

Christmas Greetings

To the Officials and Employes of the Los Angeles Railway:

It is with a feeling of considerable pride that I look over the records for 1927 of the various departments. All have made marked progress.

Under the ever-increasing difficulties of giving street car transportation in Los Angeles, every man and woman connected with this company has given to his or her job unselfish loyalty and devotion, with the result that there has been created on the part of our patrons a feeling of friendliness born of the knowledge that we are doing our utmost to render real service to the public and to further the growth of our community.

Basing my confidence in the future on past performance, I look forward to the coming year with the feeling that, whatever problems may arise, they will be met with the same fine spirit of loyalty and intelligent co-operation as in the past and that the coming year will bring even greater efficiency from every branch of the organization.

I wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a full measure of happiness for the coming year.

Sincerely,

President and General Manager

Lesson From The Ages

"At this time of the year," says John Collins, Supervisor of Safety, "we feel the influence of a Man who lived over nineteen hundred years ago. The lesson He taught then was one of love and service. This lesson has been passed on down through the ages until today there are thousands of people who realize that 'He pleases God most, who serves man best'.

"Christmas means a great deal to all of us, and our work gives us the opportunity to render service and to spread happiness. We have many new men in the service, our streets are crowded with pedestrians and automobiles, and now is the time that the predominating mental attitude of each should be safe, courteous service to all.

"Do not let large loads bother you -your car may be slowed down when and where you desire as you anticipate the existing danger at cross streets. In fog or rain, gauge your speed so that stops can be made within the range of your vision. This is not a game of chance—we do not gamble with those we love and they are our fellowmen. The Christmas rush is no different to us than any other time. Our business is the same -safe, courteous service.

"We have confidence in your judgment and you must have confidence in yourselves.

"Every day should be as happy and merry as Christmas Day to the man who has learned the secret of rendering service to his fellow man.

"I wish one and all a Merry Christmas and happy days throughout the coming year."

Shrine Christmas Tree

The Company is providing thirtysix extra cars for the transportation of school children from the various schools to the Shrine Civic Auditorium on West Jefferson Street, on the evening of Thursday, December 22nd. Hundreds of kiddies will be made happy with presents given by Santa Claus and his corps of assistants at the Christmas Tree Festivities given by the Shriners.

A supervisor, or some person in authority, will be in charge of each car to assist the children in boarding and alighting, and as practically all of the cars will operate over foreign lines, they will direct the crews as to the routes to be taken to and from the Auditorium.

More Cars Saturday

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Additional cars were provided by the Operating Department for the Christmas shoppers last Saturday, December 17th and approximately the same number of additional cars will be operated for the last-minute shopping rush on Saturday, December

From Division One, 16 morning, 17 midday, and 17 evening cars will be added. Division Two will add 16 morning, 11 midday, and 11 evening cars; Division Three, 16 morning, 17 midday and 17 evening; Division Four, 12 morning, 12 midday and 12 evening, and Division Five, 15 morning, 5 midday and 6 evening cars.

This will add 75 morning, 62 midday and 63 evening cars to the serv-

Reg'lar Feller's Christmas Party



Of course, you're taking Jimmie, Jackie, or Betty to the Christmas Party at Foresters Hall, 955 South Olive Street, Wednesday, December 28.

Yes, Santa Claus will be there—'n' then there's the clown—coffee—sandwiches—kids party at 2 P. M.—vaudeville show at 8 P. M. and dancing.

Employes will be admitted on their passes or identification cards. Cards may be obtained from Heads of Departments or Foremen for members of families who wish to attend. These cards are to be used only if employe cannot accompany his family.

Be sure to have your family there—something doing all day.

TWO BELLS

Published by and for the Employes of the Los Angeles Railway

A Herald of Good Cheer and Cooperation

Janett Converse - - - - Publicity Manager W. T. Shelford - - - - - Editor

Merry Christmas Happy New Year Christmas, 1927.

To the Operating Force:

It is hard to find just the words fitted to convey at this season of the year an appropriate expression of our gratitude for past performance, and an acknowledgment of our recognition of the splendid spirit exhibited by all of you in your earnest endeavor to co-operate with us to the limit of your capacity to make 1927 the banner year in the point of service to the public. Our hearts are right, but the words simply won't come.

