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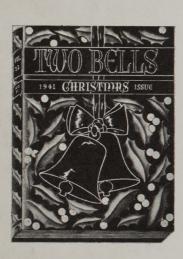
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"IN LIKE A LION—OUT LIKE A LAMB"

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SETS MARCH 15 AS REG-ISTRATION DAY FOR WAGE EARNERS

The old adage, "In like a lion and out like a lamb", describing the month of March, ceases to be mere fiction this year and instead becomes a reality. The transition period though from lion to lamb no longer requires a full month's time but is shortened to just fifteen days which, with modern production methods, is not only sufficient time to produce meeker lambs but lambs shorn shorter than ever before. The sheering, in case you are interested, will take place March 15 at centrally located federal buildings throughout the nation. For March 15 is pay day for Uncle Sam, and when that date rolls around, Americans, more than ever before, will have to dig deeply into their pockets to pay their share of the federal income tax.

The Federal Revenue Act of 1941 amends the income tax law so that every individual having a gross income, during the taxable year, of \$750.00 or over if single, or if married and not living with husband or wife, must file an income tax return, and every individual having a gross income, during the taxable year, of \$1500.00 or over if married and living with husband or wife must file an income tax return. This will mean that many Los Angeles Railway employes who have not heretofore filed income tax returns will have to file and pay an income tax on their 1941 earnings. Also, those who have been paying income taxes will be required to pay a larger amount than ever due to the lowering of the exemptions.

The United States Treasury Department frankly warns wage earners to prepare in advance for the sudden shock of this unusual tax bill. To help ease the blow, Treasury De-



partment tax notes are now available at all banks in denominations of \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00, earning an interest rate of 2 per cent a year. These notes may be used to pay income taxes throughout 1942 and until August, 1943. Your Credit Unions are also arranging systematic loans and savings plans for the payment of income taxes.

The accompanying income tax tables are called to your attention now so that you may prepare accordingly. The tax may be paid quarterly on the fifteenth day of March, June, September and December. The quarterly payments must be paid on the date due. Failure to do so makes the entire amount of the tax payable at once.

Company employes can miss the last minute rush at the federal building by determining their total earnings from the pay roll deduction slips accompanying each check. By filing your returns immediately after the first of the year, you will have the advantage of obtaining the unhurried assistance and advice of the Internal Revenue Department on the tenth floor of the Federal Building.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

Tables showing how much you will have to pay in individual income taxes on salary and wage incomes of selected sizes and the monthly savings needed to meet these 1941 income tax payments:

Single person—Not head of family— No dependents

If your net income from salary or wages is—	You will have to pay, under the 1941 Act—	You will need to save every month to meet 1941 tax payments—
\$750		
\$800	\$3	
\$900	11	\$1
\$1,000	21	2
\$1,100	31	3
\$1,200	40	3
\$1,300	50	4
\$1,400	59	5
\$1,500	69	6
\$2,000	117	10
\$2,500	165	14
\$3,000	221	18
\$3,500	284	24
\$4,000	347	29
\$5,000	483	40

Married person living with husband or wife—No dependents

If your net income from salary or wages is—	You will have to pay, under the 1941 Act—	You will need to save every month to meet 1941 tax payments—
\$1,500		
\$1,600	\$6	\$1
\$1,700	13	1
\$1,800	23	
\$1,900	32	3
\$2,000	42	4
\$2,100	52	4
\$2,200	61	5
\$2,300	71	6
\$2,400	80	7
\$2,500	90	8
\$3,000	138	
\$3,500	186	
\$4,000	249	
\$4,500	312	
\$5,000	375	31

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Married person living with husband or wife—One dependent

If your net income from salary or wages is—	You will have to pay, under the 1941 Act—	You will need to save every month to meet 1941 tax payments—
\$1,500 \$1,600 \$1,700		
\$1,600		
\$1,700		
\$1,800		
\$1,900		
\$2,000	\$6	\$1
\$2,100	12	
\$2,200	21	2
\$2,300	31	3
\$2,400	40	
\$2,500	50	4
\$3,000	98	
\$3,500	146	
\$4,000	197	
\$4,500	260	
\$5,000	323	27

Married person living with husband or wife—Two dependents

If your net income from salary or wages is—	You will have to pay, under the 1941 Act—	month to meet		
\$1,500 \$1,600 \$1,700				
\$1,800 \$1,900				
\$2,000 \$2,100				
\$2,200 \$2,300 \$2,400				
\$2,500 \$3,000	12 58			
\$3,500 \$4,000 \$4,500	106 154 208	13		
\$5,000		23		

THE NEW YEAR

By W. Y. STEARNS
Virgil

Here's another chance for you, Another year to use, Prepare to make the most of it, Prepare to win or lose. Your future lies before you,

No matter what you do, Every single day of it, Will start your life anew.

Your past is all behind you, Enjoy its memory, Another year will soon be gone, Returned to Eternity.

"WHEN THE RAIN COMES"

WET RAILS CALL FOR OPERATION ALERT

By J. Collins, Supervisor of Safety

The motorman who has mastered the art of reading street conditions, and applying the road space scheme, or the conductor who anticipates the consequence of a move at the time that move is being made, has very little trouble during the rainy season, because he recognizes these conditions and automatically does the right thing at the right time. The man who has made no effort to put the ideas into practice is in more or less trouble all of the time.

When it first starts to rain, the streets and rails may be slippery. People react differently, and autos are more unruly, consequently more dangerous. The motorman needs to be more cautious in passing and maneuvering for position while following them. There is also greater danger of having a collision of cars. Conditions are at their worst when the rain starts, and again just after it has stopped raining. Atmospheric conditions may be such that it causes the rails to sweat.

The proper use of sand is to keep all slippery spots sanded; the approach to track crossings; curves, or dangerous places sanded, as if sanding for the man who is following you. A clean rail is a good rail.

One of the most important things is to keep your windows clear so you can see where you are going. While car is standing, wipe the windows clean with tobacco, or a newspaper, blending the drops so the water will run off. Operate so you can stop within the range of your vision; and, instead of looking at the window, learn to look through it, as if it were not there.

In following other cars (especially in Zone One) increase your distance and decrease your speed. Take it easy, instead of working hard, and becoming involved in a collision. Use your own good judgment. Use no more speed than you need. You can do more and better work by

judging your speed with the controller than by putting yourself in a position where you must check your speed with the air.

If the rails are only slightly covered with water, and you run through it at high speed, you throw a spray from rails to the curb; therefore pass passengers waiting to board car at a sensible rate of speed.

If the rails are only slightly covover four inches deep, drift through, feeling your way. To run into deep water at high speed is very dangerous. As the fender catches the water it is forced down to the top of the rails, and throws a volume of water against the front windows with a force equal to your speed, breaking the glass in front of your face.

A switch under water may be set wrong on account of sand. A curve may be full of sand, especially at the foot of a grade. Any place where the water runs over the tracks it deposits sand, and this sometimes causes a derailment. If rails are covered with sand, do not double through it, with a car moving in the opposite direction.

In descending a grade, the secret of stopping is at the top. Keep your car under control at all times. Never allow it to gain excessive speed. In approaching track crossings, or curves, exercise caution—these are dangerous places. If lost after dark, or in a fog, feel your way by coasting.

People have a tendency to dash across the street to get out of the rain as quickly as possible, and they do not always select the proper time to do this. They may run into the side of the car, or directly in front of it. Be suspicious of all pedestrians.

A rain storm is merely a condition—out of the ordinary; and, like all such conditions, calls for attention on your part, which is also out of the ordinary.

Holiday READING

SELECTIONS FROM BOOKS OF THE HOUR

By HOPE TITUS

Assistant Librarian Los Angeles Railway

Fiction

READING I'VE LIKED. Clifton Fadiman. Simon & Schuster.

"Information Please" master of ceremonies, selects from his years of literary criticism the writings of the last two decades that he considers the most worth-while.

THE EMPTY ROOM. Charles Morgan. Macmillan.

Theme is the power of men and women, and even nations, to be born again when all is lost. A London surgeon, in the first year of the war, finds himself involved in a mystery surrounding an empty room where tragedy occurred 20 years before.

STORM. George Stewart, Random.

A tale of man against the elements. How a storm swept across the land and how it affected the lives of men and women. Shows how the lives of thousands of workers in weather bureaus, power stations, highway patrols and like posts are complicated.

THE STRANGE WOMAN. Ben Ames Williams. Houghton Mifflin.

Everybody thought Jenny Hagar a kind and good woman, except those who knew her best. Another beautiful and wicked "Scarlett O'Hara."

MRS. APPLEYARD'S YEAR. Louise Andrews Kent. Houghton Mifflin.

Home life of a middle aged woman who knows how to be thoroughly happy.

A LEAF IN THE STORM. Lin Yutang, John Day.

What war did to one woman and to the men who loved her. Amid war and chaos the Chinese have time for philosophy, compassion and romance.

About People

LOU GEHRIG. Richard Hubler. Houghton.

Life story of the famous baseball star.

TWO ENDS TO OUR SHOE STRINGS.
Kathrene Pinkerton. Harcourt.

The account of two people who made a success of never settling down. They tell of their wanderings from Southern California to Alaska.

TOMORROW WILL COME. E. M. Almedrigen. Little Brown.

RANDON

ALONE

THIS

CHASE

The authors struggle for existence in Txarist Russia and later in the Soviet. Received the Atlantic Monthly non-fiction prize.

THE MEN AROUND CHURCHILL. Rene Kraus. Lippincott.

Portraits of England's present leaders and their struggles for victory.

The World at War

DAKAR. Emil Lengyel. Random.

The history and importance of this port to the Battle of the Atlantic and the future of Africa.

EDUCATION FOR DEATH. Gregor Ziemer. Oxford Univ. Press.

How the Nazis educate their youth for world conquest. For the attention of those who think there is room in the world for the United States and a victorious Germany.

LOW ON THE WAR. David Low. Simon & Schuster.

A collection of cartoons which are profound political commentaries of our time.

The Far East

BEHIND THE RISING SUN. J. R. Young. Doubleday, Doran.

Personal narrative by a newspaper man on an American owned Japanese newspaper. Interesting side lights on Japanese life and politics.

INSIDE ASIA. John Gunther. Harper.
A quick survey of the Far East.

VOLCANIC ISLE. Wilfred Fleisher. Doubleday Doran.

The Japanese people and the world objectives of their rulers as seen by a correspondent who has known the country since he was a boy.

Latin America

INSIDE LATIN AMERICA. John Gunther. Harper.

What the South Americans are like and their attitude toward the United States and toward Europe.

MEET THE SOUTH AMERICANS. Carl Crowe. Harper.

A portrait of the people on the southern continent.

For Young People

FIGHT-ING LITTLES

PROUT

KELLY

THE KEYS of the

KINGDOM

CRONIN

BERLIN

WilliamL

SHIRER

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The SUN IS

UNDOING

BOTANY BAY. Charles Nordhoff and Norman Hall. Little, Brown.

The dramatic story of a convict colony that became Sydney, Australia, and the men and women thrust ashore to live or die in a strange world. Filled with tragedy, heroism, cruelty and achievement.

CALL IT COURAGE. Armstrong Sperry. Doubleday, Doran.

A native in the West Indies is a coward and fears the sea. He is forced to leave his island in a small sailing boat with only his dog and pet albatross for companions. He returns a hero.

FOUR YEARS IN PARADISE. Osa Johnson. Lippincott.

Keeping house on the Abyssinian border where your nearest neighbors are elephants.

MY FRIEND FLICKA. Mary O'Hara. Lippincott.

The touching story of α boy on α Wyoming ranch and his love for α small colt.

For Children

AMERICAN ABC. Maud and Miska Petersham. Macmillan.

Short stories about things that have gone to make up the spirit of America.

AMERICANS ALL. Barbara Anthony and Marcilline Barnes. Fideler. Large page drawings of famous citi-

zens with very short biographies. DUMBO. Walt Disney. Garden City.

Adventures of Dumbo and Timothy Mouse. The usual delightful Disney illustrations.

BIG ZOO. William Bridges. Viking. How a menagerie is managed and the animals cared for.

