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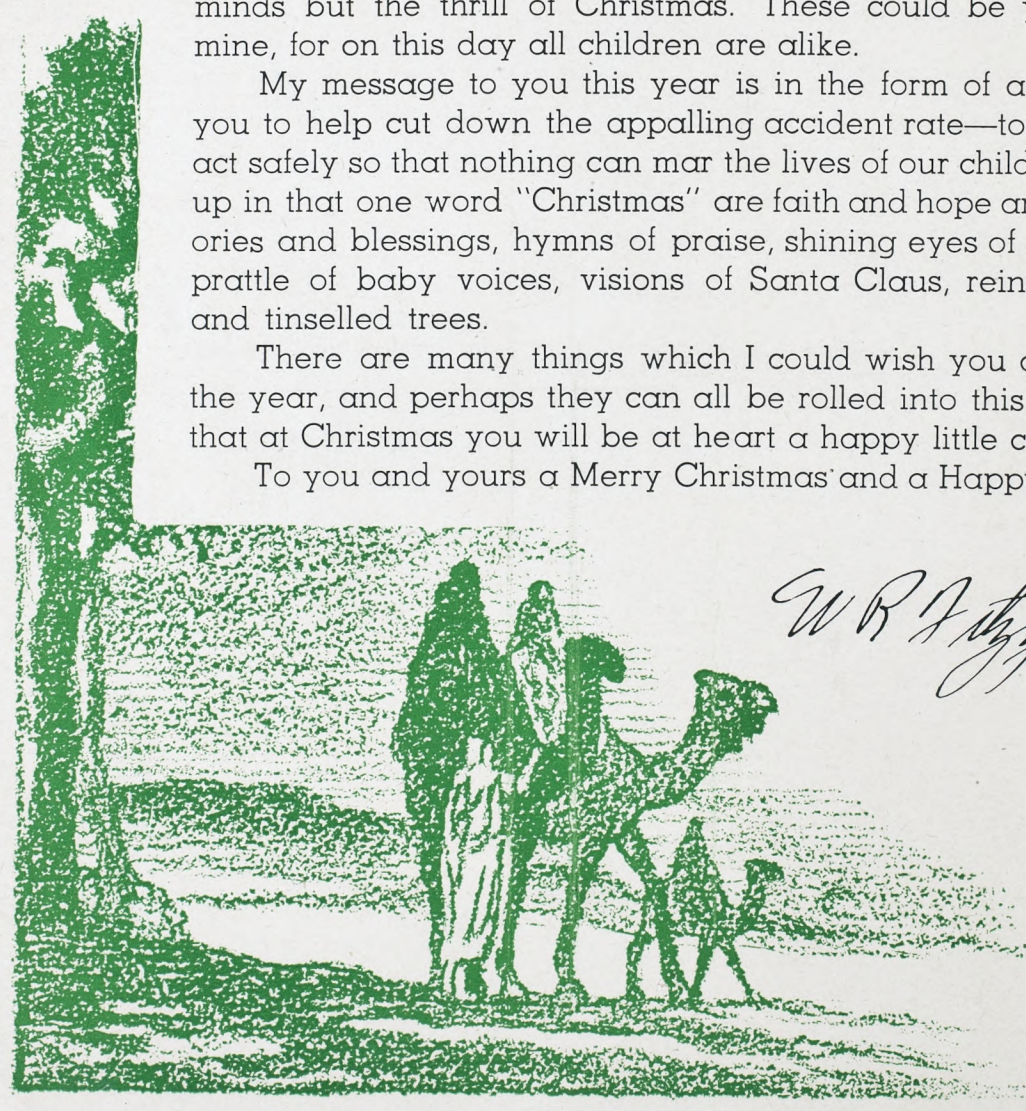
THIS month the world celebrates its greatest holiday . . . Christmas. The story of Christmas does not change, for Christmas is essentially a day for children.

You have noted the picture on the front of our magazine—the two bright, happy youngsters so intent upon the game of playing street-car conductor on Christmas morn. There is nothing in their hearts or minds but the thrill of Christmas. These could be your children or mine, for on this day all children are alike.

My message to you this year is in the form of an appeal to ask you to help cut down the appalling accident rate—to drive, think and act safely so that nothing can mar the lives of our children. For, bound up in that one word "Christmas" are faith and hope and charity, memories and blessings, hymns of praise, shining eyes of children and the prattle of baby voices, visions of Santa Claus, reindeers, chimneys and tinselled trees.

There are many things which I could wish you at this season of the year, and perhaps they can all be rolled into this one . . . a wish that at Christmas you will be at heart a happy little child.

To you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



W. R. Fitzgerald

President

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CHANGES MADE



The first major step to bring Los Angeles the best in rapid transit has been taken. The applications, when approved by the regulatory bodies, will change a large portion of the transportation map of this city.

A straight line is the shortest distance between two points. This geometrical formula has been known for ages but until now it has not been used as a transit pattern for Los Angeles. The builders of the early car lines in our Pueblo constructed the transportation routes to aid in selling lots in various real estate divisions. If the line turned, zig-zagged, or wandered, it made little difference. If they found it impossible to go through one man's orange grove, they by-passed it. If a certain group of citizens in one section shouted louder for a car line than those in another section, they received it. Once an owner of an early horsecar company built a line through an unpopulated area for the sole purpose of routing it past his own home.

Like a Piece of String

Now, with the new line changes, the rule of the straight line is being introduced to Los Angeles. Take a piece of string, lay it over any car line on the map. Note the turning movements. Now pull

that string by each end; straighten it out and you'll see what our research engineers intend to do, whenever possible, with the lines of the city. You'll find by elimination of the curves that you have too much string. That is running time—time saved for our patrons.

Only Preliminaries

We've seen many changes in the past twenty months. The divisions were streamlined, painted and modernized, with two becoming combination carhouses and garages, thus eliminating thousands of hours of dead-head time. The shops were streamlined for efficient maintenance. The Operating Department was moved to Division Four and welded into a unit, handy to the cars and coaches. Hundreds of war weary vehicles were sold or scrapped, to be replaced by modern vehicles. The balance of them are being rebuilt and repainted.

New methods of instruction were introduced. A safety program came into being. Valuable land, unused for years, was sold.

Preventative maintenance and assembly line movements in shops and garages brought costly road calls to a minimum. The motto, "Safety, Courtesy, Service" was introduced to the public.

Yes, we've seen many improvements but all were merely preliminaries—steps necessary to make the over all rapid transit plan a success. We will hear much in the days ahead about the simplification and elimination of turning movements, freeways and various rapid transit improvements, for the Los Angeles Transit Lines is going places.

Many Features

The application recently filed with the California Railroad Commission and the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Los Angeles presents these outstanding features—features which promise a bright future for the transit patrons.

Trackless Trolleys

First, the introduction of a fleet of modern trackless trolleys. These vehicles are quiet, rolling on rubber tires. They will bring a new form of transportation to the downtown business district, and will be routed westbound across Fifth Street and eastbound across Sixth. This will be done to conform to the proposed one-way traffic control on Fifth and Sixth Streets and thus dovetail with the program of freeway construction now underway.

Faster Service

Second, the re-routing of various

lines to conform with these changes will result in new service to some areas, and better service to a great portion of the city, saving time for thousands of patrons who use our service daily. The new lines, equipped with maneuverable vehicles, are routed to eliminate traffic turns whenever possible. Streetcar turning movements at heavily traveled intersections, where considerable congestion is now experienced, will be eliminated. Those who are familiar with the city can readily see why time would be saved by the elimination of turning movements at such intersections as Seventh and Alvarado, Sixth and Alvarado, Third and Alvarado, Third and Bonnie Brae, Sixth and Rampart, Seventh and Maple, First and Vermont, Beverly and Vermont, Third and Western, McClintock and Vermont, Fifth and Figueroa, and many others.

Those people who live along Melrose Avenue, under the new plan will realize as much as a 10 minute reduction in travel time into the downtown area. Patrons originating on the "U" line along Vermont north of Florence will enjoy a greater time saving in their trips downtown. In fact, time savings will be realized by practically all patrons of the several lines involved in these changes.

Line No. 3

The routing of lines includes the new trackless trolley line which will be designated as Line No. 3. This will operate west as far as Gramercy

Place. It will follow a route by way of Central Avenue, Fifth and Sixth Streets, with return trip, of course, through the central business district by way of Sixth Street. These trackless trolleys will operate from Division One, located at Sixth and Central. This means a great time saver for the operators working the line as a relief point will be at the doorstep of their division.

Line No. 4

A single continuous modern coach line, designated as Line No. 4, will replace the present Melrose Avenue feeder coach line, the "H" rail line and portions of the "D", "2", and "O" lines. The coaches will operate on Melrose from La Cienega Boulevard to Virgil Avenue, thence along Virgil to Third Street, Flower Street, through the central business district over the proposed one-way streets and south over Maple Avenue, Woodlawn and Main Street to Florence Avenue. This service will provide a cross-town coach route which will eliminate many transfers necessary for people in the south side of town who wish to reach the Hollywood area.

Cross-town Service

Another feature in cross-town operation is the extended service proposed for Figueroa Street. Coach Line No. 49 operating on Figueroa Street will be extended from the present terminal at Manchester Avenue to Century Boulevard.

The Alvarado coach line will be extended southerly from Adams Boulevard to a connection with the Figueroa Street coach Line No. 49 at Exposition Boulevard, giving direct cross-town service to the University of Southern California and to the Coliseum from the north and northwest portions of the city. With this connection, cross-town travel will be possible into the extreme southern portions of the city without the necessity of traveling through the congested business district.

"S" Line Rerouted

Rail Line "S" is to be rerouted in the westerly portion of the city to offer faster service by the elimination of turning movements. The "S" line, in the new plan, continues west along Third Street to La Brea Avenue instead of turning north at Third and Western. This line will also provide the service along Larchmont Boulevard between Third Street and Melrose Avenue.

"R" Line

The "R" rail line will be operated over its present route with the only difference being that its westerly terminal will be near Gramercy Place instead of at Third and La Brea.

