Whiteside, who was born in Emporia, Kansas, started in 1906 as Clerk for the Los Angeles-Pacific, and was at one time Wharfmaster. In 1918 he was made Trainmaster, and later became Terminal Trainmaster, Supt. of Transportation, and Supt. of Instruction and Safety. He had been Supt. of Personnel since 1943.

In Memoriam



LEONARD A. BIEHLER

Passes Suddenly

LEONARD A. BIEHLER, Contract and Agreement Clerk and a PE veteran of 40 years of service, died suddenly on Saturday, July 4. Only the day before, he had been working at his office.

Masonic funeral services under the auspices of Unity Lodge No. 368, F&AM, were held at the Little

Pioneer Passes

VOLNEY B. RADCLIFF, retired South Roadmaster, whose descendants to the third generation have been Pacific Electric employes, died June 13 at the age of 80.

Born Nov. 30, 1872 in Tama County, Iowa, he began his PE career in 1906, and retired Jan. 1, 1938.

His son, the late *Jesse Radcliff*, was a Locomotive Engineer for Pacific Electric for 30 years; and Jesse's daughter, *Mrs. Marjorie Lindstrom*, is currently Receptionist in the PE Hospital Association.

Church of the Flowers, Forest Lawn, at noon on Wednesday, July 8. Many PE Masonic Club men were present.

He is survived by his wife, *Helen*, of Glendale; his mother, *Mrs. Estelle Biehler*; and a brother, *Karl F. Biehler*.

Mrs. Helen Biehler wishes to express through the Magazine her appreciation of the thoughtfulness of employes as revealed by their expressions of sympathy, their flowers, and other gifts.



CHARLES W. STOCK

Heart Attack Fatal

RETIREE for not quite a year after 47 years with the company, *Charles W. Stock*, former General Storekeeper, died of a heart attack at his home on Sunday, July 12. Funeral services were held the following Wednesday at the Torrance Christian Church, and interment was at Pacific Crest Cemetery, Redondo Beach. Among the pallbearers was *J. E. Livermore*, incumbent General Storekeeper.

Born in Warrenton, Mo., July 7, 1888, Mr. Stock's entire working life was spent solely with Pacific Electric, and his service had been continuous from July 1, 1905.

Survivors include his wife, *Mrs. Mayme M. Stock*, of Torrance; two sons, *Raymond*, of Lawndale, and *Glenn*, of Duarte; two daughters, *Mrs. O. R. Pratt*, of Albuquerque, N. M., and *Mrs. W. L. Murray*, of Long Beach; and 10 grandchildren.

Toolmaker Dies

ALBERT J. NORMAN, 52, Toolmaker Leader at Torrance, died June 26 at his home in Venice. Born in England, he came to Southern California 32 years ago and was hired as a Machinist's Helper by Pacific Electric in 1922.

He is survived by his widow, *Ruth*; his father, *J. S. Norman*; two brothers; and a sister.

Vital Statistics

May 21, 1953 to July 20, 1953

DEATHS

NAME	OCCUPATION	Died	Insurance	Mortuary
Paramo, Maria	Retired Car Cleaner	5-23-53	Yes	No
Hatch, Arthur L.	Substation Operator	6- 4-53	Yes	Yes
Stephens, Clarence O.	Agent	6- 4-53	Yes	Yes
Johnson, Joe	Retired Helper	6- 4-53	No*	No
Rand, Edwin D.	Retired Truck Driver	6- 6-53	Yes	Yes
Radcliff, Volney B.	Retired Roadmaster	6-13-53	Yes	No
Arnold, Robert M.	Retired Motorman	6-15-53	Yes	Yes
Leary, Fred J.	Retired Chief Claim Clerk	6-17-53	Yes	Yes
**Embree, Lena M.	Car Cleaner	11-11-52	No*	No
**Chris, Ernest S.	Retired Groundman	6-25-53	Yes	No
Johnson, Charles A.	Retired Operator	6-26-53	No*	Yes
Norman, Albert J.	Machinist	6-26-53	Yes	Yes
**Scarborough, Bertha C.	Retired Janitress	6-30-53	No*	No
Hill, Howard G.	Assistant Surgeon	7- 1-53	No*	No
Jones, John R.	Electrician	7- 2-53	Yes	Yes
Biehler, Leonard A.	Contract & Agreement Clerk	7- 4-53	Yes	Yes
Schambers, John P.	Retired Foreman	7- 6-53	No*	Yes
Erickson, Dan	Retired Carpenter	7- 8-53	No*	Yes
Stock, Charles	Retired Gen. Storekeeper	7-12-53	Yes	Yes
Parker, Evert L.	Retired Substation Operator	7-16-53	Yes	Yes

*Employee declined to accept Group Insurance
**Reported subsequent to last publication

WITH OUR CONTRIBUTORS

NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

By B. C. MADRID

QUICK THINKING and courageous action in the face of danger brought many commendations for Operator L. L. Shores of the Sierra Vista line.

On his way to work, about 4 o'clock Saturday morning, June 13, as he was driving down 8th St. near Vermont, Shores suddenly heard a cry for help. Turning, he caught a glimpse of a woman sprawled on the sidewalk and a man running away from the scene. Quickly, he turned his car around and rushed to her assistance.

One side of her face was swollen and bloody, but she was able to give hurried details. A man had come up from behind and struck her on the face with a brick, then snatched her purse and fled down the alley. Jumping back into his car, Shores sped down the alley in the direction the man had taken. The alley, however, ended in a used car lot and the man had disappeared. Sensing that the man was still in the vicinity, Shores left his car, walked to the car lot, and waited in the shadows of the parked cars.

After a few minutes he heard a noise and saw a form dash out from behind the cars. Shores went after his quarry, and remembering his football days, brought the man down with a powerful flying tackle. The captured robber put up a desperate struggle but was no match for Shores, who at this time received added support from a hotel clerk and another passerby who had been attracted to the scene. The culprit was turned over to the police, who praised Shores for his heroism. Upon being asked what he would have done if his adversary had carried a gun or knife, Shores replied, "I don't know. I never thought of that."

Relief Terminal Foreman and Mrs. Bob Curnutt with their daughter Gwendolyn are back from a two-weeks vacation in Kansas City. They were accompanied on their trip going over by Operator and Mrs. Freddie Graham, and the two Graham children. The Grahams visited the Ozarks and then went on to Detroit to buy a new car.

