

Close-up of Multiple Unit Equipment and the men who installed it. Left to right: J. C. Watts, electrical wiring foreman, and W. T. Brown, general foreman of car shops.

BROWN'S UNIVERSITY WILL OPEN ON JUNE 9, 1926

Billy Brown's Dream Comes True and Instruction Room is Ready

The Mechanical Department, under the direction of Chief Engineer P. B. Harris, has completed and made ready for inspection what is referred to as the "Instruction Room." This is a realization of a long cherished dream of "Billy" Brown, General Foreman of the Car Shops. The different equipments of street cars are to be so presented to the men that they can acquire a good working knowledge of the construction of every mechanical part of the car.

The entire equipment of the multiple unit or "H" control type of car has been installed on the south wall of the room set apart as the instruction room. This equipment is used on the

"H" "K," "F," and "L" type of car of which there are 327 in use on the company lines.

This equipment has been so arranged that the wiring and various parts may be easily traced and demonstrated. Pilot lights have been placed over each switch. Lamps have been inserted in the motor circuit which show both series and parallel positions and can be operated with the motor cut out switch in the same manner as the motors are, in actual service.

Main and interpole field coils are easily distinguished by different colors and the complete motor wiring can be easily traced.

The signal bell system for both single unit and train operation can be demonstrated and wiring traced.

A complete car lighting system including sign lights has been installed on the ceiling which can be operated by a set of switches placed in the same manner as on a car. All wiring is open and easily traced.

The air equipment is complete and all operations can be demonstrated and explained. The department in-

tends to install the "K" control equipment as well.

An 18 foot desk has been placed about five feet from the equipment for the use of the class in making notes and diagrams and for their blue prints or charts.

Selected men in the Mechanical Department will be given a complete course of instructions on this equipment. This course will consist of a series of short lessons extending over several months. Men will be required to make notes and diagrams and pass an examination after the course is finished. Only those mechanics who can pass a satisfactory examination will be given an opportunity to work on multiple unit equipment. Many requests have been made from men outside the department for the privilege of attending these classes, so arrangements are being made to extend this privilege to as many as possible.

Those who are directly connected in some way with this equipment either in inspection, maintenance, trouble shooting or operation will be given first consideration.

To give all those who desire an op-

portunity to see the equipment demonstrated, the Instruction Room will be open for visitors Wednesday, June 9, from 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., and 7 to 8:30 p. m.

HATS OFF TO DIVISION FIVE

Less accidents and more witness cards for every accident are the proud records of Division Five for May. This is the fourth consecutive month in which Five has led in the friendly rivalry existing between the various divisions over the securing of witness cards. Notice the coincidence in the tabulated report as given:

Division	Number of Accidents	Number of Wit. Cards	Aver. Wit. Cards per Accident
One	256	1300	5.08
Two	386	2325	6.02
Three	299	1894	6.33
Four	229	1528	6.67
Five	184	1272	6.91
Total	1354	8319	6.14

~ TWO BELLS ~

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A Herald of Good Cheer and Cooperation

Janet Converse

Publicity Manager

Imitation Is Sincerest Flattery

ANOTHER one of the big electric railways has just adopted our merit and bonus system. This makes the twenty-sixth. The Brooklyn City Railway system after careful investigation as to the results obtained by the Los Angeles Railway plan is putting it into effect. The manager of the Brooklyn Company declares it to be the best plan he has found.

This is the highest compliment to the men of the Los Angeles Railway because our merit and bonus system is a form of self government and self-discipline. Under it the trainmen instruct themselves in courtesy and self-control and work out their own rewards. Other railways find our trainmen alert and obliging and generally on their toes to keep the company at the top of the list for courtesy and good service.

All right Brooklyn, the Los Angeles Railway trainmen will see to it that other companies only "follow"—never "lead."

Selected

Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.

A man's value to his organization is determined by his ability to carry a slight overhead once in a while and to be able to meet the unusual situation when it arises.

