

ANNUAL BONUS AWARDS MADE TO TRAINMEN

Over \$106,000 in Bonus and Special Awards Given 2,147 Trainmen at Meetings Wednesday

The Los Angeles Railway today distributed \$106,000 in bonuses to 2,147 trainmen in the service of the company. The bonus meetings are an annual affair and are looked forward to each year by the platform men.

This is the big day of the year for the trainmen, as they receive at this time the special award and bonus money earned by meritorious work during the past year.

Three meetings were held during the day at the Masonic Temple—10:00 a. m., 2:00 p. m. and 8:00 p. m.

R. R. Smith, assistant superintendent of operation, was chairman and introduced the various officials present, each of whom felicitated the men on their well-earned reward and expressed their good wishes for the coming year.

All men receiving the special awards were introduced to the audience and were presented with their checks by the superintendent of their particular division.

After the presentation of the checks, R. B. Hill, superintendent of operation, made an address of appreciation to the men whose work had been so splendid during the past year, and expressed his belief that their number would be greatly increased when the awards for the coming year were made.

The stringed quartette of the railway company, which is composed of men from the operating department, furnished music both before and after the meetings.

NEW ARRIVALS

Two single-deck 6-cylinder Fageol buses, No. 1605 and No. 1606, which are a part of the October order, arrived on November 29 and one double-deck Fageol, No. 720, arrived December 1st and will be put into service at once.

Courtesy is nothing but showing consideration for the rights and feelings of other people, and yet it is a rare virtue.

Merry Christmas

To the Officials and Employees of the Los Angeles Railway.



As the year 1926 draws to a close, I reflect on the privilege that is mine in being able to congratulate you all most heartily on the splendid work of the past twelve months. Another milestone has been reached. Another year of accomplishment has been added to the story of our progress. It has brought to all of us a closer comradeship, and to those whom we serve, increased good will.

We all know the astounding growth of the city demands a corresponding expansion of our lines and increased traffic and operating problems, but we have been able to meet all requirements, to a great extent, through the unfailing and loyal cooperation and efficiency of the members of our organization. Therefore, we know that whatever problems the coming year may bring, a solution will be found in continued cooperation and efficiency, in mutual friendliness and confidence and in courtesy and justice to all.

I want you all to know that your efforts, which have contributed so largely to the successful operation of the company during the past year, are deeply appreciated and very gratifying, and that you have my most sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

General Manager.

Five Goes Over the Top

In the struggle for first place in securing accident witnesses Division Five won out in November. Division Four was in first place in October. Since July, when Division Four crowded into first place, the men at Five have been making a big effort to regain the lead. They made a gain of .72 in November, which put them .38 ahead of Four.

Accidents increased in November, but the general average for witness cards was only slightly lower for the month.

SPECIAL AWARD PLAN CHANGED FOR 1927

Every Trainman in Company Can Participate Regardless of Division

For the fiscal year 1927 special awards of two classes will be allowed.

FIRST CLASS: To all men in active passenger service who have not lost more than sixty days' time, holidays excepted, and who have a clear courtesy and accident record, and who have received no demerits, will be awarded \$40.00 in cash.

SECOND CLASS: To all men in active passenger service who have not lost more than sixty days' time, holidays excepted, and who have a clear courtesy and accident record, and who have not been demerited more than three times, there being no repetitions under any one classification, and who have received no demerits for infractions of rules under classifications printed in caps on list of causes for demerits, will be awarded \$20.00 in cash.

Orchestra Records

The Los Angeles Railway orchestra and quartette have made Victrola records of "Barcelona" and "Chinese Hula," which can be purchased at the Lockie Music Co., 1034-36 South Broadway.

These records will make very nice Christmas presents to give your friends.

Cleaning House

The company is clearing the pole lot at Hoover Street and Santa Barbara Avenue. This lot will no longer be used as a storage place for poles. The district is largely residential and it is the desire of the company to in no way detract from the surroundings.

New Repair Shop

The steel construction work on the new repair shop for automotive equipment is practically all done and the premises begin to look as if there would be a real building there in the near future.

Do today what tomorrow you will wish you had done.

TWO BELLS

Published by and for the Employes of the Los Angeles Railway

A Herald of Good Cheer and Cooperation

Janet Converse

Publicity Manager



Greetings



To Trainmen:

With justifiable pride we salute you and extend congratulations over your unequalled record for generally increased efficiency maintained during the bonus year just ended.