NINE LIVES. A. G. Rosman. Putman. London under siege, a cat in the household of the author and the kindness of people to each other.

WINGS AROUND AMERICA. Alice Dalgliesh. Scribner.

The result of the author-artist's airplane tour around the continent.





LEST WE FORGET The American Bill of Re

FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES



Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment 2

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

Amendment 3

No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment 4

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment 5

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment 6

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining Witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

Amendment 7

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of common law.

Amendment 8

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment 9

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construced to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment 10

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

PERSONNEL NEWS

FRED WARRINGTON



The sudden and untimely death of Fred Warrington, Superintendent of Sub-Stations, Power Department, on November 23, 1941, came as a great shock to his many friends and associates in the Company which he had served for thirty-six years. He was stricken while at work Saturday, November 22, and died at his home the next day. Mr. Warrington was born in England, June 27, 1880, and entered the service as sub-station operator on September 12, 1905. He was appointed Chief Sub-Station Inspector on April 16, 1927, and on August 19, 1929, was appointed Superintendent of Sub-Stations.

The funeral services were held November 26 from B. E. Dayton Mortuary. Interment was held in Inglewood Cemetery.

OBITUARY

Oscar Daniels, Motorman, Division 1, died December 1, 1941. He was born February 14, 1893, in Dallas, Texas, and entered the service as Motorman, May 4, 1923.

Thomas Henry Gray, on the Special Roll, died December 3, 1941. He was born in England, September 15,

1860, and entered the service as Section Storekeeper, Purchasing Department, February 7, 1911, transferred to the Mechanical Department, as Clerk, February 16, 1918, appointed Storekeeper in the Purchasing Department, December 1, 1919, placed on the Special Roll, June 15, 1931.

Harry Frank Hames, Conductor, Division 3, died November 9, 1941. He was born in Atchinson, Kansas, December 2, 1886, and entered the service as Conductor, Division 4, August 30, 1919, transferred to Division 3, July 4, 1937.

Bert Ernest Pittenger, on the Special Roll, died October 27, 1941. He was born in Alta Vista, Iowa, April 16, 1873, and entered the service of this Company December 10, 1917, as Conductor, Division 2, transferred to Conductor, Division 5, July 31, 1932, and placed on the Special Roll, December 10, 1937.

Fred Cornelius Keller, Car Repairer, Division 3, died December 9, 1941. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama, January 12, 1897, and entered the service as Car Repairer, January 16, 1928.

JAMES GALLAGHER



James Gallagher, oldest Los Angeles Railway employe, retired on the Special Roll, died December 2, 1941. Having spent fifty-three years in the employment of the Los Angeles transportation companies, Mr. Gallagher witnessed public transportation grow from a single horse car line to the huge metropolitan system that exists today. Mr. Gallagher was born in Ireland, July 3, 1863, and entered the services of the Main and Agricultural Park Railroad in 1888 as a horse car operator. When the first electric streetcars were inaugurated in Los Angeles, he entered the services of the Los Angeles Consolidated Electric Railway October 20, 1891, in the capacity of Conductor, and later joined the Los Angeles Railway Company in August, 1895. Mr. Gallagher entered the services of the Los Angeles Railway Corporation in 1910 at its inception. He served as Conductor until July 1, 1922, at which time he was appointed information man and was stationed at Seventh and Broadway. Mr. Gallagher was retired to the Special Roll on April 1, 1930.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 4, at St. John's Church. Rosary was said at White and Callanan and interment was held in Calvary Cemetery.

PENSION ROLL

John Adolph Johnson, Motorman, Division 3, was placed on the special Roll, effective November 25, 1941. Mr. Johnson was employed as Motorman, Division 3, February 20, 1920. His present address is 216 Isabel St., Los Angeles.

Walter John Forster, Motorman, Division 4, was placed on the Special Roll, effective December 7, 1941. Mr. Forster was employed as Motorman, Division 4, March 12, 1920. His present address is 1442 South Union Ave., Los Angeles.

Charles Herbert Freer, Flagman, was placed on the Special Roll, effective November 1, 1941. Mr. Freer was employed as Motorman, April 28, 1905, appointed Watchman September 25, 1921, returned to train service December 12, 1921, appointed Flagman, November 26, 1929. His present address is 716 Pacific Ave., El Monte, Calif.

Albert John Bowen, Messenger, Division 4, was placed on the Special Roll, effective December 4, 1941. Mr. Bowen was employed as Conductor Division 4, October 11, 1904, appointed Uniform Inspector, July 27, 1927, appointed Messenger, Division 4, July 1, 1939. His present address is 1104 Crest Dr., Los Angeles. Calif.

Herbert Clark Albertson, Watchman, has been retired, effective November 19, 1941. Mr. Albertson was employed as Conductor, Division 3, November 5, 1906, appointed Watchman, March 1, 1938. His present address is 2611 Granada St., Los Angeles.

Landon Christian Haynes, Flagman, was placed on the Special Roll, effective November 18, 1941. Mr. Haynes was employed as Conductor, Division 1, April 9, 1904, appointed Flagman November 2, 1932. His present address is 334 West Cypress St., Glendale, Calif.

BELLS

Switchman Alvin M. Acord, (Division 4) married to Miss Nell Sterrett on October 5.

Motorman Frank Monoghan (Division 5) married to Miss Lilla Callaway on October 11.

Conductor John L. Morris, (Division 4) married to Miss Dorothea May on October 26.

Stenographer and Clerk (16th Street) R. K. Kissick married to Miss Marjorie Peatman on November 15.

Operator V. Impusene (Division 1) married to Miss Theodosia Ambos on November 22.

Conductor V. E. Munyer (Division 5) married to Miss Ina Louise Moon, on November 30.

Peter A. Draus, Conductor (Division 4) married to Miss Lois Marsden on December 8.

YELLS

Thomas Frederick, born to Serviceman (Vineyard Division) and Mrs. W. Reece on September 11.

John Michael, born to Car Repairer (Division 5) and Mrs. John Sottile on November 7.

Connie Marie, born to Conductor (Division 4) and Mrs. E. W. Johnson on October 12.

Mary Sylvia, born to Operator (16th Street) and Mrs. E. M. Bannister on October 21.

Elizabeth Kathleen, born to Conductor (Division 5) and Mrs. T. H. Carey on November 2.

Jean Clara, born to Car Cleaner (Division 5) and Mrs. Jimmy Williams on October 31.

Charline Elizabeth, born to Conductor (Division 4) and Mrs. H. R. Gates on November 6.

Michael John, born to Conductor (Division 1) and Mrs. G. M. Dougherty on November 8.

Harry Wilburt, born to Operator (Virgil Division) and Mrs. George D. Owen on November 14.

Elinor Nadine, born to Motorman (Division 4) and Mrs. O. W. Andrews on November 22.

Herbert Keith, born to Motorman (Division 5) and Mrs. H. E. Quincy on November 23.

Owen Chester, Jr., born to Operator (16th Street) and Mrs. O. C. Bullock on November 27.

Virginia D., born to Conductor (Division 4) and Mrs. F. H. Whitehead on December 1.

Virginia Lee, born to Operator (16th Street) and Mrs. O. S. Flinn on December 4.



FIRST AID CLASSES FORMED

In cooperation with the Red Cross to train first aid workers among Southern California industries, the Los Angeles Railway has formed nine 5-man squads from Divisions 1, 3, 4, 5, Sixteenth Street, South Park Shops, Virgil and Vineyard coach divisions. These Company classes have been in progress since the second week of November, one half of the group meeting on Tuesday and the other half on Friday. All squads expect to complete the

course within ten weeks. Upon completion of training, this group will join the Los Angeles County Major Disaster Committee and will be subject to their call.

The instructors of the course, Shelby Brown, R. H. Wescombe, M. J. Thomason and M. J. Storer completed, earlier in the year, the Red Cross Standard Course, the Advanced Course and the Instructor's course in order to be properly qualified as directors of this activity.

DEAN SANTE



Nutritious Foods Build Strong Bodies

Feeding the family becomes the most important task of the home-maker. In order to be successful in her job, she should know what foods adequately meet body needs for growth, maintenance and repair. In the buying and use of these foods, she can also be a "genius" in her line. Here are some things to consider when buying for health and economy:

EGGS:

Are good at any meal, by themselves or as mixers. Use better grades for boiling, frying or poaching. For economy, use lower grades for sauces and baked dishes. Cook eggs slowly, at moderate heat, as fast cooking toughens whites. Never boil an egg. When cooking in the shell, the water should only simmer. Don't store eggs near strongly scented foods. MILK:

Drink some, cook with some, eat

some and get it in various forms. Fluid skim milk has all the food values of whole milk except those in the cream or butter. One quart of skim milk plus one and a half ounce of butter equals one quart of whole milk. For those non-milk drinkers, try concealing the milk quota in soups, sauces, gravies, baked foods, puddings, ice cream. Vegetables and cereals can be cooked in milk instead of water. A good home refrigerator will keep pasteurized milk fresh several days. Unpasteurized milk should be boiled before drinking.

MEAT, FISH, POULTRY:

Lean parts of cheaper cuts and grades are as nutritious as the more expensive. Roast or broil tender meat; pot-roast stew, smother, or grind less tender meat. Stretch meat flavor by combining with low-flavored foods. Cook all meat, poultry,

fish slowly at moderate temperatures. Use trimming and bones to flavor soups and left-over vegetables. Liver, kidneys and heart are higher in food values than some other meat cuts. Keep meat, poultry and fish, raw or cooked, in refrigerator.

FATS AND SWEETS:

Fats and sweets are cheap energy foods, add zest to eating, but don't overdo them. Fat-soaked foods are slow to digest. When frying foods, never let fats smoke. Save drippings and bacon fat for cooking and flavoring other foods. Store fats and oils in tightly covered containers in dry, cool, dark place. Use all the fat trimmings from meats. Refined sugars and syrups are good for energy only. Molasses, sorghum, cane and other refined syrups have other food values too.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS:

Put leafy, green and yellow colored vegetables at top of market list, Don't forget Vitamin C rich fruits and vegetables, such as oranges, grapefruit, tomatoes, raw cabbage, fresh raw turnips. Eat fruit raw as often as possible; some vegetables are best raw. Wash all fruits and vegetables well before serving raw or cooking. Cook vegetables in as little water as possible, as quickly as possible. NO SODA. Cook root vegetables in their skins. Standard grades of canned fruits and vegetables are as nourishing as fancy grades.

CEREALS AND BREAD:

Whole grain breads and cereals have more food values than the highly refined kinds. "Enriched" breads and flours have more food values than ordinary white breads and flours. Home-cooked cereals cost less than the ready-to-eat kind; some of them are higher in food values.



Lary Families' Favorite Recipes



Holiday Pudding

1 C. finely chopped suet

½ C. molasses

½ C. brown sugar

1 C. sour milk or buttermilk

2 tsp. soda

4 C. sifted flour

½ tsp. cloves

1 tsp. nutmeg

1 tsp. cinnamon

4 tbsp. lemon juice

½ tsp. grated lemon rind

½ lb. figs

½ lb. pitted dates

1 lb. seedless raisins

Mix together suet, molasses and brown sugar; add sour milk alternately with the flour which has been sifted with the soda and spices. Add the lemon juice and rind. Chop or grind the fruits and mix into the batter. Pour into well-greased cans or molds and steam for 2½ hours. This pudding keeps for weeks and is easily resteamed. Serve hot with hard sauce or any favorite sauce.

Hard Sauce

1/3 C. butter

1 C. sifted powdered sugar

½ tsp. vanilla extract

½ tsp. lemon extract

Cream the butter; add the sugar gradually and cream until fluffy; add flavoring.

Submitted by Mrs. B. Evans, wife of Motorman B. S. Evans, Div. 3.

Pork Chops and Scalloped Potatoes

Peel and slice potatoes, arrange in

casserole with seasoning to taste, place lean pork chops on top of potatoes, season and add milk to cover. Cook in a moderate oven. When pork chops are brown (½ hour) turn and cook until pork chops are again brown. While this dish is cooking, make apple sauce sweetened with white Karo syrup; when sauce is almost cooked, add grated rind of one-half an orange.

