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Activites of Insurance and Medical Plans for 1933

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Superintendent of Personnel.

Recently, we had an article in Two Bells giving an actual case to illustrate the importance of the employe having his insurance and Provident Fund beneficiary designated in such a way that it would eliminate loss of time in settlement in event of death.

It is the desire of the Personnel Department to pay all claims as promptly as possible. During the fiscal year March 1, 1933 to March 1, 1934 there were the following deaths among our fellow-employes:

- F. C. Rew, Motorman, Division Five; K. F. Wright, Conductor, Division Three;
- W. M. Bowling, Conductor, Division
- Four; E. Gillen, Motorman, Division Five;
- E. M. Worsley, Motorman, Division One:
- G. Neuschwanger, Special Roll;
- J. Larson, Car Cleaner, Division Three;
- W. D. Carpenter, Special Roll;
- F. R. South, Night Foreman, Way & Structures;
- J. W. Justis, Conductor, Division Three;
- F. S. Hughlett, Motorman, Division Five;
- J. Roberts, Motorman, Division One;
- J. J. Moriarty, Conductor, Division Four;
- W. E. Gillet, Car Repairer, Division Four;
- J. W. Melvin. Car House Foreman, Division Four;
- J. N. Shrader, Chief Investigator, Claim Department;
- F. H. E. Pierce, Special Roll;
- J. G. Owens, Former Superintendent, Division Five;
- H. H. Franklin, Foreman, Wash Rack, Garage;

- P. C. Kriewald, Special Roll;
- S. M. Sommers, Brakeman, Way & Structures;
- M. E. Morris, Dispatcher, Transportation Department;
- S. A. Johnson, Watchman, Engineering Department;
- E. H. Link, Flagman, Transportation Department;
- P. N. Stewart, Motorman, Division Five;
- G. Feller, Special Roll;
- A. M. McFadden, Flagman, Transportation Department;
 - H. F. Kadow, Special Roll;
 - E. Garcia, Blacksmith Helper, Way & Structures;
 - R. Van Soest, Motorman, Division Five.

In checking back over the year, we find that in all death claims, the beneficiary received the amount of the insurance within forty-eight hours after this Department was notified of the death, except where the death occurred on Sundays or holidays, or where the beneficiary was a minor, an incompetent person, or the deceased or beneficiary was out of the city. Payment of seven claims was delayed on account of the death occurring out of the city, or the beneficiary being out of the city, and three on account of a sudden death or the beneficiary named being a minor which necessitated legal proceedings.

There was one claim where the beneficiary did not receive a settlement for eighty-five days, which was the maximum delay in any one settlement, and this entire delay was due to the way the beneficiary handled the case. The employe died back East, and the beneficiary, knowing that her husband was insured under the Group Policy of the Aetna Life

Insurance Company, wrote to the Aetna head office at Hartford, Connecticut, and they in turn wrote to their branch office in Los Angeles and this Department was then notified. A letter was immediately dispatched to the beneficiary requesting that we be furnished with a certified copy of the death certificate. After some delay, we received the death certificate, but it was not filled out properly. In fact, three of the most important questions were left blank, which necessitated returning the certificate to have it filled out properly, and it was some five or six weeks before it was returned. This case is cited to illustrate one of the causes for delay in making settlement.

Sickness and Accident Insurance

Under the Sickness and Accident Insurance during the last fiscal year, there were 586 employes who received indemnity, and, if the claimant is in the city, all claims are paid promptly on the day they are due, unless delayed on account of this office not receiving proper medical evidence. We feel that if there ever was a time when the employe needs his money promptly, it is when he is ill.

During the last fiscal year, there was 299 employes treated for occupational injuries, 12 of whom required hospitalization, which represented 238 hospital days. Under the Medical Plan during the same period, there were 2,645 employes treated for sickness and 341 for non-occupational injuries, making a total of 2,986. Of this number 132 required hospitalization, which represented 1,672 hospital days.

Wives' Death Benefit

Under the Wives' Death Benefit Fund, each member contributes twenty-five cents in the event of the death of the wife of any member. With no cost of handling this, there were fifteen deaths during the year and the beneficiaries were paid \$7,230.25 or an average of \$482.01 per death. I am sure that no married

man can afford not to be a member of this branch of the Benefit Plan, as the assessment is so small, and I feel there is no employe who would not be willing to donate twenty-five cents to his fellow-workmen under such circumstances. For the information of the new employes in the service, it. is not necessary to wait one year before you are eligible to receive this protection, as you may sign up for this branch of the Plans as soon as you are employed, and all that is necessary is to see your Superintendent or Foreman and indicate your desire in the matter.

April Anniversaries

On April 15th C. A. Henderson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Company, will celebrate the completion of his 39th year of service with the Los Angeles Railway.

R. A. (Bob) Pierson, Superintendent of Personnel, passed his 31st milestone with the Company on April 8th.

Carl L. Hanson, Information Man, celebrated his 45th anniversary in the service on April 5th. Mr. Hanson holds the distinction of having been with the Company, as an active employe, the greatest number of years of any employe with the exception of E. L. Lewis, Vice President of the Los Angeles Railway Land Company, who came into the service on August 6, 1888.

We sincerely hope these old timers will be with us for many more happy, busy years.

New Coaches

Four new Twin 23 passenger streamline coaches have been ordered and delivery is expected about the middle of April.

Orders have been placed for four new 40 passenger streamline coaches, with motors mounted in the rear, for use on Beverly Blvd.

Our Coach Division is transferring a 29 passenger type 3 coach to the Los Angeles Motor Coach Company and the Pacific Electric Company is transferring a coach of similar type, to re-inforce the L.A.M.C. fleet so that it may operate the new Olympic Blvd. line.

Fender Shop Moved

The Fender Shop has moved to the main Blacksmith Shops. This change improves the facilities and also the working conditions of the men.

A Couple of Division Four Pals



Motorman R. R. McFall at left; Conductor Rupert Nesselroad, right.

By C. J. KNITTLE

Ever since Mutt and Jeff proved to a dubious world that the long-limbed, lanky types of men and their short, sawed-off fellow humans have a natural something-in-common that makes for camaraderie, or pal-raderie or whatever you call that he-man affection that causes men of such extreme differences to enjoy working together and pal-ing around together, the ordinary combination of tall and short buddies arouses little or no interest.

But here is a crew that is causing many a titter and guffaw at Division Four and out on the road. They take it mildly, however, for street car-ring is a serious business and who could get a kick out of Mutt and Jeff if they laughed at their antics.

The conductor, Rupert Nesselroad, incidentally, hails from "the fastest growing city", Glendale. He was born there, received his entire schooling, including one year in Junior College there, and entered the Los Angeles Railway service in February of this year. Rupert is twenty-three years old, single, weighs 187 and is six feet, four and one-half inches tall.

The motorman, R. R. McFall, is five feet and one inch tall and weighs 145. "Mac" has been a Los Angeles Railway trainman for nine years and was previously employed in sugar manufacturing plants in Colorado and Nebraska. During the World War "Mac" put two years in the army, spent fourteen months in France as sergeant in the 318th Engineers, and served at Verdun, Alsace-Lorraine, the Argonne Forest and later in the Army of Occupation in Germany. "Mac" is thirtyeight years old and naturally more settled than his towering crew-mate, and is inclined to boast of Mrs. Mc-Fall's cooking or of his little daughter's progress in school.

Mechanical Monthly Get-Together

The regular monthly meeting of the Foremen and Supervisory forces of the Mechanical and Automotive Departments was held in March 10th.

C. B. Lindsey occupied the chair as chairman of the day.

F. O. Rowbottom read a very interesting paper entitled, "How Are You Tuned In?" The subject followed the history and development of the telephone and radio and was very ably handled.

Wilson Turner, a recent addition to the Foremen forces at the Sixteenth Street Garage, was the next speaker using as his subject, "Foremen and Department Heads and their Duties at the Sixteenth Street Garage."

Doyle Rishel used as his topic, "Treadle Steps", and gave us some figures on the number of accidents and claims resulting during the year 1933.

D. J. Sullivan chose for his subject "Neon Lights", and entertained us at

length with demonstrations of their character and use.

F. T. Burchett made an announcement regarding Sick and Non-occupational Accident reports, calling particular attention to Notice to Foremen No. 1-A, which designates certain forms to be sent in in both cases.

Mr. Jordan explained to the group the change recently made in the Watchman Pay Roll and announced the coming change to be made on Work Orders to certain of the steel cars. He also explained the Dental Bulletin which was recently issued.

The meeting was brought to a close by Mr. Jordan with the announcement that the next meeting would have for its subject, "Efficiency Cards" and stressed the importance of each Foreman having something to say on this subject and to illustrate with an actual example of their use if possible.

J. E. STEENROD, Secretary



Back row, left to right: J. B. Lair, Umpire; H. E. Dunn, Captain, Division One Team; Superintendent L. L. Wimberly, who caught the first ball of the first game; Roy Platner, Manager, Division Five Team and organizer of all the teams; Superintendent George Ferguson, who caught the first ball of the second game.

Front row, left to right: E. R. Rath, Division One Manager; G. R. "Rube" Gibbs, Captain, Division Four; Billy Vaughn, Manager, Division Four; E. L. Seale, Captain, Division Five; Carl W. Morris, Captain, Division Three.