Macy Operator O. W. Bratcher and family have returned from Grants Pass, Ore., where they vacationed on the 240-acre farm owned by Mr. Bratcher's father, N. U. Blackshear, who is a Mail Clerk at Sixth and Main.

Operator and Mrs. S. C. Utz visited relatives in San Antonio, Texas, the former home of Mr. Utz.

We offer our deep regrets to Dave Varela, Temple City Operator, and his wife and family, on the loss of Dave's foster son, Navy Lt. Romulo Padilla, who was lost at sea while flying a jet plane over the Mediterranean. Lt. Padilla was 23 years of age and was stationed on the Aircraft Carrier F. D. Roosevelt.

Thanks to the cooperation of everybody concerned, Macy St. handled very successfully their part of the assignment of transporting the Boy Scouts from Puente to their Jamboree Camp at Irvine Ranch.

BUTTE ST. NEWS

By RAY LIGHTFOOT

BEST NEWS of the month: After licking polio, Brakeman R. R. Gath came back on the job cheerful as ever.

Sam Claassen, Brakeman on the 12:30 Torrance job, was happy to see his son, Airman 3/c Robert, when the latter came home on 15-day leave in July from Warren Air Force Base, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Robert transferred to duty at Boston, Mass., after his leave.

Recuperating from his third eye operation since Christmas Day, Conductor Bill Fast came home from Santa Fe Hospital during July. The trouble started when a compressed air sprayer exploded in his garage.

Since graduating in June from Compton College, Ray Freeman Wholf, son of Howard, has joined the Air Force and is now at Ft. Ord.

Intending to win the PE golf tournament again, Freight Conductor Frank Mayzak has been practicing his golf shots regularly of late.

A serious operation has taken Fireman M. C. Rohde away from the job for quite some time.

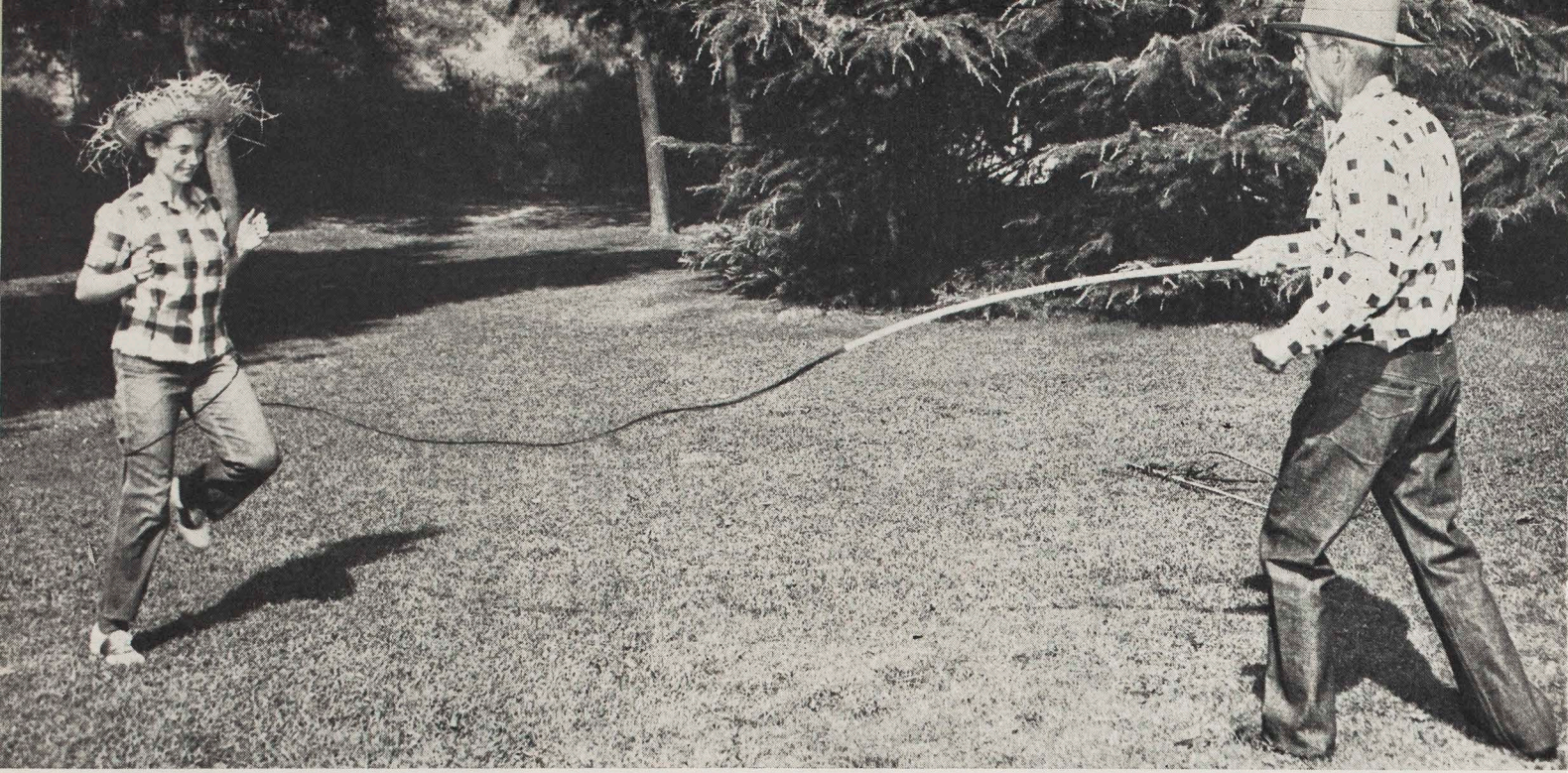
Contrary to popular belief, retired Trolleyman J. C. McGuire has not gone back to Oklahoma. He was in Midway Hospital, 5925 W. San Vicente, on July 26.

See the beautiful 35-mm. pictures conductor Hank Holmes took while on vacation at Yellowstone and you'll want to go there to see for yourself how beautiful it is. Hank came back July 28.

Brakeman Bill Lutes is slowly getting over an operation on his feet. You'll be seeing him soon.

Nice trips: Sid Newman to New York City; R. H. Rhyning to Philadelphia.

