

# EDITORS OBSERVE

Well, here's Two Bells . . . This time we held back to give with the news on the Safety Show . . . Quite a shindig, wasn't it? Imagine all those fellows getting safety pins for not having accidents. Our old nurse used to stick us with a safety pin for having an accident.

We had a vacation and went fishing . . . High Sierras. And the Sierras are much higher this year. The only way you can get a waitress' eye in the hamburger stands is to wave a ten dollar bill. A holdup man walked into one place, poked a forty-five at a waitress, and said, "Lady, this is a stickup. Hand over the cash." She gave him a cool glance and answered, "You'll have to talk to the other waitress. This isn't my section."

The mosquitoes are modernized, too. They don't bite just every Tom, Dick and Harry. Scouts are sent to nibble and run blood tests. If your blood is the right type, the big boys (DC-3 models) dig in. If not, they just kick you as they fly by. They must have been studying anatomy. They now nip you in spots you can't reach to scratch.

Fishing was good - good exercise. The lakes were so crowded that it took an expert fisherman to cast between the boats. We got something on every cast. First a little red hat, then a creel, then part of a coat, then a cigar, and then a black eye. And we're still sitting on someone else's salmon egg hook.

One of the bugaboos of being an editor is hunting for "typos" - typographical mistakes, something you forgot to mention, etc. Last month we forgot to mention that Roy Finley, who incidentally is in the hospital right now, took the very clever photographs for the accident trap series. And speaking of typos, the most notable one to be reported in any magazine is the one about the country editor who had two big events occur in his town on the same day — the Mayor's wife died and the old ice house burned down. He ran a large picture of each but the captions became mixed and the one beneath the Mayor's wife read, "At Last Old Eye Sore Goes." Here are a few more typos which have brought grey hairs to editors' heads:

"Fine hog for sale, at the Jones farm 2 miles east of town. Mrs. Jones will be home all day. Come and see the fat hog at your convenience."

"For sale - almost new 3 x 4 oak table, suitable for secretary or typist with wide roomy drawers."

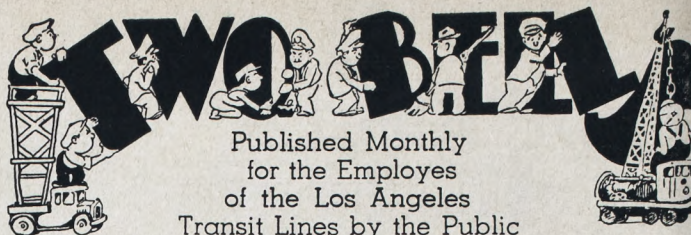
"Rummage Sale - The ladies of the Podunk Ladies Aid Society have discarded clothing of all kinds."

"Lost - Bifocal glasses. Gold-rimmed owner will pay reward."

"I am forced to dispose of my new pedigreed cocker puppy and mother. Any reasonable offer considered for either or both."

We close this month with the Schedule Makers' and Supervisors' song: "Give Me Five Minutes More."

FLASH! We have just received word that our 1945 Annual Report was judged third best in "Financial World's presentation of "Oscars in Industry." The last issue of TWO BELLS featured a story on this report.



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## Our Cover

This month's cover shows transportation, old and new, in front of the City Hall. The story of this pageant of progress is on page 3. Our back cover is something new for TWO BELLS — a Picture of the Month series. All camera enthusiasts are urged to send in their pictures of the month. These pictures must depict transit in some manner. It is not necessary to have them taken on the property, but it is preferable. The picture should have a story to tell.





## PAGEANT OF PROGRESS

**T**HE two hour long Labor Day parade in downtown Los Angeles was as spectacular as any procession ever seen in the city. The theme of the parade was "The Spirit of Progress", and one of the highlights was the "Progress of Transportation".

Behind a beautiful float, on which was emblazoned the motto, "Transportation Builds A City Under Progressive Union Leadership", followed a line of transit vehicles old and new.

From out of the dim past came horsecar No. 1 of the old Main Street and Agricultural Park Railway. This relic brought real tears to the eyes of the oldsters and applause from the younger generation who lined the sidewalks. Preceding the horsecar were five boy scouts carrying a banner reading, "Transportation Builds A City—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". Ahead of the boy scouts was a band led by two attractive majorettes; however, Operatorette Billy Pinkard officially led the transportation division of the parade. A streamliner rolled behind Dobbin and Old No. 1. Next in line was a 45-passenger Diesel coach. The feature of the show was a trackless trolley towed by a huge emergency truck.

An interesting anecdote happened at Pico and Broadway. Just as "No. 1" squeaked around the corner, an old gentleman boarded the car. He carried a shillalah-like cane and insisted on paying his fare. William McCrea, who was dressed in a policeman's costume representing the year 1875, and T. H. Perkins, who wore the handlebar moustache and derby hat of the 90's, explained to the elderly man that the car was not for passengers but was being used only in the parade. The oldtimer, who said he was 92 years of age, insisted upon riding and remarked, "You have no idea how good it will make me feel to be able to ride a horsecar once again before I die."

**T. H. "Si" Perkins and William McCrea wave at the crowd and bring a bit of the early nineties to Broadway.**



The elderly fellow was allowed to ride, and his dignity, as he stood on the front platform, added much to the spectacle.

This first horsecar, old No. 1, is truly an antique. It was built presumably in San Francisco and arrived in the city of Los Angeles on June 9, 1875. A newspaper item of that period read, "These cars are of very fine workmanship and are provided with patent money boxes which permit every passenger to pay his fare without the assistance of conductor or driver."

Regular operation on the old Agricultural Park line started July 1, 1875. This was the second line in the city, as the Spring and West Sixth Street Railroad had been operating to the Washington Gardens for a year. The southerly terminal was at Washington and Main Streets. The Los Angeles Railway purchased the line in September of 1898, and began operations on October 1 of the same year.

During the parade, history repeated itself in a remarkable way. When the horsecar arrived at First and Spring, it was necessary to turn north on Spring Street. Instead of attempting to back the horse around the

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# IT CAN BE DONE!

**W**E have proved conclusively that accidents can be avoided!

On the unluckiest of days—Friday, the thirteenth—our accident reports decreased fifty-three per cent below the average level for Fridays. That's something to shout about. Forty-five community newspapers and all of the metropolitan newspapers carried stories under the heading, "Make Friday the Thirteenth No Accident Day." At the divisions signs were posted, proclaiming "Friday the Thirteenth — No Accident Day."

The Los Angeles Police Department and the National Safety Council, Greater Los Angeles Chapter, cooperated to the fullest extent in our endeavor to eliminate accidents on this Friday which, incidentally, was the first Friday the thirteenth in 1946, with thirteen months intervening since the last one.

Not only were accidents reduced by fifty-three per cent but all of the accidents reported were of a minor nature and most of them were unavoidable. For example, a trailer broke loose from the automobile which was towing it and jammed into a streetcar; a two hundred pounder attempted to catch a "5" car after it

had passed an intersection, etc. One other notable feature of the day was the fact that passenger accidents, such as falling in or off cars, were practically eliminated. This is proof that every operator was driving cautiously. The carefulness of the operators was also noted on the street. On Beverly Boulevard a police officer reported that he was amazed at the manner in which each and every coach operator carefully observed the necessary space between vehicles.

The highlight of this day was the presentation show. The Pacific Electric Auditorium was packed. Over 500 employees had been invited to be present to receive their

Safety Award Pins and their Certificates of Merit. The rest of the audience was made up of interested trainmen, coach operators, their families and of course, the officials of the company.

Those who attended are still talking about the hilarious vaudeville show which preceded the presentation ceremonies. D. D. McClurg, President of the Union, volunteered to participate in one of the skits, and his grace and form during the chorus girl dance brought cheers from the audience.

Music for the show was furnished by Billy Pinder and his Hawaiian Rancheros, with an added attraction

**D. D. McClurg, President of the Union, joins the chorus line to help put over the show.**



**The amused audience. Note the expressions of the boys in the second row.**





John Corsen, Division Three, receives the first Certificate of Merit and Safety Award pin from Assistant Chief of Police Joe Reed.

being the rendition of "Hawaiian War Chant" by Tommy Rocha.

C. A. Tengblad was chairman of the evening and introduced the officials of the company and the speakers. The first to speak was D. W. Pontius, President of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the

Below, D. W. Pontius, President of the Greater Los Angeles Safety Council, briefs safety suggestions.

National Safety Council, who very deftly briefed the subject of safety in a five minute address.

D. D. McClurg returned to the stage and in a serious vein congratulated the men for their accomplishments. He introduced to the audience Fred Howser, District Attorney

W. Ralph Fitzgerald, President of the Los Angeles Transit Lines, was honor guest of the evening.

for Los Angeles County. Howser added his thoughts to the subject of safety and received a tremendous ovation after his short but potent speech.

The Assistant Chief of Police, Joe Reed, was introduced and in his  
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# The Mission Bell Rings Out

ON Monday, September 9, 1946, the Los Angeles Transit Lines received the first shipment of 100,000 new tokens, part of a recent order of 3,000,000. These tokens are of a new design, with the bar and shield of the Los Angeles Transit Lines replacing the old mission bell.

To the several thousand collectors this new token issue is as important as is a new stamp to the philatelists. Token collectors are already beginning to haunt F. P. Snyder of the Treasury Department, who, incidentally, is a token collector himself. He will probably receive hundreds of letters from people wanting to purchase these new tokens. Collectors will also buy them from the trainmen out on the lines and trade with collectors in other parts of the world.

Token collecting has become quite a hobby and many of them are considered priceless. A. C. Zakor of Division One has in his possession a token from the New York and Harlem Railroad, the first company in the United States to issue tokens. He also owns a token issued by the Spring and West Sixth Street Railroad, the first street railway in Los



The old mission bell.



The new bar and shield.

Angeles, and has, no doubt, also collected his share of the new issue.

Though tokens of every design are picked up by these avid fans, those having letters on them disappear from circulation the most quickly. This is due to the fact that many people use them for watch charms or to make into bracelets, spelling out the names of their wives or sweethearts. Every letter of the alphabet is represented, with the exception of "Q". In the illustration below, Mr. Charles Lamb of Long Beach, Washington, spelled out the Allegiance to the Flag in tokens collected from all over the nation.

Foreign tokens roll into the cashier's office in a continual stream. They come from such far away places as Mexico, Hawaii and England. Honolulu is represented over

and over again in our fare boxes.

Likewise, tourists visiting our fair city often purchase tokens for souvenirs. These later show up as fares in some other city.

At the present time an average of 2300 foreign tokens fall into our fare boxes each month. The division cashiers send them to the Cashier's Office in the main building, where Frank Snyder and Stanley Underwood separate and place them in envelopes. At the end of the month, the envelopes are mailed to the various companies, and in exchange these companies send us our own tokens which have been picked up on their lines. If there is a difference in cost, this is made up in cash.