Games Start Season

By ROY J. PLATNER



Bob Meusel

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Bob Meusel was long an idol of the baseball fans in this territory. He appeared on the field at Vernon Yard and generously volunteered to umpire the Lary League's initial games.

Bob went from Coast baseball to the Major League, playing with the New York Yankees for about ten years. Babe Ruth was playing with the Yanks at the same time.

The Los Angeles Railway Baseball League started the 1934 season Sunday, March 25th at Vernon Yards Field.

Division Four won from Division Five by a score of 9 to 1. Division Three beat Division One by 22 to 6.

I believe that Sunday's crowd of at least 600 people came away satisfied that they had witnessed two good ball games. Mr. Dye, wearing one of the yellow caps of Division Five, pitched the first ball to Supt. Wimberly of Division Four. The ball sailed over Mr. Wimberly's head so we could not get a line on his ability as a catcher, although he was all equipped with a catcher's mask and mit.

The Southwest Boys' Band, under the leadership of F. A. Fashbaugh, furnished some real music which was enjoyed by the crowd as much as the games. Hot dogs and soft drinks were dispensed by Harry Tuttle of the Car Barn Cafe. Trouble was that Harry, not expecting such a crowd, ran out of eats long before the game was over.

Now about the games: Division Five team found it almost impossible to hit Division Four pitcher, Hank Sievers. He had the boys breaking their bats trying to connect so the result was that Division Five finished on the small end of a 9 to 1 score.

The other game between Division Three and Division One was a little one-sided, but Division One will play a far better game next time. It was the first game Division One has played since the team was organized. Also the team had the misfortune of having to play without their regular

catcher, H. E. Dunn, who injured his finger Wednesday before the game. Division Three has a good team and the left-handed pitching of "Triple A" was nice to look at.

Starting April 15th, there will be six teams in the League. The Coach Division and Vernon Yard teams will complete the set up.

All Bets Are Off

T. Y. Dickey to Editor of Two Bells
Here is the jitney you won from me
On Sunday's game of ball.
Seems like I always have to be
The guy that takes the fall.
When I bet on a horse to win
He finishes last, if at all.
If in a poker game, my tin
Changes hands on the call.
All of which contrives to show
That I shouldn't take a chance,
And after this, if you wish to know,
My nickels stay in my pants.

Editor of Two Bells to T. Y.

I won a nickel off a guy,
Cause he bet on the wrong ball team
Didn't know you were Scotch, T. Y.,
Until I read this awful scream.

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Crowd Cheers As E. R. Dye Introduces Bob Meusel

Chess

The Chess Club members are enjoying their new quarters at Room 206, main office building. B. H. Eaton donated twelve tables which completed the furnishings in fine style.

Owing to the convenience of the new location, there has been quite an increase of membership in the Club. Meetings as usual on Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

Track Jobs

The Way & Structures Department has been busy with repair work during the last month. The new crossing work at Pico and Hill Streets has been completed.

Ties are being replaced on Sixth Street west of Alvarado and curves will be renewed on the east end of intersection of Sixth and Alvarado.

Work is in progress on complete reconstruction, except renewal of rails, of sections of track on Sixth Street between Rampart Blvd. and Vermont. This track was formerly broad-gauge and belonged to the Pacific Electric. The eight foot ties are being replaced with six foot and regular narrowgauge construction.

The reconstruction of our tracks, except renewal of rails, on Washington Blvd. between Normandie and Western was completed last month.

Schedule of Games

By C. J. KNITTLE

On March 26th Roy Platner, Manager of Division Five Baseball Team and organizer of the Lary League, called a meeting of all team managers and the following rules and schedule of games were submitted, discussed and accepted:

- 1. All games will be played at Vernon Yard.
- 2. Three games will be played each Sunday starting April 15th.
- 3. The games will be limited to seven innings each.
- 4. The starting time of the games will be 11:00 a. m., 1:00 and 3:00 p. m.
- 5. Umpires will be changed after three and a half innings of each game.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES

	11:00 A. M.	1:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
April. 15	Div. 3 vs. Div. 4	Ver. Yd. vs. Coach Div.	Div. 1 vs. Div. 5
Apr. 22	Div. 5 vs. Div. 3	Div. 4 vs. Coach Div.	Ver. Yd. vs. Div. 1
Apr. 29	Div. 1 vs. Coach Div.	Div. 5 vs. Div. 4	Ver. Yd. vs. Div. 3
May 6	Ver. Yd. vs. Div. 4	Div. 1 vs. Div. 3	Div. 5 vs. Coach Div.
May 13	Ver. Yd. vs. Div. 5	Coach Div. vs. Div. 3	Div. 1 vs. Div. 4
May 20	Coach Div. vs. Div. 1	Ver. Yd. vs. Div. 5	Div. 3 vs. Div. 4
May 27	Div. 4 vs. Div. 1	Coach Div. vs. Ver. Yd.	Div. 3 vs. Div. 5
June 3	Ver. Yd. vs. Div. 3	Div. 5 vs. Div. 1	Coach Div. vs. Div. 4
June 10	Coach Div. vs. Div. 5	Div. 1 vs. Div. 3	Div. 4 vs. Ver. Yd.
June 17	Div. 4 vs. Div. 5	Coach Div. vs. Div. 3	Ver. Yd. vs. Div. 1

In driving to Vernon Yard Ball Park, visitors who go east on Vernon or south on Santa Fe Avenue to Vernon and Pacific are cautioned to keep on the right side of the car tracks and use the cross road a short distance east of Santa Fe Avenue to make U turn and drive back to entrance of Yard.

Policeman: "What are you standing here for?"

Loafer: "Nothing."

Policeman: "Well, move on! What if everybody was to stand in one place? How would the others get past?"

Nutt: "I had to pass through the cemetery the other night, so I walked backwards the whole way."

Butt: "And why did you do that?"

Nutt: "So no ghosts could creep up on me from behind."

Square and Compass Doings

The regular monthly meeting of the Los Angeles Railway Square and Compass Club was held on Saturday, March 17th, at Marshall's Rendezvous. 645 South Flower Street.

There were present eighty-six loyal members, which is an exceptionally good showing particularly in view of the fact that good old St. Patrick was holding forth. A delicious dinner was served which, together with the entertainment, was enjoyed by all present. A short business meeting followed, the highlights of which are covered in Compass Points.

It has been decided for the meeting of April 21st, to return to Boos Brothers Coffee Shop, 319 West 5th Street. This is the desire of a majority of the members. We will again enjoy one of Brother Walter Trask's celebrated vaudeville entertainments which, from previous experience and comments heard, appeals more to our members than the cabaret form of entertainment.

COMPASS POINTS

Brother Ed Fleming, of the Engineering Department, managed to pry himself away from his beach cottage long enough to attend. We anticipate Ed will be more regular in the future as we understand he enjoyed himself immensely.

Hoot Mon "Tune Up the Bagpipes"

It took St. Patrick's night to bring out a good representation from Scotland, as the following brothers put in an appearance minus their kilts: W. D. Smith, Neptune Lodge No. 375; Aberdeen, Scotland; T. T. Tripney, Kirkliston Lodge No. 482, Kirkliston, Scotland; A. M. Reid, St. Johns' Lodge No. 26. Dunfermlin, Scotland; James Murray, St. Nicholas Lodge No. 93, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Lloyd Yeager, of the Line Department, made the Club a very generous proposition. The matter is now under consideration, and Brother Yeager will probably hear from the Treasurer of the Club within a few days.

Clarence Burnett was present with his usual smile, which is an indication that he had a good time.

D. E. Fletcher as usual had a front seat. This time a blond singer of Irish ballads was the cause.

Well, well, so E. R. Tomlin finally decided to pay us a visit. Come out again in April, Brother, and become one of the regulars.

T. Y. Dickey, Superintendent of Division Five, can always be depended upon to attend our monthly meetings. Brother Dickey is setting a good example for the rest of the boys.

The partners in the old brother act, Egan and Fischer, better known as Cupid and Pop, are inseparable. Each is afraid to let the other out of his sight. Afraid one or the other will spill some dirt.

Brother Ray Kiddo (not Diddoo) looked lonesome. What happened to his pal Billy Yandell? His lonesomeness, however, did not affect his appetite.

The management of Marshall's Rendezvous complained to President Bill Morgan that several dishes were returned to the kitchen minus the glazing. Investigation disclosed that Brother A. A. Shoemaker was responsible, probably he would have consumed the dishes too, but the old ivories would not stand the punishment.

A certain party (name censored) put on an exhibition of classic ballroom dancing with the blond singer. We hear that Brother E. M. Angel was just a little bit jealous. Better luck next time, Brother Angel.

Considerable commotion was caused by several members shouting "Where's Elmer?" Investigation disclosed that Elmer Wood had not put in an appearance. However, Elmer showed up later. Better be on time hereafter, Elmer.

It was a pleasure to see C. W. Bridger enjoy himself. Here is one boy who likes turkey. Better lock up the old chicken coop when he is in your particular neighborhood.

Supervisors Bean and Polchow were together again. Nothing more need be said.

Another welcome stranger was Brother M. E. Shanahan. We hope to see more of M. E. in the future.