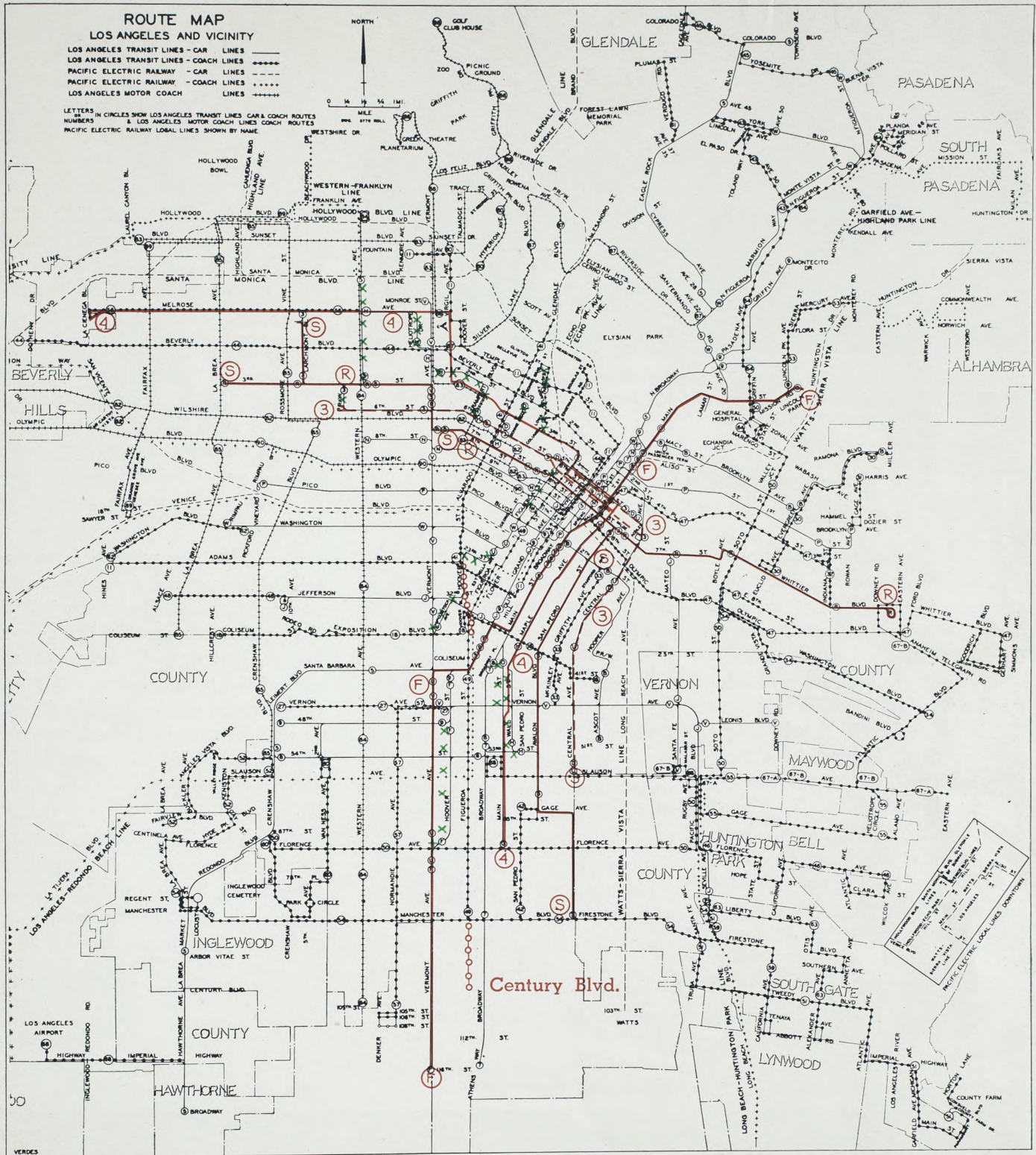
"F" Line Replaces "O" Line

The "F" rail line is another example of the simplification of movement. Plans call for it to be re-

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Trackless Trolley, below, awaits the "Go Ahead" signal to bring Los Angeles something new in transit.





Map Showing Proposed Routes and Abandonments

The map above shows the proposed routes in the first major transit change of the Los Angeles Transit Lines. The red lines indicate the new routes. Red circles indicate extensions. Red dashes indicate trolley coach line. The green crosses show which service has been abandoned. Note that where abandonments occur other transit arteries provide ample service. For instance the abandonment of

a rail line on South Hoover affects the patrons very little as the "F" line operates on Vermont Avenue, a very short distance from Hoover. Note also the lack of turning movements on these lines. In this one rerouting plan the company will eliminate some thirty streetcar turning movements within the city saving time, not only for our patrons, but for other users of the thoroughfares.



Some of the group who enjoyed the turkey dinner at the Annual Christmas Welfare Party given by the Women's Club. Note the waiters in their white shirts standing back by the wall.

Women's Welfare Party

ONE hundred and fifty-eight guests were served turkey with all the trimmings at the Annual Women's Club Christmas Party held in their clubrooms, November 16.

This traditional party is held each year to raise money for the club's Christmas fund. The ladies believe that charity begins at home. Therefore, Christmas checks are given to employes of the company in need of extra money due to some misfortune.

Over \$500 was received from the sale of tickets and from the many booths. Mrs. C. G. Ficklin was in full charge of the event. She had as her helpers, Mrs. A. C. Stover, who took care of the turkey dinner, and Mrs. Guy Parsons, who handled the dining room. Waiting on the tables were Charles Lewis, A. C. Stover, L. B. Meek, Carl Morgan and C. G. Ficklin.

Various booths were established for the sale of many items. At the cooked foods booth, in charge of Mrs. John Corsen, two chocolate cakes were sold at \$30 each, while another delicious and fancy cake sold for \$40.

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Legion Installs New Officers

By ED ROCHE

THE installation of officers on Tuesday, November 19, was a notable event in the history of our Post—all new officers being veterans of World War II.

New officers, installed by Commander Charles S. Booth of the 17th District, are: W. R. Sparks, Commander; H. L. Jackson, First Vice-Commander; V. L. Simmons, Second Vice-Commander; R. L. Teeter, Chaplain; Bart D. Billings, Adjutant; F. Harley, Finance Officer; Tom Lowrey, Sergeant-at-Arms; Henry Foss, Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms; Leo L. Leasman, Judge Advocate; and Harry J. LaBarre, Service Officer.

Past Commander Al Brehm open-

ed the meeting, which was attended by members of the Los Angeles Transit Lines American Legion Post and their Auxiliary with C. E. "Bill" Hart as master of ceremonies.

Special guests of the evening were the Sons of the American Legion of both wars.

Bart Billings, newly installed Adjutant, introduced his guest, Joe Clay. Clay and Billings were both injured by the same shell burst in Normandy.

Past Commander Leo L. Leasman, new Judge Advocate, was unable to attend the installation ceremonies. He is recovering from a serious oper-

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PARTICIPANTS IN AMERICAN LEGION INSTALLATION

Front Row, Left to Right: Past Commanders R. H. Manning, H. J. La Barre, Al Brehm, W. R. Sparks, W. W. Jones, E. J. Roche and Robert F. Carson.

Standing, Left to Right: Betty Roche, Auxiliary, Bart D. Billings, R. L. Teeter, F. Harley, C. E. Hart, C. S. Booth, Henry Foss, Max Rosen, H. L. Jackson, and Eleanor Hart, Auxiliary.



Three Fitzgeralds Together

WHEN more than one of the five Fitzgerald brothers are in one city, it is truly an event for the scope of their operations is far flung inasmuch as they have interests in some 45 municipalities. Recently, we were favored by having three of the Fitzgeralds in Los Angeles at the same time, E. Roy, President of the National City Lines, Ed, Vice President and Treasurer, National City Lines, and W. Ralph, President of the Los Angeles Transit Lines. A luncheon was given so that the two visiting brothers, E. Roy and Ed, might meet the staff of the Los Angeles Transit Lines.

Toastmaster Barney Larrick introduced the guests. Speakers were Cone T. Bass, L. A. Reeves, T. Allan Box, Jr., C. A. Tengblad, W. Ralph Fitzgerald, Ed Fitzgerald and E. Roy Fitzgerald, who stated emphatically that he was very proud of the things which have been accomplished in Los Angeles during the past fifteen months.



J. F. "Jeff" Hudson receives an engraved watch from W. Ralph Fitzgerald, President while "Barney" Larrick looks on. Left to right are: Jim Cullen, L. A. Reeves, Hudson, Larrick and Ralph Fitzgerald.

"Jeff" Hudson Feted

J. F. "Jeff" Hudson was guest of honor at a farewell luncheon, which was attended by company officials and friends who wished Jeff continued success.

Hudson, well known in the transit industry, returns to the Stone-Webster Company of New York as their Operating Manager. He was associated with them for seventeen years

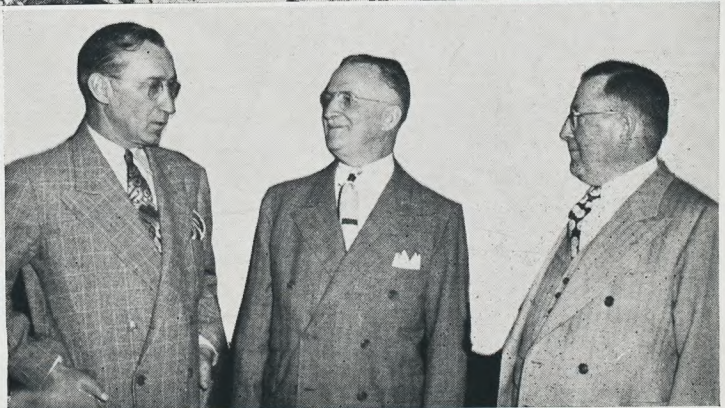
and operated their El Paso, Texas, transit system.

In a farewell speech, Larrick said, "We hate to see Jeff leave us, but I wish him the best of luck and continued success."

Hudson made a speech of acknowledgement, thanking everyone for his kindness and expressing the fact that he hated to leave his many friends on this property.

The Brothers Fitzgerald Meet Our Staff

Beginning at the front and reading to the left are Harold Conacher, Asst. Supt, of Railway Eqpt.; J. T. Watts, Supt. of Railway Eqpt.; Leland Dye, Supt. of Electrical Eqpt.; Al Spaeth, and Wayne Steward of the Long Beach City Lines; C. A. Tengblad, Safety Engineer; Andy Hauer, Dr. G. F. Smith, G. Goehler, Supt. of Schedules, M. Edwin Wright, Supt. of Transportation, F. E. Blasey, Supt. of Methods & Statistics, J. C. Yarbrough, Comptroller, T. Allen Box, Jr., Director, L. A. Reeves, Asst. to Gen. Mgr., B. M. Larrick, Operating Mgr., W. Ralph Fitzgerald, President, Ed Fitzgerald, Vice Pres. & Treas., National City Lines; E. Roy Fitzgerald, President, National City Lines, and Cone T. Bass, Vice-President and General Manager, L.A.T.L. Insert: Candid shot of W. Ralph, Ed, and E. Roy Fitzgerald.