~ Musings of the Old Timer ~

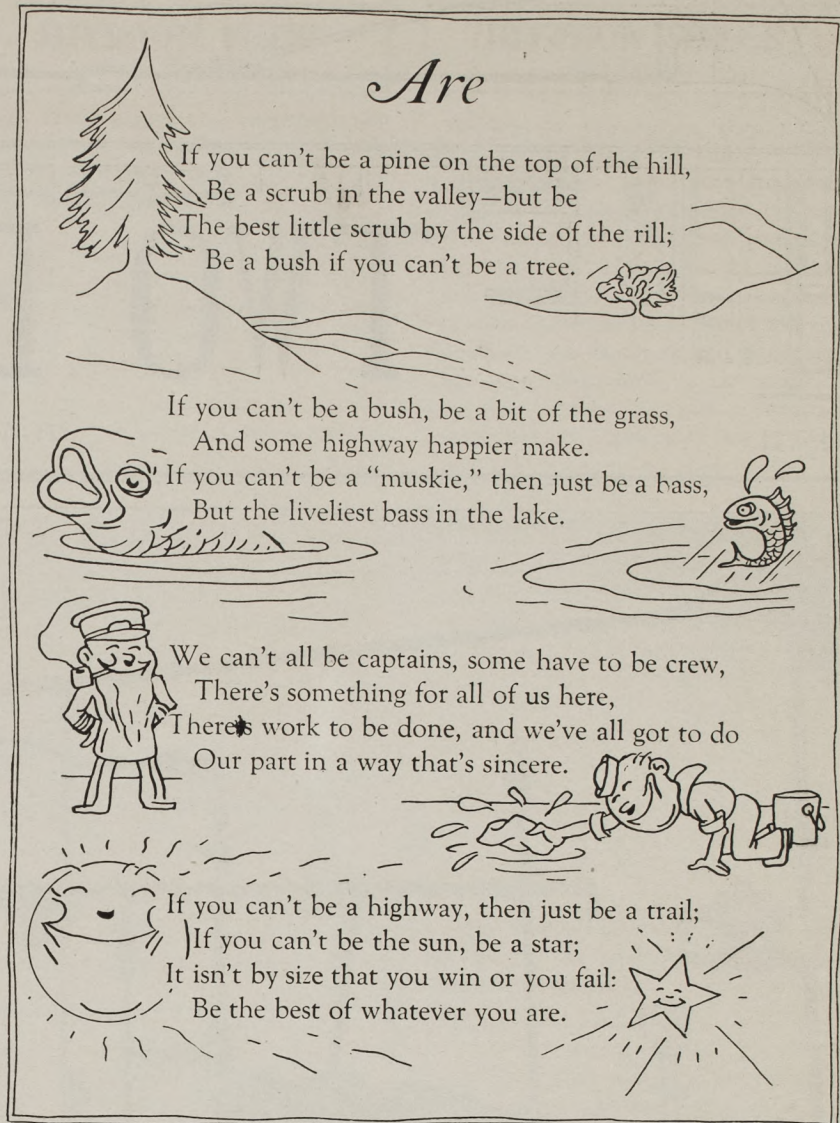
By George E. Ferguson

"On special assignment George Baker Anderson was once sent down in the Hill Country in Southern Missouri and one evening, after a long, tiresome day's ride on the back of a long-eared Missouri mule, he stopped at a small settlement and made inquiry as to whether or not he could be provided with food and a place to sleep for the night. In this section the residents often brewed their own 'O be joyful' and a stranger was naturally closely watched, and had to prove to their satisfaction that he had business in those parts before he was admitted to the family circle.