Over six hundred companies are on our exchange list. Most of these are in the United States, with the exception of the Honolulu Rapid Transit.

The mission bell token, which has been replaced with the Transit Lines shield, was issued on October 21, 1928, when the fare was raised from 5c to 7c. Patrons were allowed to purchase these tokens four for 25c.

The mission bell token was designed by Art Genn of the Drafting Department, who is still with the company. Genn prepared some thirty-five or forty sketches and submitted them. However, they did not carry the spirit of Los Angeles. A conference followed wherein someone mentioned the Camino Real. The mission bell was thereupon adopted.

It will take approximately seven years for the mission bell token to disappear from circulation. Various collectors and amateur collectors will from time to time throw them into the fare boxes. Perhaps in the far distant future this token will truly be a collector's item.



Allegiance to the Flag spelled out in tokens from various cities.



# Switching the Switchboards

The Company's telephone system, which had been in the main building since 1921, was recently moved to Division Four, where a complete new system telephone was installed.

This new system is a telephone system within a system. It has the same type of trunk lines as the main switchboard service in the telephone company itself. There are twenty-nine circuits and one hundred thirty-four stations in this system. These stations are located on poles in various parts of the city. When the receiver is lifted, one immediately is connected with the dispatcher, who can plug in any number of the Los Angeles Transit Lines, the Pacific Electric Railway, or the Los Angeles Motor Coach Lines. The operation is similar to that used by the Yellow Cab Company, being more modern with the boxes on the poles streamlined. French phones are used instead of the older type.

There are over one hundred fifty miles of wire to connect these one hundred thirty-four stations. Two hundred pairs of wires run from the telephone company's district office at 1900 South Grand to 962 West

Information girls have elbow room in their new setting. Below are Louise Johnston, left, and Helen McCandless. Note the reference books used to answer public's inquiries.

12th Place, Division Four. These two hundred pairs of wires carry all of the telephone service. However, if you were calling from Eagle Rock, your phone call would travel first to the district office in that vicinity and then directly to 1900 South Grand, then to 962 West 12th Place to the dispatcher or whomever you wish to contact.

The Western Electric Company worked over two months installing the equipment. The trunk lines, which run between the dispatcher's telephone system and the telephone company's district office, are all of one color, but the wires on the switchboards are of various hues or combinations of colors. These colors can be arranged into two hundred combinations on our telephone set-up. The basic colors are blue, orange, green, brown and slate. To get combinations, two colors are used, such as orange and white, orange and green, orange and brown,

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When you hear the voice that says, "Good morning, Los Angeles Transit Lines," it is one of our competent PAX operators. The two shown here are Sarah Irwin, left, and Elizabeth Wood.

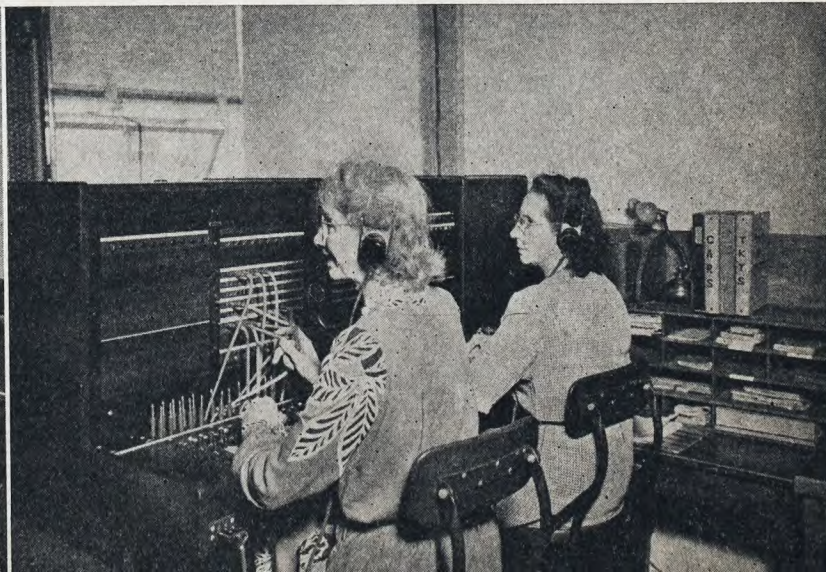


Left: A view of the dispatchers' new combination switchboard and radio receiver. Note the Coleman lamps ready for power failure emergencies. M. Edwin Wright, left, is checking the log sheet with Bill Morgan. Joe Hurzeler is the gentleman in the foreground.

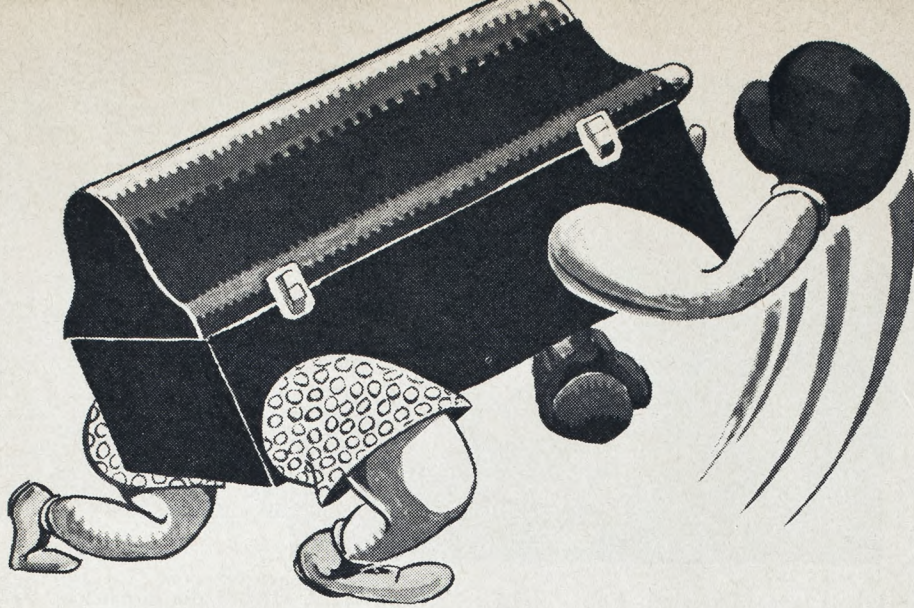
Upper right. A few of the hundreds of wires, gadgets and whatnots in the equipment room.



Chief Supervisor and Dispatcher Art Warren points out some features on the new radio recorder to M. Edwin Wright.







# PACK A LUNCH with a PUNCH

**W**HETHER an office girl, housewife or mother, you'll want to prepare a lunch that packs a punch—a lunch that is packed with nutritious food to keep up the working efficiency, morale and general good health of you and your family.

The lunch is one-third of the day's three meals. It should be given as much consideration as breakfast and dinner. The modern housewife wouldn't think of having her family sit down to dinner if it weren't carefully prepared and well balanced with a different menu each day, yet there are a number of housewives who, day after day, include the same kind of sandwich, the same kind of cake, and the "easy to pack" apple in the lunch box. So remember, a well balanced lunch with a "variety" of menus is very important.

Pack a lunch that looks attractive. Everybody enjoys a tasty and tempting meal. Have fresh, appetizing food. If possible, pack the food at the latest possible moment. However, there are some foods that may

be prepared ahead of time, such as sandwich spreads, salads and cooked dishes. Wrap sandwiches separately and neatly. Put moist foods in containers with lids, and to save time, keep all lunch making equipment in one place.

"Dear Ladies" has ideas galore for lunches—tasty lunches—packed with vitamins, so look them over and choose the ones that you think you or your family would enjoy eating.

#### NUTRITIOUS MENUS . . . TASTY TOO

*Crisp roll with center hollowed out and filled with flaked fish or chopped meat, grated vegetables and mayonnaise.*

*Carrot strips and celery stalks spread with cream cheese*

*Fresh fruit, cupcake and milk*

*Cold meat and lettuce sandwich*

*Slice of nut bread, buttered*

*Sliced tomato*

*Fruit jello, cookies and milk*

*Chopped nut and olive sandwich*

*Vegetable soup (carried in thermos)*

*Cup custard*

*Slice of cake and milk*

*Jelly sandwich or bacon and tomato sandwich*

*Cole slaw*

*Fresh fruit, cookies, milk*

*Deviled egg sandwich*

*Mixed, chopped vegetable salad*

*Rice custard with raisins, milk*

*Cottage cheese, dried fruit sandwich*

*Raw tomato*

*Apple, oatmeal cookies and milk*

*Grated raw vegetable sandwich*

*Potato salad*

*Jello with fruit, cup cake, milk or hot chocolate*

#### SANDWICH FILLINGS

*Chopped or ground cooked beef or other meat mixed with cabbage or carrots and salad dressing.*

*Leftover cooked fish flaked and mixed with chopped celery or cabbage and salad dressing.*

*Chopped hard cooked egg, pickle, celery or carrot with salad dressing.*

*Peanut butter or ground peanuts, figs, dates or prunes moistened with evaporated milk.*

*Chopped carrots, raisins or prunes and nuts mixed with salad dressing.*

*Cream cheese and chopped olives moistened with evaporated milk.*

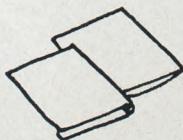
*Corned beef, grated Swiss cheese, chopped sweet pickle, salt, pepper, grated onion and mayonnaise.*

*Mince sardines. Add chopped, hard*

**WAXED PAPER** is a necessity. Have it handy. Wrap sandwiches separately and securely.



**SANDWICH BAGS** are an added convenience. They're fine for cookies, candy, cake and the like.



**PAPER CONTAINERS** are just the thing for salads, desserts, cold baked beans and cut fruits.



**SALT AND PEPPER** shakers with closeable holes are handy for hard cooked eggs.





## Dear Ladies

Make your lunch a "surprise" package, something to look forward to at the noon-day meal. Supply the right kind of "equipment" for the job ahead, whether it is for yourself, your husband or your child.

### Helen

cooked eggs and moisten with mayonnaise.

Peanut butter with cooked chopped bacon and salad dressing.

Peanut butter with chopped dates and mayonnaise.

Cream cheese softened with a little mayonnaise. Mix with jelly for a sweet sandwich or with chopped olives for a tangy sandwich.

#### SALADS

##### Health Salad

1 1/4 cups cabbage, finely shredded

1 1/4 cups apples, diced

3/4 cup cooked prunes

1/2 cup raisins

1/4 cup peanuts, chopped

1/4 cup chopped raw carrots

Cooked salad dressing (about 1/4 cup)

Trim cabbage, cut in quarters, core and let stand five minutes in cold water to freshen. Drain and shred or chop very fine. Wash apples but do not peel. Cut in quarters and core, then dice. Pit prunes and cut into pieces with scissors or knife. Wash raisins and drain well. Mix cabbage, apples, prunes, raisins, nuts and carrots with sufficient Cooked Salad Dressing to moisten. Toss together with two forks to prevent mashing fruits. Yield: 6 servings.