HOW HE DID IT — Macy Operator Leslie L. Shores (features are in inset) demonstrates how he threw a tackle around a runaway thief who had grabbed a woman's purse and then struck her with a brick. Operator Otto W. Brown plays stand-in.



"IT DOESN'T HURT!" smiles Bonnie, 17, daughter of San Bernardino Brakeman R. F. Jasper, as "Hillbilly" Charlie Yapple

practices explosively wrapping his whip around her legs in preparation for an act he planned for a Hillbilly Jamboree July 31.

YIPPEE!!

IT'S YAPLE, MASTER OF THE WHIP!

A MASTER OF THE WHIP is Charles H. Yaple, Diesel Helper who works in San Bernardino Yard. He makes whips and he cracks 'em.

At a hillbilly jamboree at Crestline (where he lives) July 31 and Aug. 1 and 2, he flicked a piece of paper out of a lady's hand with his whiplash, and when she "winced," he wrapped several feet of whip around her with a report like a pistol shot. It was just an act, of course!

Born in Pennsylvania and reared on a Montana farm, Charlie had reason to take an interest in whips. In 1915, as a barker in Yellowstone Park, he used to drive a four-horse carriage for tourists, giving a spiel about points of interest as he drove. He always had a whip handy — for the horses!

Back in 1946, when he was visiting in Kansas, one of his hosts presented him with a whip that had been used for a four-horse team. Charlie brought the whip back to Temple City, where he then lived, and to while away his spare time braided a "popper" on it. (The popper is what makes the noise, in case you didn't know!)

One day he was out in his yard practicing with the whip when a stranger drove up, stopped, and asked him to make some 25-foot whips for use in a circus act.

"I'd have quite a job making a whip that long," said Charlie, "but I'll try."

Two weeks later, when the stranger returned for his first whip, it was ready. The purchaser turned out to be Frank Prichard, well known for his whip acts in carnivals.

From that time on, orders continued to come in. Yaple makes many of them during spare moments on the job, as well as during his leisure hours at home.

A whip consists of a stock, a lash, and a popper. The stock is made from a single piece of twisted rawhide dried hard and then wrapped with rattan; and the whole is covered with linen braid. The lash, which can be of any length, is braided of four strands of (usually) horsehide. Its tapered effect is secured by braiding the horsehide around leather "bellies" of different thicknesses.

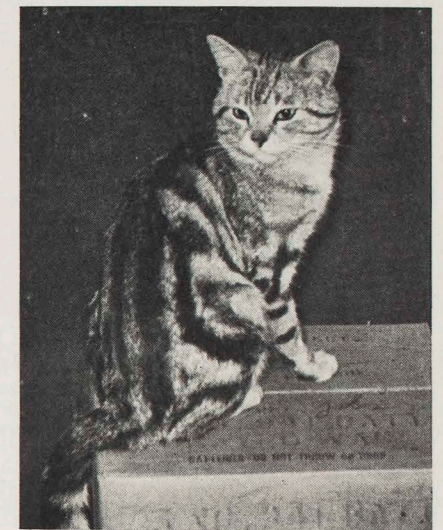
Charlie can make or rebuild an entire whip, but, his specialty is braiding the poppers out of nylon thread which he buys at \$10 a pound.

"I'm the only man in the country who uses nylon," he says. "Others use linen or silk for this purpose."

Usually 1 to 1½ feet long, a popper requires about 400 feet of thread. Looping the thread over a hook in a tree, he twists four, six, or eight threads into a tight strand, waxes the strand with beeswax, braids four strands together, and then waxes the completed popper heavily.

All told, Charlie figures he's made 200 to 250 whips of various lengths since 1946.

With PE for 24 years, Yaple began his railroad career in the Special Agents Department of the New York Central in 1915, switched to the Great Northern in the same capacity in 1920, started as Motorman for the Market St. Railway, San Francisco, in 1925, and came to PE in 1929.



GUARDS THE FUSEES—Tom, three-year-old pride of Graham Year, snapped sitting atop fusee boxes to ward off marauders. Chief Clerk Ralph Kennedy and Footboard Yardmaster George Nader feed him pressed meat, cat food, horsemeat, and fish, and Yard Clerk M. B. Leister provides Tom the milk to wash it down. Photo by R. J. Price.

Fisherman's luck: Gus Hansen's is sometimes good, sometimes bad, in the ocean; your scribe's was good at Stockton (5 striped bass) and Clear Lake (a dozen blue gill)—none of record size.

Photography is the hobby of Motorman R. J. Price. He shoots, develops, prints, and/or enlarges his own films. For samples of his work, see the Masonic Club pictures on page 28, as well as the cat picture adjoining Butte St. News.

YOU BE EARNEST AND I'LL BE FRANK

By J. S. BURTON

MEMORIES are a wonderful part of our lives. There is not one of us that cannot recollect some wonderful and exciting event in his career, and punctuate it with a strong desire to re-live the occasion. Some events, however, are not important and there are others that we'd rather forget.

I can remember when a young person would get up and give an elder person a seat. Today, it is first come, first served. I can remember when children absolutely did not talk back to their parents. Today, we are laboring under the psychological approach to raising children and it isn't deemed proper to punish a child for such trivialities, lest you change the trend of his personality.

I remember when a lady just would not be seen on the street with a cigarette in her hand or mouth. Today, we are living in an era of freedom in which it is considered proper and fitting for a woman to do anything she sees anyone else doing.

I remember when a man's word was as good as his bond. Today, we are experiencing a time when everyone is suspicious of everybody else.

I can remember when a real gentleman would not think of using profane language in the presence of a lady. Today, men could take lessons in profanity from some of the fairer sex.

I can remember when the majority of romances had their beginnings from a meeting at a church social or picnic. Today, how many attend such events?

We are living in a transitional period, but is this progress?

AGENCY BRIEFS

By GERTRUDE CORNICIE

CONGRATULATIONS to R. W. McDougall, Agent at Long Beach, who retired in June, 1953, after 44 years of service with Pacific Electric. His position is now filled by T. R. Bartlett, formerly Agent at Wilmington.

William Hambly was awarded the Agent's job at Wilmington. He previously held the Rate and Bill Clerk position at Gardena.

Alfred H. Vick had quite an experience on the night of June 14. While on his way to work as Assistant Passenger Director, about 11 p.m., someone tried to hold him up, but Mr. Vick fought him off and sent the robber on his way without a dime. Alfred, however, has three scars on his head, where he was struck with a gun.