"His answers eventually satisfied, and as there was no evidence of con- He asked where he could find the bathroom. 'Ef ye want a bath, stranger, ye'll have ter walk down to cealed weapons, he was told to 'light. the crick which is nigh onto a mile from here.' Assuring his host that he would forego this luxury, he was directed to a wash basin, yellow soap, and a community towel, that was provided just outside the kitchen door. Being used to the standard printers' towel he managed to chase away most of the signs of travel and upon being informed that eatin' was going on inside, he entered the dining room.

"Pine boards formed the long tables, and likewise the seats. It was not hard to determine just which wooden

use when eating what was set before handled knife, fork or tin spoon to you. Eight or ten husky sons of the soil were already enjoying the side meat and greens, but fatigue had taken away George Baker's appetite, so not thinking, he asked the waitress if he could have some tea. 'What's the matter, stranger?' replied the maid, 'air ye ailin'?' 'No,' replied our friend; 'why do you ask?' 'Well,' replied the girl, 'down here when they call for sasafras tea they've generally got biles coming or else they ain't feelin' ral peart.' 'It was not sasafras tea that I wanted,' he assured the girl, 'I referred to gunpowder or green tea, but meaning no offense I assure you, and I also wanted some toast.' 'Wal, stranger, down here we use gunpowder to shoot squirrels or furriners and I ain't never heard of green tea, and as fer toast ye'll have ter eat the corn bread as it's given to yer, and ye can wash it down with water or Arbuckle's coffee; so what do yer want?' 'By the Holy Pink Toed Prophet that coffee—it came near choking me as I tried to swallow same and be a real hill-man.' 'There's something about that meal,' said Mr. Anderson, 'that always causes me to wonder. As the girl went after my coffee and cornbread, I heard a very gruff voice down at the far end of the table, remark, 'Danged blue-bellied Yank,' and I've wondered if he meant it for yours truly.'



~ LARY LAFFS ~

The Irate Father: "I can see right through that chorus girl's intrigue, young man."

The Lovesick Son: "I know, dad, but they all dress that way nowadays."

"What are you doing, Mabel?" asked her fond mother.

"I am knitting, mother dear," replied the young woman. "I heard Jack say the other day he was afraid he'd have to buy a new muffler for his car, and I thought I'd knit him one as a sort of surprise."

"Oh—ah—by the way," remarked the doctor in some embarrassment, "how about that little bill I sent you last month?"

"Oh yes!" agreed the patient airily. "Well, you know you told me not to worry over anything."

"He who has a product to sell And goes and whispers it down a well, Is not so apt to collar the dollars As he who climbs a tree and hollers."

"Muriel's fiance is teaching her to drive his car."

"Yes, I know. When I saw them last evening he was demonstrating the clutch."

Drunk: "I shay, old man, lesh go out and have a party."

Temperate One: "I'm sorry, but I have a case of dyspepsia."

Drunk: "S'll right. Bring it along. I'll drink anything."

A new tailor in town used as a trademark the picture of a large red apple.

Curiosity got the better of the village grocer and he asked the tailor why.

"Well," said the tailor, "I'd like to know where the clothing business would be today if it hadn't been for an apple."

"Norah," said her mistress as she reclined on the couch, "I'm going to rest for just half an hour. If I should drop off, don't fail to wake me."

"Sure, mum," replied Norah. "If yez drop off I won't have to wake yez, the bump'll do it."

Biology Teacher: "We will now name some of the lower species of animals, starting with Jimmy."

Teacher (pointing to a picture of a zebra): "Here is something that comes from Africa. Can anyone tell me what it is?"

Johnny: "It looks like a horse in a bathing suit."

Visitor—"And how old is your baby brother, dear?"

Small Sister—"He isn't old at all. He's a this year's model."

BOYS OR CANARIES BOOTS OR GLOVES RETRIEVED

A tip to the wise—if you are ever absent-minded and leave anything on the street car, don't fail to call on Mr. Clothier at Room 222, Los Angeles Railway Building, for nine times out of ten you will retrieve it. Every morning articles left in the cars the day before by absent-minded patrons are brought in from each division.