##### Cooked Salad Dressing

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. dry mustard

2 tbsp. flour

**FORKS AND SPOONS** are needed for desserts, hot foods and soups. Remember to enclose them.



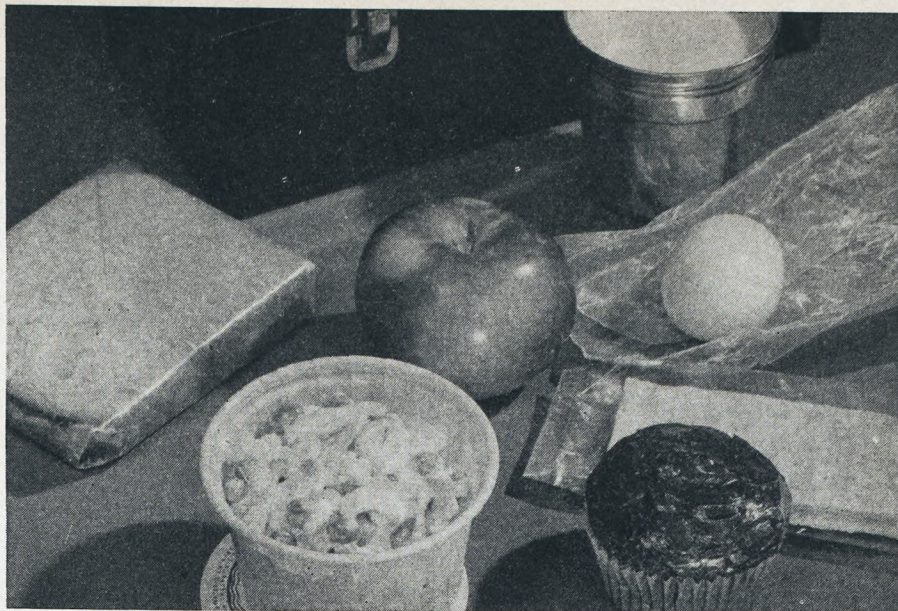
**TREATS** like nuts, gum, candy, dates or other dried fruits provide a surprise when box is opened.



**PAPER NAPKINS.** Enclose two, one for placing the food on, the other for face and hands.



**PACKED LUNCH BOX.** Sandwiches are on one end. Containers in center and fragile items at other end.



Here is a well balanced lunch and tastily done up, too.

2 tbsp. sugar  
1 egg  
1 cup evaporated milk  
1/4 cup vinegar

Blend salt, mustard, flour and sugar. Add egg. Mix well. Add milk. Cook over boiling water until mixture thickens, stirring constantly. Cool. Stir in the vinegar slowly. Mustard may be omitted.

##### Cole Slaw

3 cups finely cut cabbage

1/2 tsp. salt

1 tbsp. sugar

1 tbsp. vinegar

1/3 cup evaporated milk

Toss cabbage with salt and sugar. Add enough vinegar slowly to the milk to thicken. Mix lightly with cabbage. Yield: 6 servings.

##### Vegetable Salad

Raw Julienne carrots

Shredded raw cabbage

Cooked peas

Salad dressing

Salt, pepper

Toss all ingredients together, using salad

dressing to moisten well, and salt and pepper to taste.

#### DESSERTS

Fresh or cooked fruits

Cookies

Cake

Custard

Puddings

##### Baked or Soft Custard

2 eggs

1/4 tsp. salt

1/3 cup sugar

2 cups evaporated milk

1 cup boiling water

Beat eggs. Add salt and sugar and continue beating until thoroughly blended. Add milk and boiling water. For baked custard, pour mixture into baking dishes set in pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven (350°) until custard is set. For soft custard, cook mixture over boiling water, stirring frequently, until mixture coats spoon, about 5 minutes. Yield: 6 servings.

##### Bread Pudding

3 slices bread, buttered and cut in cubes  
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# Service With a Smile

Through the mail and over the phone come many pats on the back for our boys and girls who man the cars and coaches.

Below are the recent commendations pointing out thoughtful gestures which are being rendered to the public.

## Division One

*E. Garcia* was highly commended for his pleasant and obliging attitude toward passengers at all times . . . The patron who commended *L. S. Blouin* praised this young lady for the way she operated the car and for her courteous and prompt manner in handling the public . . . *R. R. Riddle* showed tact and patience in handling a transfer dispute with a passenger . . . *A. Threatts* was considered by a patron as being most kind.

## Division Two

A passenger wrote that he would vote for *J. G. Northrup* if he ran for President . . . *J. M. Williams* was cited for being very courteous to a bewildered woman and child . . . *T. C. Haggerty* received no end of thanks from a patron who wrote that Haggerty stopped the bus to see if anybody wished to make connections with another bus which had just pulled up. The patron also commended Haggerty for announcing streets in a clear, pleasant and audible voice . . . *A. W. Atwood* was appreciated for being alert, efficient and for showing a willingness to be helpful to young and old alike . . . A patron was impressed very much with *W. Haynes'* exceptional courtesy in answering questions and giving directions to his passengers . . . *S. Haas* was commended by an automobile driver for his unusual courtesy and foresight in waiting for a mother with children to cross the street.

## Division Four

*E. E. Bramlette* was highly commended for the courtesy and consideration shown a crippled lady passenger while she boarded and alighted from his car.

## A Good Shepherd Watches Over His Flock

In this case the good shepherd is *L. E. Woodworth* of Division 2 who was commended by a mother of a little girl who was lost. We reprint the mother's letter below:

"I'm writing this letter in regard to one of your operators on the No. 44 Beverly bus.

"On September 10 my little girl was lost downtown. She boarded a Beverly bus on Hill Street and told the operator she was lost, didn't have any money, was afraid and wanted to go home. He told her to watch for her street. When she did so, he helped her across the street and told her to go right home.

"I would like to thank the operator for his kindness to my five year old daughter.

Hazel Cole  
251 Emerald St."

## Division Five

A patron had this to say about *E. B. Neufischer*, "He is extremely courteous and good natured, and gives me the right start in the morning towards a pleasant day. In these days of ill manners and selfishness, it is gratifying to know that there are still people who realize it is easier to provoke a smile than a frown." . . . *J. O. Koontz* was lauded for an exceptional deed. He got off the car and assisted a very elderly man who had fallen and was unable

to get up alone . . . A patron, who had injured her hand and found it awkward to use, thanked *O. M. Hamilton* who was very kind to her when her handbag opened and the contents fell out . . . A sergeant on the Board of Police Commissioners wrote that he observed an outstanding deed when *E. P. Potter* got off his car, while waiting for the signal to change, and assisted a blind man from the safety zone to the curb. This patron said that everyone on the front end of the car praised Mr. Potter for his thoughtfulness and courteous treatment . . . A woman passenger wrote that an unusual courtesy was extended to her when *L. W. Frey* realized her plight as she was on her way home after attending a concert at the Hollywood Bowl. It was very late and she was waiting for a "9" car which would take her to Normandie Avenue. Frey told her he was going as far as Arlington and Fifty-fourth on his way to the division and suggested that she ride this far and take a Fifty-fourth streetcar to Normandie. Later, Frey expressed his concern to the patron for having to walk from Fifty-fourth and Normandie to Forty-eighth. The patron therefore suggested she call a taxi. Having no luck finding a phone, Frey contacted his wife and the two of them drove the patron home in their car and would accept no pay for this unusual deed . . . *L. H. Bates* was commended for being exceptionally courteous and kind to all his passengers.

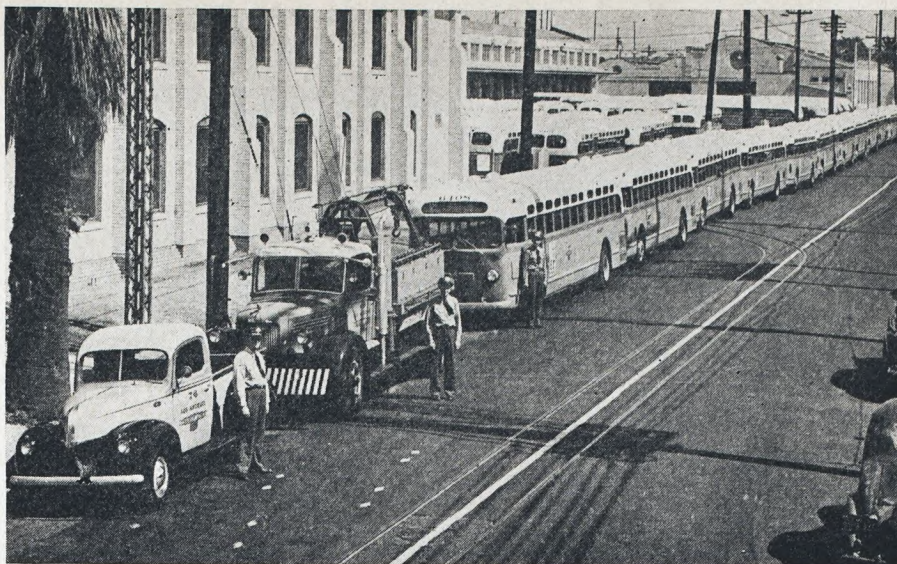
## Los Angeles Motor Coach Lines

*J. T. Aguirre* was commended for being gentlemanly and courteous . . . *S. A. Warden* was commended for waiting for a husband and wife to



cross the street to make connection with his bus when he could have gone ahead with the signal . . . A passenger commending *Lillian Jennings* wrote, "A very small boy had been waiting to cross Western, but selfish and inconsiderate motorists would not let him reach the opposite side. Your driver brought the bus to a stop at the intersection, refusing to follow the example set by many motorists." . . . *Verna Powell* received two plaudits for her very fine service. These patrons wrote that Mrs. Powell is skillful and cautious, and, at the same time, greets every passenger with a cheerful smile. One of the patrons told her about the service which she rendered so helpfully and pleasantly, and Mrs. Powell's answer was, "I love my work." The patron replied that it was mighty evident . . . *George Battelle* was refunded twenty cents by a passenger who had lost his wallet while in Santa Monica and had no money for his return trip to Los Angeles. Battelle trusted the passenger for the fare . . . *R. Drucker* was cited by a patron who observed his stopping for a lady to board the coach after it had already started . . . A patron wrote the following about *J. L. Mulvihill*, "I was impressed by his smooth handling of the bus, and so observed him more closely. That he was efficient, courteous, alert and competent was most noticeable." . . . *J. I. Pearson* was praised by a patron who noticed that he showed great courtesy to an elderly lady on crutches . . . *R. J. Bloodgood* was the recipient of two commendations. One of the patrons had this to write, "He was uniformly pleasant to everyone and seemed sincerely eager to serve. It was a heart warming experience to see him leave his seat and assist an infirm, elderly woman with her bundles from the bus to the sidewalk." . . . A letter signed by seven passengers commended *M. J. Martin* for being a perfect gentleman . . . *P. Gray* waited for passengers to cross the street and board his bus.

