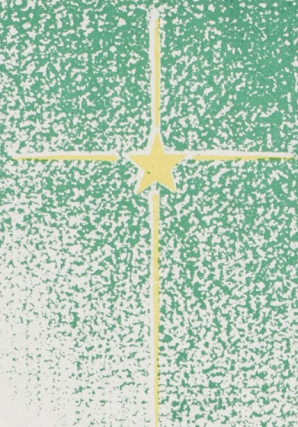


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Merry Christmas



Peace On Earth

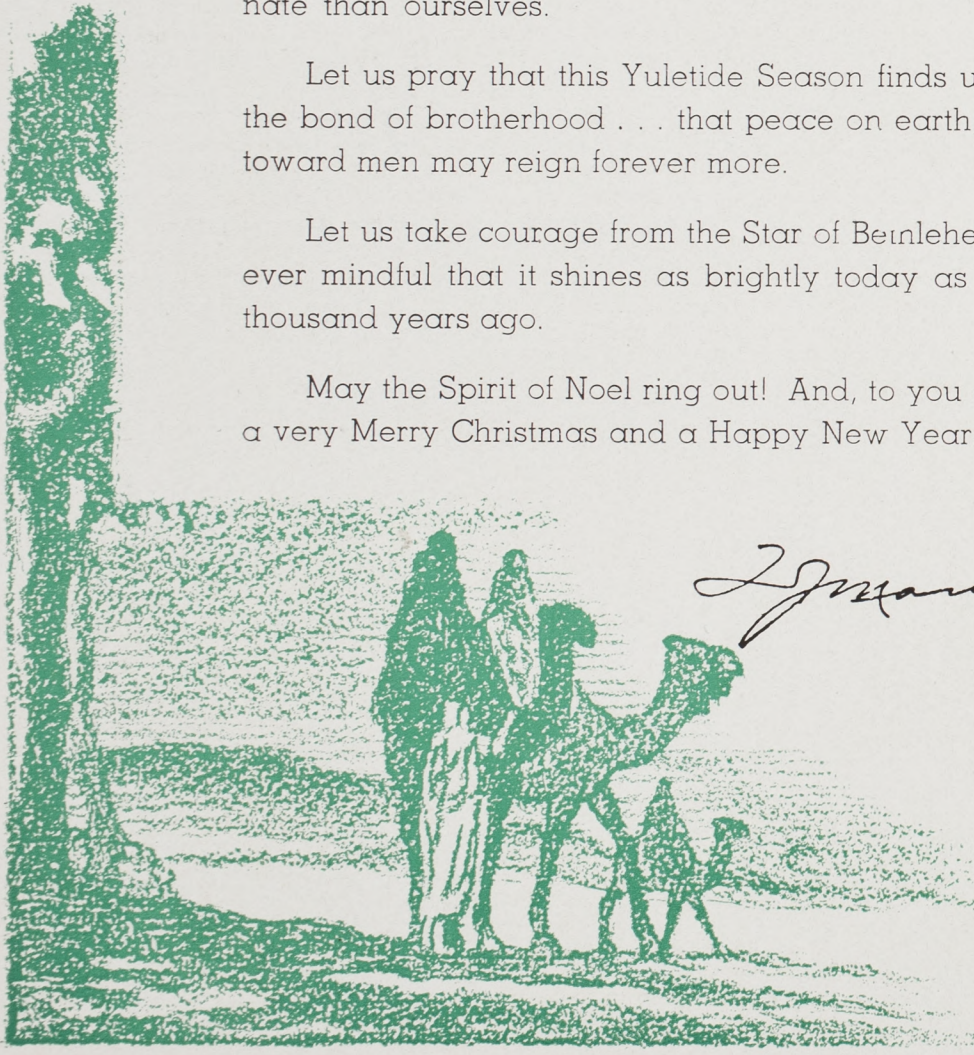
THIS year of 1947 is about to come to a close. And, with its ending, our hearts are saddened for the many peoples throughout the world who are still suffering the ravages of war, and who are without the bare necessities of life.

Let us, therefore, be compassionate to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Let us pray that this Yuletide Season finds us closer to the bond of brotherhood . . . that peace on earth, good will toward men may reign forever more.

Let us take courage from the Star of Bethlehem, and be ever mindful that it shines as brightly today as it did two thousand years ago.

May the Spirit of Noel ring out! And, to you and yours, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



E. J. McCarthy

President

1948...

a year of promise



THE New Year brings a challenge—a challenge to every member of the transit industry, whether he is an executive or the man at the controls of a transit vehicle.

The word “efficiency” must become the watchword. Each and everyone of us must concentrate upon acquiring new business. We have put upon the streets of Los Angeles a great number of new vehicles. All of our properties—the garages, barns, and shops—have been painted and renovated for efficient operation. A number of changes have been made in the routes to serve the patrons in a better manner. Research on the traffic snarl of this city continues. We shall cooperate with every move made to eliminate traffic confusion.

There are many changes on our boards, all designed to bring faster transportation and attract patronage onto our vehicles.

NEW LINE NO. 25

An application was filed recently before the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles to bring a better type of service to the Eagle Rock, Highland Park and Griffin Avenue areas. The application calls for a new motor coach line which would begin at Colorado and Eagle Rock Boulevards.

It is proposed that the rail service on Colorado Boulevard be discontinued, so that the street, which has become a state highway, may be reconstructed and improved to the east of Eagle Rock Boulevard in a manner similar to the improvements already carried out to the west of that artery.