It was a shock for us to hear that Clark J. Horning, Rate and Bill Clerk at El Segundo, suffered a heart attack and had to be rushed to the hospital July 17.

There was a gratifying response from the agency personnel for a farewell gift for Katharine Salmon, Pass Clerk, who, after 40 years of service, retired July 17.

Leslie Housley, whose Ticket Clerk job at Fullerton was abolished, took a few days off to have a cyst removed from his hand. You will now find him on the Ticket Clerk job at Whittier.

West Hollywood Proudly Presents A. C. Panzariello



COURTEOUS, NEAT—These two words characterize Anthony C. Panzariello in his role of PE Operator, as his passengers will attest. He's served PE since 1951.

LONG BEACH FREIGHT STATION

By JACK DELANEY

VACATIONS AND BIRTHDAYS seem to be on the agenda at the local freight station this time.

Vic Watson, Telegraph Operator and master of many other jobs, was enjoying himself via train. Said he wasn't going to do any fishing this time, but just take in the scenery in Colorado.

A. C. Morrill, Chief Clerk, returned with his wife from a nice trip to Portland, where they visited relatives.

Frank Fallon, Revising Clerk, enjoyed his vacation by staying home and getting a good rest, which is well deserved.

C. F. Fisher, Statistical Clerk, probably went fishing. He didn't specify his intentions.

Fay Stirn, Secretary to T. L. Sheffer, Agent, celebrated her birthday in July. She was much surprised on arrival at work to find many wonderful gifts on her desk given by all the employees at the station, plus several beautiful bouquets of flowers sent to her by her many friends and organizations that she is connected with.

C. H. Spence, Brakeman, vacationed in New York. He was to meet his son, who was to arrive there from Sweden. He then planned to visit Niagara Falls and Elmira, New York, before returning home via Utah and Bryce Canyon. He was to be back at work after an absence of three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sheffer left on their vacation July 31. He planned just to enjoy himself and take a good rest. Business having been quite heavy at the station, he deserved peace and quiet.

LOS ANGELES TERMINAL FREIGHT STATION

By SUZANNE J. SMITH

NEW AUTOMOBILES seems to be the chief topic of conversation when Bill Hernandez, Vern Dutton, and Fred Leininger get together and compare their "neuvo" means of transportation. . . . A real old timer, Eugene Tracy, retired and we hope his retirement days will be filled with happiness as he paints pictures and enjoys his other numerous hobbies. . . . Arnold Winquist moved to Huntington Park, where he is building a new home. There's nothing quite so exciting as watching a house go up, especially if it is your own. . . . Margaret Seymour is residing at the West Olympic Sanatorium, located at 3429 West Olympic Blvd. in Los Angeles. Why not drop her a card, if you aren't able to pay her a visit in person? . . . At the Bramble Mortuary on June 20, last respects were paid to Fred Leary, retired Chief Claim Clerk. To his family the LATFS group extend their sympathies. . . . Summer was officially ushered in at our Station when Bill Hernandez got his summer "butch" haircut. . . . All employees will miss the assistance of Katherine Salmon in securing various pass requests. May Katherine's retirement be a long and happy one. . . . Reba Mitchell spent a weekend at Barstow, and when Reba told ye scribe that Barstow wasn't as hot as Pasadena, she didn't even get an argument. . . . Walter Fleck, Demurrage Clerk, would like to spend his vacation gold-mining, and he says he knows just the spot. Where, Walt? . . . Jimmy Haugen's father, Peter Haugen, passed away very suddenly on July 25. Services were held at the Honold Bros. Funeral Home in Garden Grove. Please accept our heart-felt condolences, Jim. . . . Frederick Marshall is still on the sick list. . . . Charmaine ("Chuck") Gauthier resigned on June 1 — her many friends will miss her. . . . Fred Leininger had been saying that he wanted something new on his desk, and the next thing we knew off went the blotter and on went a piece of glass. . . . Jake Anderson and Cy Albright are both complaining about the same ailment — too much garden work, maybe? . . . Mrs. E. D. Wiebers' retirement is symbolic of the close of an exceptional career of railroading. . . . Curtis Dale Eggeman was born at Huntington Hospital on June 30, and weighed 7 lbs. and 11 ozs. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. (Fred and Lois) Eggeman are the proud parents. Both have worked at LATFS, but at present Fred is employed at the SP Local Freight Station, and Lois is on leave from the PE Accounting Department. Little Curtis's aunt, Mary Lois Lassiter, is a Bill Clerk at our Station, and his grandpa, F. B. Eggeman, works in PE's Payroll Accounts Bureau. Curtis's other aunt and uncle, Tonie and Paul Cole, are both former PE employes too.

NEW SON FOR MADEIROS

JEFFREY JAMES, their second son, was born to West Hollywood Operator and Mrs. Jesse Madeiros at Queen of Angels Hospital on Monday, Aug. 17.

SYSTEM GARAGES

By A. L. BRISTOW AND RALPH MURPHY

WE ARE PROUD of the part we played in successfully transporting our portion of the Boy Scouts to and from their Jamboree at the Irvine Ranch. The movement was a smooth running success—no report of any mechanical failures. The mechanics who handled the inspection and were on the job at various points along the route of travel did an excellent job—thanks, fellows!

"Bill" Richards went to New York and if there is anything above or below ground he did not cover, it just wasn't worth mentioning. He was interesting to talk to about this trip to New York because he could be informative. He says there are three million people daily in New York who do not live there but just pass through.

Going by air, W. S. Bowles covered in two weeks what would have taken a month by land transportation. He hunted bear for a week in Canada, and then visited in his home town of Placerville.

M. I. Cain went to his old stamping ground in the Deep South, but he just couldn't take the heat. Sunny California looked good on his return.

Gladys Davison had what everyone thought was a stroke on the job and was taken to the hospital in an ambulance—she is doing all right and is home—we hope she has a speedy recovery.