Merry Christmas



Dear Ladies

Keep the yuletide spirit alive on your Christmas table, too. Here are some ideas for a festive table top.

Helen

"O, COME ALL YE FAITHFUL"

Heavenly Centerpiece. You can almost hear the carols as these wax choir boys sing beside the three tapered candles surrounded by pine cones and tree ornaments.

Clever centerpieces can also be formed with wax snowmen, Santa Clauses, reindeer, trees, etc. Set these colorful candles amid holly or Christmas paper. Put the wax Santas, snow men and trees on glistening mirrors.

FAVOR FOR THE KIDDIES

Popcorn Trees. Sitting on a bright red apple base, this popcorn tree favor will delight the kiddies. After popping the corn, mix green coloring with the syrup which holds the corn together. Mold into a cone shape by pressing into a funnel. Stick a skewer into the cone before it hardens so that the tree can be mounted easily on the apple. Gum drops and candied cherries form the decorations.



SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Poinsettia Place Card. Pin a Christmas tag, with name, on a colorful wax poinsettia candle and use for a place card. Real poinsettias, the California Christmas flower, can be used as a centerpiece to "show off" the place cards.



A JOLLY SANTA

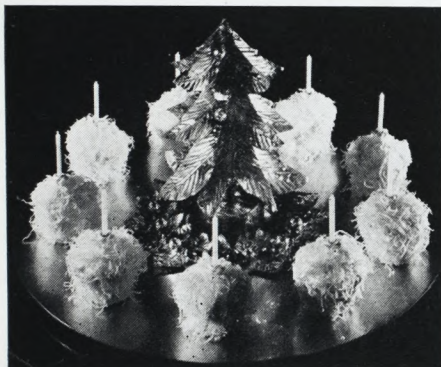
Apple Santa Claus Favor. This jolly little Santa is made of fruits, nuts and candy plus a little cotton and some cloves. For the body, use a large red apple; for the head, a marshmallow, cloves for eyes and nose and cotton for the beard. Arms and legs are raisins strung on tooth picks, mittens are cranberries and the boots are pecans. Use a pointed gum drop for the hat.

from Your TABLE TOP



BRING OUT THE STARS

Holiday Nut Cups. Edible nut cups, each on a paper star, serve as a place card as well as a base for the delicious cup. It's easy to shape soft, tender California dried figs. Add a few salted nuts.



CALIFORNIA CANDLE

Orange and Peppermint Place Card. Easy as A.B.C. All you do is hollow out the center of a large orange and place a red and white peppermint stick in the hollow. Pierce the skin for place card. Set on a sprig of holly.



WHITE CHRISTMAS

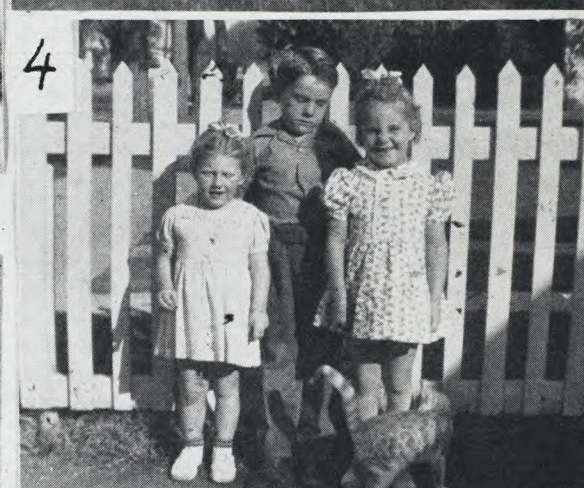
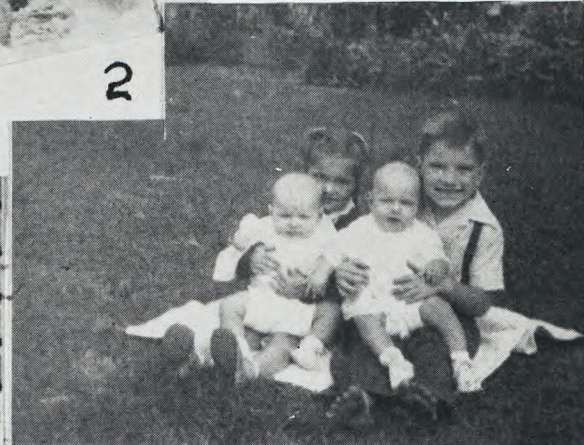
Snowball Centerpiece. (Left.) Around a shiny paper Christmas tree which rests on a round mirror, place these coconut snowballs. Light the little candles if you wish. Here's the recipe for 12 snowballs. 1 C. sifted cake flour, 1 C. egg whites, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. cream of tartar, $\frac{1}{4}$ C. sifted granulated sugar, $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. vanilla, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. almond extract, 1 recipe seven minute icing and 1 can moist, sweetened coconut. Sift flour once, measure and sift four more times. Beat egg whites and salt. When foamy, add cream of tartar and continue beating until eggs are stiff. Fold in sugar, two tablespoons at a time. Fold in flavoring. Sift small amount of flour over mixture and fold in carefully, continuing until all is used. Pour batter into ungreased angel food pan. Bake in slow oven 1 hour. Begin at 275° F. and after 30 minutes increase heat slightly, 325° F. Remove from oven and invert pan for 1 hour or until cold. With 2 silver forks, separate into balls about 2 inches in diameter. Dip balls in frosting, then roll in coconut.

FUN IN A BOWL

Candy Cane Centerpiece. Buy or make a quantity of candy canes and place in a large red bowl amid holly leaves. Tie a little gift on the end of each cane. What a surprise the kiddies will have when they reach for the canes!



... THEIR STOCKINGS ARE HUNG ...



... And here's a group of "Transit Tots" hoping that Saint Nicholas soon will be here.

1—Velma, Loretta, Arlene and Patty Polson, daughters of E. W. Polsen, Department Twelve, South Park Shops. 2—Probably the first set of twins on Santa's list is five-year-old Jan and Janice Ferrini daughters of J. P. Ferrini, also of Department Twelve, South Park. 3—Santa, here's another twosome, Sherrill and Sharon with sister Johnny Ruth and brother Jeffrey Lynn. They're the family of E. R. Banks, of Division Five.

4—Barbara Kay, Dale Lloyd and Ruth Ellen will gather around the Dale Jennings' Christmas tree. 5—Vineyard's C. C. "Moon" Mullins' son, Michael, age 4, has his stocking hung up already. 6—Bob Williams, of Department Twenty, South Park, is helping Santa shop for Robert Jay, age 22 months.

7—We bet it'll be a new "bike" for Richard Donald, age 10, son of D. R. Parks of Division Five. 8—Tommy Joseph, age 1½, will be the one to see at Joseph Prado's (Vineyard) house. 9—Expecting his first visit, Santa, is Ronald Eugene, five months. For suggestions, see Don Parks at Division One.



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10—Jane Ann Snider, age 7, expects you at the home of her father, Percy E. Snider of Division Five. 11—If you want help with traffic at Seventh and Broadway, Santa, see Victor Munyer, father of David Victor in picture.

12—It's a big job, while you're at the Munyer home, see Timothy George, also. 13—C. H. Hardy (Garage Oil scribe) is the proud assistant to Santa for Robert Allan and Richard Wayne.

14—What will be under the tree for Brenda Pree, Santa. She's the granddaughter of Henry Pree, our postman. 15—How's this for a cute little girl, Santa: Georganna Afton Lanning, daughter of Frank Lanning of Division One.

16—Santa meet J. C. Estell's (Division One) beautiful daughter, Linda Kay. 17—Ross Herman, age 19, and son of Mike Heman of Department Twenty, South Park, is definitely on your list.

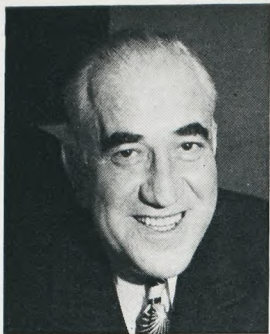
In 18 and 19 we find Koren Saverna Williams and Ronald Ray Williams, daughter and son of R. R. Williams, of Division Two.



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FRED A. NOLAN PASSES

FRED A. NOLAN, former President and General Manager of the Los Angeles Transit Lines, passed away in Baltimore on December 12. Fred Nolan was an outstanding figure in the transit industry and his passing will be mourned among his many friends in the industry.

Nolan died at the age of 53. At the time of his death, he was the President of the Baltimore Transit Company, Vice President of the National City Lines, as well as director of the Los Angeles Transit Lines. He had served as President of our company from May 3 until August, 1945, upon the retirement of Mr. P. B. Harris. Prior to that time, he was the chief executive of the Chicago Surface Lines and before that, head of the Detroit Street Railway. He also served as General Manager of the American City Lines up until the

time it was incorporated into the National City Lines.

Like the Brothers Fitzgerald, Fred Nolan achieved his success the hard way, climbing to the peak of his profession from a humble beginning as car checker for the Pere Marquette Railway. It was there that he built the foundation for his future, checking ties, rails, cement and other materials and learning as much as possible about the business.

When the city of Detroit became transit minded and established a municipal system, Nolan was appointed Passenger Accountant. That was in 1922, and from then on this progressive man made transit moves which became the talk of the industry. These activities were outlined in a long story which appeared in the Time Magazine in August, 1939.

From that humble beginning, Nol-

an climbed rapidly, and he is credited with the growth of the Detroit transit system. It was he who was first to use the combination parking lot and streetcar service for transit passengers. He established parking lots in four parts of Detroit so that commuters could leave their cars for 15c and travel to their jobs and back on a regular fare.

Fred Nolan was armored with new ideas and had the initiative to follow them through and put them over. And as President of the Baltimore Transit Company, his accomplishments were just as great, if not greater, than those recorded in Detroit and Chicago.

Mr. Nolan leaves his wife, Marie Nolan, two sisters, and a brother, Frank Nolan.

We extend our sincerest condolences to the bereaved in their great loss.