We are all working in a common cause—service to our fellowmen. Perhaps we have not at all times given one hundred per cent measure of such service, but if we have tried—diligently, conscientiously—we have kept faith with ourselves and deserve recognition for the efforts put forth.

It is a time of Peace and Good Will, man to man. As men to men, then, let this brief greeting go forth as a testimonial to the regard in which we hold our fellow-workers, and a token of our most sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of good cheer and inspiration.

Manager of Transportation.

Superintendent of Operation

LARY LAFFS

Local Ad—Wanted a salesman, must be respectable, till after Christmas.

Jimmy—"What's the best way to teach a girl how to swim?"

Johnny—"Well, you want to take her gently down to the water, put your arm around her waist and—"

Jimmy—"Ah, cut it out! It's my sister."

Johnny—"Oh, push her off the wharf!"

Boss (sarcastically): "Oh, I suppose you want to go to your grandmother's funeral, eh?"

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Office Boy: "No, indeed; grandmother's got her hair bobbed, wears 'em rolled, and she's going along to the game with me."

"Georgie, who taught you to use those dreadful words?"

"Santa Claus, mamma."

"Santa Claus?"

"Yes, mamma, when he fell over a chair in my room on Christmas eve."

"How's collections at your church, Brudder Jackson?"

"Well, we ain't nebber had to stop in the middle of a collection to go and empty the box." A woman got on a street car and asked the conductor how far the car went. "To the terminus," he said, politely.

"Well, see that I don't go any farther than that."

"And the tie for the little boy, madam; would you like a long tie?"

"Yes, very long; he grows out of things so quickly."

"I think I'll commit suicide."

"Good, but turn off the gas when you're through."

Stranger: "Do you have to see a doctor before you get liquor in this town?"

Native: "No, afterwards."

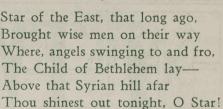
Mr. Sapp: "I've a great mind to rock the boat and frighten you."

Miss Sweet: "Once before a young man like you tried that and the boat upset."

Mr. Sapp: "And what did you do?"
Miss Sweet: "I swam ashore and
notified the coroner."

Why will a woman almost risk her life to BUY a bargain, but feel IN-SULTED if you suggest she's WEAR-ING one?

Star Of The East



Star of the East, that night were drear But for the tender grace That with thy glory comes to cheer Earth's loneliest, darkest place; For by that charity we see Where here there is hope for all and me.



Star of the East, show us the way In wisdom undefiled, To seek that manger out and lay Our gifts before the Child—
To bring our hearts and offer them Unto our King in Bethlehem!

-Eugene Field



BOUQUETS





Left to right: Motorman W. R. Kitson, Motorman P. McGrory, Conductor H. McHenry, Motorman W. A. Pilon, Conductor R. Wilkins, Conductor G. T. Lashbrook, Conductor M. C. Perl.

For Motorman W. R. Kitson of Division Two from Mrs. W. F. Farron for his kindly consideration to his passengers and for his courtesy in calling streets, and giving specific directions relative to transfer points. Mrs. Farron commends all the trainmen for their courtesy and efficiency and consideration for elderly people.

For Motorman P. McGrory of Division Four from Mrs. Ellen Wilde, whose letter says, in part: "In the past three years I have received every courtesy and kindness and help he could give me."

For Conductor H. McHenry of Division Three from Miss Mabel Cornalino for his kindly courtesy to her mother.

For Motorman W. A. Pilon of Di-

vision Two from Charles O. Bradley for consideration and courtesy.

For Conductor R. Wilkins of Division Two from Sig Steiner for giving his stool to a woman with a child in her arms. Mr. Steiner concludes: "This conductor is a good old timer, courteous and affable, so it is no wonder his car is popular."

For Conductor G. T. Lashbrook of Division Four from Miss Edith Perry for paying her fare. This was particularly appreciated as she was on her way to an important meeting.

For Conductor M. C. Perl of Division One from E. M. Long for his pleasant helpfulness in assisting him to pick up his packages. Mr. Long writes: "Instead of frowning he laughed and heroically set to the task of helping me out of an embarrassing position, all the time smiling."