Patrons of the early morning cars are usually men but there is an occasional "Martha by the day" who gets to dreaming and forgets that there are such necessities in this work-a-day world as aprons and leaves it behind her. Early travellers among the men are apt to become so interested in world events or it may be only the adventures of Walt, that when they arrive at the scene of their day's labors they find themselves without tools, overalls or even lunch.

One careless Englishman dropped his bill fold containing his passport and other important papers. Mr. Adams might be interested in these as among them was a drawing of a street intersection with a system of traffic signals.

Young mothers starting out for a day with grandmother, are so harassed with their new cares that they forget to pick up the bag containing the baby's extra garments and the bit of sewing they had hoped to finish while mother watched the wee one. Lively youngsters are always kicking off tiny boots and you may see some of them still unclaimed in a drawer kept for them next to the six drawers which are held sacred to the repose of gloves lost both singly and in pairs.

Purses and umbrellas are strong rivals for first place in the list of things forgotten, with the odds on the latter at certain seasons. Women, being without pockets, are the guilty ones in the matter of pocket books. One poor old soul who works in a downtown furniture store, left her bag and in it all her worldly wealth. She had cashed her pay check, bought a twenty-five cent box of rheumatism medicine, boarded a street car and then forgot entirely that she had laid her bag down and went away without it. Mr. Clothier found her address and notified her. Her joy and gratitude were boundless.

Books innumerable are left and the Board of Education and the Public Library each send a messenger at regular intervals to pick up the strays. Some people have untold faith in the department. One woman was carrying a bird in a cage which escaped while she was on the car and she called in to see if it had been returned. Another woman calls up regularly to locate her small son who has a habit of stealing a ride.

Courtesy always pays but in no department does it bring greater returns than in this Lost Article Department. If one can send away an irate patron contented he has made one more friend for the company.

Meet The Staff of Division Two



Right to left the men are: T. Y. Dickey, Superintendent; J. A. Madigan, Foreman; C. J. Clark, Clerk; H. D. Hansen, Stenographer; C. F. Paine, R. C. Hoyle, and B. I. Berry, Clerks.

PURCHASING AGENTS CONVENTION AND INFORMASHOW

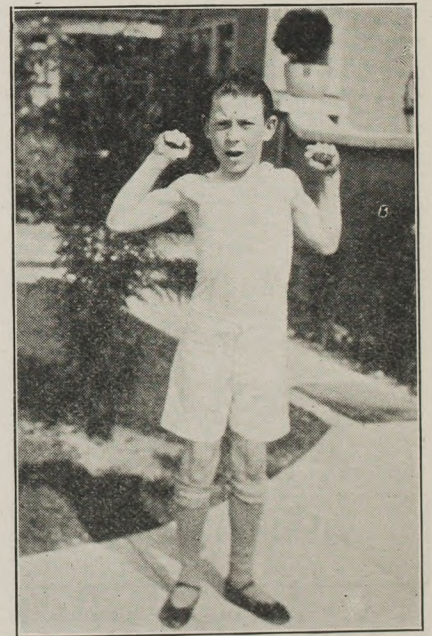
The Eleventh Annual International Convention of Purchasing Agents will be held in the Ambassador Hotel in this city from June 9 to 12. In connection with the convention there will be held what is called an Informashow, which is to be staged in the Hotel Auditorium.

This Informashow is expected to be one of the most interesting and attractive business shows ever staged by the Association. Mr. Ben Schupp, Assistant Purchasing Agent for the Los Angeles Railway, is chairman for this committee and to him is given credit for the plans of handling the exhibits. A directory has been compiled which lists all exhibitors and commodities and will be distributed to all delegates.

California is to be congratulated on this convention and especially Los Angeles, for the attendance at this convention represents one of the largest buying powers of the nation.