N. W. Carlson went to his home town of Omaha. Things looked all right, he said, but California looked better.

CAR HOUSE CAPERS

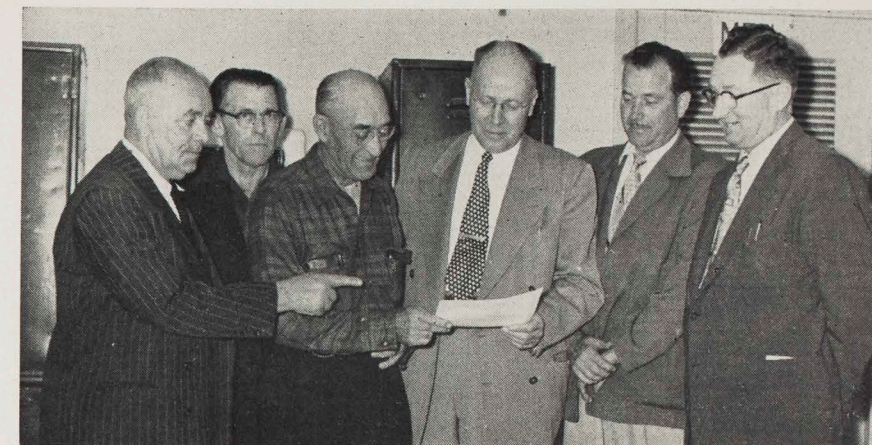
By GEORGE KYRON

GATHER ROUND ME, trusty railroaders, and listen. . . .

"Can You Top This" department . . . hot item for prospective and hope-to-be fathers:

Victor Payan, No. 1 Car Cleaner, dropped into Watts Car House for gabfest with the boys after recuperating from leg injury . . . much hand-shakin' and "glad to see ya back!" Then Vic turns to me with a wry smile and says, "Say, George, did I tell you?" . . . Whereupon, I stretched an ear and replied, "Me? What?" . . . "I weel tell you some theeng," he retorts. . . . "Shoot, I'm listening," I says with eyes bulgin' and teeth fallin' out. . . . So Vic rolls out the following: He is proud papa of 8 beautiful daughters (Cantor, where are you?) 26 grandchildren, not 25 but 26, and thrown in for good measure . . . one great-granddaughter. . . . Place them at your family table and start feedin'! . . . Vic's been railroading for 20 years with the Pullman Company, Union Pacific, SP in Texas, and PE (PE since '43) . . . he's got 3 sons, too. . . . Ah, Victor, you put our efforts to shame!

Joe Stiltz, Lead Clerk . . . leads me, that is . . . tore himself away from his 1909 Model Underwood long enough to Hydramatick with Lee (the Mrs.) to Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, Zion Park, Salt Lake City, Elko, Reno, S. F., Monterey and back to L.A. . . . Ha! the missus kept winnin' at Desert Inn and Joe kept losin' . . . but he came back with a



RETIREMENT COMMENDATION was given West Operator Paul O. Ingraham in July, some weeks after he had retired following 30 years of service. Left to right are Dan Teleky, General Foreman, Venice Garage; Fred T. Sweatt, Terminal Foreman; Ingraham; T. L. Halverson, Chief Supervisor, Western District; Bill Kennedy, Terminal Foreman, Ocean Park; and D. L. Davidson, Assistant Chief Supervisor, Western District.

bronze tan and lots of tall tales. . . . By the way . . . ask Joe Wilcomb and Joe Stiltz about their special trout-fishin' adventures . . . "We ketchum thaaat big!" they brag. "Where?" I gasp, holding my breath. . . . With poker faces supreme they chortle, "Ain't tellin'!" Now calling up Pinkerton Agency. . . .

A bit of sad news, friends . . . our fine little Welshman, Jack Jones, passed away July 2 after many years of electrical chores with PE . . . we surely do miss his personality and good humor . . . I don't think I ever saw him frown. . . .

Know all men by these presents that one Cicero Brooks has duly inherited the duties of Harry Pearson (ex-Carpenter), now gentleman of leisure and European traveller extraordinaire . . . Hail Caesar . . . er . . . Cicero . . . Welcome to the "foot boards and stove bolts" brigade. . . .

Heap plenty sunshine, clean, fresh air, plus big, shiny new car makum Joe Yesinkus, night Relief Car Foreman, well quick . . . he's now back to work as good as new.

Andy Campbell's ailin', we're sorry to hear. . . . Hurry and get well, Andy!



"Oh I'm not going anywhere, I just wanted some change for the parking meter."

TORRANCE TOPICS

By GARNET GREEN

TWO SPORTS have become famous for stretching the truth—golf and fishing. Fishing more so than golf for the simple reason that more people fish.

Recently there appeared in the Los Angeles Examiner an article under the caption "Season's Biggest Fish Story." The story seemed insignificant, however, compared to what happened to PE's Konrad L. Oefinger, Leader Electrician.

"Cooney," as Oefinger is affectionately called by his friends and co-workers, went surf fishing about a month ago. He had just finished his cast and was setting his pole when a low-flying Piper Cub came swooping down the beach. Cooney grabbed his pole, but "buck fever" got him. He was on his knees as if praying, except that his left hand was on the beach and his right hand on the reel with the thumb in the strategic position of all good fishermen. The plane kept getting lower and lower. Finally the undercarriage caught Cooney's line. Like the sound of a falling blockbuster the line started out on Cooney's reel. His thumb began to burn. The pain shook him out of his trance of buck fever, and Cooney played that Piper with all of the skill he possessed. For a moment he had visions of the Grand Prize in the Los Angeles Examiner's fishing contest. But, at last, with sound like that of a 16-inch cannon exploding, the line broke, the pole wavered like a wheat stalk in a cyclone, and the biggest catch in Konrad L. Oefinger's life got away.

SHOP 'N' OFFICE NOTES

Maxine Anderson was welcomed back to the office Aug. 1 after recuperating from an operation during the latter part of May. Her cheery personality was missed greatly while she was gone.

We all wish to extend our sympathy to Mrs. Ruth Norman, widow of the late Toolmaker Leader Burt Norman. He was a splendid man, well liked by all who knew him.

Roy Brucker got back into the groove after two weeks in the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Rockies.



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FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

By FRANK J. ORIVA

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT OLD-TIMERS—half again as many as in the previous year—attended the Senior Fellowship banquet sponsored by the company through General Manager T. L. Wagenbach at the Rosslyn Hotel, Tuesday, June 9.

"You couldn't have put any more men into the banquet room with a shoehorn," said Supt. of Safety Harry L. Young, who arranged the affair.

President Frank B. Howe acted as master of ceremonies.

"I know of no group who act as better public relations men than this group of retired employes," said Mr. Wagenbach to the assembly, as he predicted an era of increased Pacific Electric freight service.