## Coaches Move to Division Five



Like a white-backed dragon, this row of transitliners leave Division Two for their new home at the Sea Gull's Roost.

**O**n Saturday, September 14, one hundred five coaches left their quarters at Division Two for their new residence at Division Five. The following day they went into operation. The lines these transitliners serve are West Adams-Temple Street, Figueroa, Florence-Soto, Inglewood, Manchester, Normandie, Van Ness, Los Angeles Airport and school specials. The West Adams-Temple Street and the Florence-Soto lines also operate out of Division Three.

One hundred fifteen coach operators have made Division Five their headquarters along with ninety-six mechanics who have been designated to service the coaches at that location.

In charge of the operating department of both coaches and streetcars is Mr. F. L. Ervin. Mr. Fred Yenour handles the maintenance of both types of vehicles.

The conversion of Division Five is a big story, and TWO BELLS hopes to publish this story, illustrated with pictures, in the next issue.

## Over 608 Years of Service

**T**WO BELLS is proud to inform its readers that the following employes, who have retired recently, totaled over 608 years with the Company.

### Auditing Dept.

William R. Gould, 33 years

### Electrical

Herbert H. Peterson, 35 years

Frank P. Whittley, 25 years

### Industrial Relations

Alice E. McKinley, 26 years

### Mechanical

Charlie J. Schneider, 41 years

John A. Willer, 32 years

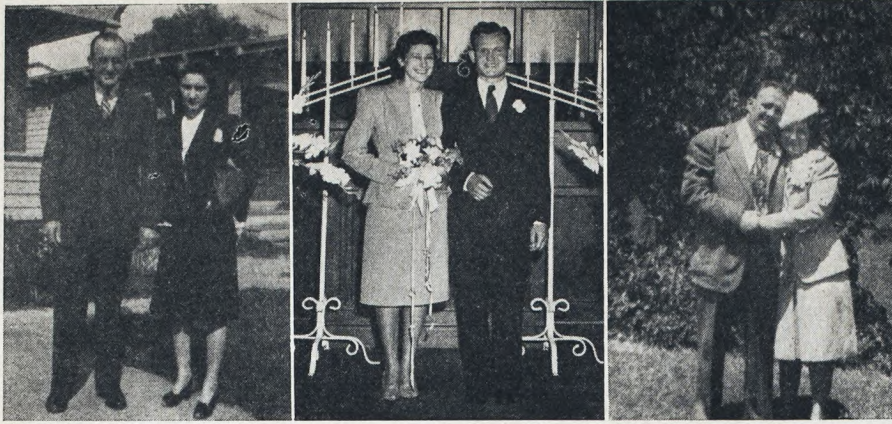
Harry C. Clarke, 27 years  
Raymand E. Smith, 25 years  
Henry W. Schaeffer, 23 years

P.A.X. and Information Dept.  
Gladys Iiams, 22 years

### Transportation

John R. Sproule, 48 years  
Perry V. Mann, 45 years  
Daniel D. Cellers, 43 years  
Hugh S. Turner, 41 years  
Charles E. Zimmerman, 39 years  
David Rogers, 35 years  
Charles W. Melcher, 23 years  
Sinclair B. Smith, 23 years  
Harvey B. Marques, 22 years





### THREE PAIRS OF NEWLYWEDS

Left: Coach Operator Bill Haynes and Mae Goodson were married recently at Las Vegas. Center: Helen Fraser, Public Relations Department, and Elmer J. Swallow took the matrimonial vows August 30. Right: Coach Operator Robert Coulter and his bride, Miss Margaret Parsons, who were married in Fresno.

### Down The Aisle

**W**EDDING bells have been ringing for some of our boys and girls around the divisions. . . . At Division 1, N. J. Sleem was wedded to Miss Violet Hart. . . . A. J. Moreno, also from Division 1, and Miss Mabel Rose Kilgo took the matrimonial vows on August 7. . . . Eleanor M. Keyes, formerly of the Research Department, and daughter of A. E. Allen, Assistant Superintendent of Division 3, was married on August 14 to Sprague Hammond Watkins, recently discharged from the Army Air Corps. The wedding was observed by 315 guests in the Shatto Chapel of the First Congregational Church. . . . Roy Melick of the Garage Storeroom, announced that his daughter, Audrey, was recently married to W. F. Straight at the Wee Kirk O' the Heather. . . . Ruth

Howey, conductorette at Division 5, and Operator J. A. Carson, of the same division, also said "I do" recently. . . . T. A. Crouch of Unit Overhaul was married while on his vacation. He and his bride spent their honeymoon at Catalina. . . . S. J. Nock, former Secretary-Treasurer of the Company, and his former secretary, Mrs. Grace Pease, were married Sunday, September 1, at Mr. Nock's home. They have the best wishes of all their many friends in the Company. . . . Miss Helen Fraser, "Dear Ladies" Editor, and Jack Swallow were united in marriage in a ceremony at the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Friday evening, August 30. After a reception at Helen's home, the couple honeymooned at Pine Cove. . . . Congratulations to the happy couples.

### Changes In The Census

**P**OPULATION figures have taken an upward trend among the families of the employees. . . . At Division 1 P. F. Snyder became papa to Raymond Joseph on August 2, and D. N. Tapp, of the same division, has been popping buttons off his shirts because of the arrival of an eight and one-half pound baby boy on August 13. . . . South Park says they have another proud papa in the person of

Eddie Howells of Department 8. Betty Lou is the little one's name. . . . Division 5 reports that George Spahn is beaming all over since the arrival of his first grandchild, Larry George Tucker, on August 1, and it's a girl at the household of B. T. Logan. Seen passing out cigars at Division 3 Mechanical was C. B. Lawson who celebrated the addition of their second child, a girl.

## BOWLING BEGINS

**T**HE hardwood hurlers of the Los Angeles Transit Lines began their winter league on September 12 at the Vogue Bowl, Ninth and Grand. These "first nighters" participated enthusiastically in order to get back in shape for the second bowling season. Most of the participants were members of the last league; however, there were many new members including a number from the Los Angeles Motor Coach Lines who, this year, are entered in the L.A.T.L. League.

This season, the Los Angeles Transit Lines Bowling League is being represented in the American Bowling Congress which is a nation-wide, non-profit association organized to further the sport of bowling.

Towards the end of the bowling season, one of the teams will be selected by the American Bowling Congress to represent the Los Angeles Transit Lines in the 1947 Bowling Congress which is to be held in Los Angeles. Not only will this be an honor for the Company, but the winning team will be competing for awards which aggregate \$12,000. Trophies and prizes, too, will be given.

### WHO'S THE LITTLE GUY?

The little guy in the picture below is Leo F. O'Hare of the Dispatcher's Office. The smile the big officer wears is proof that Mr. O'Hare was a very good boy while vacationing in Victoria, B. C.





# DIVISION DIRT

## Garage Oil

By C. H. HARDY

**P**ERCY Marsh says he spent most of his vacation ocean fishing. He returned home on a Friday morning with generous parcels of fish for many of his friends. However, on a week-end just prior to his vacation, there was quite a run of albacore being hauled in, but strangely enough, only half a fish at a time. (This is not one of those tall fish stories, so stay with us.) Several huge sharks were biting off a large portion of each albacore as it was being reeled in. Marsh was able to save several by allowing the hooked fish to dive with the line, then quickly reeling it in while the shark was turning for a new attack.



By flying home, "Robbie" Robinson was able to spend most of his two week's vacation with his folks in Kentucky. This was Robbie's first time in a plane and now he is completely sold on air travel. Some of the boys were disappointed because he did not bring back any "mountain dew" nor shoot any "revenooers".

There must be some special attraction at Big Bear for those over 40, or perhaps it is just a coincidence that George Borngrebe and Bob Lingford were there recently.

We could tell from George Powell's extra big smile that his family has returned from a vacation trip.

We welcome Fred Bader, new man in the office, and Miss Marian Coleman, who has been helping her sister Marjorie, our charming timekeeper, during vacation time.

Here is a tip that may save you money. It is reported that the sump at the coverall laundry has turned out to be a regular little silver mine. It seems that the man who cleans it



**A THORN BETWEEN TWO ROSES**  
... And enjoying it is R. O. "The Body" Bennett. He is shown at Lake Gregory, California, on a vacation tour with Mrs. Bennett, right, and Getta Toppin.

out rakes in about eight or ten dollars each time. So be sure that you remove all of your small change from your working clothes before sending them to the laundry.

At the time of writing, Frank Ralphs was reported recovering from an appendectomy.

We understand that Fred Price is not stopping at the regular list of hand tools but will add such items as a camel hair brush, chalk line and some equipment usually featured in Rube Goldberg cartoons.

For a while the office force was really scratching. No one knew where the insects were coming from until someone thought of D. D. Teeing the cat. Insulted and its dignity outraged, Kitty has disappeared.



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## DANGER!

Sign in a machine shop: "Girls, if your sweater is too large for you, look out for the machines; if you're too large for the sweater, look out for the machinists."

## Diesel Delvings

By WILLIS M. FRASER

**V**ACATIONS are still uppermost in the minds of many. L. Grant spent his time on North Island, overlooking San Diego. This beautiful spot is just a few minutes from the beach. Bet it was wonderful, you lucky man. . . . Les Graham returned recently from a trip through parts of Washington and Oregon. While there he visited the National City Lines properties. . . . Kenny Lanun entrained for Columbus, Indiana, and returned with a beautiful new Packard. We envy you, Ken! . . . Art Gribbling (who carries *all* the passengers on Beverly) is recuperating on Santa Catalina Island. That balmy climate should fix you up so that you'll be able to double your loads, Art. . . . Bob Coulter motored to Minnesota. . . . C. C. Henry went to the higher altitudes for his vacation. . . . Eastin Boone, Dean, and T. A. Pia and families actually had vacations at home, which is sensible, practical and much more reasonable. . . . Buck Rogers attended a family reunion in Sheridan, Wyoming. He reports that trout fishing is really tops in that section.

Have you noticed that everyone seems to be "token crazy" since the change in fare? After a time, however, it will become routine as it has in past fare revisions.