We are indeed proud of your year's work and the influence the Merit and Bonus System apparently has had upon your service.

We have particular cause at this time for pride that we are privileged to report to you that one of the highest officials of a great New York City street railway, who recently visited us, told us that he had found no other city in America in which as high a grade of human service was rendered by trainmen as that found by him on our system.

And so, our heartfelt thanks for your splendid cooperation, congratulations on your record, best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and high hopes for you that a still better year awaits you in 1927.

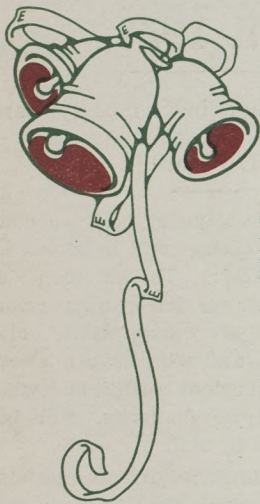
Sincerely,

Geo. B. Anderson

Manager of Transportation.

R. B. Hill

Superintendent of Operation.



The First Christmas

* * * And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were going away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.—Luke 11:8-16.

Santa Claus Time

Christmas comes when bells are ringing,
Ringing soft and low,
Soon we'll hear the bells of Christmas
Ring across the snow!

Hang the little empty stockings
By the fire with care,
Late on Christmas Eve we know
Old Santa will be there.

Stockings everywhere are waiting,
While the children sleep
A very jolly, furry man
Will down the chimney creep.

Merry, merry, merry Christmas
Hear the sweet bells ring.
Merry, merry, merry Christmas
All the children sing.—Exchange.

LARY LAFFS

Doctor: "I will examine you for ten dollars."

Patient: "Go to it; if you find it I will give you half."

Minister (to flapper): "Would you care to join us in the missionary movement?"

Flapper: "I am just crazy to learn it. Is it anything like the Charleston?"

Agent: "How do you like your electric washer?"

Mrs. Swenson: "Not so goot. Every time I bane in the ting dose paddles knock me off mine feet."

Breathless Hunter: "Say, boy, did you see a fox run by here?"

Boy: "Yes, sir."

Hunter: "How long ago?"

Boy: "It'll be a year next Christmas."

"Black chile, does you all know what deceit am?"

"Suttingly I does, Beelzebub."

"Den what is it?"

"Well, when I leans ovah an' heahs somethin' rip, I knows dat's de seat."

Bricklayer: "I would not touch this job for less than \$500."

Property Owner: "Well, and how much would you charge to give the chimney a friendly pat on the back?"

"Some un sick at yo' house, Mis' Carter?" inquired Lila. "Ah seed de doctah's kyar eroun' dar yestiddy."

"It was for my brother, Lila."

"Sho! What's he done got de matter of'm?"

"Nobody seems to know what the disease is. He can eat and sleep as well as ever, he stays out all day long on the veranda in the sun, and seems as well as any one; but he can't do any work at all."

"He cain't—yo' says he cain't wuhk?"

"Not a stroke."

"Law, Mis' Carter, dat ain't no disease what you brothe' got! Dat's a gif!"

A Scotch farmer had agreed to deliver twenty hens to the local market. Only nineteen, however, were sent, and it was almost evening before the twentieth bird was brought in by the farmer.

"Man," said the butcher, "you're late with this one."

"Aye," agreed the other, "but, ye see, she didna' lay until this afternoon."

"What do you think a young man ought to do to become great?" the reporter asked the Senator.

"I am a very busy man," replied the Senator. "I do not have time to dictate an autobiography."

BOUQUETS

Everyone loves flowers, but these bouquets have, perhaps, a fragrance that the recipients will appreciate much more than that of the perishable variety.

For Motorman J. W. Reynolds, of Division 3, from James W. Healey, for capableness and conscientious carefulness at all times in the handling of his car; constantly watching the rear steps before starting and when rounding curves, and strict attention to traffic regulations.

For Conductor W. Schultz, of Division 2, from J. W. Eckman. Mr. Eckman, who claims to have ridden on close to 50,000 of the LARY cars in the past eight years, said he had never seen a more ideal conductor. Mr. Schultz showed unusual kindness and consideration to a feeble old negro woman by placing his stool in the corner of a crowded car and seating her thereon. Special mention was also made of his always immaculate appearance.

For F. L. MacDonald, conductor of Division 3, from Mrs. K. Parvin, for extreme courtesy in answering questions asked by passengers, and in handling the crowds on his car.