An Inspiration to the L. A. Railway Juniors

Robert, the nine year old brother of Mrs. Lois Frame, popular secretary of our Manager of Transportation, is an accomplished acrobat and hand balancer.



Robert Coleman

He recently appeared in a Pathe Weekly film, and is now completing a contract with the Fox Studios, after which he will make an entire reel of his work for Pathe Review.

His ability has attracted the attention of a famous Arabian acrobat who is eager to undertake his further training and advancement.

NEW WATER COOLER FOR PLAZA SUB.

A new water cooling system is being planned for the Plaza substation. This will replace the old tank and will greatly improve the cooling facilities for water used in the cooling of transformers for substations.

New Pit Grinders Will Be Installed

Two new pit grinders have been received by the engineering department and plans for their installation are being prepared in the office of the mechanical engineer. Motors for running these machines have been ordered and when plans are complete the machines will be installed, one at Division Three and the other at Division Five.

These new grinders are to be used in grinding the car wheels which have become worn. Heretofore, when the car wheels needed to be re-ground, it was necessary to remove the entire truck and take it to that part of the shop where it could be applied to the device used for that purpose. When the new pit grinders are installed, the car wheels can be ground in pairs while the truck remains in place as the car will be above the pit.

May Wins Banner For Few Complaints

The complaint report for May was less by one than the record for January which was the banner one over the period of five years. The sad part about the May report is the falling off of commendations which are twenty-seven less than in April.

An analysis of the report shows a decrease of six in May for complaints for discourtesy and a decrease, though not so great, in complaints for passing up passengers, dangerous operation, short change and miscellaneous causes. An increase occurred in the complaints made for fare and transfer trouble, starting too soon, and carrying passengers past stop, but a net gain of four was made over the complaint record for April.

MUSICAL NOTES

The orchestra on June 8 will play for the World War veterans.

On June 9 they will broadcast over KMTR from 7 to 8 p. m.; June 11 over KHJ from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m.; June 12 over KNX from 3 to 4:30 p. m.; June 12 over KFIZ from 8 to 9 and 10 to 11 p. m.

The quintette on June 5 played for the A. T. O. fraternity banquet and installation at the Jonathan Club. June 10 they will broadcast over KFIZ from 8 to 9 and from 10 to 11 p. m.; June 11 over KNRC from 8 to 9 p. m.

BOUQUETS

For Conductor C. H. Thompson and Motorman C. E. Hollar from Horace Watson, for kindness and service accorded passenger who was taken ill on car.

For Conductor V. R. Fenton of Division 3 from Wm. P. Lindley of El Monte Ave., for kindness, consideration and ability beyond the ordinary.

BULLETINS

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BUS

NO. 452

On Monday, May 31st, Sunday Schedule will be operated on all Bus Lines of the Los Angeles Railway Bus Division.

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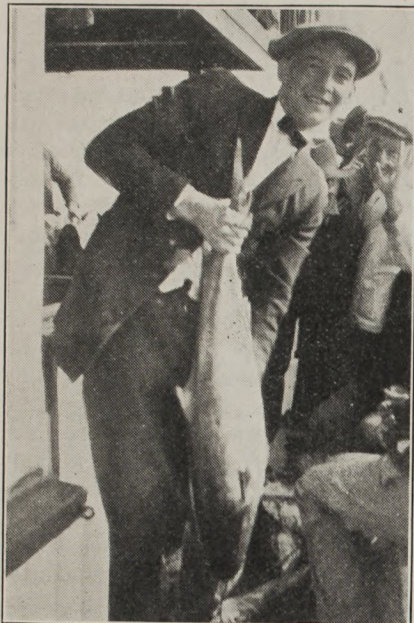
All operators are hereby advised that any violation of the speed rules at any time, under any circumstances or in any place will be severely dealt with.

Attention of operators is also called to the fact that exceptional caution must be exercised in making stops and also in starting. It must be remembered that buses are different from street cars in the fact that they run in the streets and not a track and passengers in buses do not have the opportunity of steadying themselves as in street cars due to this and also to different equipment construction.