Chief Instructor H. V. Smith is now involved in the act of "rough-edging". This term, as you probably know, implies thorough instruction of men who have no prior knowledge of coach operation. At this time the Instruction Department is rough edging forty-six men, while thirty-one are breaking in on the lines.

Congratulations are in order for Percy Snider and Art Grody, who have recently been promoted to Supervisors. R. L. Griffith was made Assistant Instructor.

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## Streamliners

By BOB GRETENBERG

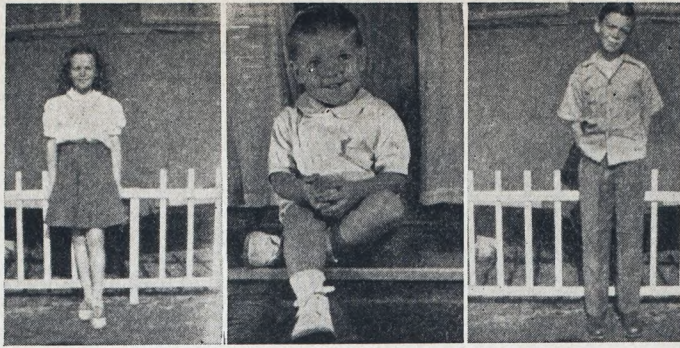
**T**HE fare change created quite a scramble for tokens around the division. One operator sold eighteen rolls during his morning run. The management dispatched radio cars with tokens to meet this emergency, and the supervisors, too, had additional tokens to supply the demand. All in all, with tokens going out and very few returning, the first few days were something out of the ordinary routine for both passenger and operator.

F. F. Favour of the "P" line celebrated his twentieth year with the company on August 18. He feels quite proud that he has been with the company that length of time. He has a very good record to back up that pride, too. Congratulations, and may he have another twenty with as fine a record.

Ray Baudisch, division clerk, has been spending quite a number of days this summer fishing in the deep blue sea. Once I was fortunate enough to witness his catch and it really was quite a display. Of course, the other times no record was kept of his catch. In fact, if there were any fish in the ocean any of the other times, we have heard nothing about it.

Dave Edmondson, one of the first men to be called back into the Navy from the active retired list, is again with us as operator at Division No. 4. He went back from retirement as Chief Bos'n Mate to teach the new men the ropes of the trade. Dave did a wonderful job of passing his experiences along to the "boots" and we are now very happy to have him back with us again. And this time we hope his stay will be uninterrupted.

G. D. Wheelock, Supervisor of Schedules, and his wife took their vacation this summer via air to Chicago to visit his sister, whom he has not seen for many years. He reported



### WERNO PRODUCTIONS

In this good looking group are the children of C. E. Werno, who pedal pushes out of Virgil. The young lady is Shelby Jean, age ten. The bright eyed boy in the center is Terry Lee, who is three, and the shy young gentleman is Charles, Jr., age twelve.

Picked up at random around Division Two: W. C. Briggs was married at Ogden, Utah, August 30. . . . Rookie Dalby now reads the number of the box and ignores the token reading. It isn't spring, either. . . . We hear that James Lee lost all of his Figueroa passengers the other day. He pulled up to a stop and one and all alighted. What could be wrong? . . . Mr. and Mrs. Art Biederman lasted three days at Del Mar, while Vinc Courtney made his expenses at Reno. . . . If you're interested in rejuvenating that "sour puss" expression, stop in at Helen's for a cup of her special "humor charged java". It's amazing how much better you'll feel. Crown-over does the hula after one cup of coffee, so you'll have free entertainment besides.



This should be the story of the week. It concerns Francis Chambers, who was very definitely minding his own business the other night when all of a sudden a woman boarded his bus and very nonchalantly dropped her door key into the fare box. Francis told her he would see that it was returned to her the next day but the lady (?) couldn't wait. She therefore took off her shoe and smashed it into the fare box and tried to extract her key. At this point Francis tried to stop her and from then on it was anybody's game.

### Short Circuits

By WALTER WHITESIDE

**W**ELL, vacation time is nearly over, but the boys are still talking about them.

C. F. Wheeler says that he spent one week of his vacation at Idyllwild and the other week at home resting. . . . D. O. Coulam just stayed at home for both weeks. . . . F. N. Allfie looked for deer for a few days and then gave up and came home. . . . Ed Clardy painted his house, bought a new car, and took in some of the night spots. . . . H. Wood answered the call of the wide open spaces of Oklahoma, Kansas and North Dakota. . . . R. LaVoire enjoyed a visit in Portland with his father-in-law, Walter Drummond, an ex-L.A.T.L. employe. . . . D. C. Cochran spent every day at Wrigley Field, yelling for ye Angels. However, this didn't help the Angels. . . . A. J. Helpes enjoyed the splendors of Yosemite Valley. . . . William Krill headed for the wide open spaces in the eastern part of the country. . . . W. T. Smith rejuvenated his homestead with a coat of paint. . . . George Dimos headed toward San Bernardino, where he was completely baked out. . . . O. J. Moser spent his vacation in San Francisco, going around with the line crews who were stringing overhead for trackless trolley installation.



a scenic trip that surpasses anything he has ever witnessed before.

After six months of preparation, which included rubber patches on hip boots, oiling the old reel, and generally putting the fishing gear in proper working order, Jack Donnelly was off to the Northern California high timber land. He reports the best in trout fishing.

M. J. Frankson had a rather expensive experience recently when he left his billfold, containing \$72.00 and all his identification and credit cards, in the washroom at the division. When he missed the billfold five minutes later, he returned but could find no trace of it. He says he will appreciate the return of the papers—with no questions asked.

## Blow-Bys

By TOM SMALLEY

SINCE many of the boys are back from their vacations, I thought it would be interesting to note how they spent their time.

Ralph Campbell was skipper of a friend's boat. They were gone five days, traveling from Newport to Catalina, to San Clemente, then southeast to the Coronados. Ralph said the only trouble they had was a broken rudden cable, a fire in the motor, and a b.o. compass, which caused them to land 15 miles off Newport on the return voyage.

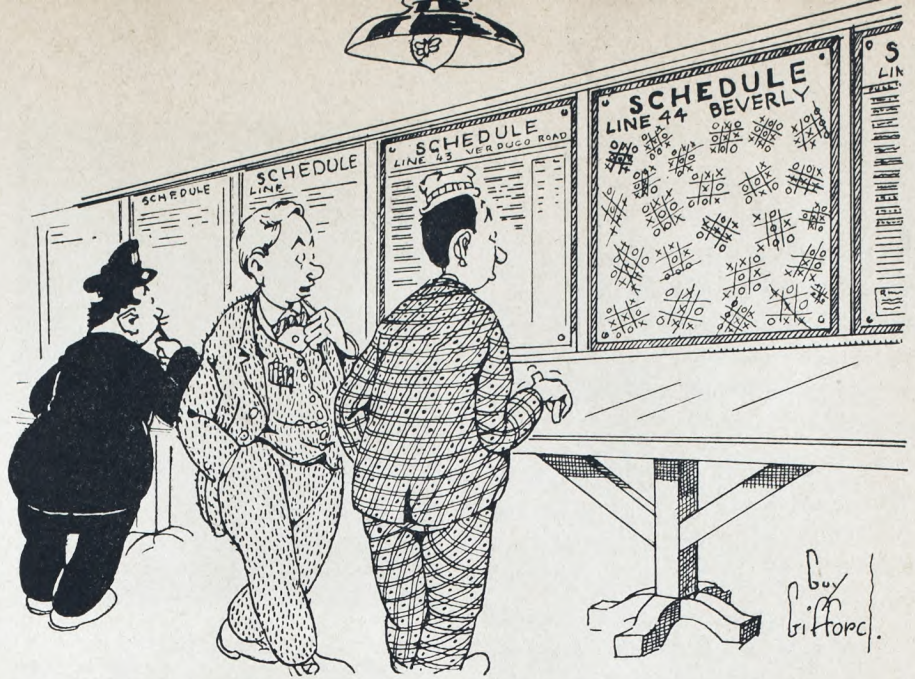
Merle Weller visited Catalina. He went over intending to stay one day and stayed a week.

Harold Bill went to Crestline. He says it's the first two-week vacation he has ever had and he really enjoyed it.

A. L. Mauch was ambitious. He spent his time remodeling his home.

Another hard working man was John Sturm. He took a trip to Sunland Canyon to visit his son, Paul, and while there helped him build his new home. At one time his son was employed as a mechanic at 16th Street.

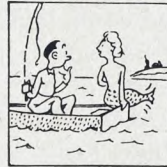
Earl Hansen worked at home for



"Most interesting thing about that schedule is the fact that the boys are working it."

a week, then took a group of 15 boys to Camp Pepperdine at Jackson Lake for the other week.

Big Bear Lake was the scene of W. J. Alport's vacation. He did some fishing with a drop line over the side of the boat. I won't tell you what he said he caught. I wonder if Al has a license?



I recently had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bloomer, who is pinch hitting for clerk Derry. Derry was injured in an automobile accident. Maybe after this he will ride the buses and be safe.

I'm glad that the advertising in TWO BELLS brought a corn cob pipe to H. Dainton from Mr. Pree. Dainton says the pipe is in good shape except that it has no stem and he believes it was used before as a soap bubble pipe.

H. Hayes is smoking free cigarettes these days as a result of consistently beating F. Bertini at checkers.

While conducting a party on a tour of the Shops, Mr. Watts spied his son, Tom, on the business end of a broom and dust pan. Leaving the party, Mr. Watts came over and went

into a huddle with Tommy. I heard him say something about wife and hush money and then I could have sworn I saw Tommy hand him fifty cents. With a smile of victory on his face, Mr. Watts rejoined the party. Looks like blackmail to me.

L. Herz is operating the new rod bearing machine.

Tom Rocha's many friends wish to express their sympathy in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Manuella Rocha. Mrs. Rocha passed away August 6.

In closing, I'll tell you I spent my vacation working on my car one week, and then traveled to Baldwin Lake for the other. Had a very good time.

### LITTLE GENTLEMAN GENTRY

Joe Gentry, Jr., eight years, watches over baby sister, Barbara Louise, just one year old. These are the children of Joe Gentry, Trafficman, Division One.





## Once Overs From One

By JOHNNY BOYCE

**G.** L. STODDARD and A. B. Stewart were placed on the Special Roll. Congratulations for a job well done, and may the years to come bring you many joys which were well earned.

Vacations seem to hold the spotlight again this time. Your scribe has one coming up and is anticipating a nice trip to Yellowstone National Park.

Instructor A. L. White just returned from Colorado where he visited his nephew who is a forest ranger. He reports that he didn't catch any big fish (you know how it is, the big ones get away) but that he did catch some fine mountain trout. He did his fishing in the Gunnison River.