KILROY WAS AT SOUTH PARK!

Described nationally as the zaniest prize to be given away on a radio program, the car above was presented to Mrs. Harold Coffman, of 1326½ Carmelina, West Los Angeles, by the Los Angeles Transit Lines. Mrs. Coffman won "Kilroy's Kar" for her version of the origin of Kilroy, for the "Spotlight on America" program. Insert shows B. M. "Barney" Larrick, Operating Manager for the Los Angeles Transit Lines, officially presenting the first prize to Mrs. Coffman.



Why We Are Waiting For A Streetcar

OUR sister companies all over the nation are suffering from slow deliveries. Here is a story reprinted from Passenger Transport, official publication of the American Transit Association.

WITH passengers being transported at the rate of 25,000,000,000 a year and equipment for only 20,000,000,000 the transit industry is riding on its rims today.

And, prospects for improvement in the country's public service transportation systems which operate surface cars, buses and rapid transit systems in practically every municipality and hamlet are not too bright.

"Many new refinements in transit travel originally planned by the industry in 1945," said Guy C. Hecker, Executive Manager of the American Transit Association, "are still in the experimental stage because of critical material shortages and labor difficulties in the Automotive Industry and interrelated industries.

"With national employment close to the 59,000,000 mark, national income at the annual rate of \$165 billions and retail sales still climbing, the transit industry in October carried 2,069,655,000 passengers, the greatest traffic record for any single month in history."

Hecker said the industry had anticipated a breathing space following the end of the war and both private and public transit companies were planning to lay out approximately \$218,000,000 during 1946 for the acquisition of new capital equipment and improvement of existing facilities.

"However," the Association Manager added, "instead of a breather we are getting more business than ever before. This" he said, "can be attributed to the peak employment owing to rapid transition from wartime operations to peacetime production which most industries were able to make, plus the continued inability of people to get new cars, traffic congestion and lack of ade-

quate parking space in urban areas."

Hecker headed an emergency meeting of 10 of the leading manufacturers of transit equipment called last month to consider the problem of acquiring new equipment.

"The results," he said, "presented this picture: Of a total of 15,571 vehicles including electric railway cars, buses and trolley coaches expected to be delivered in 1946, a total of 4,765 or approximately 30 percent, was delivered up to mid-October. The manufacturers," Hecker added, "hoped to deliver an additional 2,687 units up to the end of the year barring any further shortages or interruptions.

"Still, at this rate," Hecker said, "it would take from two to three years just to replace worn out equipment which is gradually dying off of old age and war fatigue. Some of the antiquated equipment with which some of the transit systems are forced to operate today," said Hecker, "is running up repair bills out of all proportions to their returns.

"Unless we can get some new equipment in a hurry," added Hecker, "the mortality rate of obsolete equipment now in service will increase at a more rapid pace than we can make replacements."

War interruptions and postwar

labor difficulties in the automotive industry which manufactures a large portion of transit equipment, coupled with shortages of steel, glass, rubber tires and myriad electrical components, were blamed by the transit official for failure to obtain replacements for old and worn out equipment.

"Meantime," he added, "the industry has exhausted its limited supply of parts obtained from stripping equipment withdrawn from operation."

A survey of 41 transit companies throughout the country made last month by the American Transit Association disclosed that of a total of 48,160 vehicles, such as buses, rapid transit cars, trolleys and trolley coaches operated by these companies, 1,091 units were laid up on Oct. 15 because of a lack of parts.

Of the total 90,141 vehicles owned by all of the public and private transit systems in the country, the Association said an estimated 2,000 were laid up because of a shortage of parts, and a substantial portion of those still in service are obsolescent.

Included in the total of 90,141 vehicles are some 46,000 motor buses; 36,755 railway passenger cars divided into 26,680 surface street cars and 10,071 subway and elevated cars; trolley coaches totaled 3,716.

Hecker said despite the down at the heels equipment with which the industry is operating this country still maintains the safest transit system in the world.

Bosses Go To School

THE Los Angeles Transit Lines has initiated an Executive Training program for company officials and executives. This program, a series of evening lectures, is conducted by D. C. Gerard, of Chicago.

This type of specialized training, which Gerard has successfully con-

ducted for the National City Lines and other large organizations, is designed to increase the proficiency of those charged with the successful operation of this company.

Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, with a separate group of fifteen officials attending each night.



TURKEYS 'N TEN PINS

ONCE again the 40 teams of the bowling league had a turkey shoot and 200 Los Angeles Transit Lines bowlers concentrated on rolling strikes. Three strikes of course is a turkey, and those first to get them in each league had turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner on the Los Angeles Lines.

A live turkey was led around the bowling alley by a rope. At first he was a bit jittery with all the pins falling, but towards the end of the evening he became the star of the show. He posed for pictures and cheered the boys and girls who were about to roll their third strike for a turkey.

Four turkeys were allotted to each of the four bowling league divisions. The first two bowlers getting a "bowling turkey" received an "eating turkey" and the ones with high high game score and high total score received one each also.

Winners in each of the league divisions were: F.

TURKEY LOOKS AT A TURKEY COMING UP.

Above, the star of the Bowling League's "Turkey Shoot Night" looks down the alley as Frank Tanner rolls the first "turkey" of the evening to win a Thanksgiving turkey. Below Guy Gifford presents a turkey to Dave Dent, as Charles Beard looks on.

Tanner, first turkey; H. Dent, second turkey; B. Ball, 229 high game; and C. Beard, 588 high total score.

Division Two: B. K. Miller, first turkey; C. Thomas, second turkey; B. Smith, 223 high game; and W. Ellis, 565 high series.

Division Three: H. Deane, first turkey; H. E. Ivie, second turkey; O. Ballenger, 234 high game; and Bahr, 588 high series.

Division Four: R. Jordon, first turkey; Andy Anderson, second turkey; E. Flanigan, 213 high game; and "Lefty" Hellman, 560 high series.

Congratulations, fellows, although by now the turkeys are probably just happy memories.

Roaming around the Maple Alleys, you can't help but notice how much the gang from Los Angeles Motor Coach add to the Transit Lines league. A lively bunch if we've ever seen one.

Speaking of the bowlers from Vineyard, Kenny Lambert, team captain, is gradually bringing his average up into the region of the elite. Not content with bettering his own mark, Kenny is also

EAT WHILE YOU CAN, CHUM!

Howard Dean looks on while A. J. Bahr offers the turkey, held by H. E. Ivie, a piece of popcorn. Charles Ballenger looks on hungrily. All four won Thanksgiving turkeys presented by the company.



the sparkplug for the rest of the gang, keeping their spirits up to make the game more interesting for them.

Pat Frost, team lead-off man, seems to be in a slump, so be careful, champs, or he'll surprise you one of these dark Tuesdays.

The Line Draggers team from Division One brings its own rooting section. Every wife in the outfit comes down and cheers for the team, and you can notice it helps the score, too. A word to the wise?

Wives aren't the only recruits that are present and accounted for, either. Seems that F. Tanner has been seen with a cute blonde several nights in a row. No wonder he won the first turkey of the night!

What's this in the wind about Pop Hutchings being adopted by the Vineyard Birds team? Pop was supposed to be a loyal Transit Lines man.

George Gicking, of Vineyard, is trying all the time and is showing great promise. He has his eye on the prize money that is distributed at the end of the season, which is incentive enough.

You haven't joined the team because you think you can't bowl? Lambert Hoskins is just a beginner and bowled for the first time in his life with the Vineyard gang and he's carrying an average of 113, which certainly isn't bad!

The mighty Atoms, long time leaders of their league division, finally met their Waterloo in the form of the Stew Bums, who walloped the Atoms to take the lead after ten weeks of hard hitting.

In the meantime, the Five Spotters are having a

COME TO ME, TURKEY DO.

Turkey winners smile as "Red" Jordan is presented his prize turkey by Paul Prutsman, with Frank Lamply looking on between them. Other winners left to right: Andy Anderson, H. E. Flanigan and "Lefty" Hellman.

hard time holding on to their lead. Every team in the 9:15 P.M. league has made it ROUGH for each other, with most of the teams grouped around the top position like moths around a searchlight.

Incidentally, that turkey had his picture taken so often, some guy asked him for his autograph.

Team captains are urged to send in news about their team. Good split pick-ups, unusual shots or high scores are good news material. Let the rest of us know about it!

Mabel Carlson, popular secretary from out Division Two way, replaces Art Beederman, who has to take time out for an operation.

According to latest reports, Don Healey's Little Scouts have taken the lead in league division three and the South Park Aces are again riding high in Division two. Good shooting, boys!

Seven-Ten splits to the character that insists on bothering his fellow bowlers on the adjoining alleys. You know, they're there to make a good score for their team, just as you are. So please observe a few simple rules of bowling courtesy. Never jump over on the approach next to yours in the excitement of getting a strike. You can't talk 'em down! Never make your delivery at the same time as the fellow next to you. Give the man on your right the right of way. Simply it's this: Practice the word, "Courtesy!"

As this is the last news from the "alley" for this year, the Los Angeles Transit Lines Bowling League wishes everyone a *Very Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year!*

WHAT'S THE SCORE, TOM TURKEY?

D. N. Smith, B. K. Miller, C. Thomas and Wheeler Ellis add the score while the turkey "sits in" on the proceedings. Sixteen turkeys were divided among the four league divisions.



South Park Diary

By BILLY PINDER

WE had a very distinguished person call on us the other day—none other than Marshall Lafayette Bradley, our retired weather prophet. He was very interested in his successor, Austin Kilgore. We both predict Austin will become one of the finest weather prophets in the country.

We hear that Jack Ogden is seriously thinking of taking his boy's playhouse and making it into a hot dog stand. Only a rumor, you understand.

Since the cigarette vending machines came into the shops, Ollie Dryer, the "Lone Ranger", is certainly tickled. Says he, quote, I didn't seem able to find the time to buy them before, now I can always get some. Unquote.

Has anyone a room to rent? (The day's joke.) If so, get in touch with Ernie Frampton. Ernie says he must have a room, even if it is an old dog house. By the way, Ernie came to work the other morning with his face all scratched. Claims he fell into a rosebush.

Laugh of the month department: Louie Myers recently purchased the lot adjacent to his, and has just cleaned it up. In years gone by, Louie would lie in his lawn-swing, drink a bottle of beverage (Coke, that is) then throw the empties over the fence. So now, after cleaning up his recently acquired lot, he picked up five large boxes of empties.