Congratulations to Brother I. J. Booth for his regular attendance. If all members that could, would follow Brother Booth's example, what a success our Club would be.

New Members

Wm. R. (Bill) Lane was voted on and accepted, but with the distinct understanding that he would discontinue his association with smiling W. H. Morgan of Division Five.

Glad to welcome to our fold Brother

F. W. Hawkins. We hope to see this brother at each and every meeting.

Missing Member

Another brother to put in an appearance for the first time in several months was our old friend Steen Parker of the Garage. Hope to see you at Boos Brothers on April 21st.

Brother Gladstone MacDonald, of the Canadian Northwest Mounted, attended. He did not have his horse with him, however.

C. S. DeBaum, "Old Reliable," put in an appearance as usual. This brother looks wise and says nothing.

It is suggested that the ball players of the Club go in to immediate training and endeavor to get rid of the old rheumatism, gout, or what have you, as it won't be long now till the annual picnic. We are informed that the picnic this year will be bigger and better than ever. Keep this in mind. The date and all particulars will be announced later.

Hope you had a nice time at the Club's Dance and Frolic.

Fraternally yours,

JACK K. WILSON,
Director of Publicity.

Vets Foreign Wars

Seven new members were added to the South West Post No. 2828, Veterans of Foreign Wars during March, five of whom are trainmen. They are: Conductors R. A. Beauregard and H. P. Freeburger of Division Four, and Conductors J. L. Story, C. W. Hannan and Motorman G. H. Stone of Division Five.

Any Los Angeles Railway Veteran who served in France, Siberia or the Army of Occupation during the World War; the Haitian Campaign, 1919-1920; the Second Nicaraguan Campaign, 1926-1930; or the Yangtze Campaign in China, 1926-1927, is eligible.

If you wish to affiliate with the fastest growing Veteran organization in Los Angeles, get in touch with any of the above Comrades.

Our regular monthly dance will be held Saturday, April 28th, at our hall, 84631/2 South Vermont Avenue.

Los Angeles Railway employes and their wives, who wish to spend an evening of real enjoyment, are invited to come out to our dance.

> R. R. McFall, Junior Vice-Commander.

Wanted to Swap

Would like 28 inch bicycle, or cash, for single barrel shotgun and 45 shells, also crimper. Jack Russell, son of W. T. Russell of Division Three.



Annual Feast at Vernon Yard

The Engineering Department held its annual barbecue at Vernon Yard, 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, April 3rd. There were between 95 and 100 present and they all seemed to enjoy the ample repast of tasty barbecue, chili, cole slaw, green onions, radishes, bread and butter and gallons of coffee.

The above picture shows part of the crowd watching the chefs, Bill Swearingen and Cal Simmons, hoisting the meat from the barbecue pit. They are to be congratulated on being able to turn out such savory food. The purpose of the feed was to raise funds for the Yard Baseball Team's uniforms. The chefs were assisted by the team members and others, who served table and washed dishes. The wife of one of the men donated a beautiful angel food cake which was raffled off, the proceeds going to the team.

There were three acts of magic put on by the Superintendent of Lines, Lloyd Yeager, his son Lawrence, and Bill Swearingen's nephew, Bob Gunther. The two boys are very clever and are members of "The Mystic 13" of Los Angeles. This is the only boy's magic club in the State.

The Barbecue Committee takes this opportunity to thank every one for the splendid co-operation and help. We could not have put it over without that help.

Don't forget that every Sunday afternoon until the close of the season, there will be a double-header at Vernon Yard Ball Park, 4550 Pacific Blvd.

CAUTION—Pacific Blvd. is a one way street and anyone caught going in the wrong direction by the police is subject to a fine of \$5.00.

Leslie F. Sparks, Chairman of Barbecue Committee.

Scouts

On March 3rd and 4th Scout Troop 45 went on an over-night hike to the Arthur Letts Scout Camp. We arrived at camp at 11:00 a. m. We didn't do much before dinner but afterwards we signalled and had other similar tests.

After supper we had the privilege of having our own camp-fire. Mr. Weaver was the main point of interest around the camp-fire. He told us many stories about the navy.

On Sunday we had our own church services and classes in life-saving, safety, etc. We did not do much in the afternoon but about three o'clock we hiked down to the car line.

Everybody said they had a fine time although the leadership on the hike was much stricter than ever before.

Troop 45 attended another Court of Honor on March 23rd. The Court was opened by the Japanese drum and bugle corps as usual. A pack of cub Scouts was introduced and they put on a demonstration of how they run a meeting. The patrol leader also did a tap dance.

Earl James was awarded his First Class badge. A fellow on the stage called for six Scouts from Troop 45 to come up on the stage. Ray Fife, Harold Levitz, Sam Sebby, Julio Reyes, Elmo Buness and Bob Bower went up. He gave us a pair of Scout pants which we were supposed to tear by holding the legs and pulling. After much straining Bob lost his hold and the pants did not get torn. We are glad, however, that no other Troop was able to tear them.

Bob Bower, Ralph Hirigoyen and Jack Holland received minor Civic Service awards. Holbrook Lair got his Fifty Hour Service bar.

Ray Fife and Harold Levitz were called to the stage. Ray was appointed Civic Service Major and Harold was appointed his assistant.

Harold also got his Two Hundred Hour medal, the final Civic Service award.

The following Scouts received Merit badges: Oscar Durand, Bob Fletcher, Ray Fife, Lynn Weber, Harold Levitz and Sam Sebby.

On Tuesday evening, March 27th, the Troop went swimming at Bimini Baths. A good time was had by all.

> Bob Bower, Publicity Manager, Lynn Weber, Two Bells Reporter.

Medical and Hospital Personals

The Personnel Department is glad to report that members of the Employes' Benefit Fund Plans, who were in the California Hospital during the month of March, are getting along very nicely.

C. F. Eastman, Conductor, Division One, who has been confined to the hospital since January 13th, on account of a broken leg, returned to his home on Easter Sunday.

D. F. Mason, Foreman, Line Department, who was in the hospital for about sixty days on account of an operation, is getting along very nicely and is now recuperating at Long Beach.

M. H. Snyder, Conductor, Division One, who spent from February 19th to March 11th at the hospital, seemed to like the surroundings so well that he returned again on March 18th for another operation, and is now getting along fine and expects to go home in a few days.

R. B. Davenport, Motorman, Division Five, who was in the hospital for a little over a month, returned home on March 31st. While R. B. had a very serious time, he feels that he has had splendid care. He stated that he had found where his clothes were locked up but had a skeleton key and expected to leave in a few days, which he did on March 31st.

T. J. Trabue, Conductor, Division Five, made the hospital his home from February 24th to March 21st, having been rushed there for an emergency operation. He had hoped to avoid an operation, but is now very happy that it is over as he is getting along so nicely.

E. E. Wilke, Conductor, Division Four, spent sixteen days in the hospital, and while he stated he received splendid care and everything was lovely, he was anxious to go home in order to reduce the medical cost, knowing that his dollar per month did not go very far in taking care of such medical service as he received. He also expressed himself as being very grateful for receiving his indemnity check promptly each week.

W. H. Laing, Conductor, Division One, also spent sixteen days in the hospital due to an operation. Hopes to be back on the job shortly.

K. K. Knudson, Motorman, Division Three, spent a couple of days in the hospital due to an infected hand, which he injured on duty, but he is now back on the job.

W. J. Thomson, Conductor, Division Four, was formerly on the sick list and had just returned to duty. After working two days, he made a mis-step while alighting from the street car and fractured his leg. W. J. is very optimistic and feels that he is going to be back working again after a

short period. Anyone desiring to see the latest in dressings for a broken leg should call on him at the hospital and have him show them how the zipper works.

R. L. Lathrop, Car Repairer, Division One Mechanical, tried the hospital for one night for a slight operation, but is working again now.

B. S. Hopkins, Safety-Operator, Division One, entered the hospital on March 11th for an operation, and a few days ago was looking forward to the time when he would return home. He was getting a great deal of pleasure out of demonstrating to M. H. Snyder how the wheelchairs worked.

A. A. Blauchbach, Conductor, Division Five, was in the hospital from March 15th to 23rd, when he was released, but A. A., for some reason, decided it was a pretty good place to be so he returned on the 26th for an operation and is still there. While he was very uncomfortable when last visited by a representative of the Personnel Department, he was able to give a pleasant smile.

M. Gurowitz, Carpenter, South Park Shops, spent a couple of days in the hospital for a minor operation. He has again resumed duty.

A. H. Charlton of the Treasurer's Office, was sent to the hospital on March 17th, and we are happy to report that he is getting along very nicely. For some reason, he seems to be a favorite at the hospital, as he is placed on the fourth floor. We are wondering what Mr. Charlton will do when he gets so that he is able to get about in a wheelchair and visits the solarium, as all other patients on this floor are ladies. No doubt Mrs. Charlton will spend most of her time at the hospital while he is convalescing.

Even members of the official family find it necessary to go to the hospital occasionally, as our good friend, H. G. Weeks, spent nine days there during the month of March. Although it may be necessary for him to make a few calls at the hospital, his condition is improved.