Submitted by Mrs. Margaret Ambrose, stenographer, Way and Structures Dept.

Prune Cake

.. 1/4 lb. butter or 1/2 C. shortening

1½ C. sugar

2 eggs

1 C. prunes (cooked)

1 C. prune juice

21/2 C. sifted flour

1/4 tsp. cloves

l tsp. cinnamon

l tsp. nutmeg

2 tsp. baking powder

l tsp. soda (dissolved in small amount of the prune juice)

1 C. broken walnuts

Cream shortening and sugar thoroughly. Add unbeaten eggs and beat well. Add flour sifted with salt, baking powder and spices, alternately with the prune juice. Add walnuts. Last, add soda which has been dissolved in the prune juice. Beat well. Bake in two layers in moderate oven about 350° about 45 minutes.

Butter Frosting

4 tbsp. butter

2 C. confectioners sugar

2 egg yolks (may be omitted)

l tsp. vanilla extract

2 tbsp. cream

Cream butter, add sugar gradually and continue creaming. Stir in unbeaten egg yolks and vanilla. Add cream as the frosting becomes thick.

Submitted by Mrs. M. R. Ballard, wife of Supervisor M. R. Ballard, Transportation Dept.

Creole Okra Served with Rice

1 lb. okra

5 tbsp. chopped bacon or other fat

2 onions, chopped

l large can tomatoes

l tbsp. salt

2 tsp. black pepper

l part of garlic

Cut stems off okra and cut in pieces. Fry chopped bacon 10 minutes slowly, then add okra and chopped onions to becon and fry another 10 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, salt, pepper and garlic. Put mixture in pan with a top on it and keep fire low. Steam for 20 minutes.

Submitted by Marguerite Dixon, Car Cleaner, Div. 5.

Uncooked Plum Pudding

l pkg. orange gelatin

3/4 C. Grapenuts

1/4 C. sugar

l pint boiling water

½ C. currants

3/4 C. raisins

1 C. chopped dates

3/4 C. nuts

1/4 tsp. cloves

Mix gelatin, Grapenuts and sugar. Add water and cool. Cook currants and raisins in a very small amount of water until soft. When all is cold, mix. Serve in cubes with whipped cream.

Submitted by Mrs. J. P. Carson, wife of Conductor J. P. Carson, Div. 1.

In line with our promise to the women who submitted their favorite recipes for the year 1941, Prudence Penny of the Los Angeles Examiner, will choose the five best, and the names of the winners will be published in the next issue of TWO BELLS. Awards will be given to the five ladies.

Sincere wishes for a very happy holiday and a bright and pleasant New Year.

Helen

Editor of "Dear Ladies"

'WAY BACK WHEN

OR WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT?

'Twas the night before Christmas When all through the city Not a cable car moved Was surely a pity.

And J. C. Robinson, Manager of the Los Angeles Cable Railway, was driving frantically around the city through drenching rain to induce workmen to dig stalled cable cars out of the mud, to clean sand from the cable conduit pits and from the sheaves which carried the cable. For the rain on that night of December 24, 1889, established a record which holds to this day. Christmas morning found Mr. Robinson still super-

vising his digging out activities of the cable car equipment. On one of his frantic trips, he picked up Mayor Workman who remarked that it looked like the cable cars wouldn't be running that day. Robinson bet the Mayor a cigar that the cars would be moving by 1 p.m. He issued instructions to start the cable at that time.

Power was turned on at the designated time but more than one-half of the cable sheaves were stuck with mud, the cables dragging over them were cut. The sheaves, as well as the cable, were ruined. The fuel pile at the power station was depleted. Thousands of dollars in damages were accrued. Mr. Robinson lost his cigar.

WHEN most of the early day street railways were haphazardly maintaining service, their schedules

depending upon the amount of patronage going to the parks and beer gardens throughout the city, the Elysian Park street railway was quietly setting records for a perfectly schedTWO BELLS presents the ninth in a series of transportation stories of by-gone days, some of which have been told to us by older trainmen and others unearthed from Company records.

uled service.

This line, routed in 1887 from Echo Park Avenue and Temple Street to Cerro Gordo and Montana, a distance of two miles, was built by real estate promoters to sell lots north of Sunset Boulevard between Glendale Boulevard and Elysian Park.

About 1889, five families were re-

CARDY AND CARDY

"Give me a hand with Dobbin mister! If he beats that fire engine again the city will take him back from the street car company."

siding in that territory, so the owners of the Elysian Park street railway, feeling that they were, by this time, entitled to a franchise, appealed to the Board of Public Works.

The Los Angeles Herald on June 21, 1889, reports the Board's trip to inspect the new route into the city before granting the franchise. The officials were unanimous in their acclaim. The comment was made that the line had been operating "on time" for the past two years but that very few citizens had been aware of it.

WAY back in the Gay Nineties when streetcar operation was not a specialized profession but was an occupation to which men from all walks of life often turned their hand, we find soldiers, generals, captains, preachers, future judges, city

officials, ministers and missionaries driving early day transportation vehicles. Whatever it was that attracted so many types of men to the streetcars, it definitely was not the wages that they received. As proof, we offer the following from the son of a farmer who tilled the entire region from Scott Street to the top of the hills and east to Elysian Park, "In 1894, I made 3 contract with Mrs. Scott to operate the horse car on the Elysian Park line. The company was to furnish the horse and I the feed. My pay was \$4.00 per week and all that I took in. My cash averaged about ten cents a day. The best day's receipts I ever had while operating the car was one Sunday when I caught a picnic. There were forty people, and when I reached

heavy grades the men got out and pushed. They had lots of fun and enjoyed it. They walked back from the end of the line. I got \$2.00 that day."

CUSTOMERS' COMPLIMENTS

Operator 69 Thanked . . .

"Your operator 69 (M. R. West), I think -who was driving bus 1917 this evening at 5 o'clock west on Manchester, is a "good guy". He made it possible for me to board his bus at Broadway and Manchester, when he could have left me behind without much basis for a "squawk".

"I'm happy to thank 69 for his kindness and I hope my telling you about it will do him some good. I think he is the same man who good-naturedly reminded a passenger who was too busy with conversation, when he had reached his stop. This was several days ago."

> Yours truly, H. R. KOTTERMAN 509 Osage Ave., Inglewood, Calif.

Fine Manner Toward Passengers . . .

"Operator No. 110 (R. C. Triplett) on bus 6021, Tuesday morning, was very courteous to all his passengers. He really should be complimented. He took time to answer all questions in a gentlemanly manner, which is not always the case. It gives me pleasure to express my appreciation as I know complaints are more often expressed."

> NETTA S. HOLTON. (No address shown).

Courtesy and Patience Appreciated ...

"I saw an unusual example of courtesy and patience on the part of your bus driver, operator No. 514 (T. L. Dundas, Wilshire). Santa Monica bus, toward an exasperating dumb woman passenger, while riding your bus today. This was in such sharp contrast to the discourtesy shown by some of these drivers, that I feel impelled to write you about it so that this gentleman gets the credit that is due him from his employer."

Very truly yours JAMES E. DICK 838 A. 18th St. Santa Monica, Calif.

Well Liked . . .

"I think it is only proper to call your attention to one of your employes, a conductor on the "H" line, whose number is 760 (L. E. Adkins, Div. 1).

"I am not acquainted with the man, and consequently I do not know his name, but as I have been a director of personnel,



handling large groups of employes for many years, I feel that it is my duty as a true American to call your attention to the courtesy that is extended to the passengers who might be fortunate enough to ride on the car of which he is the conductor.

"I have heard it mentioned by quite a few passengers how polite and gentlemanly this employe treats them.

"I feel that you, as any other official of a corporation, are only too happy to hear of good deeds performed by employes under their supervision."

> JIM BURNS, 718 S. Union Ave. Los Angeles.

Indeed A Help...

"During our 160th Infantry homecoming November 21-23, we used the Figueroa Street coach quite a bit. One operator stood out for his help in directing us around the city. His number was 151 (B. . Towsley). I am sure all the soldiers who rode with him would say the same."

> PVT. H. L. BROWN, 160th Infantry, Camp Luis Obispo, Calif.

From Our Mail Sacks Also Come Letters of Commendation to:

TRAINMEN

D. L. Adams, Division 4.

L. F. Auker, Division 4.

A. L. Auslander, Division 4.

L. Childress, Division 1.

F. D. Connolly, Division 4.

W. T. Crowder, Division 3.

F. P. Dana, Division 1.

C. E. Davis, Division 3.

R. M. Dingman, Division 3.

D. H. Eccles, Division 3.

*N. Flanagan, Division 4.

H. L. Foss, Division 4.

R. E. Fuller, Division 1.

I. Gasparro, Division 3.

C. Gordon, Division 4.

J. L. Gray, Division 5.

H. D. Grush, Division 3.

G. W. Hargrove, Division 1.

F. S. Hughes, Division 5.

J. W. Hughes, Division 3.

*C. V. Judd, Division 3.

D. C. Kennedy, Division 3.

W. H. Langdon, Division 5.

T. R. Lanham, Division 4.

L. L. Leasman, Division 4.

L. B. H. Meek, Division 3.

R. Meggison, Division 5.

G. H. Melcher, Division 3.

D. E. Merritt, Division 3.

D. E. McCarter, Division 1.

A. E. McGowan, Division 3.

*J. H. Prickett, Division 3.

T. J. Pugh, Division 1.

H. E. Quincy, Division 5.

R. A. Roberts, Division 1.

C. G. Rogney, Division 4.

E. J. Sansom, Division 1.

W. G. Schmidt, Division 3.

H. E. Schultz, Division 5.

G. Shaffner, Division 4.

R. F. Shepherd, Division 5.

W. L. Simpson, Division 5.

W. M. Stevenson, Division 4.

W. F. Story, Division 3.

J. L. Tinsley, Division 4.

L. A. Voage, Division 1. G. E. Wakefield, Division 3.

J. A. Wear, Division 5.

J. G. Wells, Division 4.

**W. H. Welch, Division 4.

J. Williams, Division 1.

J. R. Zimmerman, Division 4.

COACH OPERATORS

W. M. Burge, Wilshire.

J. D. Burns, Beverly.

F. J. Butler, E9-Whittier.

O. L. Caraway, Belmont.

H. E. Drysdale, Olympic.

A. R. Galloway, Olympic.

D. H. Getchell, Vermont.

G. C. Gilliland, Wilshire.

D. L. Gladwell, Manchester.

C. E. Grace, E9-Whittier.

J. A. Kilby, Beverly.

E. M. Kirby, Highland Park.

R. H. T. Liles, Crenshaw.

F. J. Masterson, Florence-Soto.

M. A. Martel, Wilshire.

*R. M. Mills, Sunset.

R. L. McDonald, Olympic.

W. E. Rogers, Bell.

R. G. Seymour, Wilshire.

L. E. Sires, Beverly.

W. S. Swanson, Eaglerock.

O. L. Thrasher, Coliseum.

B. B. Towsley, Figueroa.

*H. A. Walters, Wilshire.

E. M. Welch, Wilshire.

M. R. West, Manchester.

Note: Each asterisk indicates one additional commendatiton.

WOMEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES



CHRISTMAS WELFARE PARTY A GRAND SUCCESS

Trophy Winners

Left to right—Mrs. J. T. Watts, Mrs. E. J. Miller, Mrs. C. F. Thun, Mrs. H. W. Bailey, Mrs. A. F. Keifer—First Prize Winner—Mrs. S. T. Brown, Mrs. W. G. Clardy, Mrs. Mary A. Kirkland.

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Mrs. H. A. DEWEY

Mrs. Shelby Brown expressed her sincere thanks to all who helped to make the Christmas Welfare Party a

The complete report is not in as this goes to press but something close to \$300.00 will be left after expenses have been paid. Two hundred turkey dinners were served on the night of November 15. Those helping the chairman, Mrs. S. Ashworth, with the dinner were Mesdames Dwyer, Hendricks, MacKay and Thomas.

The ring toss was a great attraction to young and old and was the source of some of the money spent at the fish pond. Mrs. E. J. Miller had charge of the ring toss and Mrs. J. T. Watts had charge of the fish pond.