Past President Henry M. Mosher, one of the prime movers in the founding of the Fellowship in 1950, waxed enthusias-

tic over the progress in the size of the club since it began.

"We had 10 at the first meeting three years ago," he said, "and look at us now! All we need to keep on at this rate is a continuation of that spirit of friendship."

The men enjoyed a fine turkey dinner, with entertainment provided before and during the meal by Singer-Accordionist Sylvie Haines, who also led some community singing.

News Notes

TO QUALIFY for one of our fine new Fellowship buttons a member must attend six meetings, according to a vote of the members at a recent meeting.

Fred Nichols, who has long been outstanding for his hospital work with the American Legion, has gladly consented to represent this organization when making calls to members at Santa Fe hospital.

Peter Nordquist, who was born in Sweden, has retired after 30 years as a PE Motorman and Motor Coach Operator. He is a Venice resident.

Vacation notes from the membership: C. H. Spence and his wife have gone to New York to visit their missionary son who spent the last two years in Sweden . . . Jack Birmingham is off on a long trip to the East . . . Ben ("Buck") Jones

is up on the Feather River in northern California . . . The George McClains are vacationing, she in New York visiting relatives and he in San Francisco seeing the sights! . . . Charles Ventris has gone to Kansas City, Mo., to visit some of his old-time friends . . . The Henry Moshers have returned from a trip which took them through the Gulf states, to Charleston, Lookout Mountain, Chicago, and home via the Ozarks, Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam. All this strengthened their love for California! . . . Jacob Osterhoudt is spending six months in New York . . . And Edward Vacher is off on a long trip to New York City; Stamford, Conn.; Washington, D. C.; North Carolina; and Canada. He is having a wonderful time . . . In fact, we hope they all are!

On the evening of July 25, the Union Station, Los Angeles, was the scene of a farewell party given by relatives and friends of retired Machinist and Mrs. Alfred E. James, who afterwards left for a tour of the Pacific Northwest, Canada, and the British Isles.

The Jameses expect to be at home in Corona del Mar late in October. Mr. James, who worked in San Bernardino and Torrance, retired in 1944.

Retired West Trainmaster James E. Douglass has moved from Morro Bay to 1309 Euclid Ave., Santa Barbara, according to a letter from him dated June 18, requesting the October, 1952, issue of the PACIFIC ELECTRIC MAGAZINE, which he says he missed in the moving

process. He wishes to convey his regards to all his friends.

Aug. 3 marked the 90th birthday of August Freudenberg, Mechanical Department Carpenter who retired in 1926. Almost on the eve of his birthday, he sent the Magazine a notice of a change in his address, and remarked, "I enjoy reading the PE MAGAZINE from cover to cover; it reminds me of the time I was working in the Shop.—I wish everybody good luck."

While Clayton Ramsey, retired Torrance Cabinetmaker, gads about visiting

relatives in Ohio and Indiana, Mrs. Ramsey plans to stay home. Clayton plans to leave Los Angeles by train Aug. 28.

When Sam Mason retired six months ago, he moved to Shreveport, La., to live, but now we hear Sam wants to come back to California!

Howard Bennett is sorry he can't attend our monthly meetings, but he is sticking close to home these days because of his wife's inability to get around.

We hear from Roy Herr, one of our old-timers, that he has moved to Yucaipa, Calif.

"THANKS FOR THE PARTY," says President Frank B. Howe, right, to General Manager T. L. Wagenbach and Supt. of Safety Harry L. Young. Mr. Howe acted as emcee.



OLDEST OLD-TIMERS KEEP TIME WITH SYLVIE—Singer-Accordionist Sylvie Haines poses with the four oldest men who attended the banquet. From Left, Walter G. White, retired Chief Clerk, Mechanical Department; and Edwin H. Pierce, retired Foreman, Mechanical Department, were the two oldest (in point of seniority date) present, with dates of Feb. 2 and July 11, 1903, respectively. Charles E. Ives, 84, former Motorman on the Riverside-Arlington Line; and B. H. Hershey, 82, one-time Venice Short Line Conductor, were the two oldest with respect to age.





LEOPARD DANCE was performed by Durrelle Lucas, 12, daughter of Robert J. Lucas, Asst. Chief Clerk, Freight Traffic Dept.

DANCE ROUTINES by Diane (8) and Marshall (10) Silver of the Norton School of Dancing were well received. Two cute kids!

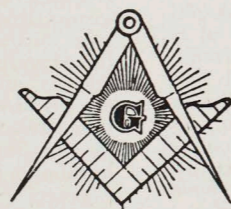
ACCORDION SOLOS were given by Jo Ann Zerring, who doubles as pianist for A. R. Crow's orchestra, which also played.



SOLOIST—Rudy Slotwinski, 1952 Glee Club President, and tenor soloist, sang Sammy Kaye's "Wanderin'." The Glee Club presented a half-hour program of songs.

Masonic Banquet Scenes

(Story on next page)



Photos by R. J. Price

PAST PRESIDENTS—Present were, from left, Charles F. Quirnbach, Harry Pierce, James E. Harper, Joseph L. Smale, George S. Watson, A. R. Crow, and (not available when picture was taken) F. F. Willey. On May 6, Mr. Smale, retired PE Cashier, received from the Grand Lodge of California a pin for his 50 years of Masonry.



PRESIDENT C. A. Weathers welcomed the unexpectedly large group of guests (190).



PACIFIC ELECTRIC MASONIC CLUB

By MERVIN J. DAVIDSON

THE PICTURES shown in connection with the Masonic Club Family Night do not begin to explain the delightful party we had on Saturday evening, June 20, at Sunset Mizpah Temple. Personally, I think this was the finest affair of its kind our club ever attempted.

I want to thank all those who assisted. Brother Neal Breese not only sold plenty of tickets, but was on hand with William Levak and your scribe to assist in the serving. We had everyone eating about 20 minutes after being seated. If the coffee was a little late, the delay was due to our having to set up extra tables. We had 170 reservations and 190 for dinner. In future, everyone who is planning to attend an affair such as this, should make it known to a member of the committee or to one of the officers.