Clerk V. J. Eulberg reports a wonderful time on his vacation. He went as far east as Sioux City, Iowa, and visited several places along the way, including the Grand Canyon. His pleasures were marred slightly on his first day back to work. When he finished for the day, he went out to the parking lot and found that some villain had stolen his left front tire, a wheel and hub cap. For the pay-off, the thief had taken the lug nuts, too, and V. J. was unable to put on his spare. This is one for the "meanest trick department."

There are several men on vacation, but I have been unable to learn just where they went. I do know that J. W. McCullough is visiting British Columbia by auto. Others on vacations are H. A. Axtell, W. F. Curry, Ed Urban, G. P. Bennett, P. L. Hunt, M. A. Kilgo, I. Kudler, Joe Singer, A. J. Thomas, Dan Stasi, and G. E. Smith.

The master shake-up is not over at the time of writing, but here are some of the men we welcome back to this division—C. F. Howrey, B. G. Bennett, W. H. Ayres, V. Pierson and several others.



WHOA!

A winner in anyone's money is little Georgia Trammell, pictured here on her birthday present. She is the five year old daughter of G. J. Trammell, Division Five.

We extend a hearty welcome to all the men who have made Division One their choice.

If you see our genial roughedge instructor, P. C. Boyce, pacing up and down, think nothing of it, as he is waiting for a blessed event. I'll bet it's a girl.

Assistant Relief Foreman Charles Milton Smith took a two weeks' trip with his bride, Suzanne, who works for the Pacific Electric. They saw Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, Arizona and Mexico.

## Car House Highlights

By H. K. CONACHER

### CAR HOUSE ONE

**M.** H. Creager must be getting ready to go places, as he recently bought a 1939 Plymouth.

Grant Braaten is back at work again after six weeks' vacation visiting relatives and friends in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Ellis Arnold spent his vacation working around his home.

T. S. Hartley is back after two weeks' vacation. Tom spent one week at Bass Lake and one week at the beach. He came back to work to find his store room torn all to pieces. Tough luck, Tom!

### CAR HOUSE THREE

M. Jackson, who has just returned from a delightful vacation in Canada, reports that he tried, but only one fish did he catch. Could be he was enjoying his rest too much to try.

P. T. Lathrop is spending his vacation in San Diego. B. Magin started his by getting married and honeymooning in Minnesota. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

J. Bloomer is helping out at South Park while Mr. Derry is confined to the hospital.

The mother-in-law of Paul Woods has been ill the last few weeks. We hope for an improvement.

J. Bloomer spent two weeks at June Lake, which is a most beautiful spot in which to enjoy a vacation. Tom Casey of 16th St. came over and helped the girls with the office work.

Viola Lewis is sporting a lovely tan acquired at the nearby beaches. Most becoming!

### CAR HOUSE FOUR

Eric Dahlholm is now living at El Monte in his newly constructed home.

M. B. Smith, driver on No. 43, was compelled to lose a few days due to an injured arm, caused when a broken light fixture fell on him.

H. W. Schaeffer has joined the retired list after a 20-year-plus stay on the job. Harry may be found most any day around the Stock Exchange.

N. A. Kellar was transferred to Dept. 8, where he will be nearer to his home.

The following men have reported back to work full of pep and glowing accounts of their vacations spent as follows: Norman White, one week at Camp Cove, near Idyllwood; Andy Duncan, at Crestline; Ray Hayes, at Big Bear; Harry Wescombe, at Sequoia; Al Dorazio, Cliff Parker and Ernie Busby, at San Francisco and Bay area; Paul Sherrill, at Lake Hodges; and Tim Thorpe, at local points.



## CAR HOUSE FIVE

Vacations: R. W. James is back with us after a very exciting time in Mexico, Reno and Catalina.

E. F. Newhard came back from a trip to the mountains in Eureka and along the coast.

R. G. Nokes also came back from Inglewood.

H. N. Hunt got back with a touch of pneumonia, but is much better now.

H. P. Goodman is also back.

## Reports From Five

By E. J. ROCHE

**S**UPERINTENDENT Frank L. Ervin made some excellent suggestions for changes in the interior of our division. They were okayed by Mr. Hudson, approved by Mr. Larrick, and are now nearing completion.

Bart D. Billings is smiling once again for two reasons. His wife is making a rapid recovery from a recent operation, and Bart, himself, has recovered from a serious injury received in an auto accident last January.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gordon spent a happy vacation in San Diego, Tia Juana and thereabouts. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Myron Taylor are visiting in San Francisco. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ed Winer motored to Victoria, Vancouver, Portland, Seattle and San Francisco, a total of 4000 miles in eight days! . . . "Charley" Freeman spent his vacation selling his rancho at Ojai and buying a larger one at Ramona. . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. R. "Bill" Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Seaman will go deer hunting soon. Bill promised us venison steak and a set of antlers. . . . George Drinkwater recently went to San Diego to visit his son, Robert, and family, and daughter, Marybelle. . . . George Centoni says, "Roll on, vacation, so that I can go horseback riding, hunting and fishing." . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaRue spent a happy holiday in Zion Canyon,



### SOLDIER SKEETER

Little Stuart "Skeeter" Spahn, seven year old son of George Spahn, Division Five, smiles proudly for the camera in his brand new uniform.

Utah, and in San Diego. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bolding enjoyed a pleasant vacation visiting Mrs. Bolding's brother, Ralph Olivera, in San Francisco. . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Ainsworth are looking forward to a motor trip and plan some salmon fishing in the Columbia River. . . . "Mike" Perlin enjoyed his vacation taking a "bus man's holiday"—for pay. . . . Those who enjoyed quiet vacations at home are C. P. "Happy" Doerr, Antonio "Tony" Mariscal, Sr., F. C. Sommers and A. F. Miller. Tony Mariscal's son recently received his Honorable Discharge. . . . M. H. Snyder is looking forward to spending his vacation on his walnut ranch. . . . George M. Smith plans to go deer hunting in Nevada and hopes to bring back home antlers. What, no venison steak? . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. R. "Bill" Sparks had a pleasant motor tour to Corvallis, Portland, etc. Bill says he caught some five and six pound bass, but missed a beauty t-h-i-s l-o-n-g. . . . Welcher Ulrich and family spent a restful vacation motoring to nearby points of interest. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Walton will motor to Sacramento, Seattle, Portland, Vancouver and points north. Bob says he



intends to "bust all records" for salmon fishing on the Columbia River. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Boehm enjoyed a family reunion at Phoenix, Arizona, when the brothers and sisters met from all parts of the compass.

Mr. and Mrs. David Laird are rejoicing over the return of their son, Jimmy, who had twenty-one months combat service as a sergeant with the armies of General Patton and other fighting generals. Jimmy brought home a lovely French bride. . . . Blaine A. Rich, who had several years of "hot" Navy combat service all over the globe, was recently released from the California Hospital. . . . Lawrence Crunk is back with us. He was in the 371st Infantry and fought in Sicily, Anzio, France and Germany. Lawrence was decorated with the Silver and Bronze Stars. . . . Arthur Begg, who was in the Navy, is happy to be a member of the L.A.T.L. family after eighteen months' service in the Pacific battle area. . . . The smile on L. L. Gere's face is because his son, Captain L. J. Gere of the Marines, flew home from Japan and is spending a month with his parents.

During the recent grunion season George Seale made some excellent catches.

Much to his regret, H. H. May has been compelled to resign and move to a higher and drier climate for the health of his son Paul. We wish good health to Paul and good luck to Mr. and Mrs. May.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pinelli are living at the Strand Hotel while looking for a home. Who knows where they can find one? Foolish question, no?

Lois Tibio enjoys the fresh air and sunshine more than an office, so she is once again back on the cars.

Ira F. Aikens, formerly of the Transportation Department, is now Superintendent Ervin's stenographer-clerk. Welcome, Ira.

The desert is gaining in popularity with company employes. Bob Manning of Division 4 recently enter-

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tained at his "Shady Bend Ranch" in Llano, Mr. De Guire, J. M. Cook, Sam Wickham and their families, your scribe and Mrs. Roche and many others. . . . "Doc" Dean, retired, has a home at Pearblossom. . . . W. B. Mills and family spent their vacation on the desert and became so enamoured that W. B. bought acreage near Llano. We hear that many others will follow suit.

Inspector-in-charge, Alfred Crosby, reports the following who were re-employed: J. D. Franklin, R. N. Critcher, V. Dillard, W. K. Duncan, J. B. Scholander, W. H. Fox, F. A. Payrow, L. C. Koons. Welcome home.

### South Park Diary

By BILLY PINDER

VACATION news is pouring in. . . . Al Pyles' motto is "See America First". Al and wife traveled over 9000 miles by train. They went to Washington, D. C., through the South and to Chicago. . . . Otto Schneider spent his vacation fishing at his favorite lakes. . . . Art Gerrard and family went to Yosemite. . . . Joe Ellis had a wonderful time in El Paso, and while there he took the opportunity of making a tour of the El Paso City Lines which is a subsidiary of the National City Lines. On his return, he stopped at the Carlsbad Caverns which, in Joe's opinion, is one of the wonders of the world. . . . Duke Billings spent most of his vacation on the briny ocean, deep sea fishing. He reports a very poor catch of 53 abalone, 25 halibut, 25 bluegill and 35 mackerel. . . . On his trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, John Cook, Foreman of the Air Department, stopped at Bessmer, Pennsylvania, where he worked at one time as engineer on the Union Railroad. John had the pleasure of driving one of the big streamlined trains. He says it was like old times, but why, oh, why, did an old railroad man make the round trip by airplane?

Has everyone heard about the mysterious package Harry Longway re-



#### A BIG HUG

Jeannine Bertini gives baby brother Tommy a great big hug just for luck. Jeannine is nine years old and Tommy is two. They are the children of Frank Bertini, Mechanic in Unit Overhaul.

ceived through the mail? Some say it was part of an atomic bomb and others say it was a reducer. For particulars, ask Harry.

Tilly Fennell of the Office had a spaghetti and meatball dinner the other evening for the girls in the Store's Office. The next day, they all showed up to work except Georgia Cass. Gossip has it that she ate too many meatballs. Poor Georgia.

Sunny Sundeen is going in for sun bathing in a big way. At lunchtime, you will find "Sunny" stripped to the waist, sunning himself. What a beautiful tan!

Paul Gualtiere has reopened his De Luxe Barber Shop in the Upholstery Department. Paul says the prices will remain the same, but he will not be responsible for a cut nose or a sliced ear.

The Transit Lensers Camera Club is off to a great start, and is gaining more members every day. Anyone interested in cameras and pictures should contact Al Carmichael.



## Virgil Venom

By BILL ULRICH

NOT only we at Virgil, but everyone in the Los Angeles Motor Coach Lines wishes to extend congratulations to E. B. Lodgson, who left to manage the Beaumont, Texas, City Lines, a National City Lines property. We wish you all the luck and happiness possible, "E. B." The entire office force presented him with a set of luggage as a going away gift.