Drama Group

First Row-left to right-Charles Matthews, Billy Pinder, Tommy Rocha. Second Row—left to right—Roy Blaize, Mrs. R. L. Wilson, Lorna Lee Hemm, Mrs. H. A. Dewey, James T. Dennis. Third Row—left to right—Mesdames A. H. Heineman, E. N. Jackson, E. V. Athenous, B. E. Timbs, A. H. Setterberg, C. F. Thun, Loren M. Coe, E. J. Miller, A. R. Hemm, C. A. Evans, J. T. Watts, W. G. Clardy, L. F. Robinson, J. F. McCormick, R. F. Dwyer, J. F. Carlin.

The Pinder Hawaiian Quartet consisting of Billy Pinder, James Dennis, Roy Blaize, Tom Rocha and Charlie Matthews really helped out the show. These boys filled in and kept up the festive spirit.

The Drama Group presented a barn dance under the very competent direction of Mrs. J. F. McCormick. The members taking part were Mesdames Jackson, Miller, Setterburg, Thun, Hemm, Coe, Heineman, Evans, Robinson, Wilson, Carlin, Clardy, Watts, Timbs, Dwyer, Dewey, McCormick and McDermith who accompanied at the piano. The audience joined in the polka, waltz, and square dance numbers. After the program many compliments were heard on the success of the evening.

The door prizes totaling \$25.00 were awarded to Mr. O. J. Elrod holding ticket number 2832 for \$10.00; Mr. Hoyt ticket 700 for \$7.50; Mr. F. O. Hart ticket number 2026 for \$5.00; Dorothy V. Parker ticket 3000 for \$2.50.

The ham won by Mr. O. G. Mc-

Dermith weighed 14 pounds. The child's quilt raffled during the evening was won by Mrs. J. T. Watts. Other lucky numbers were held by Mrs. C. Hendricks and Mr. H. K. Conacher. Each received a box of candy.

Mrs. W. G. Clardy, in charge of the handicraft exhibit, presented the perpetual grand prize to Mrs. A. F. Kiefer for crocheted tablecloth; Mrs. C. F. Thun, embroidery; Mrs. H. W. Bailey, knitting; Mrs. H. W. Bailey, battenburg; Mrs. W. G. Clardy. quilt; Mrs. C. F. Kirkland, rugs; Mrs. J. T. Watts, copper; Mrs. E. J. Miller, aluminum. All received small trophies as first prize in each classification. The judges were Mrs. Otto Hansen of the Red Cross, Mildred H. Buckins and Mrs. Lois Donovan of Frank Wiggins, and Miss Fern Preston.

Antiques and 1940 Prize Winners for display only were the cut work set by Mrs. H. Conacher; bead purse, Mrs. A. F. Kiefer; copper tray, Mrs. C. A. Evans; knit dress, Mrs. H. W. Bailey; aluminum tray, Mrs. W. G. Clardy; antique quilt belonging to Mrs. J. F. McCormick, doll set of dishes, Mrs. C. F. Thun; bowie knife tie and doll of Mrs. A. H. Setterburg's—also a counterpane.

The November meeting was held on the sixth of the month. At this meeting Mrs. C. F. Carlin led the salute to the flag. Mrs. J. F. McCormick read and explained where the flag should be placed. Mrs. E. J. Miller led in the singing of "America the Beautiful" accompanied on the piano by Mrs. A. H. Setterburg.

Enid Case of Bullock's presented many ideas in the "Art of Christmas Wrapping."

After the regular business meeting conducted by our President, Mrs. Shelby Brown, co-chairman Mrs. Kimball and Mrs. Thorn served refreshments assisted by Mrs. Dwyer and Mrs. Dewey.

On December 4 Mrs. Shelby Brown told of purchasing kitchen equipment, also reminding everyone there will not be a meeting on January 1.

"Last year
you nearly
got
electrocuted
playing
engineer
with Junior's
toy
train—
and now
it's
stratosphere
pilots!"



Mrs. L. B. Meek announced that work on the Christmas Welfare baskets will begin on December 11 and are to be completed by ten o'clock of the twenty-third.

Mrs. McKinley of the Personnel Department reports of the 45 families to be remembered, 36 will receive baskets from the Los Angeles Railway Women's Club.

The flower arrangements seen at each club meeting are the handwork of Mrs. F. O. Rowbottom.

Mrs. Paul Brown read a letter from the Red Cross Headquarters asking for women for canteen training. The course is for one day a week for six weeks.

The Red Cross Auxiliary is still meeting on Tuesdays from 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. Sweaters for our own boys will be started soon. The yarn on hand must be made into sweaters first.

Miss Marie Andre from the Home Maker's Club explained the rules in the label saving contest.

Mrs. A. C. Stover will have a birthday table on January 15 for those having birthdays in October, November and January. The birthday present will be given to the one holding the lucky number. Come and bring a friend.

Mrs. E. J. Miller announced that on January 8 there will be a card party and luncheon at the Southern California Gas Company in Hollywood. Reservations of sixty or more are requested, so please remember to call or see a member.

To Employes of the Los Angeles Railway Corp.:

The members of the Los Angeles Railway Women's Club wish to extend grateful appreciation to the employes of the Company for their loyal support of our Christmas Welfare Party. The proceeds will be used to provide comfort and pleasure for many families of railway and coach employes who are temporarily in need of assistance.

Thank you for your help in this worthy cause.

Mrs. Shelby T. Brown,
President, Los Angeles
Railway Women's Club.

Clubs and Vets

SQUARE AND COMPASS CLUB

By C. J. KNITTLE

The officers of the Square and Compass Club take pleasure in extending to everyone the Seasons Greetings.

Saturday evening, November 8, may seem to be rapidly slipping into oblivion but it was Ladies' Night at the Club and 146 members and guests gathered at the Hayward Hotel to enjoy a luscious roast chicken dinner. Brother Billy Vejar then presented a fine program of entertainment.

On the show bill, Frankie Farr (Eddie Cantor's double) offered a patter, song and dance skit which was well received. Chan Loo presented fifteen minutes of Chinese magic. The Sensational Marcos gave a marvelous exhibition of acrobatic balancing. Don Dixon threw everyone into convulsions with his "Whirlwind of Comedy" and Felix Valle provided the smashing climax with a spectacular rope spinning number.

In a Keeno game which followed, 12 fortunate guests received cash prizes amounting to \$15.00. Five turkeys were then raffled off and 20 free door prizes were later awarded. Incidentally, it was a great night for J. H. McCornack. Brother Mc-Cornack (16th St. Garage) won a turkey and his daughter won a door prize. The other four turkeys were won by Motorman A. D. Kinsey, Division 3, Dispatcher C. H. Coxhead, L. A. Railway Building, Foreman M. E. McCune, South Park Shops and Substation Operator Ira Booth. Raymond B. Smith, Chairman, thanks the brothers for their cooperation and loyal support.

It is regretted this issue had to go to press before December 13. On that evening the Club again met at the Hayward to enjoy a fine baked ham dinner. Brother Billy Vejar had arranged another excellent entertainment and the election of officers for the new year followed. A complete list of the new officers and committeemen will be announced in next TWO BELLS.

The retiring President, Jimmy Inman, wishes to convey his sincere thanks to all members for their splendid cooperation during the past year.

Brother Bill Bailey (Supervisor), a prominent member of the Club's

degree team, has been appointed Junior Steward of Henry S. Orme Lodge, No. 458, by newly elected Worshipful Master, William B. Mott.

Brother C. D. Burnett (Division 1), member of the Club and Associate Guardian of Bethel, No. 78, Order of Jobs Daughters, was appointed Grand Outer Guard of the Grand Guardian Council, State of California, and was installed at Sacramento on November 15.

The Club feels highly honored to know that the conscientious efforts of Brothers Bailey and Burnett has been so fittingly recognized.



Oh, thank you so much for making room for a poor old lady."

VETS CLUB AUXILIARY

By ELLA HOYLE Acting Secretary

Owing to the absence of our regular secretary, I will endeavor to fill in for her in this issue.

On December 9 our Auxiliary completed another very successful year.

The attendance was fair, owing mostly to colds. The election of officers was held, and at this writing I do not have a complete list to publish but will have it for next month's issue, after installation takes place on Tuesday, January 13, 1942.

We extend a cordial invitation to all our railway friends to attend this affair.

Esther Wickham reported that the galloping breakfasts were very successful, and those who attended had a very enjoyable time.

The drawing took place for the well-filled linen hamper with the results as follows: The beautiful hamper was won by Mrs. C. D. Lampe, mother of our Junior Past President Esther Williams. The five consolation prizes went to: J. A. Madigan; Mrs. Essie Watts; Mrs. J. Farrell; Mrs. Betty Nowack; and Mrs. C. J. Clark.

Jimmie Duncan, son of Andy Duncan, Division 5, drew the winning numbers.

As chairman of the raffle committee, I wish to thank all the ladies who helped to make this affair so successful by the sale of tickets. Honorable mention goes to Esther Williams who alone sold \$17.75 in tickets. Thanks a lot Esther for coming to the front again.

All 1941 officers are requested to bring their badges of office to the meeting installation. Hope you will remember to send greetings to Mr. "Bugs" Hannon, husband of our president. He is at this time serving in the Navy and we all hope to hear from him soon.

After the meeting adjourned, we went to the dining room for delicious apple pie and cheese and coffee.



"Billy" and Mrs. Brown celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Armistice Day, November 11, at the home of their daughter and son-inlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Knauer. Mr. Brown was formerly General Foreman of Car Houses until he was retired in August, 1939, serving the Company thirty-nine years. A plaque was presented to the pair on which were engraved the names of the brothers and sisters. Also, a new \$50 bill was received from Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Kellogg, nephew and niece of the couple. Candy, flowers and telegrams sent on this occasion made it one well to be remembered.

RETIRED MEN'S **ASSOCIATION**

By P. C. McNaughton, Secretary

Our regular monthly meeting was held in Room 309, Los Angeles Railway Bldg. Thursday afternoon, November 13, at 2 o'clock. We were entertained with a moving picture given by the Standard Oil Co. depicting views throughout the West, showing progress made since the days of the horse and buggy, of getting out timber from virgin forests, hauling logs with oxen over skid roads, down to present day machinery, paved roads and automobiles. This picture, "Building the West" was followed by a picture of fishing in the Northwest, showing salmon leaping over barriers, trout fishing in turbulent streams, and many views of rivers, streams and forests in that very beautiful country. The entertainment lasted an hour, and we are greatly indebted to the Standard Oil Company and to Mr. H. A. Smith, who brought the films and showed us the pictures. It was educational as well as enjoyable and a proof of the wonderful resources and achievements of this great Northwest.

It is almost inconceivable that in this wonderful world of ours, there must be the terrible conditions that now exist, in what should be a paradise on earth. Today, we, in the United States, must take our share of these conditions and prepare for war, and all the awful conditions that follow in its wake. We can scarcely realize that it has at last come to our shores, for we have been so sure that nothing like that could "ever happen here." We must all, however, put our shoulders to the wheel, and in our hearts think of the day when war shall be no more, and that we are a part of the big machine that is going to bring it about. We thank God that He is still watching over the destiny of men, and that there is still much to be thankful for, even in these darkest days.

> THANK GOD By Mrs. P. C. McNaughton

Thank God for the glory of sunrise, For the warbling of linnets at dawn. For the sparkling of frost in the meadows, After the flowers have gone.

Thank God for the Thanksgiving anthems, That ring from the mocking-bird's song, Thank God for the splendor of morning When the darkness has lingered so long.

Thank God for the clouds and the shadows, For the storm and the wind and the rain. Thank Him for life giving sunshine, Thank him in joy and in pain.

NOT ALWAYS EASY

"To apoligize,

To begin over,

To admit error,

To take advice,

To be unselfish, To keep on trying,

To be considerate,

To think and then act,

To profit by mistakes,

To forgive and forget,
To shoulder a deserved blame.
BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS."

UNIT NO. 541, AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

By Marie Manning Publicity Chairman

Community Service Chairman Bettie Leasman assisted by members of the Unit, have been working on the Community Chest Drive.