J. Hawkinson

Division Four's Fishing Party Leader

C. J. Knittle



Conductor Duke Lowen and a Yellow Tail

"I like the fish that fight," declared Duke Lowen, "but there are no trout streams within a convenient distance so give me the ocean, a boat and some hungry yellowtails."

Every Thursday or Friday, Duke and his side-kick conductor A. MacKenzie, lead Division Four's fish fiends to Redondo Beach. The party charters a schooner and spends the day out beyond the breakers. They have never been known to come back disappointed.

Duke is very modest about his knowledge of the game but when he starts for the beach, Division Four folks fix their mouths for fish. On one occasion, he landed a three hundred and fifty pound jewfish.

Safety Operator H. Howard reports that he and Mrs. Howard are very happy over the arrival of an eight and a half pound boy, June 1. Best wishes to "sonny."

Conductor Osting has forsaken his flivver for a Dodge. "Where do you get your accessories?" asked one of the boys. "Oh," he replied, "I just honk and smile at them and they climb right in."

DIVISION ONE

D. B. KOHL

Division One ate fish, although it wasn't Friday. The three happy Irishmen, Conductors Bickerdike, Reddick and Motorman Riley, went on a little fishing trip on the barge off Redondo Beach. They brought back about 150 mackerel and a yellow-tail weighing eight pounds which they brought to the division, which looked for a time like a fish market, and passed them around. Everybody ate fish that night. Come again, boys, we'll all take yellow-tail next time.

We had good prospects for a time of having another switchman at Division One, only it turned out to be a girl; so that's that. Switchman W. E. Flower was relieved last night to hurry home to greet the new member of the household. We suggest he name her after some flower, like Daisy or Rose or something like that.

DIVISION TWO

H. D. HANSEN

We regret very much the question mark which appeared in our column last week and know that our many admirers and readers will wonder about the shortage of news, etc. A slight change in the machinery and a new greasing of the cogs of "Ye Scribe Company" caused the trouble.

Motorman W. F. Vellage left with the Shriners for the convention at Philadelphia. He expects to visit New York and the other places of interest before returning.

Vacation season started off with a bang June 1. Motormen Harrow, M. L. Larson, B. Rodefer and O. V. Gray, also Conductors E. L. Corwin, L. R. Colvin and R. M. Stevenson, all started out on that date with their well oiled flivvers.

Chief Clerk C. J. Clark got the fever, but he is dolling up a house he just bought.

George Y. Barrow, the good looking motorman on the "H" line, has just completed his eighth year and received a pass for his wife. He will take a vacation soon, just ridin' 'round.

It is related that during the recent visit of the Japanese battle cruiser, Conductor G. A. Frost went down to San Pedro to inspect the boat. He happened to have his L. A. Railway badge on his lapel which was spotted by one of the officers who, thinking him an official from Los Angeles, escorted him over the cruiser and took particular care that he saw everything. Maybe some day our own citizens will show higher respect for that badge than that which now appears.

Conductor W. A. Pilcher, who slides a mean trombone, took a notion to join the Los Angeles Railway orchestra, after they won the prize. Start another contest, please!!!

Runt Smith, "six foot two" in his hole proof socks, passed the police examination. Shortly afterward they began this "reducing" talk. Don't irritate him, boys, he's peevish.

Mr. George aker Anderson with his usual smile and Miss Janet Converse, editor of "Two Bells" (also smiling), dropped in for a short visit Wednesday.

If you want to be well informed take a paper—even a paper of pins will give you some points.

DIVISION THREE

DAN HANLEY

Motorman Edwards announces the arrival of an 8½ pound girl. This is the third and "We did want a boy so bad" said Edwards. Congratulations, anyway, H. L.

Dentist: "I'll have to pull that tooth out, Miller."