John (Tito) DiMaggio spent his vacation around his home and it's said that he was up at 8 A. M. mowing his lawn. It says here.

"Say, don't put that clean motor on my clean floor," roars Harry Smith. Across the machine shop



NEW UNIFORMS

Seen with their new Kelly-Green uniforms are the building's elevator operators. Left above: Dorothy Williams and Jeanne Roberts. Left: Dorothy Bingham and Violet Leach, starter. Complete uniform includes suit and attractive blouse, according to James Murray, Building Manager.

Short Circuits

By WALTER WHITESIDE

LET'S start this last issue of the year right! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Looking back over the past year, we have seen a great number of improvements, such as line rerouting, new installations and new personnel. The employe problem, however, is becoming more stable, which gives us a better opportunity to get acquainted and work together.

The sub-station buildings are looking bright and clean with their new coat of paint. This has been a big job with no end of worry, keeping the painters away from the "hot stuff."

Talk about being locked in—we have some idea what it is all about, judging from the yelling John Snyder was doing the other evening when Bill Yandell locked him up in a room. Snyder was heard running around pounding on the



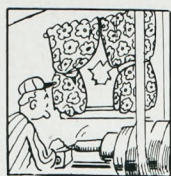
door and walls screaming, "Let me out, Bill. Let me out."

Way and Structures are moving from Vernon Yards to their new home at Division Three. During the process of moving, several inconveniences are encountered, such as having part of the material in one spot and part in another. The other day when Louis Speck was at Three, he wanted to call Vernon. He picked up the phone and dialed 219, not knowing it was the same room he was phoning from. When 219 rang, he hung up his phone to answer the one ringing. He did this several times and then hung up for the last time in disgust. It was finally explained to him.

At the time of this writing, Leland Dye and R. C. McDevitt were planning to "take off" for San Francisco to inspect their Trolley Coach operation for possible application in Los Angeles. Since Dick has never been farther north than Eagle Rock, his version of the trip should be interesting.

OF OUR SYSTEM

Sherman Krewall says to one of his men, "Be sure and keep the place clean!" Little wonder. The machine shop and winding room has had a thorough cleaning and everything is as clean as a whistle. Floors painted, benches cleaned and a strip of floor carpet for the boys to walk on. The latest department to be renovated is the sheet metal shop, and it looks fine.



Highlights in fashion for Christmas as modeled by none other than Georgia Gass, Bill Reynold's secretary. Very neat, Georgia.

O. Rivers is back, hale and hearty, after an exciting vacation in Silo, Arkansas. He says all the crops and everything in general "down yonder" are wonderful.

Huey Lendy came in the other morning smiling and singing. Then he put his hand in his pocket and out came two letters his wife had given him that morning to mail. That changed his disposition.

All the girls in the Cardex office have their eyes on Mary Kiefer's beautiful diamond. Mary is engaged to Jack Kelly of Long Beach. Best wishes, Mary.

The shop's last monthly entertainment was one of the best. The orchestra has been augmented by two new members, Gordon Scholefield on the Hawaiian steel guitar and Fred Ferrini at the piano. The group should really go to town. Welcome to the gang, boys.



During the past year the Electrical Department, through the efforts of the employes, have completed a great many important projects and I want to thank each of you for your cooperation and efforts. I extend the Season's Greetings to each employe and his family. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Leland E. Dye,
Superintendent, Electrical Equipment.*

Insurance Plan Wins Enthusiastic Approval

FORTY-TWO hundred and sixty employes have signed up for the new Voluntary Sickness and Accident Insurance Plan sponsored by the Los Angeles Transit Lines.

The plan, when presented to the men, received enthusiastic approval and many employes stated their appreciation for the management's interest in their welfare.

The old sickness and accident plan, which was considered one of the best of its kind down through the years, terminated December 1, due to a recent action of the State Legislature. This was an amendment to the California Unemployment Insurance Act making it compulsory for all workers to be insured against sickness and accidents. This State law superseded all other existing compensation benefits of the same nature.

The company felt that the plan, as offered by the State, did not give our employes the type of insurance which they have had, so a voluntary insurance plan was evolved that surpassed the insurance offered by the State.

This new plan costs exactly the same—one per cent a month. The one per cent unemployment deduction has been discontinued, though all workers are still covered.

Car House Highlights

By H. K. CONACHER

AWARE of the fact that I am somewhat of a stranger to many of you, nevertheless may I take this opportunity to extend to each and every one of you and your families, my sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Geo. P. Macqualter,

Superintendent—Car House One.

The personnel of Car House No. 1 wish to extend their holiday greetings to all members of the Los Angeles Transit Lines . . . Fred Thompson can be seen shopping around the toy stores since the arrival of his son, 3 months ago . . . Al Wuthrich is sporting his new Christmas present around, which happens to be a new Chevrolet.

James Bradley, formerly Assistant Foreman at Car House No. 1, recently paid us a visit. Very pleased to see you, Jimmy. Drop in any time.

The reconstruction program at Car House No. 1 is well under way; the north building is being torn down to make way for a modern structure to maintain the new trolley coach fleet.

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BOLLIN MAKES A RECORD

Glenn Otis Bollin and his seven-year-old grand-daughter, Rita Mae. Bollin became a grandfather at the record age of 31.



Car House No. 3

To Personnel at Car House No. 3:

At this time I want to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation I have received from each and every one of you. You have been steadfast in your work, and as a result, this division is near the top in morale and efficiency. I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

P. V. Wood,

Superintendent—Car House Three.

Our Superintendent, P. V. Wood, left Thanksgiving Day for a two weeks vacation in Sacramento, where he visited relatives and went duck hunting . . . E. Graham was hunting duck and geese up in the Imperial Valley, as was E. Duncan. The boys report they had a wonderful trip.

W. J. Carrigan was called East by the serious illness of his daughter. At this time he reports she is out of danger and home from the hospital . . . B. Dysthe had two weeks vacation in Minnesota where he divided his time between visiting and ice skating. Bet he is glad to be back where the tropical breezes blow. (Ed's Note: (?))



George Anders, who returned from his vacation 35 pounds heavier, says he should blame it on the good food. Among the delicacies he had were pheasant, bear meat, duck, quail, trout, salmon and deer meat.

H. L. Whipple, Thomas Benson, A. F. Olson, R. L. Maag and J. J.



As we approach the end of the year 1946, my thoughts go back to the pleasant association I have had with you over the past year. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all of you of this department, who, with your continuous effort, have kept the equipment in a safe and satisfactory condition.

To you and your families, I wish a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. T. Watts,

Superintendent of Railway Equipment.



HAPPY AS CAN BE

Little Patricia Ellen hopes Santa will bring her a big doll. She is the daughter of Steward Hubbard of South Park.

Welsh have joined the Automotive Gang. Welcome, boys. Welsh has been looking forward to having his family with him to celebrate 24 years of marriage, but to date they are still in Pennsylvania and hope to come out here to live.

We extend our sincere farewell to L. V. Baldwin who retired after 21 years of service at our division. Lots of luck, Laura.

The boys are having a moustache race to see who can raise a pair of handle bars first. The contestants are Paul Davis, M. Burns and George Anders. Santa Claus is way ahead but they can at least try.

We are glad to see the Maintenance of Way Yards almost completed and soon will be greeting the people who will come here to work. We will do our best to make them feel at home; and we might mention that the rear yard really looks swell. Come over and see it.

Car House No. 4

To all employees at Car House No. 4:

Once again Christmas is here and I wish to thank you for your splendid work and full-hearted cooperation during this past year, and to wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Wheeler Ellis,

Superintendent—Car House Four.

Joe Campbell, long a familiar figure in Division 4 activities, left the employ of the Company. Best wishes for the future to you, Joe . . . Wheeler Ellis and George Smith, the champion form bowlers, each won a turkey for Thanksgiving. The rest of the Team? They got the "bird."

Ray Hayes spent a recent weekend carrying fire wood at Big Bear. Ray says that climate is O. K. for "them as likes it," but he prefers a warmer climate . . . Johnnie Johnson and family enjoyed a trip to Bakersfield in their newly-acquired Studebaker coupe.

Extra, Extra. George Smith, not content with winning a turkey, went on to win a membership in the 250 or better club, by bowling a 263 game.

N. L. White has finally, after much persuasion, threats, etc., by Mrs. N. L., got his house painted, and a nice job too . . . Cliff Parker is still looking for that house to rent . . . Bob White has bought a home in Glendale—now all he has to do is get possession.



The Holiday Season is here again, bringing with it the spirit of goodwill and friendship to all. While we pause in our daily toil, let us pay homage to Him Whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas time.

To all employes of the Sixteenth Street Garage, their loved ones and friends, may I extend my best personal wishes for a very Merry Christmas with Health, Happiness and Prosperity throughout the coming year.

J. M. Buchan,

Superintendent, 16th Street Garage.



NEWLYWEDS?

Well hardly. Kenneth E. Funk's son is pictured in his paratroopers uniform. The girl with him his wife? No, his mother! Kenneth, the husband and father, is a Division 'One-ite.'

Car House No. 5

To the employes of Division Five, Rail & Automotive:

To each and every one I wish to express my most sincere appreciation for your cooperation during the past year and to extend to you and yours my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Very Prosperous New Year.

Fred Yenour,

Superintendent—Car House Five.

The employes of Division Five extend their deepest sympathy to Eddie Ramirez who lost his wife.

The new paint room for Rail and Automotive equipment is rapidly nearing completion . . . "Wild Bill" Elmblad and family are spending a month's vacation traveling through the eastern states . . . J. P. Granahan returned from his vacation, one week of seeing the sights in San Francisco and one week at home.

Introducing the new men at Division Five: J. M. Owens, C. Foreman, J. M. Perry, C. L. Thompson, R. H. Deahl, E. L. Leonard and F. E. Grant.



I want to take this occasion to extend my personal thanks to all you boys for your splendid assistance and cooperation and to wish all of you a "Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

L. C. Thompson,

Superintendent Ways and Structures.

Garage Oil

By C. H. HARDY

FROM all indications a very pleasant Christmas is anticipated by everyone. Robert Wick is constructing extra tracks and switches for Junior's electric train, which is due for a "hot" schedule Christmas morning. The sharp curves became such a problem that Bob almost found it necessary to call up our Track Department for advice. We hope that Junior will be able to get through the "picket line" of adult "technicians" and play with his railroad soon after Christmas.