At our meeting of December 2, all committee chairman gave very fine reports of the work that their committees are doing and of plans for the future. After the business session the members in a body visited the Post as this was their fifth birthday, and President Ann Charlesworth presented Commander Leasman with a beautiful cake on which was five candles. After a very short program all adjourned to the dining room for refreshments which consisted of coffee and cake.

The Unit held a rumage sale on December 4, 5, 6 and several of the members worked hard to make it a success. Money derived from the sale will be used to carry on the Unit program.

President Ann Charlesworth who is also Hospital chairman has made plans for a Christmas party in the Hobby Shop Sunday afternoon December 21, at Sawtelle. Each Veteran will receive refreshments and a gift from Unit 541. All members are urged to attend.

Child Welfare Chairman Esther Wickham completed plans for the Daddy Gifts which will be given to children of deceased veterans.

Mother Clubb, our Chaplain, has been busy lately sending get well cards and visiting the sick members.

The month of January will be Education Month and plans are being made by Education Chairman Marie Manning for a program at our meeting January 6 and it is hoped that we may have Mr. Fred Shoemaker, Principal of Berendo Junior High, as a speaker.

Membership Chairman Bettie Leasman states that we only need seven more to have our quota. PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW.

Junior Chairman Lona Davis reports that the Juniors are making scrapbooks for crippled children in the hospital.

Next card party sponsored by the Unit will be January 8 at the home of President Charlesworth, 737 East 76th Street. Light luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. and Bridge, 500, Pinochle and Bunco will be played. There will be a door prize and prizes for high score in each game.

Moving picture chairman Oda Dell Smith attended a preview in Hollywood last week and made a fine report on same.

Ways and Means Chairman Mae Carson urges all members and their friends to attend the card party on January 8.

Several members of the Unit have joined the Woman Corps to help out in National Defense. They also meet each Thursday in the Pacific Electric Building to sew for the Red Cross.

VETERANS' CLUB

By JAMES MADIGAN

On Tuesday, December 9, the election of officers for 1942 was held at Patriotic Hall.

The following comrades will govern the Club for the coming year—Commander, E. J. Roche; 1st Vice Commander, T. L. Hutchings; 2nd Vice Commander, L. T. Staten; Finance Officer, R. C. Hoyle; and Chaplain, C. J. Jackson. Commanderelect Roche appointed Comrade Myron Taylor as Adjutant, and Comrade Andy Duncan as Sergt.-at-arms.

The newly elected Commander gave a very interesting talk on the Japanese situation with some timely suggestions regarding the actions and morale of trainmen, in the event of a serious emergency arising while they are on duty.

As soon as the date of the Installation is determined, the adjutant will notify each member. Let us make this installation a record-breaker for attendance. The coming year is sure to be an eventful one for the club and let us all resolve to attend all the meetings.

The Thanksgiving turkey winners were Chief Supervisor Art Warren, Comrade Al Brehm, Comrade H. A. Langle, Mr. R. Weinstein, and Mr. A. E. Miller.

On the night of the turkey drawing, Comrade Hutchings also won the Jack Pot and at the meeting of December 9 our honorary member, Comrade Ken Sloan, again won the Jack Pot for the sixth and seventh time. How do they do it?

Merry Christmas to all you comrades, and don't forget to mail that card to our comades in the service. As this goes to press we have no news from Comrade Hannon who is in Manila.

Don't miss the next meeting.

POST NO. 541 AMERICAN LEGION

By W. Y. Stearns Publicity Chairman

The meeting held November 4 of the combined railway posts, S. P. Daylight 576, P. E. Railway 321, Santa Fe 573, and L. A. Railway 541, was an innovation in the routine procedure of meetings and was so successful that already plans are under way to make it a regular feature several times a year. The arrangement has many advantages, including the common bond of understanding of men engaged in the same line of work, and enlarging the scope of interest in posts of small memberships by increasing their contacts.

A high-light of the evening was an inspiring speech by Past Dept. Commander Buron Fitts, who pointed out that there is only one "ism" in which we should have any interest, he declared, and that is Americanism.

Past National Commander, and 4th Area Commander Tracy (Silver Top) Hicks, also spoke on the importance of Armistice Day, and the vital part the Legion plays in America today.

Second Vice Commander J. Huber,



American Legion L. A. Ry. Post 541 Meets with Santa Fe 573, Southern Pacific Daylight 576 and Pacific Electric 321

Left to right—Buron Fitts, Past Commander, Dept. of California, American Legion; Leo Leasman, Commander, Post 541; R. McDermott, Chaplain, Southern Pacific Daylight Post 576; Tracy Hicks, Commander, 4th Area; C. F. Benjiman, Commander, 23rd District; R. H. Manning, Adjutant, Post 541; C. A. Newman, Adjutant, Pacific Electric Post 321; Linn Dunklin, Commander, Santa Fe Post 573; Comrade Sames, Pacific Electric Post 321; Chas. A. Booth, 1st Vice Commander, 17th District.

of the Ben Bowie Post, colored, 23rd District, voiced the views of all loyal Legionnaires when he said he would rather go and fight again as he did in '17, rather than wait for any foreign dictator to get a foothold in this country.

Vice Commander Booth, 17th district, gave a short talk on membership, and the trend toward the increasing number of members in all posts. L. A. Railway Post 541 lead all the other posts present with a membership of 71, and so was awarded the Most Distinguished Service Citation. This fine showing was due almost entirely to the unceasing efforts of our Go-Getter Commandant, Bob Manning.

At the close of the meeting we were entertained by Jackie Morrow, baritone, who has appeared both in the movies and on the radio, and is the son of Comrade John Morrow; a seven piece accordion band made up of girls from ten to fifteen years of age, who played several well remembered tunes of by-gone days; Mrs. Eastman, who gave some beautiful selections on her xylophone, and several other splendid acts.

The attendance at the November 8 meeting fell off sharply due to the shake-up at Division 1 falling on the same night. However, we are all glad to hear that our Commandant, R. H. Manning, has been appointed to the Department of Public Relations Committee. The appointment was made by Bob Garner, Jr., Department Commander.

Conductor Wm. D. McCafferty of Division 1 is thankful that he still has nine fingers. It all happened this way. His car tangled bumpers with another car. In freeing the bumpers, the cars came apart with a jerk—and so did Bill's finger. He says ten fingers are too many to lug around all your life anyway. And besides that, it isn't nice to point, and it was his pointing finger. Oh, well, one less nail to bite, says Bill.

H. T. Brown, mechanic, is on the sick list, but coming along nicely, as is also Comrade Detrick, that master mixer of chili and beans.

Bill Christmas came in from San Fernando November 11, to be in the Armistice Day Parade.

J. C. Wood, instructor, Division 1, was the winner of the month's Dividend Drawing, with number 823.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

By CONDUCTOR O. C. WHITE, Division 3.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

I heard a fellow say

As he gathered up his packages

And started on his way.

You see, I had been working hard.

T'was such a 'cloudy' day.

But when I heard those two last

words

The clouds just rolled away.

While multitudes unmindful of a

Veiled insight.

Too wrapped in one's own haste
To bear conception of the 'light'.
I never saw the man again
Nor know from whence he came.
I only know his "MERRY CHRIST-MAS"

Should always means the same.
For it made ME stop and wonder
O'world of selfish greed.
The star that shines of Bethlehem
Just once each year we heed.
Would not it be far better
If only we could do
And think the thoughts of "MERRY
CHRISTMAS"

The whole year through?
We would not have to think out loud

When we're not feeling fine.

Just remember "MERRY CHRIST-MAS"

Behold, the star will shine.

SPORTS

By W. WHITESIDE

WITH THE ALL-STARS

To date this has been one of the most successful seasons the all stars have ever had. Playing in a tough class "AA" municipal league they have won 7 games and lost 1 to date. Each and every member of this team deserves a world of praise for his excellent work on the diamond. Read over the line ups of the team and when you meet one of these boys tell him that you are happy to hear that the team is getting along so well, and then when you have a free Sunday afternoon drop over to Vernon Yards and help cheer them on to another victory.

Two of the regulars who started the season had to drop out—"Barney" Barnett due to poor eyesight and "Big Boy" Aslin who was injured when an oil truck ran into a streetcar.

All games are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and are to be played at Vernon Yards except the game with St. Augustine on the 28th which is to be played at Culver City.

Scheduled games:

Sunday, December 21— All Stars vs. Speedo Electric.

Sunday, December 28—All Stars vs. St. Augustines.

Sunday, January 4—All Stars vs. Western Rangers.

Sunday, January 11—All Stars vs. Arden Farms.

Sunday, January 18—All Stars vs. South Side Nine.

Sunday, January 25—All Stars vs. Vermont Merchants.

ALL STAR LINE-UP

	Batting
Player, Div. & Position	Average
Stotelmyre, 3 R.F	355



L. A. RAILWAY ALL STARS

Front Row, left to right—Aslin, Burgess, Barnett, Smith, Broman, Stotelmyre. Back Row, left to right—Lusk, Stoner, Landreth, Forman, Lipscomb (Mgr.), Morris (Coach), Widick.

Stoner, M.C., C.F.			375
Lusk, M.C., 3 B			
Carpio, V.Y., 2B			
Broman, 3, 1B			
Smith, C., M.C., C			
Burlingame, 5, L.F.			
Landreth, 5, S.S.			
Widick, M.C., P.			
Burgess, S.P.S., Util.			
Forman, S.P.S., Util.			
Morris, 3, Coach			
Lipscomb, 4, Mgr			
SCORES OF RECENT			
(All Stars)			
November 2, 1941:	R.	H.	E.
All Stars	8	11	1
Speedo Electric	2	3	3
November 9, 1941:	R.	H.	E.
St. Augustines	8	10	0
All Stars	2	9	3
November 16, 1941:	R.	H.	E.
All Stars	7	19	2
Western Rangers	4	8	2
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November 23, 1941:	R.	H.	E.
All Stars	8	2	4
Arden Farms	2	3	4
November 30, 1941:	R.	H.	E.
All Stars	6	12	1
So. Side Nine	1	5	4
December 7, 1941:	R.	H.	E.
All Stars	9	6	0
Vermont Merchants	3	8	6

TRADING POST

FOR SALE—Pair of rubber hip boots, size 10, cost \$8, worn only once. Will sacrifice for \$4. E. Kennett, 16th Street Garage.

FOR SALE—Furnished cabin, with fireplace and plenty of wood. Very good location in Fish Canyon near Azusa, Calif. Price \$550.00 cash. W. B. Decker, 16th Street Garage.

FOR SALE—One-half acre in Lawndale, near oil fields. Price \$750.00.
R. J. Weatherly, Car Trimmers Dept.,
South Park Shops.

BOWLING

Crack bowling teams from the Motor Coach Operators and Garage, and L. A. Railway Train Divisions and Shops are clipping the pins every Friday night at Sunset Bowling Alleys. This is the first intercompany league and it is proving very successful. Accompanying is the league standing and individual player averages to the game of December 5.

To date South Park Shops No. 2 team is leading the league by virtue of not losing a game. They also hold the high game score of 989 and high series of 2932 pins. This

DIVISION 4
Standing: (left to
right)—
L. F. Walton;
B. K. Gaedke;
J. B. Wilde;
R. C. Todd;
L. W. Tietgen.

VIRGIL SHOPS
Kneeling: (left to
right)—
A. Paschke;
D. Coburn;
B. Hartman;
H. Clauson;

B. Sawyer.



16TH STREET COACH
Standing: (Left to right)—
E. J. Barney;
P. E. Prutsman;
Max Stein, Mgr.,
Sunset Bowling
Center;
L. C. Cordes;
H. D. Cooke;
A. S. Gorman.

VINEYARD SHOPS Kneeling: (left to right)— A. D. Gardner; J. Beaumont; K. Stewart; A. G. Spring; H. T. Rapp.





SOUTH PARK SHOPS

Team One (left to right)—
R. M. Blaize;
B. K. Miller;
S. J. Ormston;
A. N. Anderson;
A. F. Oliveri.

Team Two (left to right)— A. M. Small; V. D. Burgess; L. M. Kelsey; L. D. Green. team is composed of Anderson, Miller, Oliveri, Blaize and Ormston.

Cordes of 16th Street Shamrocks is riding on top of the heap with an average of 180 pins. He has a high game of 192 and comparing this with his average of 180 shows consistent bowling.