For C. Butler, motorman of Division 2, from Mrs. N. S. Miller, for stopping his car on a very rainy night, a full car length after he had started from the corner, and waiting for passenger to cross behind the car and get aboard.

For M. C. Coster, conductor of Division 2, from Mrs. Charles Knapp, for habitual kindness and thoughtfulness in helping women with children and old ladies on and off the car, and a courteous way of getting the passengers to move up in his car. Mrs. Knapp also commended Mr. Coster's gentlemanly way of explaining to a passenger a transfer which was no good.

For Conductor W. H. Laing, of Division 2, from Mrs. L. J. Stafford, for kindness and honesty in caring for and restoring to her a purse containing quite a sum of money, which she lost on his car.

For C. C. Riley, conductor of Division 3, from Mrs. C. E. Johnston, for paying her fare when she forgot her purse.



The 110 Winners of Special Awards

In addition to their regular bonus checks, the 110 men whose pictures appear on this sheet, received a "special award" prize ranging from \$25.00 to \$100.00.

Special awards of \$15.00 per man were given to sixteen additional motormen and sixteen additional conductors at each division and six additional safety operators, making a total of 276 men who received special awards in addition to their regular bonus checks.

These men have been singled out as particularly deserving because of the efficiency of their work, their loyalty and whole-hearted cooperation in rendering the kind of service the company is striving to give to the public.

The men in each group are arranged according to the amount of award received. The man seated at the left in each group is the winner of the \$100.00 award.



DIVISION ONE—Motormen, reading from left to right, front row: J. H. Johnson, E. W. Knapp, S. Prancevich, J. S. Peach, W. D. Everett.
Upper row: F. E. Kimble, J. O. Huffman, J. A. Wigren, W. D. Pringle, S. McDonald.



DIVISION ONE—Conductors, reading from left to right, front row: C. M. Mitchell, L. I. Kiser, W. E. Marsh, E. A. Radford, A. G. Rex.
Upper row: C. W. Springstead, C. E. Stevens, A. E. Plaxton, H. Watson, R. I. Woodson.



DIVISION TWO—Motormen, reading from left to right, front row: J. H. Allday, H. Smith, B. T. Glennin, W. W. Jones.
Upper row: W. E. Hancock, T. K. Batson, W. Harris, C. H. Engle, J. A. Wear, F. M. Wilson.



DIVISION TWO—Conductors, reading from left to right, front row: S. G. House, F. Jones, D. B. Keers, T. A. Johnson.
Upper row: D. M. Wood, F. Habich, A. A. Shewmaker, V. W. Gore, H. Yardley, C. O. Ashton.



DIVISION THREE—Motormen, reading from left to right, front row: L. M. Runyon, D. E. Greaves, J. W. Reynolds, F. A. Barnard, H. E. Crooks.
Upper row: G. R. Chapman, H. Penberthy, O. Klages, G. V. Hopkins, S. I. Spikes.

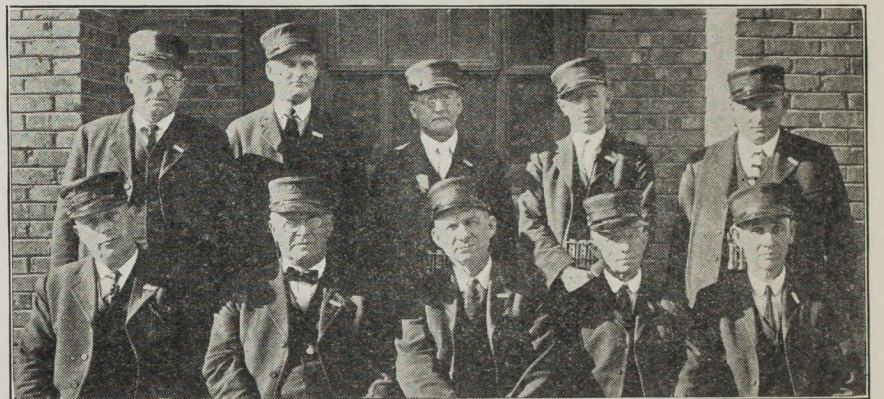


DIVISION THREE—Conductors, reading from left to right, front row: J. Pewitt, W. Jennings, E. E. Fort, W. O. Butler, J. A. Morris.
Upper row: C. E. Vassar, J. W. Reynolds, T. E. Shanafelt, J. Q. Adams, G. E. Dumphy.