T. P. Doolittle, Switchman, Division One, went to the hospital on March 25th for an operation. Tommy greets his friends with that same great big smile and says that everything is lovely, that he is getting the very best of care. He even wanted to bet that W. O. Lambertson, who is on the Special Roll, would have posted at Division One on a transfer envelope that on March 29th he visited Doolittle in the hospital and that Doolittle is getting along fine. It is the habit of Bill to visit the old boys in the hospital, and in order that their friends may know how they are getting along, he posts the notice in the above manner.

R. B. Clark, Office Investigator of the Claim Department, entered the hospital on March 26th, and he seems to be very much encouraged and hopes to be home in a few days.

E. Gaston, Car Repairer, Division Four Mechanical, met with a painful accident on March 27th while working on a car, and was taken to the California Hospital. He is resting much easier now.

F. S. Ballenger, Supervisor, Coach Division, entered the hospital on March 29th for an operation. The last time he was seen by a representative of the Personnel Department, he didn't feel that he could run a foot race, but he had the same congenial smile, and will soon be up and around again.

D. F. Hodges, Motorman, Division One, who was placed in the hospital March 26th, passed away on March 30th. Mr. Hodges had been ill for some time.

There are a number of other employes who are sick, and some of them have been for some time, but they are not confined to the hospital. From time to time a report will be given in regard to the condition of these fellow-workers.

The cost of hospital service for the month of March for the above group of cases alone, amounted to \$1,443.73.

Three of these cases are occupational injuries and their compensation is taken care of through the Claim Department. Two failed to take out the Sickness and Accident Insurance under the group plans, and they perhaps realize their error now in not thus protecting themselves against sickness or injury.

During the month of March 201 sick employes, who were insured under the Plan, received indemnity under our group sickness and accident policy. Those desiring to know whether the Medical Plan or Sickness and Accident Insurance Plan is worth while, just ask any one of these men and he will be able to tell you.

During the month of March there were seven deaths, and each one was covered for the full amount of insurance, the beneficiaries receiving \$14,000.00.

"Miss Curleycue," murmured the office manager to the stenog, "I don't wanna be harsh. Nothing like that, I really don't."

"Let's have the answer," said the damsel nonchalantly. "What's gone wrong now?"

"I just wanna ask you not to write your young man during business hours. Letters are apt to get mixed. Herb & Blurb report that we have sent 'em a shipment of love and kisses instead of the axle grease they ordered."



Part of Happy Throng at Division Three Dance

Association Dance

By L. VOLNER

The Association dance on the 24th of March was well attended, and Leon Sweet's Association Dance Orchestra. as usual, furnished the music which kept them dancing until the early morning hours. Aside from the fact that these dances are given for the purpose of allowing all employes to have just a little bit of relaxation, it is intended that all profit will be used to help defray expenses of a picnic to be given at a nearby mountain resort at which time it is expected that all the men and their families, of Division Three, will be allowed to spend a day out in the wide open spaces at a cost that will be within reach of all.

"For the last time," shouted the officer, "I ask you the simple question, 'What is fortification'?"

The recruits stood fast to a man. No one answered. Striding up to the most intelligent looking man, the officer bawled out, "Tell me, what is a fortification?"

The answer came like a cork out of a bottle.

"Two twentifications, Sergeant."

Are Your Taxes Delinquent?

We are printing the following information at the request of the Police and Fire Executive League which is working in co-operation with the County Auditor:

Redemption Rates

Until April 20, 1934, you are privileged to redeem property from tax sales without penalties. Interest, however, will be charged at the rate of 7% per annum.

On the tax of 1931 and prior years, the interest is computed from July 1, 1932. On the tax of 1932, the interest is computed from July 1, 1933.

After April 20, 1934, penalty will be computed on the basis of 1% per month if redeemed within 5 years from July 1st of the year of sale to the State; starting with the sixth year the penalty will be ½ of 1% per month. In addition, Tax Collector's penalties and advertising costs will be charged on the first year delinquent.

Partial Payment Plan

For those unable to redeem in full, a partial payment plan is provided allowing payments to be extended over a ten year period. THE PLAN MUST BE ADOPTED BY APRIL 20, 1934 OR IT CAN NOT BE USED.

The first payment consists of all interest then due, plus 10% of the delinquent taxes. Subsequent payments are likewise 10% of the original delinquent taxes, plus all interest which has accrued on the unpaid balance. At least one 10% payment must be made each fiscal year by April 20th.

THE CURRENT TAX MUST BE PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE APRIL 20TH EACH YEAR TO KEEP THE PLAN IN EFFECT.

Upon failure to make any of the payments as required, the partial payments so made are forfeited.

Copy of Official Bulletin issued by Los Angeles County Auditor.

A well-meaning pedestrian said to a man who was employed to advertise on the street: "Pardon me, but do you know that your sandwich boards are turned wrong side out?"

"Sure, I know it," was the snappy reply. "Yer don't suppose I'm goin' to work in me lunch hour, do yer?"



New Staff of Veterans' Auxiliary

Left to right, front row: Susie B. Hannon, Treasurer; Helen A. Nelson, Senior Vice-President; Alice L. Deane, President; Gladys E. Gordon, Junior Vice-President; Esther L. Williams, Secretary.

Back row: Isabella M. Hoyle, Color Bearer; Amy Jackson, Past Chaplain; Ethel Sausser, Pianist; Adeline Eidsen, Patriotic Instructor; Theresa V. Madigan, Chaplain, Esther Wickham, Conductoress; Marie Manning, Guard; Mae F. Corse, Standard Bearer.

Vets Auxiliary

Tramp, tramp, tramp the girls are marching. Thanks to the kindness and patience of Comrade Barkley, we received our first lesson in the art of obeying the commands of "Forward—March! Company—Halt!" and by doing so we have laid our foundation for an Auxiliary Drill Team. We can't let the Vet's Club get ahead of us.

Auxiliary members, your attention, please. Our next meeting night falls on Saturday, April 14th. Please make note of the change of date. In accordance with our new policy for 1934, every month is a social month, so the April meeting opens the season with an "Old Fashioned Party" to be held at the home of our Standard Bearer, Mrs. Mae Corse, 1309 West 54th Street, at 8:00 P. M.

Each Auxiliary member may bring two guests besides her escort, and the admission will be 15c a person, which includes entertainment and refreshments.

To you ladies who have sent in your applications, but who have not as yet become members, we also extend the above invitation. Do come out and get acquainted with us.

Division One Ladies: I am making a personal appeal to all Division One ladies who are eligible to join our Club. Will you not make an extra effort to become a member of our fast growing organization? We have only three ladies from One and our

membership is now over the thirty mark. We know there are some of you who would like to be with us, but perhaps you are a wee bit bashful. If you will just give me a call at MIchigan 4211, Station 723 anytime during the day, I will personally see that you receive an application blank, and you will never regret becoming a member of our Auxiliary. Come on ladies, don't let the other Divisions outshine us. They have the lead now, but with your help we will give them a good run for their efforts.

Ladies at all Divisions: Ask your husbands to watch for extras which will be posted on all bulletin boards within a few weeks. Be sure that you do not miss the big news.

Until Saturday night, April 14th. We'll be a seein' you all then.

ESTHER L. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Veterans

What happened to all you boys the night of the meeting held Friday, March 30th? We were set for a good turnout and just a handful put in their appearance.

Comrade Sam Deane was appointed Chairman of the Entertainment Committee for the year, and he set April 21st for the date of the next dance. This will be held in the Club Room at Patriotic Hall and the tickets will be the usual two bits. Comrade Sweet's Orchestra will furnish the music, and are they hot!

Get your tickets from your Division Commander.

Committees are working out plans for a dinner dance to be held in the dining room at Patriotic Hall sometime in May. Floor show, dining and dancing, what more could a person want for one night? Watch for the date in the next issue of Two Bells.

Comrade W. J. Thomson, of Division Four, who is in the California Hospital, is getting along as well as can be expected, though it will be several weeks before he will be able to return to work.

Comrade L. L. Raskey, of Division Four Mechanical Department, handed in his resignation the latter part of March and started out for Utah where he expects to remain.

Comrade R. C. Timmons, of Division Three, has turned part time sod buster, having moved to El Monte.

Comrade J. B. Tolle, of Division Four, resigned and returned to the East

Let's all get together on the 21st at the dance.

H. F. Nelson, Adjutant.

Attention Marines

An Ex-Marines Club has been formed that promises many benefits. Employes of the Company who are Ex-Marines are invited to get in touch with F. L. Land, 16th Street Garage, Phone PRospect 1104.



BIRTHS

Owing to lack of space in our last issue we could not print the births of the previous month, so we are including them in this issue.

The anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, was also the birthday of little Shirley Haeberle, daughter of Motorman J. F. Haeberle of Division One. Mother, father and little Shirley are doing well. Congratulations.

Motorman M. G. Johnson of Division One announces the arrival of a new son at his home. He arrived on February 1st and his name is Harold Lee. The cigars were fine, thank you.

There was a mischievous twinkle in the eyes of Motorman B. F. Beeks, a Division Four man, when he announced the arrival of a baby girl, February 11th. Evidently the Blessed Event had provided all the ordinary thrills and then some. After closely questioning the new papa, it was learned the little lady weighed exactly five pounds and has been named Barbara Gale. But that didn't satisfy Mr. Beek's friends. It wasn't cause enough for the mischievous twinkle. "You're holding out on us!", they yelled, "You better come clean! Come on, out with it!"