R. Hartman of Virgil Garage has the high game totaling 241 pins. He is closely followed by Oliveri's 232, Paschke's 228, and Anderson's 225.

Join the other rooters any Friday night and help cheer your individual department team along.

BASKETBALL

There is not going to be an intercompany basketball league this year, instead there will be two teams entered in the City Class "A" League —one from the Coach Division and one team from the Rail Divisions.

The Coach team is being rounded into shape under the able leadership of O. L. Murray, while the Rail team's board-of-strategy is Cliff Hedger and R. C. French. These two teams have been practicing for the past few weeks and are beginning to round into shape. In a practise game, the rail team met a strong Douglas Aircraft team losing 31 to 26.

Watch your bulletin board for the regular scheduled games which will start sometime after the first of the year.

BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS

No	TEAM	Won	Lost	Total Pins	High Game	High Series	
	So. Park Shop No. 2	6	0	5691	989	2932	
	Virgil Shop	5	1	5595	964	2809	
	16th St. Shamrocks	3	3	5585	972	2832	
3	Div. 4 Bums	3	3	5515	968	2763	
4	So. Park Shop No. 1	3	3	5295	961	2670	
	16th St. Coach Kids	1	5	4973	871	2507	
7	Vineyard Shop	0	3	2471	858	2471	
	Div. 4 Droops	0	3	2472	897	2472	

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

	NAME	G.	T.P.	H.G.	H.S.		HDCP.
6	Cordes	9	1627	192	558	180	6
1	Sawyer, B	16	2754	212		172	12
5	Anderson, A	18	3073	225	577	170	13
3	Wilde, J.	24	3879	208	559	165	16
3	Walton	21	3482	210	540	165	
1	Hartman, R.	21	3471	241	580	165	
3	Tietgan	24	3936	195	539	164	17
1	Clausen, H.	24	3929	200	538	163	18
6	Cooke	24	3908	202	534	162	
1	Paschke	18	2899	228	516	161	19
5	Miller, B.	21	3367	218	564	160	20
3	Gadeke	24	3817	217	551	159	
5	Oliveri, A	21	3303	232	523	157	22
3	Todd, R.	24	3637	189	503	151	26
8	Niels	9	1365	180	527	151	
6	Prutzman	24	3586.	193	515	149	27
7	Bowman, J.	21	3118	187	500	148	28
2	Masterson	24	3531	179	561	147	
5	Balize, R.	21	3092	175	475	147	
8	Saylor	3	437	176	437	145	30
6	Gorman	24	3467	188	477	144	
1	Colburn, D.	21	2968	174	463	143	32
5	Ormston, S.	21	2982	180	490	142	
4	Burgess	24	3404	203	527	141	
2	Frazer	21	2901	187	517	138	34
7	Gardner, A.	21	2901	169	473	138	
4	Small	24	3308	197	482	137	35
7	Spring, A	18	2413	176	445	134	37
8	Hayes	3	396	139	396	132	38
7	Stewart, K.	18	2298	185	446	127	42
6	Barney	12	1504	148	396	125	43
7	Rapp, H.	20	2496	166	414	124	44
4	Kelsey	21	2552	158	423	121	46
8	Allison	12	1440	173	417	120	
4	Greene	24	2823	187	417	117	48
8	Samuels	3	295	106	295	98	61
2	Dupree	6	541	117	292	90	66

SMILE

WM. B. Burge, No. 662 (Vineyard Division)

From the early morning yawn
When you pull out with the dawn;
From the first trip of your run
Till the setting of the sun,
Smile, boy—smile!

When the crowd all starts to town,
And your coach is loaded down,
When you see you're running
late,

And a beating you must take, Smile, boy—smile!

When the people start to frown,
And they almost get you down;
When they even start to crab,
And their necks you'd like to grab,
Smile, boy—smile!

When the ladies make you wait,
And their time they surely take,
When a "dead-head" blocks your
way

And there're things you'd like to say,

Smile, boy-smile!

When your leader's running "hot",
And they have you on the spot;
When the light has turned to red
And you know he's far ahead,
Smile, boy—smile!

When your head begins to ache,
And you think your back will
break,

Near the ending of your run,
When your daily work is done,
Smile, boy—smile!

If you'll take these things to heart, It will help you from the start; So, if you're in this game to stay, This is all I have to say,

Smile, boy—smile!

Newsmen Report...



DIVISION ONE

By R. C. RUGGLES

The Holiday Season is here again with its hustle and bustle, streets are crowded with happy throngs making reading for Xmas.

Another year has slipped away, bringing with it many changes to our Division, both in our personal and business life.

We miss a lot of the old familiar faces. Some have taken up other work, a number have been called to military service, a few have been retired, and more than ever at this time of the year we think of those who have passed on.

Let us all try to keep good-natured and enter into the Xmas spirit even though the going is rough.

Harry Diebert of Vernon Yards was taking a little siesta in the waiting room of our Division when "two men in white" came in and wanted to take him for a ride in the ambulance. It was a case of mistaken identity as the injured party was on a car in front of the Division. Mr. Diebert has decided it would be safer to keep moving after this; anything might happen when a man is resting.

R. W. Guest had the misfortune to have his car stolen but the good fortune to have it returned the same evening. It was evidently the work of "joy-riders" as the gas tank was empty when returned.

Jimmy Golliher and Charlie Moore returned from their hunting trip with real evidence of bagging two deer, one of them had a horn spread of 31 inches. And thanks, Charlie, the steaks were delicious.

Instructor Wood has been assigned

to Division Four and A. E. Vejar has come to Division One in his place.

Motorman J. H. Johnson has been placed on the Special Roll, effective December 8.

Operator J. M. Gwynn, J. E. Connell, H. B. Bolton and A. B. Flowers have resigned to take up other work.

H. B. Jenkins who transferred to the Bus Division with the "2" line has returned to the Division.



The happy little tot above is Sheila May, one-year-old daughter of Operator R. W. Turbeville (Div. 1).

Other new men are F. H. Nolting, J. R. Callahan, V. L. McKnight, W. I. Mears and L. H. Pennington, who is a brother of J. E. Pennington.

At this time of the year, heavy

traffic and bad weather conditions tend to increase our accident hazard. Following are a few suggestions which would be well to follow as we often unthinkingly disregard the basic rules for safety:

- 1. Disregarding safety for schedule.
- 2. Smooth operation, thus preventing passengers from falling.
- 3. Observance of road space.
- 4. Making allowance for wet rails and foggy weather.
- 5. Observation both ways and mirror before starting.
- 6. Assisting elderly or feeble passengers.
- 7. Following traffic too closely.
- 8. "Watch your step," the old familiar slogan, saves lots of accidents.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Oscar Daniel who passed away after a brief illness on December 1. Oscar was liked by everybody who knew him and will be missed by all his friends.

The following men have returned from the sick list: C. O. Blanchard, R. K. Rose, J. Viellenave, R. E. Priest, N. C. Gilmore, J. L. Carnine and H. Smith. The following men are still on the sick list: E. G. Rehm, C. J. Lytle, J. W. McKeown, M. L. Johnson, W. V. McCafferty and G. E. Thor.

We extend our congratulations to Conductor and extra clerk E. W. Park and Mrs. Park upon receiving final adoption papers for Eugene William Park who was born on January 11, 1941.

At this time I would like to express to you and yours a Very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

VERNON YARDS

By L. F. SPARKS

Joe Gonzales, Track Oiler, was struck by an auto while sanding tracks near the Central Market. Fortunately he was not seriously injured, so he soon returned to duty.

Fred Ellermeirer was on the sick list for a few days.

Kelly Holmes and Al Weberg were one day victims of the flu. Mike Finn was sent to St. Vincent's Hospital for rest and observation following a severe attack.

Watchman W. Marrs got confused in traffic and was struck by an auto at Jefferson and Royal. At last reports he was still confined to the hospital.

Joe McClusky had to undergo a severe and painful operation but at last reports was doing nicely.

Herman Liebelt started his Christmas decorations early this year along with civic minded communities which have hung Xmas trees and other doodads on all the light poles. However Herman's decoration was a little different consisting of a vivid livid eye, and we do mean eye. Herman was in hot pursuit of a tumbling tumble weed and ran into a coupling bar on a flat car when he stooped to pick it up. Anyhow that's his story and he sticks to it.

Some people are naive enough to consult the weather man's prognostications to find out when to light the stove or when to don those longies. The boys in this Department know when cold weather is officially here by watching Bill Rankin. When Bill puts on a coat, that's it.

In these dark days of war, the Ways and Structures Department is justifiably proud of the squad organized by Track Department men belonging to the California State Guard. Sergeant Les Lininger, Corporal Bert Schauber, Private 1st Class Joe Castro and Privates Fred Escobedo, Gabino Loera, Joe Gonzales, Manuel Gonzales, Candarlio Quintana, Johnny Mendez and Jesus Rosales.

These boys have spent many hours of their own time in training for the present state of affairs and merit the big hand they received on Armistice Day as they passed 1st and Broadway.

Jimmy Watkins, Chet Evans and H. S. Holloway, all of whom worked in this Department at one time will soon be neighbors after a fashion while working on South Seas defense projects. Jimmy is stationed on Canton Island and the other two boys on Christmas Island.



Patricia May, daughter of Operator and Mrs. C. P. Prickett (Vineyard) is quite prepared to welcome Santa this Christmas, her first.

VINEYARD

By D. LADHOFF

E. B. Logsdon extends "Holiday Greetings" to all the Personnel.

Operator R. Lank vacationed at Las Vegas and Boulder Dam, enjoying the trip very much.

Operator J. M. Fagan doesn't even trust the street cars and coaches to get him to work. He rides his trusty two wheel steed back and forth.

E. E. Langworthy, former Coach operator, now with the North American Aircraft Corporation, visited the Vineyard Division a few days ago.

The wife and two children of Operator E. Webster arrived in Sunny California November 5 from Sioux City, Iowa.

Mechanic George Johnson has his own ideas of how the wires from a battery should go. He recently wired one backwards.

Operator J. E. Whitmer and Mrs. Whitmer expect the stork to visit their home in Feburary.

The boys in the shop request once more that Hubbard, car washer, divulge his secret for growing hair.

H. Forsberg extends Seasons Greetings of all the boys of the mechanical division of Vineyard and Virgil Divisions, and appreciates the many courtesies shown him in the past year. Mr. Forsberg will celebrate his eighteenth anniversary with the L.A.M.C. next January 10. His chief hobby is ocean fishing.

Benny "Boop" Bess, Coach Cleaner, was transferred to the Virgil Division on December 8.

The Vineyard Division extends their sincere sympathy to Mr. Wiley, mechanic, and wife at the loss of their thirteen months' old baby, who was scalded to death.

E. J. Randles and wife, who have been married for seventeen years, spent a much delayed honeymoon and vacation riding street cars and coaches. E. J. has always been sick during other vacation periods. This time it was their son who was ill, but we are happy to hear that he is rapidly recovering from a nine months' illness.

We welcome the following new operators and wish them the best of luck: C. M. Shelton, R. H. Bandelin, W. E. Bowker, A. C. Thomas, W. J. Funk, L. O. Neal, O. W. Manuel, W. J. Schaberg, R. C. Belcher, R. F. Cormier, B. R. Helbling and C. C. Putman. Also E. P. Grant and D. D. Putman from Virgil Division.

E. S. Dent, Mechanic, injured his hand recently and was unable to work for a few days.

Johnny Treton talked Rapp into buying beef on the hoof. We are sorry to hear that after first killing, Rapp being unaccustomed to so much beef was completely floundered and was off for a few days.

Chief Technician, Wildung, has

been called back to the Sixteenth Street Division and George Olinger has taken over Wildungs duties. Now the boys are wondering who will be the stooge to Olinger.

Operator E. F. Morgan has an uncanny way of predicting football scores.

Operator K. A. Olson has been showing some of the boys a little bit about bowling, being second high man for high game for the season. Incidentally, the Vineyard team is tied for third place in the P. E. League. Also E. Cleveland has the highest average in this division.