Winners of Special Awards



DIVISION FOUR—Safety Operators, reading from left to right, front row: F. H. Rhoades, T. Walsh, L. A. Moyer, A. C. Beck, H. W. Frazier. Upper row: H. Howard, H. Rendell, H. O. Nelson, J. C. Berrell, J. F. Floyd.



DIVISION FOUR—Motormen, reading from left to right, front row: J. W. McKeown, M. B. Boyd, E. Reichelt, M. Tessore, J. R. Deenean. Upper row: C. Larson, J. McKeown, M. Connor, O. F. Lange, C. M. Christensen.

DIVISION FOUR—Conductors, reading from left to right, front row: S. T. Cooper, A. C. Freeman, J. A. Saunders, A. W. Horton, J. L. Carnine. Upper row: J. T. Wright, W. M. Bowling, L. E. Sherwood, G. Granger, C. A. Simpson.



DIVISION FIVE—Motormen, reading from left to right, front row: M. McConnell, W. T. Miller, J. A. Gillespie, H. L. Mast, T. A. Golish. Upper row: H. Perlin, V. L. Myers, C. A. Bukey, A. Ashbaugh, W. A. Richards.

DIVISION FIVE—Conductors, reading from left to right, front row: G. R. Boatman, F. A. Keersmaekers, A. R. Graves, J. C. McHenry, P. L. Laurene. Upper row: T. T. Leech, G. Laird, C. C. Clark, J. W. Bowne, H. E. Tetreault.

Merry
Christmas



Happy
New Year

Bulletins

Issued December 20, 1926

STREET CAR

No. 200—NOTICE TO TRAINMEN Division No. 2

Arrangements have been made for toilet privileges in the pool hall of Mr. E. C. White at 5316 South Central Avenue.

Trainmen will govern themselves accordingly.

No. 201—NOTICE TO CONDUCTORS

Special Excursion Tickets, Form No. 12, will be distributed by the Shrine Committee and will be good for transportation on all cars of the Los Angeles Railway on December 22, 1926, only. Issue transfers on these tickets if requested.

Note sample on display at your division.

No. 202—NOTICE TO CONDUCTORS

Pass No. 1764, issued to G. E. Carr, watchman, Way and Structures Department, has been reported lost. If presented for transportation, take up, collect fare, and send to this office with report.

No. 203—NOTICE TO CONDUCTORS

Pass Book No. 33307, issued in favor of W. F. Kelley, fireman, which was reported lost in Bulletin No. 194, has been recovered.

No. 204—NOTICE TO CONDUCTORS

Los Angeles Public Schools will close on the afternoon of Friday, December 17, and reopen on the morning of Monday, January 3, 1927.

No school tickets will be accepted during this vacation period.

R. B. Hill
BUS

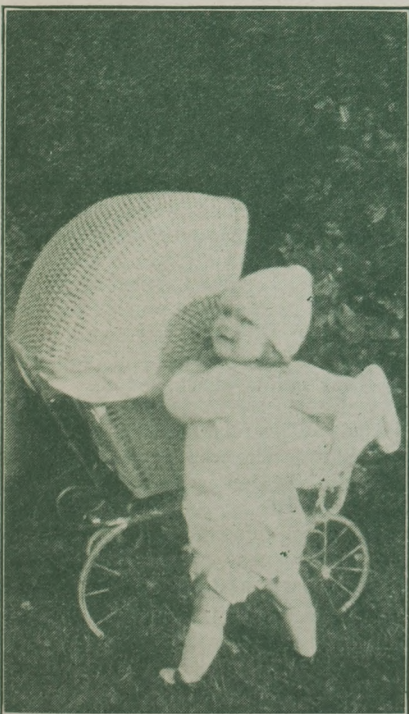
No. 546

Public schools of Los Angeles on the afternoon of December the 17th will close and reopen on the morning of January 3rd. No school buses will be run nor school tickets accepted during this vacation time.

No. 547

Bus operators will honor on Wednesday, December 22nd only, blue tickets with black letters form Spl. EX. 12. These tickets to be honored on any 5c bus line. Transfers will be issued on them at all points where transfers are issued on 5c fares. Sample ticket attached.