Carl Hoffman was about to give up smoking this fall. However, on second thought and being conservative, he decided to quit sometime after the Holidays, depending on just how many smokes he receives for Christmas.



Springer's culinary feat on a two-burner stove has just about staggered the Inspection Crew. Here's the menu: soup, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, country gravy, peas and carrots, Brussels sprouts, French toast and coffee, all served piping hot. Of course that was merely a Thanksgiving appetizer for Christmas.

There is fame awaiting him if he can get a picture of his Christmas dinner on the two-burner for the Ladies' page. We are always interested in the solving of problems arising from the housing shortage and cramped living quarters.

L. D. B. Anderson, of Division 3 and 4 before going into the service of his country, is now with us as Coach Cleaner Lead Man. He was

with the 570th Engineers in New Guinea, Fiji Islands and in the invasions of Leyte, Cebu and Mindanao.

Anderson was badly wounded from fragments of metal when he stepped on a hidden Jap mine. He also received severe burns as the blast set off gasoline stores. He was hospitalized for three months. Now fully recovered, he is helping to make our coaches the cleanest in the country.

We offer our condolences to Roscoe Kirkwood, whose father passed away recently.

Another "young old-timer" back with us after several years is Glenn Powell, brother of Walter Powell of South Park. He spent considerable time in the armed forces. We are glad to see him looking so robust and so "civilian."

American Legion Auxiliary

By BEDUR JONES

THE Los Angeles Transit Lines' American Legion Post celebrates its tenth birthday this month, aided by the ladies of the Auxiliary, who will present them with a huge cake to honor the occasion.

Other Auxiliary activities include decorating Christmas trees at Sawtelle Veterans' Hospital in Westwood and taking part in the "Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave" campaign.

On the social side, rain failed to wash out the group's card party, November 26, as everyone reported an enjoyable evening.

Members of the Auxiliary are reminded that the deadline on the membership drive is drawing to a close, and all members who haven't paid their dues are urged to bring them up to date.



To You of Division One:

I wish to thank each and every one of the employes at Division One for his fine cooperation throughout the year. I also wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A. E. Vejar,

Superintendent, Division One.



JIG SAW PUZZLE AIDS INSTRUCTORS

Clarence Dunbar, Chief Instructor and Jack Stewart, Chief Supervisor (left to right) are inspecting new Jig Saw Puzzle type map that has lessened the difficulty in familiarizing new operators with fare and transfer zones. Introduced by Fred Patton, General Manager, Los Angeles Motor Coach, this new instructional aid has separate pieces corresponding to each zone. When correctly fitted, it forms a colored map of the city.

Virgil Venom

By BEDUR JONES

JINGLE Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the day.

Lots more people will be riding
The L. A. Motor Coach way.

Sorry, fellas, I just had to get this column started some way. You know, Santa Claus will be in town soon, and just to give him an idea of what the boys want, here is the exclusive list:



Pete Chapman: "All I want is a leader who will leave the end of the line on time." Dick Sperry: "I want a run that will make me work. I'm getting tired of letting the other fellows do my work." (Ed's note: Ha. Ha.)

Charlie Kenby wants a book on how to raise chickens. A sequel to "The Egg and I?" George Earhardt: "All I want is a set of pull-out routes on school trippers so I won't get lost." Come now, George.

Gil Gilliland: "Please Santa, bring this ol' night dispatcher an instruction book on how to play Ping Pong." Second choice, Tiddely Winks?

The Lloyd DeGregorio's helped their son celebrate his first birthday with a cake, presents, etc. . . . Tom Lowry, of Sunset fame, won the Griffith Park Club Tournament last month and has a big trophy to prove it . . . While talking to a postman, Jake Jacobsen, the Hyperion Tycoon, came up with this one, "You fellows should be smart. You read everybody's mail!" . . . H. Waters joins the gang from Texas and Oklahoma way.

"Dusty" Peifer has studied art and is quite talented along those lines. Maybe he's the one who is always drawing a bright picture of the future?

The boys have dubbed Art Carano "Lock-in-Var" because he has had to saw two locks off his locker door, simply because he forgets the key. Next time leave the keys inside,

Art, then you won't have to saw your way in.

Harry Douglas reports his stepson is a footballer in the 240 pound class. Crafty Harry says, "I never argue with him." Incidentally, Harry played the role of hero recently. He was hunting near Palmdale when he found two lost young ladies. Harry found the girls' parents for his super-good deed for the day.

Holmes Crosby is beginning to wonder about the fifty-fifty of it all. Seems he owns part interest in a 37 foot cabin cruiser and on Monday, his day off, Crosby goes down and cleans, paints, etc. Then come Sunday, the other owner takes it out for the day.

The housing shortage has even hit the Virgil Trainroom! Operators are printing large signs marked "Reserved" and putting them on the benches in the room.

Bob Salbo must think he is still on that South Dakota vacation he and the wife took recently. Bob was seen barging around 6th and Grand, off his course. The smog has been bad, hasn't it?

W. H. Wilson claims the Vermont line has literally gone to the dogs and he has Ray Brown to prove it. Opening the door for a customer, Wilson instead was greeted by the largest English Bull he has ever seen. Fifty pounds of him (the dog) immediately decided to take over. After frantic tugging, pulling and general coaxing, English was finally "de-coached" with a hamburger lure.



VIRGIL GREASEMONKEYS

Happy birthday Dewey. By the way just how old are you?

Now that Chuck Young has moved into his new home, just ask him how much work it is being a home owner. Lots to do, eh Chuck?

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from us here at Virgil.

Sour Grapes From Vineyard

By HAROLD YOUNG

REMEMBER when?

Jim Stone, a conductor on a double deck coach, dropped a 25 cent piece in the street at Eighth and Hill. When D. Ladhoff was waiting for the signal to change, Stone got off to retrieve the quarter. The signal changed and Ladhoff took off. Stopped by another bell at Hope, he wondered why Stone did not give him any bells to proceed, and went back to investigate. Jim was a block away, running frantically toward the coach.

Frank Epp left Barstow standing at the R. R. crossing because he went by so fast Barstow could not hop on the rear platform.

Short shots at random:

No shot here. Ann Schultz, Coachette, treated the clerks with coffee and cake recently. Quote Yummm Unquote. Hugo Tunkle and M. R. Shobe are taking time off in the hospital. Why not drop in on them and keep them informed on how the other half lives!

Wet paint signs are hanging out all over this division and some of the operators have found out that it is really wet! Al Williamson (Mechanical department) tells the story about Al Gomes going around looking for the URPIINS. English translation: R.P.M.'s.

How come, Charlie Conrad. Do we have a new turn on line 89? Frank Meyers is showing the town to a pretty Missouri girl and he's



To the Men and Women at Virgil:

As 1946 draws to a close, may I thank all of you for your splendid cooperation in the past year and extend my personal best wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

Jack Stewart,



SOLDIER AND HIS GIRL

Boyd S. Moore, of Division One, is the proud father and grandfather of Marie Dion and her son, Alfred. Alfred, the soldier, attends St. Catherine Military School, Anaheim.

doing a good job of it. Frank's mother says Los Angeles is fine!

Newly appointed captains for the Safety League officially took over their posts on November 25. The Safety League is composed of teams that compete against each other for the best safety record in each six week period, with the winning group being treated to a dinner as a reward. Each team is made up of operators of each individual line.

New captains for the Major League are: George Lynch, Wilshire Blvd.; H. Douglas, Sunset Blvd.; F. Harris, Western Avenue; R. Bloodgood, Cren-Vine-LaB.; A. Brumbaugh, Fairfax; and E. Stowe for Olympic.

Jake Yarnell will captain Tal-Hyperion, Ver-Los Feliz and Silverlake in the Minor League.

We wish to express appreciation to the retiring captains, Harold Ivie, T. Lowry, C. Ballenger, L. Hendricks, R. Robinson and D. Sporman, for a job well done in accident prevention work. To the new captains we wish all the success that is possible.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your loyalty and cooperation during the past year.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A. C. Tieman,

Division Superintendent, Vineyard.

Diesel Delvings

By PHIL HIPES

BEFORE we start hanging those Christmas stockings, let's hang up the note that E. E. Feb flew to Wisconsin recently, bought a new car, toured New York and then returned home rested for the holiday rush.

We are having some torrid ping-pong sessions with Gorman, Hobbis, Norbuts, Williams and a few others being strictly "Class A", and with the rest of us small time paddlers taking lessons. In the near future we hope to have a tournament in this division, which should prove interesting.

Practical joke to stop all practical jokes was perfectly executed by A. G. Gribling this month. A new operator asked "Grib" what to do when he was late going out Hill Street on the Beverly run. "Grib" told him, "When I get to Third, I look at my watch and if I'm very late, I just turn out the Third street tunnel and get back on time. Then I cut over to Beverly."

Well, this new operator, on arriving at Third street, discovered he was five minutes late. So, he turned through the tunnel as advised, and went on out to Vermont and Beverly, picking up the needed time. When last seen, the line superintendent was driving around like a squirrel in a cage trying to find the new man. "Grib" says he was only kidding!

In the "This-We-Would-Like-To-See" department: K. K. Crownover and J. E. Kresge get together for a story-telling match. Both are tops!



Al Grant and the extra-board picture title: "No Sleep!" Ray Corbett is again a proud grandfather. His son, Robert, announced the arrival of a baby boy, John Herbert. This makes four grandsons and one granddaughter for the boss. A few more years and USC will be scouting the Corbett clan.

R. H. Jackson, our number one clerk, is displaying a few toy elephants to the boys, so don't get excited if you see pink elephants in the morning. It's not true, or rather it is.

Buck Rogers, our instructor, is the sports commentator for this division. He's waving U.C.L.A.'s flag so hard, the Pan Pacific can feel the breeze. A. C. Nagy has turned politician. Ask him about Woodrow Wilson. T. H. Perkins, who lost a billfold with considerable money in it, recovered same, sans greenbacks.

A. L. Rehm will soon be classified as a critic on motion pictures. During his split he goes to a show. Too far home—he says. C. S. Rowland is now working the Beverly run after transferring from Melrose.

R. E. Schram, whose badge number is 86, says that when he came home from the Army he was "86" with his wife but now everything is lovely.

If you want to hear something, listen to J. A. D'Elia and A. Shore kick that Brooklyn lingo around. When Bill Luman gets those hillbilly songs on the radio, the music lovers go into their dance, with T. D. Starks taking the spotlight.