Speaking of Beaumont, George Troutwine was visiting Los Angeles a few weeks ago. Texas must agree with him for he is looking fine.

E. Burton had a passenger refuse to pay a 10c fare after the increase went into effect. So determined was she not to give up her extra three cents that two other passengers threatened to remove her from the coach.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Mathies are expecting a little bundle of joy at any moment now, so if Don does or says strange things, you can ignore them because of the aforementioned. We smoke nothing but El Smellos, Don.



Now that the vacations are over, we'll list a few of the good times enjoyed by Virgilites: Charley Dunbar, our student instructor and transfer tycoon, spent his vacation in San Antonio, Texas. During his absence Vic Simmons carried on for him. . . . Harry Reid went back East to pick up a new Packard. The lucky guy—his father is a dealer. . . . Ted Strong and family drove to Minnesota. . . . Leonard Srack spent his two weeks in San Francisco and Sequoia. . . . D. Ladhoff had similar ideas, for he spent one week in Sequoia and then visited Stockton and San Francisco. . . . Our night dispatcher, Gil Gilliland, spent his time off at Arrowhead. Something tells me we'll have a lot of fish stories for the next twelve months. . . . Bill Haning chose

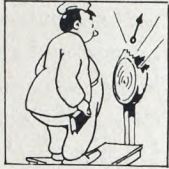


Oregon for his fishing trip. . . . Otto Draffke was different and just laid around home, really resting.

Add Bob Alcumbrac to the list of darned good Virgil ping pong players.

Phil Henley wishes he could have been over at Bikini and could have done more diving for the Navy.

Our supervisors, Herb Jackson and Gabe Miller, are trying to lose some excess weight. Gabe has succeeded to the point where his trousers are getting baggy around the caboose but Herb's efforts do not show as yet.



We're afraid that Sid Margolin has been working Sunset too long. The other day he wanted to take the kiddies out to Laurel Canyon and—yep, you guessed it. The bus only went as far as La Brea. Was Sid's face red! What's the matter, bub, can't you read signs?

Abe Brenner's sister has been out of town for awhile and that's the reason he has been crying his eyes out. He doesn't like to eat out—and who can blame him?

In the "How to make friends" department, No. 1 for this month is Tom O'Neil. He was working Vermont the other night when a colored maid boarded his coach and gave him what she thought was five dollars. He gave her the change and a transfer and she sat down. A few moments later O'Neil called the lady back and handed her a \$10.00 bill. She had wrapped the ten dollars in the five dollars and forgotten about it. Thus a good deed made the lady very happy and made O'Neil a life long friend.

V. Goodwin is in favor of the return of double deck busses. Says "Goody", "It gives the little guy a chance to look down on the big guy."

Ed Ramey and George Boos are new members of the YMCA and from all indications they are really giving the apparatus a working out.



#### ROLY-POLY

This cutie is the pride and joy of Chris Schodt in the Body Shop, South Park Shops. Little Ronnie is seven months old.

"Road hog" Matzenbacker was seen recently taking up all the room with his little "putt-putt" scooter.

Ask C. P. Wilson if it pays to wait for connections at transfer points and he will immediately show you a \$5.00 bill an elderly lady gave him because he waited at Highland and Sunset for a P. E. connection during the A. M. rush hour.

John Henkel had cashier Clyde Schmedeman all confused the other P. M. He pushed 70c through the window and said, "What shall I do with this money? I caught seven different passengers dropping tokens into my farebox and when they said they wanted them back, I sold the tokens to them for 10c apiece." That guy should go into high finance.

Some of the boys swear this actually happened: Two drunks were sitting at a bar and when it came time to pay the check, one called the bartender over and said, "All I have on me is chicken feed. Will you take that?" The bartender said he would, so the drunk pulled out a handful of crushed corn, put it on the bar, and the two staggered off into the night.

Pretty corny, eh?

Dave Costley carries an alarm clock around on the Vermont line. It's set so that it rings at lunch time. What some people won't do to get something to eat.



Al Jacques is recuperating from an appendectomy at St. Vincent's Hospital. The baseball team needs you, Al, so hurry up and get well.

Fastest man we know is Jack Yarnell. He was in such a hurry the other day that he went out to make relief with no box. He went back, picked up the box, and made relief on time.

#### VIRGIL GREASE MONKEYS

Bill Oldham is still looking for an apartment. If anyone knows of a place, Bill will appreciate hearing from you.

We're all wishing a fast recovery to Frank Harris, who is in General Hospital because of leg trouble. Hope you're up and around soon, Frank.

Otto Draviner was seen atop a few of the White coaches awhile back. They say the coaches looked almost like new when Otto finished.

Welcome to W. P. Clemens and H. King, two new mechanical department employes.

Gus Weinbrecht says thanks to the one who returned the tools he left in the garage. He really appreciates having them back.

#### Pack A Lunch With A Punch

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2 eggs

½ cup sugar

¼ teaspoon salt

1 tall can evaporated milk

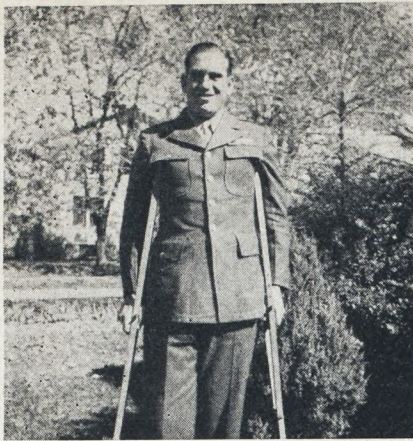
(1 2/3 cups)

1 cup boiling water

Nutmeg

Place bread cubes in buttered custard cups or jelly glasses. Beat eggs. Add sugar and salt and mix well. Add milk and boiling water. Pour custard mixture over bread cubes. Sprinkle top with nutmeg. Bake in a moderate oven (350°) until set, about 25 minutes. Yield: 6 servings.





O. R. Francis

## Operations Crossroads

**T**WO and one-half years is a long time to spend in bed—and no one knows it better than O. R. Francis of Division One. Since December, 1944, he has been in six different hospitals, having one operation after another. Francis has one more to go and then hopes to be back in civilian life by approximately June, 1947.

He entered the Army in March, 1944, and was sent overseas in August of that same year to fight with the Third Army. When his regiment, the 318th, was on its way to Bastogne to relieve the 101st Airborne Division, Francis received an injury to his leg. He was taken to Ech, Belgium, immediately. From there he was transferred to Reims, France, and later flown to a hospital in England, where he spent four and one-half months.

Since his return to the States, Francis has had fourteen operations, including plastic surgery. At present he is in the McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena awaiting the last operation.

Francis has been awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge, the E.T.O. ribbon with three battle stars, and the Good Conduct, the American Defense and the Victory ribbons.

## The Hillbilly Boys

By L. B. MEEK

**J**OHN Corsen may be the No. 1 man on the seniority list with No. 1 on his cap, but John Ott says, "He isn't so far ahead of me because I am No. 2." Yes, we have the two top men on the list at Division Three. . . . I mentioned two months ago that we were about to have a new room fixed for the Instruction Department, but I guess the carpenters must have hung their overalls on the wrong hook for they haven't been back since. . . . The system shake up is over and there will be a lot of new faces around the place soon. It beats all how the car men want to be bus drivers and then they can't wait to get back on the cars again. Oh well, the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. . . . A good many of the old gang are coming back. We had Dingman, Palk, L. P. Reed and McAlister return all at once. Glad to see you back, boys. Then T. V. Collins returned, too. Tommy is a good line instructor. They gave him a student in less than a week. . . . Walter Goode says he can't see why the end of the war had to end the paper drives. He finds enough transfers and other paper on the floor every morning to win the next two wars, if they will just save it until that time. . . . Would the kind gentleman who took the soap dispensers from the washroom mind bringing back at least one? Talk about a dirty trick. Now we are ALL dirty. . . . W. D.



(Bill) Martin says he certainly has a fine sunburn but it is in the wrong place. It hurts when he leans back in a chair. Bill has been putting in a concrete wall and made the mistake of working without a shirt. Believing that misery loves company, he talked night clerk Pearce into helping him (sucker). . . . Clerk W. H. (Mac) Melloy has just returned from a vacation in the North. He said the

weather was fine and the scenery was beautiful but the fish were most elusive. (His story is certainly different from those of the other fishermen). . . . C. E. Zimmerman decided that forty years was long enough to work so when they took off his Edgeware Shuttle, he retired. Hope you enjoy sitting around under the trees, Charley. . . . Smokey Stover says he likes working one man but the run he had on the "9" line shuttle was so fast that it kept him busy pushing his hip pockets out of his face while going around and around. He went back to being a conductor. . . . The fare change bothered some of the boys but not M. F. Graham. He has been a busy boy fixing up changers and selling parts for token barrels. . . . Speaking of the fare change, E. B. Bailey (the Squire) wants to know what could be more "exasperating" than to have a brand new changer jam on you at 11th and Flower the first day tokens were on sale. . . . The best we have seen recently was an instruction car with the sign on the front "Nowhere in Particular". The boys said they were not bothered with people knocking on the door, asking if this were a "P" car that went to Huntington Park and "Why can't I ride? I'm only going two blocks!"

## Duvall Ill

Everyone in the Company extends his best wishes to T. G. Duvall, Paymaster and Assistant Secretary, who has been very ill with pneumonia. Hurry and get well, "Duvie". We all miss you.

## On His Own

**J**OHN PECKHAM, who has been an attorney with our legal department, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher for the last ten years, is leaving to go into business for himself. His location is in Room 1217 of the Foreman Building, 707 So. Hill Street.

Best wishes for your continued success, Mr. Peckham.



## Women's Club

By MRS. M. S. THOMAS

**T**HE first fall meeting was held September 5. Considerable business was discussed and plans were made for the Annual Welfare Party which will be held November 16. Mrs. C. G. Ficklin will be in charge of this affair and will be assisted by Mrs. G. Parsons. Other chairmen who are to serve on the various committees will be appointed at a later date. . . . The second regular meeting was held September 19 with Mrs. J. F. McCormick acting as hostess. A fine program was presented. . . . On September 26 we are anticipating a large group at the card party as Mrs. V. W. Gore, who has charge of the event, will give as prizes hand crocheted articles. Mrs. E. D. Mitchell will serve the luncheon.

The Red Cross Unit meets each Tuesday in the club rooms at Division 3, 637 West Avenue 27, under Mrs. W. P. Trabue's leadership. While doing a worthwhile job, we also enjoy a fine social time. If you would like to join us, get in touch with Mrs. Trabue at CA 1-4389.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Elisa Long and family, and to the Trabue family. Mrs. Long's daughter passed away very suddenly on August 30, and Mr. Trabue's father, who was also an employe of the Company, passed away while on vacation in Missouri.