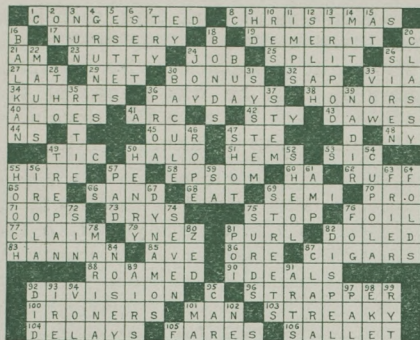
J. Van Vranken



Baby Frances, 18-months-old daughter of Operator L. W. Walters of the Bus Division.

CHRISTMAS TREE PRIZE WINNERS

Here are the winners of the Christmas tree cross-word puzzle. A lot of brain work was done by those eligible for the prizes, but only four of the solutions turned in were absolutely correct. This, of course, in no way casts reflections upon the quality of gray matter in the Los Angeles Railway, but pays tribute to the keenness of the author of the cross-word puzzle.



Prize Winners

TWENTY DOLLARS

1. Leonard F. Brown, Line Dept., time received 9:00 a. m., Dec. 14th.
2. Edward C. Helbling, Div. 3, time received 8:30 p. m., Dec. 14th.
3. G. H. Thompson, messenger, time received 9:45 a. m., Dec. 15th.
4. F. A. Christy, Traffic Dept., time received 2:45 p. m., Dec. 15th.
5. F. M. Doherty, Div. 5, time received 12:12 p. m., Dec. 13th.

TEN DOLLARS

1. T. J. Menard, Engineering Dept., time received 8:22 a. m., Dec. 14th.
2. S. E. Goslee, Div. 1, time received 9:48 a. m., Dec. 14th.
3. H. W. Gilmore, clerk Div. 3, time received 2:30 p. m., Dec. 14th.
4. J. W. Allen, clerk Div. 3, time received 9:00 p. m., Dec. 14th.
5. L. L. Sweet, Div. 3, time received 11:45 p. m., Dec. 14th.

FIVE DOLLARS

1. F. A. Keersmaekers, Div. 5, time received 3:44 a. m., Dec. 15th.
2. H. T. Hansen, stenographer Div. 2, time received 8:15 a. m., Dec. 15th.
3. F. W. Goss, Treasury Dept., time received 8:30 a. m., Dec. 15th.
4. C. F. Wood, Div. 3, time received 9:00 a. m., Dec. 15th.
5. C. O. Boyd, Div. 2, time received 11:53 a. m., Dec. 15th.

General Office News

W. H. Sullivan is a new man in the claim department. He has been for some time located at Pueblo, Colorado, as the secretary to the general superintendent of the Denver, Rio Grande and Western Railroad Company. Prior to that he worked in the claims department for the same road.

Mrs. Stephens Passes

Mrs. E. L. Stephens, wife of E. L. Stephens, master mechanic, passed on Thursday, December 16, 1926.

Mr. Stephens and his daughter, Mrs. Lindsey, have the sympathy of the company in their sorrow.

6. Adelaide E. Grundman, Line Dept., time received 1:49 p. m., Dec. 15th.
7. T. D. Hall, Div. 3, time received 6:25 p. m., Dec. 15th.
8. R. W. Brigham, Div. 1, time received 4:20 a. m., Dec. 16th.
9. Frank P. Shull, Engineering Dept., time received 12:41 p. m., Dec. 13th.
10. Maurice Lipson, Engineering Dept., time received 9:00 a. m., Dec. 14th.

THREE DOLLARS

1. Gene Lamm, Purchasing Dept., time received 9:38 a. m., Dec. 14th.
2. J. P. Lavelle, Div. 4, time received 5:14 a. m., Dec. 15th.
3. William Joffe, Div. 3, time received 5:10 a. m., Dec. 14th.
4. W. H. Hollenbeck, Div. 3, time received 5:30 a. m., Dec. 14th.
5. Edna Croxton, Operating Dept., time received 8:00 a. m., Dec. 14th.
6. Louis Panner, Purchasing Dept., time received 9:38 a. m., Dec. 14th.
7. Leo A. Londraville, Traffic Dept., time received 10:25 a. m., Dec. 14th.
8. M. Ambrose, Way and Structures Dept., time received 12:30 p. m., Dec. 13th.
9. Fred J. Mason, stenographer Div. 5, time received 1:13 p. m., Dec. 13th.
10. James W. Justis, Div. 3, time received 2:22 p. m., Dec. 13th.