Thought of the month! Remember, it's not what you give, it's how you give. Whether it's a transfer or a Christmas gift.

The Season's Best Wishes to You All!



To all personnel of Division Two, may I extend my personal wish that you and your families will have a very Merry Christmas, a Happy and Successful New Year.

*R. J. Corbett,
Superintendent Division Two.*

The Hillbilly Boys

By L. B. MEEKS

AS you know, about this time of the year, we always like to write letters to Santa Claus, and wait another month to find out if he "kicks through."

Frank Chesire had two girls on his car the other day, who must have thought he was some relation to Santa. After he refused a transfer in Highland Park from the "H" line to go back to town, one of them said, "You can't put us off and we have no money. Send the bill to my mother." This modern generation!

R. R. Webster has figured out why the "W" line is so heavy. With Washing-TON, Burling-TON and Arling-TON, no wonder it gets heavy.

Bill Deskin explained his perplexed look by saying, "I liked the 'W' line but bid in on a run on the '11.'" Now, however, I put in most of my time working the 'O' line to help out." Confusing, huh?

We wouldn't say that J. B. Fleming is going to the dogs when he can raise purebreds the way he does. In fact he has some of the finest in the country, that sell for \$50 to \$300 each. All are listed in the bluebook of dogdom, too.

V. J. Eulberg is a welcome addition to our group, and he has already proved himself to be a very capable young man. Congratulations, V. J.!

M. Abraham's son, Donald, has just undergone an operation which came only a short time after he was honorably discharged from the Navy. Last reports indicate he is doing nicely.

A note of thanks from the family of the late William S. Rice, of this division. They thank one and all for the thoughtfulness and consideration shown them in their time of sorrow. May we not forget our friends of the past.

Larry Staten is convinced that he is still a country boy at heart. Larry tried working the Belmont line but the traffic and noise got on his nerves. So, when he got the chance, he went out to Eagle Rock. Yes, you can smell the flowers and the trees up there and so much fresh air!



Retired Employes Association

By P. C. McNAUGHTON

THE attendance at the November meeting was small due to the inclement weather. We were royally entertained, however, by four professional singers who sang many beautiful selections.

Your scribe and his wife were very pleasantly surprised on Wednesday, November 27, the date of our fiftieth wedding anniversary, when folks from the Sunday Morning Breakfast Club, of which my wife and I are charter members, brought us a huge, beautiful wedding cake, coffee, lovely flowers and other remembrances. It was truly a red letter day, one to be remembered all the rest of our lives.

So long till next year. May your Christmas be very enjoyable and the New Year filled with much happiness.



It is again my privilege to extend to the personnel of this division the Season's Greetings. I want you to know that I appreciate your cooperation and good will during this past year. To you and your family, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. A. Bodley,

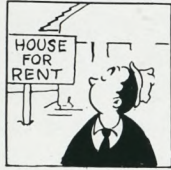
Reports From Five

By ED ROCHE

CHRISTMAS gift time is with us again and what better gift than escape from the sick list? Louis W. Beck and E. M. Cady are recovering from operations . . . Clarence A. Torres is back on the job . . . Hugh Dinning is back after several months of illness and J. M. Cook was victorious over the flu . . . Ira F. Aikens is again on desk duty after a severe cold.

David Gaskins is on the sick list, and Beatrice Holmes will postpone Christmas this year due to her operation scheduled for December 29. Celebrate it twice, Bea, but hurry back.

No housing shortage here! Herman E. Schultz recently moved into his new home in Redondo . . . Ollie Fisk has moved into his new domicile in Lennox. Plenty of room to raise his rabbits there . . .



Jack Allday tried to get some shingles for his home but old man priority said, "No can do!"

C. J. Jackson, transfer from Four, has bought a house on West 54th. Closer to Five, we bet! . . . Conduet-orette Ruby Howey and new husband J. A. Carson took a delayed honeymoon in snow-bound Denver . . . Herman "Red" Cannon and wife traveled the modern way. Flew to the old home town Minneapolis. Visited Boulder Dam on return trip by the train. Cannon's son, Jack, was recently married in England to his war-time sweetheart, Yvonne Owen. Jack photographed the Atomic Bomb



Fellow Employees:

Another year is about over and I wish to express my appreciation to you for the wonderful cooperation you have given me in the past year. May you and your families have the best of health and success in the coming year.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

F. L. Ervin,

Superintendent Division Five.



HANDSOME SERVICEMAN ! !

O. F. Swanson and his attractive wife, are pictured above while he wore the uniform of Purser, in the U. S. Maritime Service. Swanson is now back at his job at Division Two.

tests at Bikini.

Veterans of World War II now with us include: Edwin M. Wiltsey, former Air Force corporal . . . George J. Trammell, veteran of Philippine campaign with the AAF . . . Gilbert T. Shoemaker, holder of the Purple Heart, Silver Star and Bronze Star from the Normandy push. . . Lt. (j.g.) C. T. Robinson, Naval pilot, visited old scenes at Five recently.

Los Angeles Transit Lines abroad: Glenn K. Tolle flew to Tennessee and Alabama, visiting and hunting . . . Joseph J. Gregory spent his time looking over Southern California . . . The L. R. Gregorys and little Linda, visited Raymond L. "Red" Kohler at Pomeroy, Washington. "Red" was formerly at Division Five . . . Jerry Cook and the missus vacationing in Nevada and Arizona.

Sugar Loaf Mountain, north of Bakersfield, gave up two deer to A. J. "Sy" Seibert. One a three point, the other four . . . The Glen Mussel-

whites divided their time between Big Bear and Hemet . . . O. C. Adams and family spent theirs at home, while Edward H. Brown took the folks to San Francisco.

Esco V. Butcher, his grandson Billy Eaton and friend, Larry Bennett, both age 14, visited retired "Doc" Dean at Pearblossom and "Bob" Manning at Shady Bend Ranch for some successful rabbit hunting . . . C. W. Hannon, Earl Sullivan, O. Klages, Don R. Parks, R. J. Paterson, T. L. Byrne, J. F. Mistro, C. N. Stevens, Tom L. Trammell, Marie P. Linn, J. G. Jeffcoat and Tom J. Kelly are all set for happy vacations December 29 to January (1947) 11.

Operating the Community Chest Car on its first run, Henry Chaudoir stopped to load an elderly lady. Dropping a dime in the farebox she said, "That is my fare, and this is for the Community Chest." Whereupon she poured a handful of loose change into the box as Chaudoir just sat and stared.



November 6 could very well have been called "Safety Day." Art Tengblad, Safety Engineer and Joe Prutsman, Safety Director, presented an outstanding safety show, which included the L.A.P.D. film, "Traffic with the Devil" and the Los Angeles Transit Lines' slide picture, "Accident Traps."

C. W. Hannon and wife are sorrowed by the death of Mrs. Hannon's eldest sister, Mrs. James Ada Taylor, October 20.



As the year 1946 draws to a close, we of Department 20 can look back on our accomplishments with pride.

As we look forward to 1947, may I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Norman W. Lane,

*Foreman, Department 20,
South Park Shops.*

Blow-Bys

By TOM SMALLEY

THE holiday season is with us again, so I'll take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Most of the men say that they are going to stay near the home fireside during the holidays, but there are still a few who like to travel.

Merle Weller and family will fly to San Francisco for a visit with relatives . . . Mike Heman and family will be seen in Orange, California, guesting with his sister-in-law . . . John Halloman is another San Francisco-bound man . . . B. B. Phipps plans to fly to Colorado for his holiday visit.

Ed Serabia will be visiting with his father and brother Gene in San Diego. Gene recently returned from China and Korea . . . Benny Serjine will see his sister-in-law in Inglewood . . . H. Eimer's son and daughter-in-law will drive in from Porterville for their holiday a-la-Los Angeles.

Norman Lane's family will have a family reunion . . . Ben Lozano bound for San Diego to see his brother and cousin . . . Nat Duron will stay at home with his family to be visited by his daughter and stepdaughter.

S. H. Clay will have his niece and nephew for Christmas dinner . . . Joe Castro plans to make tamales and other Spanish dishes for his family . . . Walt Powell will be another "stay at homer" entertaining his sons Walt Jr. and Doug. Both boys have returned to civilian life and Walt Jr. is working at 16th street. Incidentally, Walt is going around with a grin from ear to ear. The reason? He has been made a grandpop for the first time. His son, Walt, Jr., who works at Sixteenth Street, and wife, were blessed with a little fellow on December 8. The boy's name is Gary George and he weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Ora Porter hasn't made up his mind yet. Hunting or flying will be "first feature" at Christmastime.

Pete Rodriquez and L. Herz are hard at work practicing Quoits. P. S.—They need it too.

If any of you fellows have wives who like to make cookies, F. Bertini has a new recipe that is really something, according to H. Porker.

George Smith ganged up on Otto Schmokel and Slim Ellis the other day during a bowling-fest. Smith made things tough with his 263 game. (Is there anyone who hasn't seen George's new 250 pin?)

A hearty welcome to the gang is extended to W. Bennett, W. Coolahan, Ray VanOsten, Jack Haynes, and James Homar. Welcome to department 20, fellows!

Don't forget, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



LOOKING FOR SANTA

Little Ernest Connolly, the Third, and his dad wait for Santa. Connolly works at Division One.

Veterans Club

By ED. ROCHE

LUCKY winners of our delicious Thanksgiving turkeys were Louis Segerer, W. R. Sparks and R. Bustamentez. All are looking forward to another "shot" at a Veterans' Club turkey.

Election of officers for 1947 will be held at our regular meeting on Tuesday, December 10. Results of the election and notes on the installation will be in the next issue of Two Bells.

"Streamliners"

By S. J. VOLPE

GREETINGS, and salutations, friends and readers . . . with this column, we bid adieu to R. H. Grettenberg, and wish him success at his new job . . . This column will miss Bob's experienced hand, but bear with me, and incidentally, give me the word on anything newsworthy!

Our condolences to Ross J. Bragdon, clerk, who was called suddenly to his former home in Indiana due to the serious illness and death of his father.

Ray Baudisch, clerk and bowler extraordinaire, recently moved his family into their new home at 8949 S. Manhattan Place. Good luck, Ray!

This reporter was shocked recently by a woman driver, who actually (believe it or not) made the correct hand signal for a right hand turn, and then made the right hand turn! This really is the "age of miracles."