News from the ladies about their vacations . . . Mrs. Sam Ashworth is visiting in Providence, Rhode Island, and other eastern cities. She probably won't be back until the latter part of November. . . . Mrs. William Slade spent the summer in Canada at her former home. She is now visiting in the Middle Western states. . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCormick spent several weeks in Northern California.

The meeting on October 3 will feature the luncheon at noon with Mrs. V. W. Gore as hostess, business meeting at 1:15, and at 2 o'clock. Mr. R. B. Hood of the F.B.I. will relate many real case histories.



### LATL GOES TO BOSTON

The Los Angeles Transit Lines was honored by this display in the Christian Science Library in Boston, Massachusetts.

## New Project

After serving over two years, the Union Station's U.S.O. Canteen has closed. Our members served one afternoon every month during these two years, and deserve much credit for their efforts.

With the termination of this project, the women wished to continue in some other charitable work, so at a recent meeting it was decided that the ladies would assist the Children's Bureau of Los Angeles, which is sponsored by the Community Chest. The purpose of this organization is to place homeless or neglected children in boarding homes.

There are many ways in which the Club can help this organization, but the first project will be the furnishing and dressing of dolls which will be given to the more unfortunate children at Christmas time.

If you wish to take part in this worthwhile endeavor, get in touch with Mrs. L. B. Meek, who is in charge of the project, at AL 2204.

## American Legion Auxiliary

By BEDUR JONES

**A** NEW year has started, and there are lots of plans to be made. We hope all of our friends will have time to visit us this year.

The Auxiliary had their first party this year on August 16, in Inglewood. We hope to have many more.

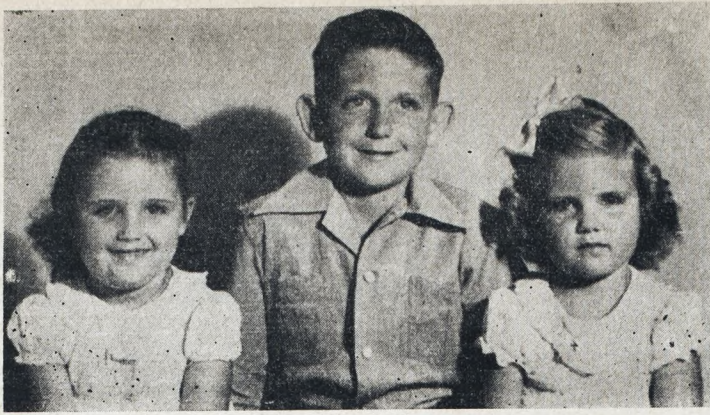
Our unit, I'm sure, holds the record for having the youngest member, Catherine Joan McDonald, who was signed as a junior member when she was only 2 hours old.

L. A. Transit Lines Auxiliary was awarded permanently the Employment Cup by the 17th District, at the District meeting held July 30, 1946, at Patriotic Hall.

We are fortunate to have both a District Officer, and a County Council officer from our Unit.

Our last meeting was on September 3, 1946, 6th floor of Patriotic Hall.





#### CURRAN TRIO

Jackie, age 12, is very proud of his two sisters, Jill, left, 5 years, and Peggy, 4. These three youngsters belong to L. T. Curran of Division Two.

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curve in order to get on the north-bound tracks, the car was lifted and derailed, driven cater-cornered across the tracks and back onto the rails. This brought considerable applause from many of the spectators. The same car, some sixty years ago, was derailed by Hugh McGuire, its driver, who later became a member of the Board of Public Works. He was operating down Main Street when he was stopped by a house, which was being moved, in the middle of the street. He waited awhile but it occurred to him that the street would not be clear in time for him to make his schedule. So he put a small piece of wood on the track, derailed his car, drove around the house, got back on the track and went merrily on his way.

Old No. 1 is owned by S. L. Bothwell of North Hollywood, who has made a hobby of collecting old horsecars, steam engines, fire engines and automobiles for the past twenty years. No. 1 is his most proud possession, and only upon the assurance that he would be allowed to drive the vehicle would he consent to entering it in the parade. Bothwell was dressed in a duckbill conductor's cap and a duster, which motormen sometimes wore in the old days. Most of the horsecars which you see in motion

pictures are rented from the Bothwell collection.

Yes, our Labor Day parade was something to remember. New coaches and the trackless trolley brought assurance to Angelenos that transportation will continue to build a city tomorrow just as it did yesterday.

D. D. McClurg, President of the Union, was Grand Marshal of the whole procession and wore a Sheriff Biscailuz type hat. He and his members are to be complimented upon their efforts in producing this "Pageant of Progress".

### Retired Employes Association

By P. C. McNAUGHTON

**O**N September 12 at 1:30 P.M., the men and women of leisure gathered for their first fall meeting in the assembly rooms at Division 3. Election of officers and other business was brought before the Association. A good program was enjoyed. Those who have not been present at our meetings are especially invited. Come and meet old friends.

E. L. Stephens, former Master Mechanic, is in the Best Sanitarium, 2422 South Western Avenue, and should like to have his old friends stop by.

### Switchboards

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etc. To get the next combination, another color is added, and you have orange, white and green; orange, white and blue, etc.

Two lines have been leased from the telephone company to carry the messages from radio station KITF to the dispatcher's board. The telephone system occupies three large rooms at Division Four. The dispatcher's switchboard is the most modern to be had. Two Coleman gas burning lamps stand ready for power failure emergencies.

A new instrument has been added to the dispatcher's office which facilitates the log work for all calls coming in and going out over radio station KITF. This is a radio recorder on which all broadcasts or calls are reproduced for future reference. The disc is of a thin, white celluloid and operates automatically each time a message comes in or goes over the air. So mechanically perfect is this recorder that static does not record. The installation of this machine does away with the tedious work of making out a log by hand. Each disc operates approximately one full day and is dated in the center; consequently, it can be referred to at any time. It is handy also in case a dispatcher missed the information given him during a broadcast. He can simply play back the broadcast at any time he wishes.

The telephone operators and information girls occupy a large room next to the dispatchers and the other large room is devoted to the mechanical equipment of the telephone system. Mrs. Gladys Iiams, former Chief Operator, recently retired and Mrs. Helen McCandless has been appointed Senior Operator. There are ten information clerks and P.A.X. operators. These girls not only have voices with smiles, which is necessary from a public relations standpoint, but they also are acquainted with the system and the city and are able to give information at any time.



## The Last Terminal

**L**ELAND S. STICKEL of Division 4 passed away on August 9. He was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on February 16, 1922, and joined the company on July 23 of this year.

Ormond D. Cox, former motorman at Division 3, reached his final resting place on August 20. Mr. Cox had been with us since 1924 and had spent his years of service at Division 3.

Harry C. Trabue, Flagman, passed away August 21. Mr. Trabue was born in Kentucky on March 2, 1876, and had been with the company since April, 1904. He was first a motorman at Division 1, then a Uniform Inspector at Division 3, and was appointed Flagman in 1941.

Mrs. Hans P. Larsen, whose husband is a member of the Special Roll, passed away on August 7.

Mrs. John W. Kasbeer passed away on August 28. Mr. Kasbeer is employed at Division 3.

Mrs. Alfred T. Lund, whose hus-

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opening remarks said, "I represent over three thousand policemen who wish me to extend their thanks to you for those thirteen million safe miles in 1945." Reed continued by explaining to the operators that the Police Department looked upon them as leaders in safety — that their vehicles actually set the pace for traffic movement. He said that the police force, to a man, is thankful to have people of their caliber operating the streetcars and coaches in Los Angeles. Assistant Chief Reed then made presentations to five men, one from each division.

The first Certificate of Merit card and Safety Award pin was presented to John Corsen of Division Three, who is the No. 1 man on the seniority list. John certainly deserves his safety award for his last recorded avoidable accident occurred March 23, 1934. Since then he has had

band works at Division 3, Mechanical Department, passed away on September 11.

Sincerest condolences are extended to the bereaved in their loss.

twelve consecutive years of safety and has operated over 300,000 safe miles.

A. H. Middleton of Division One was next awarded. His last avoidable accident was on the 29th of January, 1934.

Wesley Blair of Division Two has a truly enviable record. He came to work for the company on July 30, 1935 and *has never had an accident.*

W. J. Frankson, Division Four, had his last accident in September, 1939.

W. A. Richards of Division Five received his award next. His last accident was in April, 1941.

Yes, it can be done. Friday the thirteenth has proved this fact and so we have the 518 men who operated an aggregate of over 13,000,000 safe miles during the year 1945.

## New Radio Program

### "SPOTLIGHT ON AMERICA"

Friday, October 4

KHJ—7:00 to 7:30 P.M.

"SPOTLIGHT ON AMERICA" makes its debut Friday, October 4. This is a coast-to-coast program presented by the member companies of the American Transit Association. Its purpose is to acquaint the listening audience with your company and you.

You will thrill with the true experiences that happen to people throughout the land. Romance, humor, and tragedy come into your very living room.

Remember to tune in Friday, October 4, and every Friday thereafter, 7 to 7:30 p.m., KHJ, 930 on your radio dial, to "Spotlight on America."

## NOT ME

Folks say all things come to him who waits.

So I'm just gonna wait and see.

'Cause all this hustle and bustle,

Hurry and worry, never did appeal to me.

A man made a million dollars,

Then shortly he passed away.

You should have heard the wonderful things

His friends and family had to say.

They spoke of him in highest terms,

Sang his praises long and loud.

But, its funny, I happened to notice

There were no pockets in his shroud.

So, I'll leave this grabbin' off wealth

To the folks who feel so inspired.

Though I may die hungry some day,

I'll never die real tired.

W. W. Webb

## GARAGE OIL

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We extend a welcome to Harold Davis, who has moved from the Public Relations Department to the Garage office where he is working for Mr. Craven. The bowlers at the Garage certainly appreciate Davis' presence as they now have the moving figure of the Bowling League right in their own back yard. The Public Relations Department wishes him the best of luck.



PICTURE OF THE MONTH

# "SYSTEM SHAKEUP"

by Sorkness



... It's the County Fair of the Car Houses ... A day of excitement, handclaps and headaches. ... Wisecracks and witticisms run loud. ... Cigarette smoke hangs low from the ceiling. ... Now and then a path is cut through the haze by whirling fans. ... A loud speaker blares forth name after name. ... The choice moves fast as trainmen switch divisions. ... Oldtimers move about like kings, displaying their most proud possession, seniority. ... New men are thrilled. ... They stand at the edges of the milling crowd awed by this spectacle, this system shake-up, and long for the time when they can take a more active part.