The club is indebted to Brother Arleigh Crow for supplying the fine orchestral music and his help in selling tickets; to Brother Robert J. Lucas for having his beautiful daughter dance for us; to Brother Joseph L. Smale and Mrs. Smale for attending to the lucky number prizes; to Brother Clarence Weathers for being at the auditorium at 3:30 o'clock to assist in setting up the tables along with Brother Breese, Mrs. Breese, Mrs. Davidson, and the scribe; to Warren Silliman and all the members of the Glee Club whose singing was enjoyed by all; to Diane and Marshall Silver for their dance routines.

It was nice to see so many of the Past Presidents and their ladies, particularly Brothers Harry Pierce and Charles Quirnbach.

Now that the Family Night is over for this year, our thoughts turn to our annual dinner. The same auditorium, The Sunset-Mizpah Temple, has been reserved for Saturday, Nov. 14. The place and date are subject to approval by the members. This will be discussed at our meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1953.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC ROD & GUN CLUB

By ARLIE SKELTON

GREETINGS, Rod and Gun Clubbers.

Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith, Charlie Rushing and Charlie's Committee for another successful fish chowder party at Los Patos Camp on Saturday, July 18. Reports coming from several who attended indicated that all enjoyed the delicious chowder and watermelon. This is an annual affair.

Retired Charter Member D. A. Terry, of Biggs, Calif., writes to say he has been doing a lot of fishing on the Feather River, but results have been somewhat slow.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of retired Roadmaster and Past President of this Club, Volney B. Radcliff, who passed away on June 13. "Rad," as he was affectionately known to so many of us for so many years, was a big part of your Club—a true sportsman in all that the name implies. His funeral, held June 19, was attended by many of his old PE Rod & Gun Club pals, who felt the loss very deeply.

A word of caution to you deer hunters who plan to hunt the four Northeast counties—Modoc, Lassen, Shasta, and Siskiyou—of the state this year east of Highway 99. Only 3-point bucks or better are legal game. Better get a copy of the new hunting laws pamphlet and read it over before going on that hunting trip. All game laws are to be strictly enforced.

Financial Secretary Robert Dornor informs us the new 1953 year book, con-

At the time of writing, we have no members in the hospital, but Brother Joseph McKay, retired, is in the Saint Erne Sanitarium, 527 West Regent St., Inglewood, Calif.

Since our last writing, another of our Brothers answered the call of the Supreme Grand Master: Brother Fred J. Leary, retired, a Past President of our club.

taining all the changes in Rules and By-Laws, is due off the press and will be accompanied by your 1953 Tournament Season prize list.

Signalman John Huber spent his vacation at home in Downey putting the finishing touches on his new patio, while waiting for a boyhood friend from New York to pay him a visit. The friend arrived three days after the vacation was over!

Retired Towerman Alonzo V. Miller, Past President of this Club, had expected to get his health patched up a bit and do a lot of fishing, but has had a siege of pneumonia and yellow jaundice. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A friendly tip to the politically minded members: Now, while they are at home on vacation, is a good time to get acquainted with your Assemblymen and Senators. Many important measures pertaining to conservation of forests and wildlife are coming up for action.

Your Club meets the second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC BOWLING NEWS

By CHARLIE HILL

TIME CERTAINLY FLIES. In the last issue we covered the wind-up of the past bowling season, and now in this, the very next issue of our company's official organ, we are discussing the organization for the next season, which opens Sept. 18.

Our annual meeting, which was held August 7, was the smoothest and largest assemblage of bowling enthusiasts of several seasons, and the proceedings throughout were clearly indicative of a very successful season ahead.

The following were elected as officials for the ensuing season: Gene Harrison as President; Ollie Steuernagel, First Vice President; Betty Hutchinson, Second Vice President; Charlie Hill, Secretary; and Bill Jennings, Treasurer. Yours truly was re-appointed to serve as League Scribe.

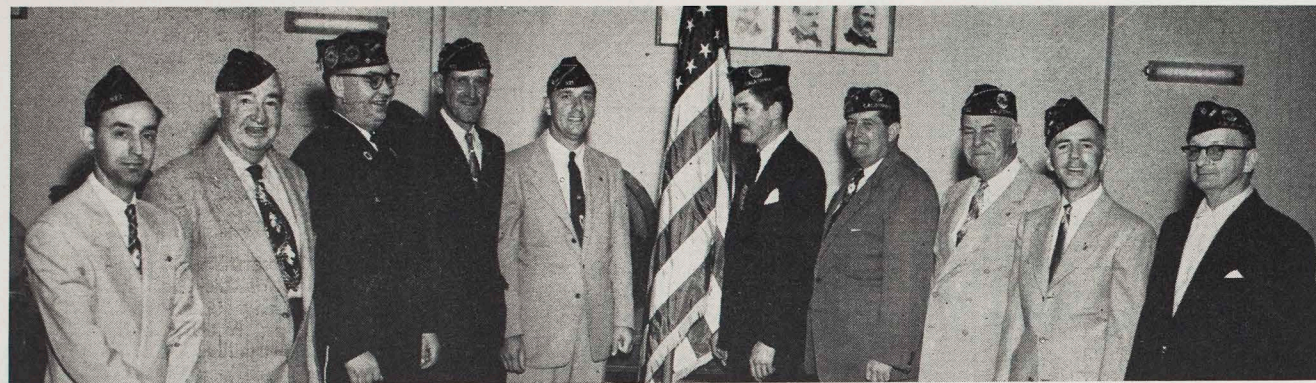
Twenty teams have been registered, and are just waiting for the starting gong. Among last year's teams will be the BRC Aces (present league champions), Glendale, Pit Bulls, Subway Terminal, Maple Smashers, PE Agents, BRC Railers, PE Club, Wolverines, Lawettes, Atomics, BRC Streamliners, Dee-Tee-Bees, and BRC Railettes. The new teams will be the Five Strikes and Spares, from the Inglewood Agency force, captained by Art Gallagher; Woodpeckers, with Pee Wee Wheeler as captain; De Spares, captained by Vi Steuernagel; Temple City Keglers, generated by Bob Miller; Green Inks, with Russ Hinis as captain; and Lucky Strikes, captained by Jim Craft.

The return of the redoubtable Ollie Steuernagel will add color to the weekly contests, which will be bowled at the Sunset Bowling Center in Hollywood each Friday evening at 6:15 and 8:30.

And one more personal — one of the outstanding fair sex bowlers burning up the Hollymont alleys this summer has been Erma Tatge. Erma will be one of the attractions in the PE League this coming season.