TWO DOLLARS

1. Wilfred H. Lippiatt, Traffic Dept., time received 3:10 p. m., Dec. 13th.
2. Geo. M. Link, Engineering Dept., time received 4:30 p. m., Dec. 13th.
3. O. S. Garrison, Div. 3, time received 9:35 a. m., Dec. 14th.
4. James W. Reynolds, Div. 3, time received 1:05 p. m., Dec. 15th.
5. A. L. Reaugh, Div. 2, time received 5:33 a. m., Dec. 14th.
6. H. E. Jordan, Engineering Dept., time received 10:00 a. m., Dec. 14th.
7. L. E. Adkins, Div. 1, time received 1:15 p. m., Dec. 14th.
8. L. E. Priestley, Div. 2, time received 1:43 p. m., Dec. 14th.
9. D. F. Edgar, Div. 2, time received 3:17 p. m., Dec. 13th.
10. D. H. Johnston, Schedule Dept., time received 2:40 p. m., Dec. 14th.

First 'Thanks' Received

The following letter of appreciation was received by Mr. Hill at three o'clock in the afternoon just thirty minutes after the writer had received his bonus checks:

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15, 1926.

Dear Sirs:—

To all whom it may concern.

We wish to thank you for the Xmas gift, one of \$59.50, the other \$25.00.

We wish you all a Happy and Merry Xmas. Also a 1927 with many more.

Yours very truly,

MR. AND MRS. L. E. SHERWOOD,
Division 4.

"There is nothing to regret in turning back, if you are on the wrong road."

ALL HANDICAPS ARE OVERCOME

The line instructor is handicapped by the student whom he has in charge because of the likelihood of that student making a mistake in his work.

When he can overcome this handicap and do not only his own but another man's work correctly and at the same time earn the regular bonus as well as the special award, he is entitled to a little special mention.

The following men who appear on the bonus list are line instructors: Division 1, A. G. Wells, S. McDonald; Division 2, C. O. Ashton, V. W. Gore, A. A. Shewmaker, B. T. Glennin; Division 3, E. E. Fort, G. V. Hopkins, G. M. Nankervis; Division 4, S. T. Cooper, C. A. Simpson, A. W. Horton, A. C. Beck, H. Howard, F. Rhoades, C. Larson, M. B. Boyd; Division 5, F. A. Keersmaekers, M. McConnell, T. A. Golish.

Many of those who came in for additional awards were line instructors.

Christmas

Now's the time and the season,
For no earthly reason,
That people all run, push and shove.

When father and mother
And sister and brother
Buy presents from socks to a glove.

The socks have a rent,
And their money is spent
For things of no possible use.

Which are sent the last minute,
With no feelings in it,
(Save for the clerks they abuse).

Most of us ne'er worry
When we're in a hurry
To buy what we'd not like to get.

But we must give a present,
Though we're poor as a peasant,
And head over heels in great debt.

What a kindlier feeling,
When with friends we are dealing,
We'd have if we gave with no fear

That what we are sending
Cost more than they're spending
For the gift they will give us this year.

—Conductor D. F. Edgar,
Division 2.

Much Loved Comrade Passes

The last chapter in the long life of M. G. Wills, watchman at the South Park Shops, was closed on Wednesday morning, December 15, 1926.

"Dad" Wills, as he was affectionately known, was born in Burlington, Iowa, March 27, 1837. His early life was filled with adventure and he had many stirring tales to tell of the Indian War of 1855-1856, and the early days of gold mining in California and Idaho. He spent some years in the State of Washington as sheriff and a deputy United States marshal.

Mr. Wills was a 32nd degree Mason and had been a member of that organization for fifty-two years.

DIVISION ONE

H. N. COLE

The boys accuse Motorman J. M. Schrader of pulling off the biggest "boner" of the week. True or not true, it is worth telling. After having worked the "N" line for a long, long time, he bid in a run on the "R" line. The first day out he, through force of habit, used the "N" running time, and on his first trip west bound, he ran out of time points by the time he reached Seventh and Central. It is not related what he did the remainder of the way, but it is presumed that he began at the top and used them all over again.

Schrader appears in the limelight again, so the story goes. He was waiting for a car early one morning in front of the residence of Stenographer Kohl. Schrader saw Kohl opening the door and he hid behind a big cement post. Kohl comes out and takes his position on the opposite side waiting for the same car. Schrader steps out and commands Kohl to stick them up. Kohl didn't hesitate, but made a grab with both hands for the most distant star. Then he recognized his assailant. What he said to Schrader has been censored.