Minding Your P's and Q's

The saying, "Mind your Ps and Qs," is said to have started from an old custom in English ale-houses of chalking up every customer's drinks on a blackboard. Under each man's name were two columns, one head P for pints, the other Q for quarts. When someone got to pushing his credit too far, he would be told to "mind his Ps and Qs," and from that the expression passed into every-day speech.—Farm Life.

ISSUED DECEMBER 19, 1927

Street Car

NO. 181-NOTICE TO CONDUCTORS

Attention is again called to Section A-6 of Rule No. 11 on Page 3 of the rule book, making it the duty of a conductor to prevent soliciting of any kind on the car. Some conductors have been disregarding this rule and permitting such soliciting.

This must be discontinued.

NO. 182-NOTICE TO CONDUCTORS

Fireman's Pass Book 36884 issued to Tramutto is reported lost. If presented for transportation, take up, collect fare, and send to this office with report.

NO. 183-NOTICE TO CONDUCTORS

The following passes are reported lost: 2617 issued in favor of E. Volando, Car penter, Mechanical Department.

2652 issued in favor of Charles Wilson, Watchman, Division Four Nights.
3704 issued in favor of Mrs. Lena King,

Wife, E. R. King, Mechanical Inspector. presented for transportation, take up, collect fare, and send to this office with report.

NO. 184-NOTICE TO TRAINMEN

Checks for the pay period ending December 15th, will be delivered on Friday, December 23rd. This on account Christmas Holiday.

Q. B. Hier

Motor Coach

NO. 68

When stopping coaches to pick up and let off passengers, the coach must be brought to a full stop regardless of whether a passenger has jumped on or off before the full stop is made. Operators of Double Deck Coaches must not start until they have received the proper signal from their Conductor to do so and Conductors must not give a signal to start until all alighting passengers are on the ground and clear of the coach and all boarding passengers are on the platform and in a position where the Conductor can prevent them from losing their baland falling when the coach is started.

Operators and Conductors will be held responsible for the strict compliance to these rules.

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Division Assignments

To Division One: Motormen J. M. Bothwell, L. W. Carpenter.

To Division Two: Motormen O. C. Rve. G. C. Meeker.

To Division Three: Motormen R. E. Parker, S. R. Burns, M. C. Eveland, W. C. Parks, E. R. Jensen, C. Barnett, Conductors G. W. Creed, R. J. Andrews, P. M. Turner.

To Division Four: Motorman J. G.

Stegmair.

For Sale

Three-piece Velour Overstuffed Parlor Suite, also Victrola and 75 records -all in good condition, bargain. B-154.

Appreciation

I wish to thank my many Los Angeles Railway friends for their help and kind words of sympathy extended at the time of the death of my mother, and also for the beautiful floral piece sent by the Traffic Department.

J. E. Marsh, Dispatcher.

Earn Christmas Money

Here's a chance for some of you keen-brained individuals to win a little extra cash for Christmas by going through some mental calisthenics in a word puzzle.

The contest is open to trainmen, flagmen and switchmen only.

To give you an idea just what the puzzle is, we are giving you an example as follows: Change a hovel into a vehicle in three moves (three letters). That's the problem. All right, "hovel" in three letters can be changed to "hut." Now in three moves, change "hut" to a vehicle:

> 1. Hat 2. Cat

3. Car

Only one letter can be changed in each word at a move, as in the first instance, the "u" in "hut" is changed "a" in "hat," the "h" in "hat" to "c" in "cat," and so on. Get the idea?

Prizes will be awarded as follows to such employes sending in correct or nearest correct solution to the fifteen problems listed below.

First prize will be \$10; second \$7.50; third \$5; fourth and fifth \$2.50; sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth, \$1.

Write your name (and badge number if a trainman) on your answers and hand to your Division Superintendent or Foreman as soon as possible after completion. He will indicate the date, hour and minute it was received.

Contest will close at four o'clock sharp on the afternoon of December 22nd. The winners' names will be pub-

Railway Night for Square and Compass

As a fitting climax to a successful year for the Square and Compass Club in its participation of degree work at the various lodges throughout the city, the officers of South Park Lodge graciously dubbed it "Los Angeles Railway Night" last Tuesday. December 13th, and the privilege of conferring the degree work on two railway employes was tendered Jack Sheridan and his degree team.