"Well, alright," replied Beeks, "The thing of it is that this is our first child and it was born on my birthday. I'm mighty proud of the little one but I didn't want you guys all wishing me many happy returns of the day."

Motorman N. E. Cole of Division Four also proudly announces the arrival of a baby girl, February 13th, and incidentally also named his little lady Barbara, to be exact, Barbara Rae.

Baby Barbara weighed five pounds and nine ounces. If the little one had arrived one day later it would have called for a double celebration because that next day was the Cole's sixth wedding anniversary.

The first baby of the year at the Motor Coach Division is reported by G. W. Sumners. Miss Alice Carolyn was born January 24th and weighed nine pounds and one ounce. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

W. C. Adams of the Motor Coach Division thought he was going to be the first new father of the year when he walked into the office and told us all about Dorothy Ruth who was born January 25th. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are very proud of this little girl. Congratulations.

In order to make this a real girl month at the Motor Coach Division A. A. Dunkerley tells us that he has a brand new baby daughter at his home. She arrived January 30th and has the pretty name of Yvonne Nadine. Congratulations.

Among so many girls R. W. Long of the Motor Coach Division thinks there should be some boys so he reports the arrival at his home of Robert Wendell who was born February 24th and weighed seven pounds and eleven ounces. February is the month for presidents, too. Congratulations.

Bill Fisher, Switch Repairer at Vernon Yard, is the proud father of a son, born last month.

Congratulations are in order for Motorman C. J. Hart of Division Five who announced the arrival of little LaVerne Lee on Sunday, February 25th. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

On February 7th at the Lying-In Hospital, there was born to Conductor and Mrs. R. E. Shingleton, of Division Three, a baby girl who has been named Joan Marie. Congratulations.

Motorman Harry Trogden of Division Four is being congratulated upon the birth of a baby girl who arrived February 24th. The little lady weighed eight pounds and twelve ounces and has been named Carol Ann.

Motorman C. C. Oliver proudly announces the birth of a baby boy on February 28th. The young man weighed seven pounds, six and a half ounces and has been named Charles Dale. Oliver is a Division Four trainman.

Last month the birth reports from the Motor Coach Division were almost all about baby girls so E. M. Davis decided to correct this condition and has been telling us all about Robert Alan who arrived at his home February 12th and weighed six pounds and eleven ounces. Congratulations.

C. O. Haggard of the Motor Coach Division is also the proud father of a fine young son who arrived February 27th. Dean Richard weighed seven pounds and six ounces. Mother and son are doing fine.

A. C. McFaul of the Motor Coach Division missed out by an hour and a half March 15th. It was a boy. Rodney Keith weighed seven pounds and is doing fine. Congratulations.

* * * Five at Five

Four out of five my eye! Here's five out of five and all at Division Five. We might lose ball games once

in a while, but let some other Division come along and beat this.

On March 15th Motorman H. F. Snow came in and announced the arrival of a seven pound thirteen ounce baby girl, named Mary Ellen.

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Two days later, St. Patrick's Day, Conductor O. T. Durr stepped forward and said: "It's a boy, weighing seven pounds and four ounces, and his name is William Roscoe."

Came the next day, March 18th, and in popped Motorman W. A. Cobb with the news that little James Warren arrived and tipped the scales at eight pounds and seven ounces.

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Two days later, March 20th, was born little Jo Ann Wallace, weighing seven pounds and six ounces, this being the first one for Conductor M. J. Wallace.

The stork rested for seven days and then on March 27th it was Motorman J. W. Graham's turn to shout: "It's a boy, weighing eight pounds and eight ounces, and he will be known as Douglas Duncan.

Mothers, babies and papas are all doing fine.

Another Flash

Dated—March 26th—the day after pay day.

William Edmund Bryan, weighing eight pounds, arrived at the home of Conductor X. Bryan of Division Five.

A Grandad Again

Bill Snyder, Chief Supervisor, is wearing a broad smile on his face and the cause is a new granddaughter, born March 31st. Mother and baby doing fine. Congratulations, Chief.

For Sale

Remington hammerless repeating rifle with octagon barrel. Handles 22 short, long or long rifle cartridges. New inside and out. Used very little. Not a scratch on it. \$12.50. E. R. Sullivan, 16th Street Garage. Home address, 127 East 107th Street.

For Rent

Furnished houses, 3 and 4 rooms. Close in. One block east of Indiana, one block south of Whittier Boulevard. S. E. Edwards, 1009 South Alma Street.

Journey's End

Allen Vane Sutherland, Conductor at Division Four, passed away March 11th. A native of Detroit, Michigan, he was first employed by this Company as a cash receiver at Division Three on April 11, 1924 and was transferred to Division Four as a conductor on February 5, 1932. Mr. Sutherland is survived by his wife.

Asbury Lincoln Layton, also a Conductor out of Division Four, passed away March 13th. He was born in Danville, Illinois and was employed by the Company as a conductor on September 16, 1918. He was a member of Knights of Pythias, Los Angeles No. 2; I. O. O. F., American Lodge No. 385, Los Angeles, and Modern Woodmen, Los Angeles. Mr. Lay-

ton is survived by his wife.

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Ben Henry Hellman, of the Special Roll, died on March 17th. Mr. Hellman not only was a Native Son but was born in Los Angeles. He was employed as a motorman at Division Four on January 21, 1918 and was placed on the Special Roll March 19, 1932. Mr. Hellman is survived by his wife and a daughter.

William Curd Bourland, also on the Special Roll, passed away March 18th. He was a native of Bainesburg, Kentucky and was employed as a motorman at Division Two on October 24, 1910. He was appointed Traffic Observer July 1, 1923, and was placed on the Special Roll on February 10, 1934. Mr. Bourland is survived by his wife.

Edward Lewis Ayres, Conductor at Division One, passed away March 26th. He was born in Pola, Kansas and joined this Company as a motorman at Division One on July 9, 1920, changing over to conductor ten days later, on July 19, 1920. He was a member of I. O. O. F., Los Angeles. Mr. Ayers is survived by his wife.

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Delbert Frank Hodges, Motorman at Division One, died on March 30th. He was born in Meadersville, Indiana and came to work for this Company as a motorman at Division One on August 6, 1906. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias of Los Angeles. Mr. Hodges is survived by his wife and two sons.

James Atlas Godwin, Motorman at Division One, passed away on April 1st. He was born in Stegale, Tennessee and first came to work for the Company as a motorman at Division

Two on October 13, 1909 and transferred to Division One on July 17, 1932. Mr. Godwin is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters and by his brother, Fred E. Godwin, a conductor at Division One.

Appreciations

Letters acknowledging beautiful floral offerings and kindly sympathy extended to them during their recent bereavements have been received by the Company from Mrs. W. O. Bailey and Family; the Family of Berry Lincoln Layton; Mrs. B. H. Hellman, Catherine H ell man and Joseph Hellman; Hildegarde Sutherland; and Irene M. Bourland, Sister and Brother.

Extend Sympathy

We wish to extend our sympathy to E. J. McMullen, of the Claim Department, for the loss of his six year old son, Jimmie, who passed away March 31st after a short illness.

For Sale

Eight acres; five room house with bath and three porches; rabbit shed 180 feet in length; barn and chicken house; reservoir 65x60; pump. Lots of water; 1,000 rabbit coops; plenty of alfalfa. In San Jacinto. Special terms to street car man. See Motorman W. C. Callaway, Division Five, 5343 Eighth Avenue.

Three at Top

Once again Division Three has climbed into first place in the average number of witnesses per accident column for March. All four Divisions bettered their averages to some extent.

A comparison of averages for February and March shows the following:

February		March	
Div. 4	5.21	Div. 3	5.42
Div. 3	4.34	Div. 4	5.25
Div5	4.15	Div. 5	4.42
Div. 1	3.94	Div. 1	4.04

The number of accidents increased to 1,317 in March. There were only 1,193 accidents in February.

The total average of witnesses per accident for all Divisions showed a slight gain in March over February—March, 4.81; February, 4.42.

Old Friend Pays Two Bells A Visit

"Jimmie" Gallagher, formerly Information Man at Seventh and Broadway, dropped in to pay a call on Two Bells staff a few days ago. Mr. Gallagher was looking fine and seems to be gradually recovering from the effects of his harrowing experience of August 30, 1929 when, as a passenger on the S. S. San Juan, he was severely injured and suffered from exposure when the San Juan and S. C. Dodd collided at sea a few hours after leaving San Francisco.





We regret to announce the death of one of our old-timers, Conductor E. L. Ayers. Some months ago he was granted a leave of absence on account of ill health, and he went to his ranch in the northern part of the state, hoping to recuperate, but he gradually grew worse till the end came March 26th.

Motorman H. Hansen says he isn't trying to rush the season but he couldn't resist the urge to take a day or two off at the week end to take a spin to his cabin up in the mountains. He is back now resting up.

Motorman H. E. Dunn is nursing a broken finger sustained while playing baseball. He was reaching for a fly, during a game at the Vernon Ball Park, and he got it—on the end of his finger.

The LARY ball team, managed by Motorman E. R. Rath, is in full swing

now, and do the boys look nifty in their new uniforms? They do.