Clerk Miller: "How much will it cost?"

Dentist: "Well, it's going to take quite a bit of work, so it will be \$2.00."

Clerk Miller: "Well, just loosen it."

BUS DIVISION

ELMER WOOD

C. G. Day is sitting on the top of the world. He is the father of a six pound baby girl, born May 28. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Thanks for the cigars, Day.

Operator W. A. Ellis reports good fishing at Morena Dam, located about 65 miles inland from San Diego. Ellis is showing a photograph of a 42 pound bass caught after a two hours' fight by himself assisted by two of the boys.

Conductor W. T. Crawford has resigned because of the illness of his sister.

Operator W. S. Campbell has a thirty day leave and will motor to Phoenix, Arizona.

The boys at the garage extend their sympathy to Mrs. Hansen and Earl whose father passed away, May 31.

Elmer is spending his honeymoon in Catalina.

Our new man this week is M. W. Cook, brother to L. W. Cook.

DIVISION FIVE

FRED MASON

Here's five days of the month of June gone by and not a bride in sight. What's the matter with all you single guys? Watch conductors R. I. Burton and V. Baker. Am not sure but have just got a hunch. Burton has been seen carrying groceries for more than one and Baker has got so that he can't win a game of checkers any more and has even gone so far as to put the lighted end of a cigarette in his mouth. These are good signs.

Clerk Ed Tyler is off on his two weeks' vacation but didn't let on where he was going. Don't be surprised if we receive picture postcards portraying a big glass of that stuff that has foam on the top. Here's how.

"Boston" Safford will be batting for Ed Tyler for the next two weeks, so boys, "be there." I overheard him pull a fast one on an extra motorman who missed out last Wednesday afternoon. Said motorman was saying, "Gee, I couldn't help it, I wanted to work. I want to get ahead." "You said plenty," said "Boston," "when you said you want to get 'a head.'"

Conductor Frank Adams says that he had the best trip of his life last week-end. He, his wife and some friends took a trip to Big Bear and the trip was a success from start to finish. "There was only one bad feature about it," said Frank, "that was, we had to come back."

We had three very good meetings last week, boys. The evening meeting was a WOW, in fact more like a party. Mr. Ferguson wishes to thank the trainmen and their wives for the wonderful display of flowers which helped to make these meetings such a success.

SHOPS

JACK BAILEY

L. J. Hathaway, Foreman of the Machine Shop, is on his vacation. Poor Ed will have to listen to that story from H. F. Blackman about the P. E. Brake Shoes being tight. Late again.

The vacation fever has hit the Truck Shop. J. Larsen is off for a 30-day trip to Seattle, Wash., and H. Campbell is on a 30-day tour of Oklahoma and Missouri.

Mr. W. C. Brown and family motored to San Juan Capistrano this week-end, stopping at various beaches along the way.

We don't like to tell tales out of school, but really we just discovered we have one R. J. Weatherby in the Trimming Department that is falling for these June functions. Don't see why he and Ted Ormston could not make it a double wedding.

Mr. W. L. Williams is back on the job after a long illness.

C. E. Green, armature winder, is in Boone, Iowa, his former home, for a five weeks' visit.

Dick Dwyer was successful in catching his share of grunion available at Seal Beach.

Wonder Trip Planned



F. W. BUSWELL, Mill Foreman

Four months of sheer joy are ahead of F. W. Buswell who counts the minutes till June 14 when he and his wife leave for a long motor trip. They will go up the coast to Vancouver, then cross the continent, stopping at Yellowstone National Park and again in South Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri and Illinois. After a good long look at Niagara Falls they will go on to New York City. A visit to New Hampshire, Mr. Buswell's native state, is scheduled, then a stop in Boston. They will be in Philadelphia for the celebration and may go on to Washington, returning home by way of the Apache Trail and taking in the Grand Canyon.

Good luck, Mr. Buswell.