Motorman J. A. Broadwell and Conductor J. C. Griffin, both of Division Two, received the Master Mason degree. Refreshments and talks were enjoyed after the ceremony.

Called Beyond

After a serious illness of several months, W. W. Hunter, Motorman of Division Three, passed away on December 12th.

Hunter was really an old timer, although his length of service was broken into periods. He started with the Company in September, 1902 at Division One. Shortly afterwards he resigned, was re-employed and then resigned again in April, 1905.

In May, 1920 he was re-employed as Motorman at Division Four, transferring to Division Three in June, 1921. Was appointed Temporary Flagman in April, 1926 and returned to the platform service in July, 1926, which position he occupied until his health did not permit him to work.

During his length of service the testimony of the superintendents under whom he worked points to the good work performed by Hunter, and eren though sickness was gradually pulling him down, he never complained. His passing will be felt by all who knew him.

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Here are the fifteen problems-so knit those brows and get busy:

- 1. Change mid-day to labor, 4 moves (4 letters).
- 2. Change a lad into a weapon in 3 moves (3 letters).
- 3. Change fowls into a short breath in 3 moves (3 letters).
- 4. Convert brainless persons into stupid ones in 8 moves (5 letters).
- 5. Change a girl into a woman in 2 moves (4 letters).
- 6. Change an auto into a pernicious thing in 4 moves (4 letters).
- 7. Make a kind of biscuit out of soda in 4 moves (4 letters).
- 8. Mulitply a three-letter numeral by five in 4 moves.
- 9. Change a common liquid into silver coins in 6 moves (5 letters).
- 10. Convert a bewhiskered animal into swine in 4 moves (4 letters).
- 11. Change a fine alluvial deposit into mire in 4 moves (4 letters).
- 12. Make a producer of light give darkness in 4 moves (4 letters).
- 13. Change garden fruit into the effect of eating green fruit in 4 moves
- 14. Change an ancient Biblical king into a modern American lake in 2 moves (5 letters).
- 15. Make a noisy domestic bird out of an Idaho city in 3 moves (5

Overtures From Monkeyland

Whether the hanging straps on the car reminded him of his early jungle days, or whether he wanted to go through his setting-up exercises and do a few flips and flops, is hard to determine. Maybe Mr. Darwin could have solved it. The following is some of the conversation that came in over the dispatcher's phone the other day and it. tells the story:

"We had some monkey shines on our car and it made us late," said the voice. "What's that?" queried the dispatcher, "How come?"

"Why, a monkey boarded our car at 6th and Union. He jumped from seat to seat, strap to strap from one end of the car to the other. We tried again and again to catch him, when suddenly during the melee, a woman, evidently the owner, got on the car and claimed her property, disappearing as rapidly as she came."

This will be a problem for the Company's traffic experts to solve in determining under just what classification of delay to service "monkey shines" comes under.

Scribe's Brother Badly Burned

Rolly Wood, brother of Elmer E. Wood, Motor Coach Division Scribe, is in a serious condition at St. Vincent's Hospital as a result of shock and severe burns sustained last Tuesday when he accidentally came in contact with a high voltage transformer in a substation in Hollywood.

Rolly, who is an employe of the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, is well known among the boys of the Motor Coach Division, and they, as well as all who know Elmer, hope for a speedy recovery for Rolly.

Wee And Whoa



This is not a picture of "before and after taking" advertisement at allit's just Motorman H. Pierre "Wee and Motorman S. W. McCue, "whoa whoa," of Division Three. Pierre, the supporting character in this picture, has it over his companion, in that he doesn't take up very much room and can turn around on a much shorter wheel-base than his playmate can. He is five feet two inches in height. "Mac" is a six-footer and says he is the smllest member of the fmily. He has three brothers who are considerably larger.

McCue hails from Mingo Junction, Ohio, and came here from San Antonio, Texas, starting with the Company in June, 1924. Pierre comes from New York City and had previous experience with the Denver Tramway Company before starting with the Los Angeles Railway in May,

"Taken all 'round," says Superintendent Ferguson, "these boys are dern good motormen and their records show that they are always tryin'."