Motorman M. L. Howell has returned to work after being confined to his home for three weeks on account of illness.

We have all kinds of talent amongst our men at Division One. Last issue we mentioned the fact that we have a doctor, and now it has become known that we have a short story and scenario writer. We had the pleasure of hearing one of his short stories broadcast over KMTR recently and it was very, very good. This talented young man is Motorman H. M. Perkins, and we wish him all the success that is coming to him.

Conductor H. I. Frey is taking a week off and has gone to Grant's Pass to look after his apple orchard.

Introducing Motorman C. A. Weaver. You wouldn't think it, but he weighs over two hundred pounds, and is a splendid boxer, so watch your step. He is Assistant Scout Master of the Los Angeles Railway Troup. When it becomes necessary to get signatures on witness cards he is on the job, never getting fewer than ten and frequently many more. This is due, we think, to his pleasing disposition and his affable manner of ap-

proach. During the short time he has been with us he has made many friends, and he deserves every one of them.

Every Sunday morning Clerk Chas. Farrah is supposed to get up at four o'clock, have breakfast at ten minutes after, and be on his way to the office at a quarter past. Last Sunday morning he arose at the usual time, as he thought, and, as usual, rushed through with everything, eating his breakfast with one hand and holding his watch in the other. He had his eye on the minute hand, and not until he was all set to go did he glance at the hour hand, which pointed to two o'clock. Back to bed for two hours more sleep. What a grand and glorious feeling!

A few Saturdays ago Conductor J. H. Stanley took his cap home to give it a much needed bath over Sunday. Monday morning when he came down to work he suddenly remembered that his cap was still hanging on the line at home, so he asked to be excused. Monday is usually a hard day and a pretty hard day to get off, so we wonder—well, anyway, it is food for thought.

We just learned with regret that the wife of Conductor E. S. Wright passed away the latter part of December. His many friends extend their sympathy.

Conductor F. E. Schuler, who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, has recovered and is back on his run.

Motorman A. J. Dominguez is taking two weeks off to recuperate. He is not ill, but that tired feeling was getting the best of him so he is staying home and taking it easy.

The men of the Division extend their sympathy to Motorman Fred C. Shafer, whose wife passed away April 1st.



Division Three has a baseball team that any organization could well be proud of, and the creaking joints, sore thumbs, etc., are fast disappearing. When they meet an opponent it goes without saying that the opposing forces will know that they have been some place before they get through.

The boys played an Eagle Rock team Sunday, March 18th, at the Verdugo Playground and put up a most excellent game, considering their lack of practice at the time, and were beaten by only one score. On Sunday, March 25th, at the big double-header game at the Vernon Yard Baseball Field, where Division Four played Division Five, our boys played Division One, and such a score—only 22 to 6! Division Five was vanquished by Four to the tune of 9 to 1.

Harry Tuttle, Manager of the Car Barn Cafe, was on hand on the big day at the Vernon Yard with his extra big hot dogs, double-jointed peanuts, hamburgers, and non-intoxicating beverages. Mr. Tuttle ran out of provisions before the afternoon was half spent but on future occasions patrons can rest assured that part of the big show will be amply looked after.



The Dancing Lady

Miss Marion M.
Auger, talented
young daughter
of Conductor A.
Auger of Division
Three. Miss Augur is much in demand at private
affairs for her
clever dancing.

Married

For some time many of the hoys were wondering why such a pleasing expression on the countenance of Conductor C. J. Etherton, when the news leaked out that Mr. Etherton was married on February 23rd and is now at home on Crestwood Way.

After two weeks off duty, when he was on the sick list, Motorman R. Romani has returned to his run.

It was quite a shock to his many friends to learn of the death of Flagman Wm. Bailey on March 5th. Mr. Bailey died rather suddenly. The sympathy of all the boys is extended to his relatives.

Another sudden death was that of a former cash receiver at this Division but at the time a conductor out of Division Four, Mr. Sutherland. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all his relatives.

Conductor J. M. Stephens and family, accompanied by J. R. South and family, spent Sunday, March 11th, at Sunset Beach where a very enjoyable time was had.

Motorman M. C. Sonner leads off on vacations by taking sixty days to visit his folks who live near St. Louis, Missouri. The illness of his mother necessitated his leaving earlier than he had intended, and we sincerely hope he finds her much improved when he reaches his former home.

Head Gardener-Switchman Walker has his ear to the ground, you might say, in the grounds adjoining this Division. Most of the flowers are planted and it's only a question of time until we will again have a beautiful spot that would be a credit to any neighborhood.

We did not learn how great the catch, but we know he had an enjoyable time for Motorman D. A. Crout went fishing on Sunday, March 18th.

Many pleasant evenings are spent by Conductor J. M. Stephens, Jr., L. F. Dickerson, R. C. Durkee, M. O. Greer, and their wives, when their Five Hundred Club meets at the home of one of the members.



Division Four

C. J. KNITTLE

These must be strenuous days for the wives and sweeties of Los Angeles Railway ball players with the old man talking baseball most all the time, slipping off to practice once or twice a week and dragging the family to the games on Sunday. Nevertheless, the league, long hoped for, is at last a reality. The six teams, (to be explicit), one from each car Division, one from the Bus Division and one from Vernon Yard will start the season April 15th. On another page of this issue will be found the schedule of games for the entire season.

Division Four may well be proud of its team. On March 4th, in a game with the Swift and Company team, eleven innings were played in an attempt to break a 6-6 tie. "Hank" Sievers, the Division's star pitcher, succeeded in striking out sixteen men but failed to change the score.

On March 11th our team played Union Steel Company and won with a score of 17-0. On the same date Division Four's second team played Division One and defeated the 6th and Central men with a score of 17-7.

On March 18th Division Four played the Eagle Rock Athletic Club and lost. The score was 15-1.

On March 25th Division Four played Division Five and took the game with a score of 9-1.

After such an excellent showing in games preliminary to the opening of the regular league, it is reasonable to expect an even more remarkable record in the ensuing tourney.

At the time of this writing Conductor A. F. Lynn was laid up with a crippled leg, the result of having his thigh lanced for the removal of a palm quill.

Conductor W. J. Thomson was also on the sick list following an accident on March 8th when he slipped and fell in alighting from his car after pulling in. The result was a torn ligament and a chipped bone in one of his legs. Thomson was removed to the California Hospital.

Conductor C. F. Sutherland was granted a seven day vacation March 25th.

Motorman C. D. Kelley was granted eight days leave March 26th to make a trip to Phoenix, Arizona.

After two months on the sick list following an operation for appendicitis we welcome back Operator C. P. Rutledge. C. P. returned March 12th.

Weddings

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St. Patrick's Day this year meant more to Motorman T. Moore than just the wearin' o' the green, for on that day the wedding bells rang out and Motorman Moore and his Lady Fair vowed solemnly to share life's joys and sorrows together. The happy bride was formerly Miss Ida A. Reynolds. Congratulations to you, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, and our sincere best wishes.

This Division Four column would not be complete without a belated marriage announcement, so this time we'll pick on Motorman G. C. Fox whose marriage last December 27th was just recently recorded.

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It was early in the evening of March 15th. Conductor A. W. Beardsley and Motorman R. M. Knepper on Line "A" were leaving Alsace terminal when an auto, driven by a drunken woman, sideswiped the car and crashed into a parked auto. Beardsley left his car and jumped on the running board of the woman's auto as she attempted to dash away. For many blocks Beardsley made a desperate effort to reach in and switch off the motor. The driver's companion, another woman, struck Beardsley a number of times in the face with her purse. At the junction of Washington and Adams the woman managed to slow down for traffic and Beardsley grabbed the steering wheel and turned the machine into the curb. He refused a five dollar bribe from the woman; took the license number and names and hitchhiked back to his car. The delay was twenty minutes.

Conductor William H. Snow recently found two very valuable diamond rings on the car he was working. He turned them in. They were claimed by a prize fighter of Palms who was so overcome by his good luck in regaining his property that he even forgot to thank Mr. Snow for his honesty. The value of the rings was some hundreds of dollars.

Motorman W. J. Forster experienced a once-in-a-life-time thrill in the evening of March 23rd. W. J. had gone to bed when he was aroused by a knocking at the door. Mrs. Forster, who had not yet retired, peered through the glass panel and informed W. J. that a man was outside. Forster looked out the bedroom window and recognizing the man as one he had become acquainted with recently, went to the door and admitted him. During the conversation which followed the visitor observed Forster's revolver protruding from under his pillow and a minute later dashed to the bed, grabbed the gun and poked it forcibly into Forster's ribs. Evidently the man had intended to make plans for a future robbery but took the opportunity to stick-up the Forsters. Much to his surprise, however, Forster grabbed the gun, twisted it out of his hand, and after a short tussle struck the assailant a terrific blow on the head with the butt of the revolver and called the police for his removal.

The death of Conductor A. V. Sutherland was a shock to his many trainmen friends. Conductor Sutherland entered the Los Angeles Railway service in April, 1924 and served as cash receiver until February, 1932 when he was assigned to this Division for platform service. Conductor Sutherland was fifty-one years of age and is survived by Mrs. Sutherland and a sister in St. Louis. The funeral was held March 14th. A floral tribute in the form of a broken wheel expressed the sympathy of his Division Four friends.