J. A. Mahoney, C. "Homeboy" Wallace, W. A. Gardner and Arson Wells changed to this division November 1. R. Moline, Service man, joined the L.A.M.C. family November 5 and states that he likes his job fine.

O. E. D. Koonse, Paul Youngman and Thomas Dundas, all former operators, are now in the garage. Good luck to you fellows.

To all the Personnel of the Los Angeles Motor Coach and the Los Angeles Railway, we wish you a "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR".



While on a recent trip to "Casey" Jones' cabin at Bishop, California, this picture was taken of (left to right)—Conductor Al Bristol, Miss Diane Jones, Mrs. C. C. Jones and Conductor C. C. "Casey" Jones' (Div. 5).

DIVISION FIVE

By FRED MASON

Well boys, with the general choice all over and everybody ready to start their new runs on Christmas Day, December 25, here's hoping that Santa Claus was good to all of you and that you all got the runs you wanted. Santa Claus hasn't fooled anyone yet, so we know everybody is happy.

The man most interested in his work during the month of November, or for the whole year for that matter, was Motorman P. R. Davis. On December 1 he reported for his run and much to his surprise learned that it had been marked up to someone else. He said to Clerk Dick Hoyle "How come, I didn't ask off?" Dick looked it up and replied "To heck you didn't. You asked for all this week off, and got it. It's your week's vacation".

Motorman W. W. Jones, who has been on the sick list for some time, writes from Valyermo, California, where he is recuperating, stating that he is getting along O.K. and would appreciate a visit from any of the boys who may be passing his way.

Our best wishes are extended to the following men who resigned during the month of November to take up other work: Motorman L. O. Chapman, Conductor L. E. Broyles, Motorman L. L. Bradford, Motorman H. A. Squaires, Motorman M. I. Moore, Motorman B. D. Scott, Motorman F. J. Champion, Conductor P. E. Loveless, Conductor R. Clair, Motorman G. F. Pursselley, and Motorman J. B. Douglas.

Motorman M. E. Lynn took off an extra seven days with his regular seven days' vacation for the express purpose of getting some of the pheasants he had been hearing so much about. He took a lot of empty sacks along with him so that he could ship them to his friends in Los Angeles. The sacks came back the same way they went. EMPTY.

"With the year 1941 drawing to a close, I wish to express my grati-



Conductor V. E. Munyer (Div. 5) was married to Miss Ina Louise Moon on November 30. Rites were solemnized in the Calvary Assembly Church. Our best wishes go to bride and groom.

tude and appreciation to all you men for the excellent cooperation you have given me during the past year. Despite the fact that passenger travel has increased considerably and automobile traffic also increased, Division Five still maintains its excellent accident record, and now that you are operating under war conditions I feel sure that you will readily adapt yourselves to any emergencies that may arise and come through with flying colors. To all of you, your wives and families, I wish you a Very Merry Chistmas and A Happy New Year."

> (Signed) W. H. SNYDER, Superintendent, Division Five.

A torrential shower came on suddenly, so the woman in the sable coat boarded a street car.

"I don't think I've ridden on a street car for nearly two years," she said to the conductor, as she tendered her fare. "I ride in my own car, you know."

He looked solemn and said: "You don't know how much we've missed you!"

SOUTH PARK SHOPS

By R. S. WALLACE

The Shop Male Chorus is growing both in quantity and quality, and they want more singers. If you can sing, or think you can, present yourself to any of the boys and try out with them.

Mrs. Leo B. Rowen left here the middle of this month for a visit in Maine with relatives and friends.

Eight times a granddad, but never a grandmother, is the experience of A. C. (Gus) Prenger, Carpenter Shop. The latest arrival is a seven pound girl, born December 3, to his son Fredrick and wife.

Mr. E. L. Kunkle became the proud Papa of a baby girl on October 28, as also did Mr. Robert L. Wofford, Jr., on November 16, and Mr. P. T. Jensen on November 5.

New men are coming into the Truck Shop so rapidly we can't keep up with them; to mention a few: F. J. Drobney, J. C. Ortmayer and V. E. Bishop, all from 16th Street Garage.

G. Alimonti, Mill, has resumed his duties after some three weeks' absence due to an accident.

W. J. Carey, Truck Shop, left the service November 10 for Mare Island to engage in ship building.

Lloyd Hoover, Car Trimmer, returned recently from a thirty day leave, visiting mother and other relatives and friends in the East.

Ed O. Brown transferred from Machine Shop to Truck Shop, and Ed Bade from Air Brake Shop to Fare Box Room.

Red Cross training in First Aid is being taken by some of the men in the plant. When they are graduated shall we call them Nurse, Interne, or just plain Doc?

Doc Bradley, at our last entertainment, gave us a talk on his trip to Santa Barbara and his experiences with some of the people he met there. Some of them called him a fool, others said he was crazy, but we, who have followed him in his weather forecasts know better. By his own admission, a comparison of the accuracy of his forecasts with those of the Government forecasters showed that he was five points nearer perfect than they. Some of this achievement, however, I believe, should be credited to Mr. Kilgore, who predicts the rainfall for Bradley during the summer months.

Don't forget to attend the regular annual meeting of your Federal Credit Union on the third Friday night in January for the purpose of electing officers and committeemen, and other regular business. Very few of the members have not been helped in some way or another by this Union, and it's no more than right that you attend the one meeting each year.

Announcement is made of the wed-

ding of Miss Doris Lendy to Mr. Robert Foster of Inglewood, on December 19. Miss Lendy is the daughter of Mr. J. H. Lendy, Foreman of Car Wiring Dept.

KARARARARARA

GREETINGS

By W. Y. STEARNS
Virgil

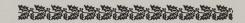
A joyful and happy Christmas,

Merry as it can be, Everybody happy, Rejoicing mirthfully, Ready for fun and frolic, Youth is fancy free.

Children lying sleepless,
Hearing sleigh-bells ring,
Rushing in the morning
Into everything.
Sonny got a scooter,
Took a lot of spills,
Mama got some fluffy things,
And Papa gets the bills.
Susie got a buggy,

Tommy got a sleigh,
One and all are happy,

And Laugh and Live to-day.



LARY REVENUE FOR OCTOBER, 1941 OPERATING RESULTS OCTOBER, 1941 vs. OCTOBER, 1940 1941 Increase+ Decrease TOTAL RECEIPTS: (Amount received on cars and coaches for Fares, Car 1941 1940 Over 1940 Card Advertising, Etc.) 1,157,596 1,078,504 + 79,092 OPERATING EXPENSES (Amount spent for wages, maintenance, supplies, power, injuries and damages, employes' sickness, accident and life insurance payment and provision for renewal and replacement of property) 1,020,402 944,701 + 75,701 TAXES (Amount necessary to pay Federal, State and City governments including Company's share for employes' Old Age Pensions and Unemployment Insurance) 88,561 83,108 + 5,453 INTEREST CHARGES (Amount necessary to pay for the use of borrowed money as represented by mortgage bonds and equipment trust cer-65,333 66,711 1,378 Total Expenses 1,174,296 1.094.520 + 79,776 Leaves Net Profit or Loss -16,700-16,016 684

VIRGIL

By C. P. HUNT

Our "Boss", F. C. Patton, and the office personnel extend to all their heartiest greetings for a Merry Christmas and as Happy a New Year as might be in the face of the present world tragedy. May we all work together in harmonious unison, so this condition will be eliminated, and that we may return to our normal way of life.

Who was the operator who late at night called the dispatcher from a drug store to report a "B. O." bus? The dispatcher asked him to check something about the mechanism, and upon returning, found the drug store locked and barred. Who waited the longest is not known.

But speaking of waiting, how is this one? An operator long, long, on the Vine Street, pulled up to the relief point one afternoon, on time, and set the brake etc. Then, Lou Methe, gathered up his change and transfer box, took a final look at the register card, disembarked and caught an eastbound Sunset bus. About and hour and a half later some one decided the bus was standing there too long. A check revealed that the one thing Methe didn't see was his relief, for he (the relief) wasn't there.

Did you see that cloud of smoke preceeding a "3900" out of "Virgil" garage a few days ago? Well, it was Courtney attempting to dodge a "change" check. Yes, he is the fellow who carries the second hand of his watch in his pocket.

Believe it or no, a policeman in full uniform boarded a Sunset bus at Wilcox the other day, and dropped one silver dime in the fare box and asked for a hat check.

"Pop" Summers has planted, at his ranch, 5 acres of yams. He claims they each are 3 feet long. Maybe, he is growing them to make canoes.

"Little" Srack, of "Fairfax" fame; and his family, moved into their new home, out Pico way, on their 18th wedding day.

Christmas came early this year for "Charlie" Kenley (Sunset) as he received a gift from a passenger a couple of weeks ago. The gift was a handsome leather bound "date" book. We were unable to learn if the party had included his autograph.

"Tee Hee" Carpenter, of all people, "missed out" the other day.

Little Davey Sporeman can't hit a nail on the head, but sure smashed his finger. That, however, did not stop him from becoming intoxicated on "Hawaiian" music at a party he attended. He burst forth in dance, and, we hear, gave a very lovely interpretation of the "Hula", skirt and all.

Operator E. B. Ramey who went to the hospital November 10 was operated on December 10 and is reported doing nicely. It will be about a couple of months before he will be back. We send him our best wishes.

"Virgil" division extends a hearty welcome to four new operators. They are C. E. Johnston No. 687, E. P. Grant No. 691, D. D. Putnam No. 695 and L. O'Neal No. 696. We trust they feel as "at home", with us, as we wish them too.

A Merry Christmas to you all.

DIVISION THREE

By L. VOLNER

It was quite a shock to learn of the sudden death of Conductor H. F. Hames, on November 9. Funeral was held on Saturday, November 15 at the Little Church of the Flowers in Forest Lawn with interment in the Mausoleum. Mr. Hames had been with the company for many years, serving most of his time at Division Four, having come to our division during the past few years.

Conductor C. M. Delahunty of the Eagle Rock "Owl" is back on his run after a week's vacation. Mr. Delahunty said he wanted Christmas week for his vacation but as there were no vacations from December 7 to 28, inclusive, he took the closest he could get. Our vacation board was so arranged to have all men on duty during these two very busy weeks.

"Have it
your way.
You
didn't stop
too quick,
but
would
you mind
tossing
back those
teeth
under your
foot."





The attractive window display won a prize in the Eagle Rock Kiwanis Club Contest for Christmas decorations. The winner was Gus Volner, son of Conductor and Mrs. L. Volner (Div. 3).

Mr. Bodley also wishes to state that he has recently received letters from Jack Daly, a former motorman at Division Three, who now holds the rank of First Lieutenant and has been sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, to prepare himself for a commission as Captain of Infantry.

G. Laursen, also a motorman of this division, is connected with the Naval Intelligence in Washington and is under direct supervision of the presidential office. I know that you men are just as proud of the achievements of these two men as I am, and no doubt several other of our employes who have been called back into service are writing the same kind of a record but, unfortunately, we have no definite information at this time as to their activities.

Orlin W. Benham, Vice-president and General Manager of the Nich-olson-Universal Steamship Co. of Detroit, stepson of P. C. McNaughton, former Superintendent of Division 3, was instantly killed by a streamlined Diesel powered train bound for Washington, D.C., November 25, which struck his car, as he was going home from his office that evening.

Our Superintendent, Mr. J. A. Bodley, states that it is again his privilege to sincerely wish each and every man and his family a most Merry and Happy Christmas and to thank all of you for your cooperation,

so willingly given during the past year. Cooperation is the necessity for success either for the group or individual, and only through cooperation can any degree of success be attained. Whatever success we have had during the past year has been through this cooperation on the part of the employes of Division Three.

A Merry Christmas to all, and it is our hope that each will have a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

DIVISION FOUR

By R. H. GRETTENBERG

Life is a little more serious these days. Although our shingle may be out saying "Business as usual", we all know that it is not quite as usual but that there is more of a purpose in everything we do. Now more than ever, each of us should put our shoulders to the wheel so that we can be a part of that great civilian army and do our part toward promoting a National Unity. Regardless of where we are and what we are doing, we wish to show the men who are in actual combat that we are willing to cooperate and do our part. While this Christmas may not be as carefree nor as widely celebrated as some others we have known, let us be grateful that we are Americans, that we live in a Christian land and that we can celebrate Christmas.