Filling Station At Five

To accommodate motor coaches of the Los Angeles Motor Coach Company, the Engineering Department of the Railway has installed a filling station at Division Five, which is now in operation. A one-thousand gallon gasoline tank has been sunk to serve the needs of motor coaches on the Western Avenue Line.

Down the Bridal Path

Wedding bells rang for Miss Helen Herbert, Register Clerk, Auditing Department, who was married on December 3rd to Mr. Miles C. Medearis. They are now at home at 814 North San Gabriel Boulevard, San Gabriel, Calif. Her friends extend congratulations and best wishes for a happy married

Personal Mention

We are glad to report that Miss Virginia Rees, Clerk in the Claim Department, who recently underwent a serious operation, is coming along nicely. Miss Rees is in the California Lutheran Hospital.



Conductor Ed Urban, the Nimrod of Division One, and also the most ardent disciple of Isaac Walton, wishes to say that his keen eye has detected something missing in the picture of the "Old Pay Wagon" in last issue of Two Bells. He says that it was the custom in those days to have a little table close by with an empty cigar box on it for contributions for some poor trainman who was out of luck. Otherwise he was well satisfied with the picture, as it brought back memories of the good old days when everybody was happy.

The main event of the week at Division One was a one round bout between Conductor L. L. Johnson and his faithful "Lizzie." Johnson was cranking his machine, when it decided to retaliate. The crank struck L. L. on the arm, breaking a bone and dislocating his wrist. Johnson will have to eat his Christmas turkey with one hand, and enjoy (?) a vacation of several weeks.

It is reported that wedding bells rang last Saturday for Motorman N. M. Swartz. Particulars concerning the important event have not been learned, but just the same, we wish him much happiness in his new venture.

Motorman C. L. Knarreborg has been confined to his home for the past two weeks on account of sickness. Here's hoping he will have recovered in time to enjoy the Christmas festivities.



After the Christmas rush is over, Motorman-Line Instructor B. H. Dean and wife are planning a belated honeymoon trip up in the northern part of the State.

Motorman W. L. Alcorn has returned from Creel, Ill., and he did not return alone, brought a wife with him—a childhood sweetheart. We wish them a long and happy married life.

The portly gentleman with the changer on his chest seen around the bar nthese mornings is none other than our popular Conductor J. Becker, alias Kid Becker, with one of the new uniforms on. It will be noticed that the coat is somewhat longer and the trousers a little higher waisted, making better connection with the waist line. With a slick shave and a hair cut, he is sure to make a hit.

Conductor G. C. Rowe has been called back to his old home at Neosho, Mo., on account of the serious illness of his father.

Everyone is sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Hopkins, wife of Motorman-Line Instructor G. V. Hopkins.

After an enforced vacation we are glad to see our genial Foreman J. G. Owens, back in office.

New Track Work

The Engineering Department is at work at 53rd and Wall Streets renewing special work and curves with standard equipment.









E. A. MOXLEY

Motorman C. G. Wehrung who left about a month ago on a leave to Denver, has been sick and will be unable to return to work for several months. He is at present in Reno, Nevada.

Conductor A. P. Broyles returned to work Saturday after spending thirty days back in old Missouri.

Motorman L. L. Leasman will eat "home grown" pies in the future. Mrs. L. L. assumed command Sunday, the eleventh. Thanks for the cigars L. L.

The Motorman who was fretting at the window Thursday afternoon because he had no Conductor to pull out with was F. J. Anderson. It seems he had not taken a real good look at his watch and was trying to pull out exactly one hour earlier than his scheduled time.

Nine years ago Conductor Dave MacTaggart and a young lady were



Carpenter Foreman, J. M. Spearing, Storekeeper O. P. (Chief) Armstrong and Ye Scribe spent a much all wet time this week-end near Oxnard, duck shooting. Why bring that up? Joe Spearing did get one rabbit which the rain washed out of its hole and was forced to crawl into his hunting coat. At least we can tell Elmer Wood that it was no picnic.

Carpenter S. A. Ackerman is back on the job after being home sick.

Bill Sweetingham of the Fender Repair Shop has been confined to his home at 1309 Neola St. for some weeks. We hope to have him back with us soon.