On March 13th Conductor A. L. Layton passed away. Conductor Layton entered the service of the Los Angeles Railway in September, 1918 and served his entire time as a trainman at Division Four. Mr. Layton was sixty-eight years of age and is survived by Mrs. Layton and one daughter, Mrs. Edna

Weston. Burial was made in Inglewood Park Cemetery. A beautiful floral piece was sent by his many friends and coworkers.

B. H. Hellman, formerly a Division Four motorman, passed away March 17th. Mr. Hellman entered the Los Angeles Railway service January, 1918 and was put on the Special Roll January 1, 1933. He was born in Los Angeles in September, 1873 and was sixty years of age when death came. He is survived by Mrs. Hellman, one daughter, Catherine, and a brother, J. H. Hellman. The funeral was held March 20th at St. Vincent's Cathedral.

It would be gross negligence to fail to say a word of praise for the entertainment and dance which Division Three put on March 24th. Once again the Gilmore-Sweet-Hollenbeck team proved their adeptness for arranging a full evening of wholesome fun for a modest admission price, twenty-five cents. An attractive feature was the awarding of door, prizes, six or eight of them, ranging from a large, toothsome Virginia baked ham to a pound of coffee. Master of Ceremonies Harry Gilmore and his staff of greeters and floor-men were more quickly identified with their new golden hued ribbon badges.



Despite the fact that our team lost the opening game, the baseball season opened with a bang and those of you who were unable to take in the first game missed a treat, as not only was it a real game of ball, but it also afforded one the opportunity of meeting old friends at other Divisions.

As you all know, we lost by the score of 9 to 1. The better team won and our boys have no alibis to offer, unless it be that that guy "Hank", who did some swell pitching for Division Four, had no control—that is, he just did not get that ball close enough to our boys' bats. Manager Roy Platner and Captain E. A. Seale, both say that next time we meet them we will take them, and we are all looking forward to that next meeting.

Motorman-Operator F. S. Goldberg won himself a mess of Matzoth when he was sent to the 6500 block Fourth Avenue to get a motorman to choose in the recent line choice. After a hike of eleven blocks he got his man. That's one thing about Goldberg, he always gets his man. When he started to walk back, Jack Limes, the man he was sent to get, informed him that he could walk two blocks east and catch the Van Ness Coach which would take him right to Division Five and save him a further walk of nine blocks. Then the smoke got in his eyes.

We are all certainly very glad to see Conductor V. R. L. Brown back on the job and looking so well, after a sickness of almost six months. Needless to say, Brown is also very happy to be back.

Motorman E. E. Mueller has resigned and has gone into business for himself, having taken over a gas station eight miles east of Ontario on the Riverside Road. He will be glad to see any of the boys who may happen to be out that way, and it goes without saying that we all wish him lots of luck in his new venture.

What a very pleasant surprise Conductor Bert Koerner received when he arrived home on the night of March 27th. Parked outside his house he found a brand new Ford V-8 sedan, bearing a card which read: "Many Happy Returns of the Day". It was a birthday present from his wife.

Conductor Johnny Turvey is back from his thirty day vacation spent in Westover, Texas, and reports a wonderful time.

Resting up at home for thirty days we find Conductor C. L. Walinder, and he and Jerry are having a wonderful time. On pay day, however, when Mr. Walinder came for his check, he discovered, after he had boarded a street car, that he had left his pass at home in another suit, and he had to buy tokens. That's one bad feature of having two suits.

"And after rooting like a fool for seven innings," said Motorman F. S. Goldberg after Division Four had taken us for a ride in the opening ball game, when somebody cracked: "You mean like a fool, you rooted after seven innings".

Here's hoping that Motorman C. R. Gilliam never sneezes very hard. Last week he coughed and broke a rib, and was off for three days.



This is Station S. P. S. broadcasting, if you have read this far it is too late to turn back. Are you still reading?

If it leaks, Harry, the one-trip plumber, will find it. So it was when an alarm was sent in that gas was leaking in the Storeroom. Harry Deibert and his effervescent assistant, Harold Shelford, at once appeared on the scene. The meters, valves and pipes were all checked and Harry was just on the verge of tearing up the cement floor when Harold discovered that there was some overhead spraying being done on the outside and the fumes from the paint were the mysterious gas. Harry would not give in and will probably have the floor all torn up by the time this goes to press.

Freddy Hunt had to undergo considerable repairs and adjustments to his nose when a door handle did a flip in the Buffing Room. Jimmy Durante now has a double.

Introducing L. Danforth, a comparatively new boy to us, as he comes from Division Two Mechanical. He is helping out in the Paint Shop.

With the advent of spring and the warm summer days to follow, Janitor Nick Costa came out from behind his whiskers, and to the surprise of all he had had all his teeth extracted.

Speaking of spring. In our spring training golf camp we have a new recruit by the name of P. H. (Ernie) Bower of the Paint Shop. He comes to us highly

recommended by himself and he sticks to his story. Now as to his golf ability ask Painter Oglesby who made the very formal introduction to our crowd. Members please add the following rule to your cards: "Please do not throw clubs at misplayed balls, penalty two strokes."

I am reliably informed that Bob Wallace, Carpenter Shop Clerk, has on hand three hundred dollars with which to buy a good used car. Anything but a Ford or a Chevrolet.

We don't know which was the most frightened, a little garden snake or Carpenter J. M. Spearing. Joe was just touching the high spots up from the lumber shed.

We pause for Station announcement S. P. S. still going strong. This bunk-cast comes to you every thirty days through the misfortune of our good co-workers who have to take it.

Carpenter Bob Calderwood announces his debut as an American citizen.

J. Scottile, of "C" Inspection also is in line for his final papers.

If Carpenter Ray Earnst had two wishes he would wish for a car that would outrun speed cops in Inglewood. Then he would wish the cop would know just what he thought of him.

Carpenter M. Gurowetz is back on the job after a successful tonsil operation and he seems to have retained his regular avoirdupois.

The watchman shakeup resulted in a few new faces at our gates. Introducing W. Jones and T. H. Truitt. T. Mize one of our old-timers drew a place with us again as relief watchman.

The son of Blacksmith J. Bladel suffered cuts and bruises when his car turned over at an intersection. Last reports have him up and around.

For the benefit of the Shop boys who had a chance on the silk quilt raffle, Fred Andrus announces the winner as Mrs. Vines who, at present, is visiting in the East.

Dishes, doorknobs or baseballs, Truckman Roy Perrillard came in with a beautiful black eye the other morning.

The boys wish to extend their sympathy to Mrs. Jack Bickford upon the death of her brother.

Last minute flashes have it that "Smash-Em-Up" George Lambert of the Machine Shop did not show up today. Mark him up for another.

A good record. F. W. Andrus of the Winding Room completed thirty-one years of continuous service March 2nd.

Another month passes and the odds are two to one that R. Sloan of the Winding Room does not get married in April. However Ralph spent a week-end at San Diego and you may have already lost your bets.

An invitation to come up some time and play checkers is alright if one gives the name and place. Such an experience was recently encountered by our friend L. Griffiths who received the mysterious and much discussed phone call.

Al Smith, of the Winding Room, always an ardent admirer of the road, drove up to Red Rock Canyon one weekend. Just a mere four-hundred miles for a Sunday outing.

Mrs. Jimmie Hale and daughter are visiting her parents in Grant's Pass, Oregon. Jimmie himself stays on the job

and goes home and to bed every night at nine o'clock. Oh Yeah?

Don't go away folks, Station S. P. S. now turns the mike over to your old friend Mac. O. K. Take it away.



The shake-up is over and every one is almost satisfied, except Pansy who slept through it all. Result: East 9th 300.

With \$25 donated from our Association a Coach Division Baseball Club is assured. E. J. Berry has been elected captain and F. E. Sherwood will act as manager. They will play on the new diamond at Vernon Yard every Sunday in a Company league of six clubs. Each club will play a series of 15 games. Come out for practice.

Someone shoved two large pieces of leather through the cash window. Each piece had a larve 17 stamped upon it. They were finally identified as F. Sherwood's baseball shoes.

It is most exhilirating at this time of year to hear that old roughie Barstow say to hack hands Funk, Kilgore and La Barre, during a rough game of pingpong: "Fawrty love, Old Thing". Oh, girls, we wonder what your old Dutch grandmother is going to say about this!

The real treat is to see Pansy Hiersemann and Mildred Jellum at the pingpong table. Come up and see us some time.

Lopozio Rutabagio De La Griffith came around with a swollen jaw and claims that he had a tooth pulled but it is thought that he met up with the girl friend again out on Beverly.

A remark was made about Jimmie Kresge's photo, when he applied for a city bus driver's permit, to the effect that it resembled a dental ad.

W. V. Meves pulls out at 2 P. M. He called at the dispatcher's office at 7 A. M. Saturday to pull a school tripper. Just likes to get up in the morning.

H. A. Featherstone is going to charge the extra men 50c each for every schedule that he copies CORRECTLY.

We can hardly wait to see I. A. Carlson in his soup and fish.

Reports are that a Company official has been seen ducking tree branches that used to overhang several stops along Wilshire. As a result Woodman Moore and R. L. Woodrow were ordered not to spare the trees.