"What is that thing hanging from your neck?" asked a lady of Trafficman H. J. Burke. "That is a radio," was the reply. "Can you get KHJ?" "Sure," was the reply. "And I can also broadcast to the Company's cashier with it."

Conductor P. E. Holt, who has been on the sick list for about a month, has returned to work.

Student Instructor F. R. Baldwin, formerly of the "N" line, has bid in the "Owl" on the "J" line.

Motorman J. J. Lynn also made a change, bidding in a day run on the "N" line.

Bonus day has come and gone once more, and everybody is happy.

DIVISION FOUR

C. J. KNITTLE

Conductor F. J. Frietsch is still looking for a three-letter word meaning a European tit mouse.

In last "Two Bells" we read of a party of gentlemen, corpulent and otherwise, who left December 3 to visit our old neighbor, Pete Flaherty, who has gone to ranching in Terwilliger Valley. Quail hunting was also on the program, but something went wrong. The car refused to make a certain grade, so the party did not reach their destination and one quail was the net result of the hunt. Tough luck, indeed, and we do not fancy poking fun at the unfortunate party. Yea, verily, we would cheer them up. Surely they will be glad to hear that our mechanical foreman, Joe Melvin, and Division Three's assistant mechanical foreman, Howard Earl, started for Flaherty's ranch December 10, made that tough old hill in a flivver and returned with thirty quail and thirteen rabbits.

Breathes there a "con" with soul so dead who never to someone hath said, "I'm sorry you dropped your bus ticket money in the fare box, but what's a dime? Here's your ticket."

Stenographer Benedict entertained a party of male friends in Harry's restaurant last Thursday noon. Every one enjoyed Bennie's wise cracks.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

DIVISION THREE

L. VOLNEE

Many were trying the Christmas tree cross-word puzzle. Clerk Reid stayed up until 4 a. m. working his.

Conductor T. C. Risk, who has been at the Methodist Hospital, has gone home and expects to soon be on the job.

Born to Motorman R. J. Stark and wife on November 24th, a 7-pound boy. Stark says he now has two future motormen and two ladies.

Motorman L. M. Covington wants to give someone a turkey and a goose for Christmas. With each purchase at his filling station a chance is given on the fowls.

If you should see our genial clerk, Mr. Dan Hanley, with his face covered with soot, don't get excited, as Dan—a great believer in Safety First—carries his burnt cork with him when he attends the baseball games at 38th and Ascot. When the fighting starts Dan wants to be one of the majority.

After a short illness, Conductor W. K. Bowden died on the 11th instant.

BUS DIVISION

ELMER WOOD

Operator L. C. Clark takes pride in announcing the arrival of an eight-pound boy, born December 1, and mother and son are doing nicely. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark the boys of the division wish to extend their congratulations and best wishes.

Owing to the mountainous condition of Wilshire Boulevard, detours, etc., all the conductors have taken up yodeling to make the natives feel more at home. Conductor "Stacy" Adams strained a tonsil in practicing, but will be O. K. in a few days.

The boys of the division extend their sympathy to Operator F. R. Calvert and wife. Mrs. Calvert will attend the funeral of her mother, who passed away in Massachusetts.

Operator M. F. Wilson has been dropped from the seniority list because of his overdrawn leave of absence.

Operator F. X. Kramer is back at work again. He resigned three months ago to attend to business in New York.

Conductor W. O. Westby has returned from his 30-day leave of absence, which he spent resting up.

Operator F. H. Walters says he is one of the boys again.

Conductor A. E. Slosson also became a papa November 18th, but didn't let anyone know about it. Anyway, a ten-pound boy arrived and mother and son are doing fine. Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Slosson from the boys of the division.

Garage News

Wilson Turner has been off ill for two weeks. He has been having trouble with his ears. Wilson is assistant foreman on the night shift and says he expects to be back to work soon.

It looked as if everybody that could tried to reach snow last Sunday. Norman Lair was delayed at Mt. Baldy until Monday.

Earland Hansen, Wesly Nolf and Walter Dewherst made a trip to Big Pines, where they claim they saw plenty of snow, it being four and five feet deep up there.

SHOPS

JACK BAILEY

A cloud of profound sorrow hovered over the shops this week as the word passed around early Wednesday morning that our faithful watchman, M. G. Wills, had passed away at the Roosevelt Hospital from injuries received when struck by an auto.