C. Quintana of the Winding Room was taken to the hospital last week to undergo an appendicitis operation. We hope for his complete recovery.

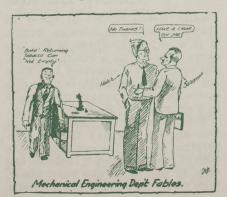
M. Bessette is a late vacationist in the Carpenter Department. Mr. Bessette will start a two-weeks' trip around the house about the 15th.

We are pleased to have with us again E. L. Scholes who has been absent from the Store Department for some four months. Welcome.

We learn with regret that our good friend, Truckman E. G. Sundeen is to undergo an operation. Our wishes are for his speedy recovery.

George Cleland, Trimming Foreman, Robert Harvey, Air Department Foreman, and Gus Sundeen of the Truck Repair Shop, are reported on the sick list

As is, we wish each other, one and all A Merry Christmas and a New Year full of good news for Two Bells.



engaged to be married, when they were both living in Scotland. Something happened and MacTaggart did not see her for several years. One day while at Venice taking in the sights, he thought he would send her a card, so she would know he was in this country. The card was finally received by her and she was living in Canada. One card led to more, and on Thursday evening they were married. Would have been married as soon as she arrived from Canada, but the new law postponed it a few days. Thanks for the cigars.

Motorman J. A. Godwin is still in the Hospital and is getting along fine.

Motorman T. A. Brewer is laid up at home with a very bad cold and sore eyes.

Conductor C. O. Boyd was home sick several days during the week.



Several conductors of this division have had their pockets picked during the past week.

You can't keep a good man down. Mr. A. J. Bowen, Uniform Inspector, paid us a visit last Tuesday morning. About five weeks ago A. J. was struck by a truck and suffered a skull fracture. "An occasional headache is all that bothers me now," he said.

Conductors A. A. Goldsmith, G. S. Mattern, M. A. Lafferty, Motorman M. H. Steels, Safety Operators C. W. Allen and J. H. MacClintock are on the sick list.

Conductors O. J. Palmer and R. W. Dix have decided to resign December 24th.

Motorman R. L. Fexton is laid up with a fractured wrist he received when his car struck a garbage wagon last Wednesday.

Also Motorman Z. P. Dempsey took a bad spill off his car last Wednesday. He was attempting to take the number of the automobile that had knocked the step off his car when he slipped and fell to the pavement.



Little Ralph Peterson and his Sunday smile for "Two Bells" readers. His daddy is Motorman T. H. Peterson of Division Four.

Cleaning Tank Installed

A ten-gallon tank has been installed in Division Five's Mechanical Department for cleaning dirt and grease from small gears and parts. This tank and table were built in South Park Shops and the cleansing solution used is similar to that in use at the Shops.





After a ten days layoff, spent in hunting around Visalia, California, Conductor Q. E. Stone is back on the job again. Said he had a very good time and also the limit of quail.



Little Roger Emory, 6, and Hubert Allen, 2, with their dog Jack, age unknown. They are the sons of Conductor R. W. Lee of Division Five. The photo was taken in front of their attractive home.

Motorman Ed Austin was on the receiving end of a little kidding from one of his passengers for wearing his overcoat one day last week. This regular of Ed's said "What, wearing an overcoat on a day like this? Why, I was here fifteen years before I wore an overcoat." Ed replied "Yes, I was here about that long too before I could buy one."

When Conductor George A. Baltas is not conducting a street car he's conducting a chiropractic establishment. Dr. George has been practicing quite a while now.





News is sure scarce this week and the box was empty as usual so that makes it "tough on the home team." I know we could make this column more interesting if you boys would only write down some of the experiences in your daily travels. Due to the fact that I was put in the shop temporarily I cannot get around and see you for a while so I would appreciate any assistance you could offer, as anything is news if some one else doesn't know it. Remember fellows this is your column so "come across and do your stuff" if you want to read some interesting items.

Operators Bruce Pentland and F. W. Barns tried their luck at quail hunting last week-end and only got four. But that's only half of it. Monday morning the boys were asked to serve three days for missing out.

Garage News

There is no truth in the rumor that one of the office clerks is to be married this week.

"Shelly!" is one of the most popular names called in the early morning on the Third Shift.