JOHN ROSOL



PE LEGION INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS — Left to right are Al Poddi, First Vice-Commander; James McNaugh, Service Officer; Henry Sayles, Executive Committeeman; Hiram Marshall, Second Vice-Commander; F. W. Starkey, Commander; R. N. Anderson, retiring Commander; J. W. Foore, Adjutant; F. W. Nichols, Chaplain; B. P. Heath, Historian; O. R. Newhouse, Judge Advo.

**AMERICAN LEGION
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By B. P. HEATH

FLOYD W. STARKEY, a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy from 1942 to 1945 and at present on sick leave from PE Ry., was elected Commander for the 1953-54 Legion year at the regular meeting held July 14.

The other officers elected are: 1st Vice Commander, Al Poddi, Army WW2 veteran; 2nd Vice Commander, H. L. Marshall, Army WW1 and retired Motorman; Sergeant at Arms, James A. McNaugh, Army Engineer in WW1 and retired Federal employe; chaplain, Fred W. Nichols, WW1 Army and now retired Trainmaster; Finance Officer, John W. Foore, Army WW2 and now at the Hawthorne Freight Station; Historian, B. P. Heath, WW2 Army and SP Co. Clerk.

The Executive Committee: H. F. Sayles, Jr., Army WW2; Robert N. Anderson, Army WW2, Supply Sergeant and Southern District Operator, who will be the Junior Past Commander, having just completed a very successful year as Commander; and Joseph D. Slick, WW2 and Korean veteran, Northern District Operator, and still very active in the 40th Division California National Guard.

The delegates to the 23rd District, Los Angeles County Council and Department convention are Floyd W. Starkey, Fred W. Nichols, John W. Foore and James A. McNaugh. The alternate delegates are Robert N. Anderson, Al Poddi, H. F. Sayles, Jr., and B. P. Heath.

The officers were installed on Aug. 5. Other appointive officers and committee chairmen will be announced later.

Walter Hume, Chairman of the School Awards Committee, reports that the June

semi-annual American Legion awards to students of Robert Louis Stevenson Junior High School in East Los Angeles were presented by Lt. Glavas of the Hollenbeck Station of the Los Angeles Police Department. The winners were Elvera Corona and Roy Noritake, with Alice Keehmer and Daniel Cortez receiving the second-place awards. The Post was represented by A. W. Bone and F. W. Nichols.

GRANDPA TAFOYA

OPERATOR Manuel D. Tafoya of the Western District became a grandfather for the first time on June 27, when his only daughter, 19-year-old Estella Dorene (Mrs. Benny Ramirez) presented her husband with a six-pound, three-ounce baby daughter, Debra Pauline, at Temple Hospital. Both Dorene and her husband, who is also 19, graduated from Garfield High School in June, 1952. Benny was first-string end on the Garfield football team.

Mr. Tafoya, a PE man since 1943, has two sons, Leo, 18, and Manuel, Jr., 16.



TUNE FOR DEBRA—Operator Manuel D. Tafoya holds his granddaughter, Debra Pauline, while Debbie's mother, Mrs. Benny Ramirez, plays piano. Baby was just a month old when picture was taken.

Pacific Electric Club Bulletin

AGENTS ASSOCIATION:

Dark during August & September.

AMERICAN LEGION POST:

Semi-monthly meeting held at 8:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the PE Club on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

BOWLING LEAGUE:

Summer League Matches each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. — Hollymont Bowl, Sunset and Vermont Avenue.

1953-54 Winter League will bowl at Sunset Bowling Center, Sunset Blvd. & Bronson Ave. Those wishing to participate are urged to submit their name early to insure being placed on a team.

GLEE CLUB:

Rehearsals held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Club Theater each Tuesday of month. Open to any employe or member of his family. Call 2934 for information.

PE GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Those interested in entering forthcoming tournaments are urged to submit score cards on private courses to the PE Club for the purpose of establishing handicaps.

MASONIC CLUB:

Monthly meeting held at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in Assembly Room of the PE Club. Refreshments after meeting.

ROD & GUN CLUB:

Monthly meetings held at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month in Assembly Room of the PE Club. Motion pictures and refreshments after meeting.

SENIOR EMPLOYEES FELLOWSHIP:

Keep in touch with your former fellow employes by attending these meetings held at the Club on third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

SPEAKERS FORUM:

Semi-monthly meeting held at 6:00 p.m. sharp at Rosslyn Hotel, the first and third Wednesdays of the month. All male employes invited to participate.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST:

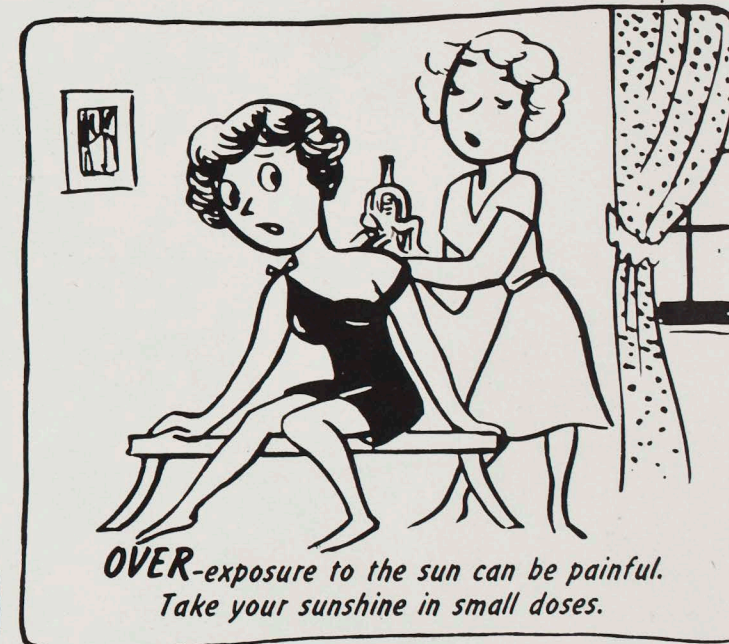
Semi-monthly meeting held at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the PE Club the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

WOMEN'S CLUB:

Afternoon Card Party held at 1:00 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month in Ladies' Lounge—Bridge and 500—Prizes to winners.

Afternoon Business Meeting and Program the second Thursday in September at 1:00 p.m.

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