Tiny Rider issues the challenge that he will eat all the ice cream and chocolate syrup that is paid for by the audience.

Free movies attract more people than free beer and quite a few of the autos parked three deep for the show at Wilshire and Serrano are getting free police department tickets.

More moronic secrets of the French police were revealed with the development of 160 mug prints by official photographer T. Williams. The line up was occasioned by the call for the 1934 chauffeurs' license photos. It is understood that most of the duplicates are now in

the central casting bureau of Holly-wood's movie industry.

Supervisor Terry says that mosquitos come from New Jersey. He is from New York.

If you are ever at a loss for a word just borrow Iverson's new unabridged dictionary.

It is thought that communication by sign language between an operator and conductor caused this remark by a colored lady passenger: "Is those two men dumb?"

D. G. Barstow suggests that a simplified form of universal transfer should have blank spaces for point of origin and destination to be filled in by the solicitous conductor.

See Specialist J. D. Kilgore for a psychoanalysis of your ego or libido.

Ski Jumper R. M. Whitman, of the Viking Club, made the 1200 mile round trip to Lake Tahoe for the State Championship contest but had to be a spectator because he sprained his ankle a day before the finals. Was he "regusted"? And this after winning first prizes at Big Bear, Big Pines and Auburn.

Jonnie Myers was forced to take eight days off on account of an accident on the Inglewood Line.

When you think that things are tough for you just think of the clerk who has to put up with the arguments of the A. M. shine men.

C. W. Gregory missed out so he could start a little pinochle game last week. So Stinky Davis laid off to give the extra board a chance.

W. H. Morgan will give free candy bars to the kiddles that ride his bus next Saturday.

Two men claim they never get their names in Two Bells. Well, how do they look, T. J. Wiley and Doc Palmer?

GARAGE

Our alfalfa ranching foreman, D. B. Sterling, resigned March 17th after five years on the Second Shift, to make hay while the sun shines. He has been replaced by F. Nolff, and Scotty Crawford celebrated his tenth anniversary of employment by going back to the Second Shift as Floyd's assistant.

F. Bruner and Don Johnson have been transferred to the Day Shift and are enjoying the novelty of using nights for sleeping purposes.

Tom Juris is trying the night life in Don's place, which gives him more daylight in which to watch those bumper crops grow on his ranch at Gravy Acres. The new man filling the vacancy is J. F. McColloch who will work days until he becomes familiar with the equipment.

The District Attorney need not be disappointed at not getting anything out of Jack Schvinsky. Captain Ralphs has had the same problem for some time.

Watchman J. Holdsworth was jammed in the aisle of a street car and robbed of \$27 by some professional pickpockets. He noticed the loss shortly afterward but the thieves had disappeared.

Our personality boy's latest line with the ladies is that his father is president of the Company and that he can get passes for his friends on Western Avenue. With this added attraction Lee does get a few dances. Summer is officially here. Wm. Decker had his coat off all afternoon.

Capt. G. Oliver developed a limp last week of such a serious nature that he was unable to play ball at noon. It was afterwards found out that his brother, who is a professional ball player, was present.

Mr. H. Crocker missed three ball games on account of an attack of ptomaine poisoning.

Fred Hall was in for a short visit. His leg is mending nicely and will be removed from the cast soon. He says that he has registered his last complaint against the Insurance and Medical Plan.

Harry Vandenberg knows what traffic signals are for and knows that they have them in Los Angeles.

Dorothea Rankin is studying designing and dressmaking at the Manual Arts High School. We can hardly wait for Easter to bring us those new creations.

The Garage soft ball players have entered the City League under the name of A. H. Rude & Co. Capt. Oliver has taken them successfully through their first game with a score of 7 to 5 in their favor against a team that beat them three times in a row last year. They will play on the Manchester diamond on Friday evenings and have high hopes for this season.

Wally Weberg has been following the hobby of printing and developing pictures for quite some time. He has a nice set-up at his home for this work and would be glad to do it for his co-workers.

The bowling team that Foreman Doyle Rishel is rolling with is now in second place and rolls against the leaders in their next game. Hit the head pin, Doyle.



DIVISION ONE

Mr. and Mrs. Holloway and E. F. Skinner planned to spend Easter Sunday at Catalina Island.

When it's their Saturday off duty, L. A. McDonald and H. E. Pearson go deep sea fishing and seem to get a real kick out of the sport.

It is rumored that H. T. Brown wants a ranch somewhere north of here. Some one please page Doc Mullins. He's an authority on Oregon territory—or he ought to be.

DIVISION TWO

After being absent for the past five months on account of a broken leg Robert P. Sherrill returned to work and has been transferred from repairer Division One Days to Mechanical Street Inspector Division Two. As he held this same position before reduction of forces we know he will make good again.

J. L. Sherrill, who has been pinch hit-

ting for his brother Paul as Street Inspector, has been transferred to Vernon Yard as Inspector and says that when he gets acclimated to the early morning air he will be himself.

Louis Danforth, Jr. has been transferred from Division Two to South Park Shops and, as he had previous experience as a paint mixer, he naturally landed in the Paint Shop.

We deeply appreciate and wish to thank all for their kindly thoughts and expressions of sympathy extended during our recent sorrow.

MR. and MRS. WILBUR WELCH and Family.

DIVISION THREE

Charlie Merrill, who took Dad Truitt's job, is getting along fine.

Our pit wheel grinder has had its spring overhauling and a paint job, and is ready to grind out another year's work.

A. Pabst says he would relish some real home cooked food again but we just think he is getting lonesome.

DIVISION FOUR

We extend our welcome to G. H. Turner, E. A. McCurdy and J. Hopp who have recently been added to the roll of Division Four in the capacity of car cleaners.

T. Watts purchased a home in the vicinity of Occidental College, making him a full fledged tax payer. We wish you and yours happiness in your new home, Tom.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Clyde Holland on the recent death of his father.

C. Parker moved to that big little town called Lennox where he can raise his own garden and a few chickens.

R. Scudder, also of Lennox, was on the sick list for a couple of days but is back on the job again.

A. Benson was absent several days on account of sickness but is much improved and back on the job.

DIVISION FIVE

Division Five boys have organized an Indoor Baseball team. The Manager is Andy Anderson and the Captain is "Slim" Ellis. The practice time is every noon hour. Come on Sparks, let's play ball.

Walter Alport laid off from work a couple of days on account of illness.

Jack Eastin is the proud owner of a set of new store teeth. Store teeth seem to be sort of a fad at Division Five.

Fred Dudley, Sr. spent Sunday in San Gabriel Canyon, the first time since they used to make the trip in a wagon. Fred says the place sure has changed.

Olon Dewberry and "Ozark Jim" Boen (both came from Kansas) decided that they had been in Los Angeles long enough to find their way all over town with their eyes shut, so they took in the fights at the Olympic the other night. After the fight was over each decided in his own mind to give the other the slip just to see what would happen. Olon took a "5" car and ended up in Eagle Rock. "Ozark Jim" was more fortunate—he took a "5" car, went to sleep and woke

up in Hawthorne. But with the aid of a couple of good-natured conductors they arrived home at 2 A. M. only to discover that they would have to wake the "wimmen" folks up to let them in. They both reported that the fights were good.



Kelly Holmes had a visit with Sam Mouser a few days ago. Sam has been working his mining claims in the northern part of the State, but is now living with his sister in Fresno.

Roy Davis, of the Line Department, took his vacation early this year.

Bill Rankin had the misfortune to be held up last month. He was severely beaten when his bank roll was found to contain only two bits.

Bill Swearingen was another to fall prey to bandits. His sedan was stolen. Cancel this broadcast. Bill has his car back.

"Doc" Robey and Sam Cohn left their tool house in a hurry the other morning when one of the Vernon Yard play boys started shaking the building. No, Sam is not afraid of earthquakes, but he IS nervous. So "Doc" stayed right with Sam to keep him calm.

Henry Rishel is now Blacksmith at Vernon Yard and has Ray Cooper, former trolley tender, as helper.

A. Medina is rapidly recovering from a serious illness. He was threatened with pneumonia.

D. W. Stevens, watchman, was badly bruised and shaken when the car he was riding in was struck by another machine, the driver of which admitted a speed in excess of sevently miles per hour a few moments before the collision.

Cal Simmons' mother is seriously ill at her home in Santa Ana.

Dick Weston has left the services of the Company to open up a sandwich stand in a beer parlor at Avenue Twenty and North Broadway. He is serving good food and doing well. His specialty is a chili dip sandwich. Drop in and see him sometime.

In connection with Jack Baldwin's new duties as roller-man it was necessary to break him in to run switch engines in the Yard. When asked how he would stop, in the event his air was gone and his trolley came off, he promptly replied that he would "slug 'er." "That-a-old-fight, Jack."

The Vernon Yard Baseball team, umpired by Mike Finn, failed miserably when in its first competition it was badly beaten by a team of fast, young players. However, Mike promises to be a big help to the boys if they will only be patient with him.

Ask Jimmy O'Connor to show you some of his card tricks. Louie Schmidt was quite impressed by an exhibition which Jimmy put on the other day.

Bill Morgan makes friends easily. So easily, in fact, that it caused Jack Wilson no end of trouble the other night in separating Bill from a sailor that he had adopted.