Mr. Wills was first employed at Division One as special night watchman May 24, 1903. From there he went to Division Two, and later returned to Division One to work days, then back to Division Two as day watchman, serving at both places twice. On January 1, 1922, he was placed at the shops. Here he gave the remainder of his 24 years of faithful service.

His passing removed one of the connecting links with the past, both in respect to the Company and to the West he fought for years ago. He had an unusual personality which made him respected, even beloved by all of the personnel of the shops. Although at the age of 90 years, he was always the first man to arrive and the last man to leave at the shops. As the keynote and purpose of real manhood he was a living exemplification of Honesty and Loyalty. He was born March 27, 1837, and died December 14, 1926.

Thos. H. Gray, oilhouse storekeeper, is recovering from injuries received in an auto accident. Tom will be in Monday morning, December 20th.

Does D. L. Sullivan believe there is a Santa Claus? Well, I hope to sneeze. How would an eight-pound baby girl suit you for a Christmas present? Dan passed the smokes and reported mother and daughter doing fine.

Painter James Moyna and George Johnson of the winding room went duck hunting. The only "ducks" they got were those nature supplied in the way of rain and washed-out bridges. This was down Imperial Valley way.

Ed. Bremm, also of the winding room, came in one morning with a story of his house being burglarized. Among the missing were a few jars of fresh honey and Mrs. Bremm's wrist watch. Answer this, Ed. Did you "hock" the watch and take that hunting trip on the proceeds and carry the honey in the lunch basket? No? Yes?

Making the folks happy is the real Christmas Spirit. The following note was sent in by Mrs. Mae Nightingale and family for the machine shop boys and concerns:

"I have this date received from Mr. H. O. Krintz, forty-five dollars sent by the employes of the L. A. Railway shops. Thanking you one and all for your kind remembrances for the Christmas day."

"Which foot does the shoe fit?" That is just what Painter John Shultz wants to know. He bought a pair, but upon delivery found them to be one of a kind. He goes back and the salesman sells him the other two shoes at cost. That beats one pair.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas—Your Scribe.

Announcement

On account of the holidays there will be but one issue of Two Bells between December 20th and January 10th. This issue will go to press December 29th.

DIVISION FIVE

FRED MASON

Well, boys, you've got your bonus, and everybody's happy. Now start right in and let's see a whole lot more lined up in front of the platform next year than there were sitting down this year. In fact, let's make the crowd so big that those who don't get in on the top notchers have to stand up. Let's go.

"Tex" Hiller said, "I don't want a blanket, anyway. I've got an overcoat."

Last Monday, 9:00 a. m., seemed an awful long time coming, but when it did come, my, how those "Two Bells" went. Nobody got killed in the rush, but here's hoping that those who got injured got in on the money.

If it's radio you want to know about, see Conductor Frank Adams. He'll come over to the barns in the evening to get into a pinochle game because his wife insists upon getting distance, and this makes Frank get his distance from the house. Anyway, he'll play pinochle all evening and then go home. Then he'll come in the office the next day, with a bonus check smile on, and say, "What do you think, Fred, the wife got Pittsburgh last night." Frank has got an exceptionally good set, though, and a wife that knows how to get distance.

We regret to announce the death of the wife of Motorman H. A. Reeves. The boys of Division 5 join in offering their heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Reeves in his bereavement.

DIVISION TWO

E. A. MOXLEY

Conductor S. G. House (top bonus man), Conductor F. Habich and Motorman W. E. Hancock are among the special bonus men who are going around with smiles that won't come off now that Mistress Bonus has paid us her annual visit.

There is no danger that the wedding ring which J. P. Miller will give his bride December 15th will be of the installment variety, since the above-mentioned lady has also honored him with a call.

We wonder if the trouble E. R. Hackett is having with his teeth is due to the feverish attempts to blow the new saxophone whose walls are heard nocturnally over on Broadway.

"I came, I saw, I purchased," exclaimed J. A. Madigan, our genial foreman, as he affectionately handled the new brown lid. Sorry, Jim, you can't say your bonus purchased it?

"Dad" Wills, flagman at the South Park Shops, who was hit by an auto at 54th and Avalon yesterday and sustained additional injuries when the machine, in endeavoring to speed to the hospital, was hit by a police machine at Vernon and McKinley (which by a trick of Fate was rushing to assist in taking him to the hospital and resulted in demolishing both cars), died this morning. Wells was an Indian War veteran, 90 years old, and one of three who were left of a certain regiment. He was a master Mason for more than fifty years and will have a Masonic funeral.