After looking at his last check, with the income tax deducted, Stanley Sandman began asking the price of a call to the White House. Stan insists he is paying three-fourths of our President's salary himself. A common cry! Yuk, Yuk!

Betty Arneson, the Superintendent's secretary, celebrated her 23rd birthday with a party of friends at the Cocomat Grove, Saturday, November 23—though the celebration was not due till the following Monday.

Roscoe Harris, of the Instruction Department, dragged into work the 25th of November, haggard, but happy. It seems, after no end of anticipation, Mrs. Harris presented the instructor with a lovely baby boy at 11:36 P. M. on the twenty-fourth of November. The proud parents will name the infant, Gregory. The Harris' "bundle from heaven" weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces.



There'll Be Some Changes Made

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routed to replace the "O" line along Main Street north of the central business district, operating to the present "O" line terminal at Lincoln Park. It will also replace the "U" line along Vermont Avenue south of Santa Barbara to 116th Street and Vermont. This means that patrons in the southwest area will have more direct service to the downtown district, or through the downtown district to the north-east portion of the city.

Immediate Action

With the approval of these plans by the regulatory bodies, immediate action will be taken. Crews will soon begin to build overhead lines for trackless trolley operation. Already Division One is being prepared to house these new vehicles. The mechanical department has been moved from the north end of the division to the south end, from where the streetcars will operate. The north side is being remodeled to handle the trackless trolleys. Mechanics are

beginning their training for the maintenance of these new vehicles.

The Company also plans to begin a training program for trackless trolley operators. A training route, complete with necessary overhead, will be built for the sole purpose of teaching the operator how to drive this very different vehicle. He will find it smooth to operate, silent, and very much like a coach. The trackless trolley swings from side to side fourteen feet each way from center, allowing it to roll to the curb for loading passengers.

Yes, you can expect many changes to come—changes which will bring better and faster service to the city. Most of our patrons are very much interested in these changes, and many of them will talk to you about them. We hope that you will study the map on page 5 of this issue and acquaint yourself with the new routes, so that you will be able to give them what information they desire.

The Last Terminal

EARNEST C. S. Whitmore, Jr., of Division Three passed away on October 23. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on May 18, 1916,

Harry A. Russell, retired, passed away on November 2. Mr. Russell, who was born in England in 1870, joined the Company in 1908. He worked in the Transportation Department at Division Three and was also a clerk in the Transfer Bureau from 1923 to 1932.

George E. Ferguson passed away November 3 at the age of 63. George joined the Company in 1913, and was associated with the Transportation Department, having held such positions as dispatcher, superintendent of Five, and Three.

Joseph W. Sharpless passed away

on December 7. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1874 and joined the Company's auditing department in 1923. One year later he transferred to the Los Angeles Motor Coach Lines as Chief Clerk.

Mrs. O. L. Bradley of the Division Four Mechanical Department reached her final resting place on November 20. Mrs. Bradley was born in Texas in 1906.

Mrs. Wilbur A. Welch, whose husband is a flagman in the Transportation Department, passed away on November 16.

Mrs. Elmer I. Rench passed away on December 6. Mr. Rench is a member of the Special Roll.

Sincere condolences are extended to the bereaved in their great loss.



TWO GIRLS AND A BOY

These three belong to G. R. Sharp of Division Five. They are Randalyn Marla, Karen Reylene and Gerald Francis.

Stork Market

DIVIDENDS in the form of "bundles from Heaven" were received by the Company's stork market holders. Division Five boasts of having received the most. The John R. Enders welcomed Beth Amelia on October 24 . . . On November 3, Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Schlaff received a little girl, Stephanie Jane, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces. On the same day, Instructor R. L. Griffith reported a son, Robert Earl . . . The dividend that Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bogart received on November 23 was labeled Wallace . . . Supervisor Jack Carlin's dividend was a new grandson, Carl "Butch" Ebert III. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ebert II. . . Frank Grant said that his new dividend's name is Carole Elaine. . . And Robert Smith of the Automotive Department received little John Thomas.

Division Two received three dividends. Michael Duane presented himself to the Q. R. Walker's on October 29. Sherry Joan made Mr. and Mrs. Tony Shaputis happy on November 17. . . . Carol Maureen was the dividend received by the Los Curran's on November 27, weighing 7½ pounds.

Gabe Miller of Virgil is a co-shareholder. He became a grandad when his daughter and son-in-law received a dividend called Susan, a 7 pound, 10 ounce bundle of joy.

Congratulations to all the shareholders.



The editor and staff of Two Bells take this opportunity to wish all its readers the season's heartiest greetings and the best of good wishes for the coming year.

Cupid Reports

THE official nuptial knot tier, Cupid, has been making a few visits to the divisions . . . H. C. Baker of Division Four was one of his victims, which resulted in his marriage to Mary Evanoff on October 26.

Cupid made a good score at Division Five. Robert F. Weber married Alice Elizabeth Cochran on November 26, and Conductorette Margaret L. McGowan and F. A. May, both of Five, said "I do" after a visit from Cupid.

Operator Braden of Vineyard asked for a leave of absence to visit his parents in Pennsylvania, and while there was caught by the little matchmaker.

Al Schwartz of the Sixteenth Street Garage reports that his daughter, Evelyn, and Sam Moses of San Francisco were united in marriage recently.

Best wishes, newlyweds, for a long, happily married life.

Legion Officers

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ation and is confined to the hospital.

Three new members, Jess L. Channell, Alvin E. Bullock and Ruth O. Masters, were welcomed to the post.

During refreshments following the meeting, the group learned that Past Commander and Post founder R. H. "Bob" Manning is spending a vacation at Shady Bend Ranch near Llano, California. Bob, who drove in for the evening, said he was just taking it easy.

A cordial invitation to all veterans is extended by the Post to be "presented and accounted for" at their next meeting.

Until then, may yours be a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Welfare Party

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Messrs. Frank Blasey and J. T. Watts auctioned off these cakes. Other foods brought in an additional \$12.

A profit of \$7.80 was made at the ring-toss booth in charge of Mrs. William Slade and Gordan Meek. The needlework booth had a fine array of donated articles which caused a profit of \$35. Mrs. C. H. Lewis had charge of this booth.

Mrs. E. D. Mitchell was in charge of the home made candy booth which proved valuable to the fund receipts for the program.

A very pretty tree, on which the buds represented merchandise, was in charge of Mesdames B. E. Timbs and V. W. Gore. Over \$8 was made on chances for the buds.

Mrs. W. P. Trabue, chairman of the Red Cross Auxiliary, which meets every Tuesday in the club-rooms, had a fine display of the articles made by the ladies.

Mrs. L. B. Meek had the doll display. These dolls were purchased by the club and were dressed by the women. They are to be given to the Children's Welfare Bureau, who, in

turn, will give them to some unfortunate children for Christmas. Mrs. Meek also sold pottery, pins and ear rings.

Mrs. S. Ashworth, collected the door tickets and Mrs. N. E. Mackay, the dinner tickets.

The program, under the direction of Mrs. E. D. Mitchell, offered fine talent in the form of music and elocution. Mrs. J. F. McCormick assisted by giving a most interesting recitation.

The ladies thank all those who helped to make this worth while event a success, and wish everyone A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Our Back Cover

"Picture of the Month" for this Christmas edition, illustrates the material support given by the Los Angeles Transit Lines to the Community Chest and Christmas Seal fund raising campaigns.

Specially painted cars, the red and white Community Chest vehicles and the powder blue Christmas Seal car with the Red Cross of Lorraine, brought these campaigns to the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Los Angeles every day.



First Prize Campaign Feature

those produced by the airplane companies, the oil companies, industrial organizations in this area and the various department stores, Two Bells won the following awards:

First Prize:

The Best Campaign Feature

Our Safety Campaign was judged best of all the entries. The issue of March, 1946, received the prize because of the montage cover showing the Traffic Educational Bureau of the Los Angeles Police Department using our equipment to make a motion picture on safety. The story inside the issue, which ties in with the cover, is entitled "Cop-eration."

Second Prize:

Best Layout

The Two Bells that won this award is the April-May-June, 1946 issue, pages 8 and 9. This layout publicises our Assembly Line Methods.

Third Prize:

Best Photograph

Photograph shows the miniature coach knocking over the bowling pins, which is the cover of the October-November, 1945, issue. The picture was taken by Roy Finley and planned by the editor of Two Bells.

Third Prize:

Best Photo Feature

Our entry was the Devil Series, which ran over a period of months on the back covers of Two Bells. The judges felt that although this was not an ordinary photo feature, it was a clever combination of photography and cartooning, and for this reason it was awarded the prize. These pictures were taken by C. H. Sorkness of Division Two, and the drawings were done by the editor. The characters in the feature were N. M. Babikis, the Devil, and H. J. MacDonald, the poor operator, who was receiving his just measure for the manner in which he operated a coach while on earth.

The judges of the contest were Matt Weinstock, popular columnist of the Daily News, Gus Arriola of "Gordo" fame, Kai Jorgensen, President of the Art Directors Club of Los Angeles, Stanley Gordon, Western Editor of Look magazine, William Carnall of the William Carnall Company, Typographers, Dr. Floyd Ruch, Professor of Psychology at the University of Southern California.

Third Prize Photo Feature



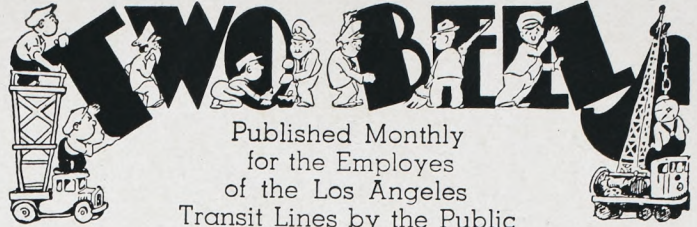
Third Prize Best Photo



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EDITORS OBSERVE

IT'S truly a Merry Christmas around the Two Bells office this year, for our magazine won four prizes in an Awards of Merit Contest held by the Southern California Industrial Editors Association. In this competition with the best of house publications, such as



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Four of the judges in the Awards of Merit Contest, Gus Arriola, (with Manchu whiskers) originator of "Gordo", Matt Weinstock, columnist for the Daily News, Dr. Floyd Ruch, (seated) Professor of Psychology, University of Southern California, and William Carnall of the William Carnall Company, typographers.



Pictures of the MONTH