We had hoped that four of our draftees, namely: J. A. Fitzpatrick, R. H. Thomas, G. W. Honts, and W. D. Clement, who had just been released from the United States Army this month, returning to civilian life at Division Four, would be able to celebrate the Yuletide festivities with their families this year, but at the time of writing they, as well as others, will be expected to return to the service of our Flag.

Our Division Four old timer and friend, Mr. A. J. Bowen, as well as W. J. Forester, have been placed on the Special Roll effective this month. Mr. Bowen, who has been with the company forty years and who has

lately been general handy man around Division Four, has made a phenomenal recovery from a severe illness and now has been placed on the Special Roll so that he may enjoy a life of leisure. Forester, who has built up an excellent record as a motorman is now planning to spend his time in travel and adventure.

A special message to everyone, issued under priority number 100, by our Superintendent E. H. Ellis and general office force—"Wishing you Good Health, Good Cheer, Good Times at Christmas and throughout the coming year! Thank you one and all for your fine cooperation and splendid effort during the past."

This is your scribe signing off, saying—"A season full of cheer and many happy memories to brighten the New Year."

United We Stand.



Clerk and Scribe R. K. Kissick (16th Street) and Marjorie Peatman of Mound City, Kansas, were married at the Michillinda Community Church in Pasadena on November 15.

"It's a
brand
new
idea in
electric
phonographs.
You
gotta put
in a
nickel
to shut
it off."



OFFICE

Employes of the building are looking forward to their annual Christmas party again this year with the same enthusiasm as ever in spite of the war. We feel that such social gatherings as these tend to relieve the mental strain that we cannot help from being under. This year's affair will be like those in the past with plenty of sausage and coffee and cake and some nice prizes to boot. The affair is arranged and paid for by the employes and is for the office employes of the building.

Better late than never is Maxine Hawke's idea of a vacation. She took hers during the pre-holiday period to enable her to have a full week to do her Christmas shopping.

Betty Hastings reports the best vacation ever on her return from Mexico City. Betty went on the regular Chamber of Commerce tour and recommends this type of vacation to all the employes.

Frank Shull recently was stopped on the street and, being unable to talk himself out of a situation, found himself summoned to sit on the Coroner's jury.

One back and one to come-so is

the situation in the bookkeeping department. Earl Brooks is now back on the job after a prolonged illness and we are waiting for the day that Bert Gaskill can return to active duty.

Two girls of the Auditing Department are showing grave concern over the Far East crisis. Irma Watkin's husband is working somewhere in the immediate war zone and Louise Shaw's daughter and grandson are living in Honolulu.

16TH STREET COACH

By R. K. Kissick

Notice has been posted at our Division for all employes to check at the office to see if their present addresses and phone numbers are listed. Also, all operators must notify the Division Clerk if they leave home while off duty. This is very important and is being asked to enable us to reach all employes in case of emergency, and your cooperation will be appreciated.

Clerk G. E. Graham, who had an emergency appendicitis operation, is doing very well and may be back to work by the time this issue is published. Supervisor Jimmy Cook, who was struck by an auto, is now back in harness.

Jack Barnett looked forward to his vacation with great expectations but ended up by having to spend it giving his car an overhauling. (Vacation???).

Wesley Atkin has become a licensed pilot after two years of endeavor. Good luck, Wes.

The shakeup early in January will be an interesting one as it will be the first general choice of runs since the blending of seniority of rail men and coach operators. Another interesting fact to note is that at this time last year, we had 302 operators compared to 340 at the present writing. At the present time, our Division operates more car hours and car miles than any other division in the city and is continuing to grow rapidly.

It has come to our attention that Bob Gosnell worked his run four straight days without laying off. This is a new record.

R. H. Groves recently missed out on his early East 9th Street run for the first time in four years. This is a remarkable record for a run pulling out at 3:26 in the morning.

Can you imagine a family that had their Christmas shopping all finished on December 5th. Sounds hard to believe, but there is a family I know that accomplished it.

We are glad to welcome R. W. Steedman and P. R. Mossman to our Division.

Basketball practices are being held every Friday night at 22nd and Central. We are combining with the L. A. Motor Coach Company this year and preparing to enter a team in the City League, beginning January 1. Men reporting from last year's team include Lusk, Ulrich, C. A. Smith, King, Pitts and Jeffries, plus several new prospects.

Mr. Patton and Mr. Ballenger wish to thank all of you for your splendid cooperation during the past year and both extend Season's Greetings to all of you.



The former Miss Eugenia Young, youngest daughter of Coach Cleaner A. Young (16th Street) was married to Mr. Tom Williams.

GARAGE

By C. H. HARDY

The First Aid Team from the Garage being trained in emergency treatment by the Company in cooperation with the Red Cross in case of a major disaster consists of the following men: M. B. Pearce, B. Jeffrey, J. Doerr, E. Kennett and C. H. Hardy.

When Percy Bosanko settled down to a beauty sleep on a brand new spring mattress recently, he fell out of bed before the night was over. His son has rigged up some life lines around the bed for safety until a hollow is formed in the mattress. Percy's son Jack is playing pro-football with the Western Bears, also known as the "Mad Russians".

We offer our deepest sympathy to W. Gans whose sister passed away recently. It seems that Charley Hodges usually has bad luck about this time of the year. One evening recently, he was returning home from a visit to a friend a few blocks away when he was held up and robbed of about \$4 by four men.

Roscoe Kirkwood went rabbit hunting recently. His car became so mired in the mud that the rabbits almost got Roscoe.

Ed Serabia, recalling his sea-faring days and becoming highly incensed over the attack in the Pacific, jabbed a screwdriver into his thumb during his excitement.

The following men have recently been rated permanent in the Garage—R. E. McKemie, F. T. Poores, W. A. Poorman, R. O. Akerley, and H. J. Hoegeman.

Frank Blocher has returned from Army service with a few extra pounds.

Percy "Hard Luck" Marsh never has a dull moment. He was about to enter the corner store the other evening when a suspicious character loitering in the doorway made a sudden exit knocking Percy to the pavement. When Percy picked himself up he discovered that his nose was broken in two places.

The machine shop is much relieved since Omar Dean finally obtained all the vitamins he needed from onion juice and resumed a regular diet.

C. Lindsey, our Superintendent, joins this column in wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ELECTRICAL

By WALTER WHITESIDE

Employes of the Electrical Department join in giving their heartiest good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to their fellow workers who are confined to their homes due to illnesses. We certainly miss your smiling faces—T. B. McEntire, O. Quigley, John Turner, Jack Morgan, George Agraneotis and Vito Lacasello.

Welcome back on the job W. T. Smith. Walter contracted a bad case of pleurisy pneumonia confining him to the hospital and his home for five weeks. He is still a little shaky, he says.

Gene Brox spends all of his spare time and money puttering around the new home he recently moved into, fixing little things the contractor failed to do. He now resides in Eagle Rock.

S. L. Davis, the newest citizen of Baldwin Park, is also picking up the odds and ends in his new home there.

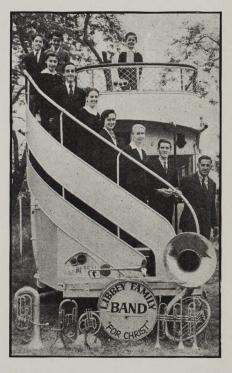
A. E. Inman has been helping to keep this city safe to live in by giving his expert decisions while serving on the jury.

The girls of the Line Department office gave Dick McDevitt a candy shower to celebrate his 38th year with the company on December 7.

Mailman Henry Pree, who delivers mail between the building and 16th Street was about two hours late returning to the Line Office the other afternoon. On arriving and being questioned as to the reasons for his being late, he explained that he was on a blackout.

The employes of the Power Department sure lost a fine boss with the passing of Fred Warrington. His absence is felt by every man.

Morris Lander, long time friend and assistant to Fred has taken his place as Superintendent of Substations.



Former Wilshire Boulevard Double Deck Coach Returns from Nationwide Evangelical Tour. This coach was purchased upon its retirement from service by Mr. Guy C. Libbey who with Mrs. Libby and his musical family of eight children, toured the country offering religious concerts and meetings.

MECHANICAL DIVISIONS

By A. L. DAVIS

To All Los Angeles Employes, Their Friends and Families—

Christmas greetings and the Season's good cheer to each and every one of you. May we never lose our sense of humor or forget how to smile and laugh in the face of both our adversities and good fortune. It is not possible for each of us to call on every friend or acquaintance we have and express those good wishes we feel so deeply. However, let it never be said of any of us that we wilfully pass an opportunity to enrich the lives of those we come in contact with. A sincere smile, a cheery grin, or a pleasant word are those invaluable things that make life livable and Christmas what it is. May each of your new years bring an increasing share of happiness to you all down though the ages.

CAR HOUSE NO. 1

Lee Sherrill spent the week-end visiting friends in San Diego County. While there, he went hunting and shot his quota of quail.

We are extending our sympathy to E. A. Arnold who just recently had the misfortune of losing his father.

DEPARTMENT NO. 2

H. T. (Babe) Brown, Mechanical Street Inspector, was off sick the first fifteen days in November, but is back with us again, congenial as ever.

Stolen from other thieves:

"If you cannot make light of your troubles, keep them dark."

"A dollar may not go as far as it did 25 years ago, but it goes a lot faster."

"When you encounter stumbling stones along the way, step on them and go ahead."

CAR HOUSE NO. 3

Repairer F. Keller passed away December 9, 1941.

Repairer P. Lathrop and some friends made another hunting trip.

Results: 2 ducks, divided among the crowd. Well, you know what Christ did with two fishes and five loaves of bread, Phil. They all had a little.

H. Sparks and his brother returned back to work after a few weeks vacation in Kansas. The boys say the old stomping grounds look the same but faces have changed.

G. B. Magin is all smiles these days. It looks like there might be some one keeping him on the bright side of life.

CAR HOUSE NO. 4

The son of O. Howard, Richard, has enlisted in the Navy and is now stationed at San Diego for preliminary training.

You can imagine Ed Thomas and George Lenay's embarrassment recently when they were fined \$2.00 each for jay walking.

We extend our sympathy to Norman White whose mother passed away recently.

Some of the men at this division are taking a course in First Aid and intend to be prepared for any emergency.

Ed Gaston has returned to work after a major operation.

G. W. Smith is in the St. Vincent's Hospital at the present time for an appendix operation.

CAR HOUSE NO. 5

John Sottile has located that new home and expects to move in soon. He is also a proud father of a seven and one-half pound boy.

Believe it or not: Report from Jim Boen that a hawk will carry a duck because he shot at a hawk and got a duck.

H. White, J. James, E. Hess, R. Lathrop and T. Lambert are the men taking the course in First Aid work at Car House 5.

E. Hess traded his Model A in on a 1936 Chevrolet.

Car House 5 wishes at this time to all—a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Assistant Foreman Jim Inman is installing a new water pump out at the ranch.

BONDS BUY



The tank is to the Army what the tackle is to the forward line of a football team. It is the "breakthrough." Head-on, it crashes timber, houses, enemy fortifications. Once it has opened the way, the attacking force follows for the "mopping up."

The Nazis, using these great steel pachyderms which they produce in vast quantities, have been able to break through every fortified line in 14 conquered countries.

In America, the medium-sized tank is the popular size. A medium-sized tank weighs 30 tons. To make it takes as much steel as would be used in 500 refrigerators, as much rubber as goes into 87 average automobile tires.

The planning of a tank takes as great skill as a large-scale construction job. One recently converted automobile plant, faced with retooling for tank production, had to put 200 engineers to work in day and night shifts for one month, mapping out machinery requirements and plant layout.

To match the mechanical might of aggressor nations today, America needs thousands of these tanks. They're rolling off the assembly lines now. They cost real money. Every time you buy an \$18.75 Defense Savings Bond or a 10c Defense Savings Stamp you give your country money enough to buy a vital part for another new tank.





Keeping Christmas

Romans xiv, 6: He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord,

Henry Van Dyke

T is a good thing to observe Christmas day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe. and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness-are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you: to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open-are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone.

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