The proposed motor coach line would travel to La Loma Road and Colorado Boulevard, which is a considerable distance above the present line No. 5 terminal. This is an area which has not been served by our transportation. The route would then follow La Loma Road to North Figueroa and the Figueroa branch of the W line would

be discontinued. The proposed line would follow the present route of the rail line until it leaves York Junction. It would travel through the business section of Highland Park over Figueroa Street to Avenue 39 and Pasadena. Thence Pasadena Avenue to Workman Street. This portion replaces the No. 64 line, which is to be abandoned, thus giving patrons along this route direct downtown service. Over Workman to Avenue 26, thence to Pasadena Avenue, to North Broadway, and North Broadway to Alpine Street. The coaches would turn left on North Broadway to Alpine Street, thence to New High Street, crossing Sunset onto Spring and running southerly along Spring and Main to Broadway Place.

GRIFFIN AVENUE

The application provides for line No. 25 to replace the Griffin leg of the No. 9 line by splitting the service at Avenue 43. The vehicles in this service would turn at Avenue 43, cross the Arroyo Seco Parkway to Griffin Avenue, thence Griffin to Avenue 26, Avenue 26 to Workman and the regular route to Broadway Place. The other portion of the No. 9 line, operating from 48th and Crenshaw to Lincoln Park, would remain in its entirety.

AVE. 64 SHUTTLE

During the morning and evening rushes downtown, service would be extended over Avenue 64 from York Junction. During the off-peak hours a shuttle would operate over this route. It begins at Pasadena Avenue and York Boulevard to Avenue 64, to Pollard Street, thence to Avenue 66, to Meridian, returning over Avenue 65 to Planada to Avenue 64 and back to York Junction.

BETTER SERVICE

The proposed line No. 25 would bring better headways

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Tournament Transit

THE Tournament of Roses has undoubtedly brought to Southern California more publicity than any other regularly scheduled event. It has been called the Eighth Wonder of the World, for the parade is the most spectacular and dramatic of any imagined. It is claimed by many that not even the Mardi Gras of New Orleans can compare with the Tournament of Roses.

The first Tournament, held in 1890, on New Year's Day, was inspired by the Carnival of Flowers at Nice, France. In the beginning it was merely a community festival, for which the residents of this city, which rests at the foot of the Sierra Madre mountains, decorated their buggies with the flowers from their gardens.

Each year the parade has grown and become more beautiful. In recent years an average of sixty floats and several decorated cars have been entered. With twenty bands, marshalls and aides, out-walkers and personnel, this represents from 1200 to 1500 people.

The afternoon of New Year's Day is the occasion of the Rose Bowl football game. This tradition was started in 1860, when the first game was held between Brown University and Washington State. This football classic has become so popular that sportsmen rate it as one of the

national championship battles of the country.

Yes, the Tournament of Roses and the Rose Bowl Game are unique, and so is Pasadena City Lines, which serves this area. Because New Year's Day is so important in the life of every citizen of the community, no scheduled service is provided on that day by the Pasadena City Lines. The labor agreement with the employes is the only one in the country, to our knowledge, which actually provides that the company may cancel all regular service on New Year's Day. Of course, special service is provided wherever possible.

There are special buses to the Rose Bowl for all events, and special service brings hundreds of people from the outlying districts to witness the Tournament of Roses.

There are nine regular coach routes on which are operated sixty-nine green, white and yellow coaches. There is a complement of one hundred three operators, forty-five mechanics, and four supervisors, besides the office staff. Recently, nine new Diesel (45-passenger type) and ten new Mack coaches were added to the fleet. The average monthly mileage for 1946 was 183,342, and the average monthly passengers numbered 1,520,054.

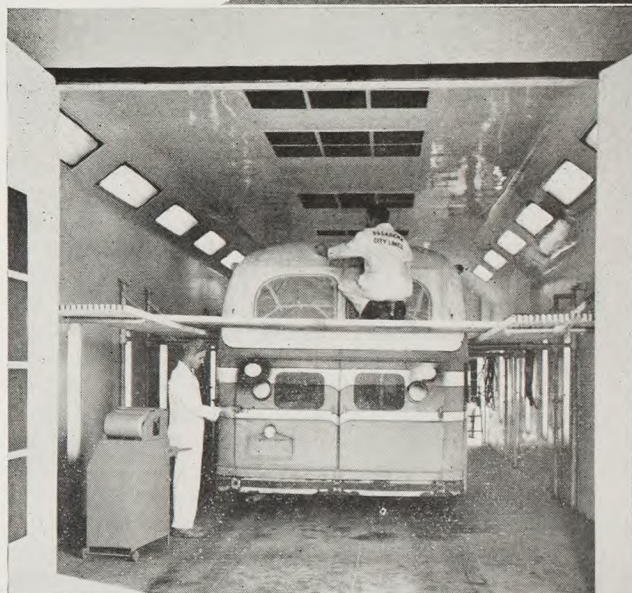
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• As spic and span as a good housewife's kitchen is the yard at Pasadena City Lines.





Sister Systems Pasadena City Lines



• Top, W. A. Baker, John Evans and Earl Wetzler survey the spotless garage. Above left, busy in the Unit Room are, left to right, B. H. Sheetz, C. H. Stevenson, Forrest Thanhill, J. F. Keller, Otto Schmolkel, Ralph Campbell, and Nels Hicks. Right, R. E. Snow and M. N. Howard working on a coach in the paint booth. Below, After and before shots of the garage. Sam Phelps and Harry York are the mechanics.





Turkeys 'n Ten Pins

by Paul Prutzman

THE highlight of the bowling season is the annual "Turkey for a Turkey" night. Coming a few days before Thanksgiving, this event packs the galleries as the keggers settle down in deadly earnest and attempt to take home a bird.

In alley language, a "turkey" is three strikes in a row. A strike, of course, is made by toppling over all the pins on the first roll.

The Los Angeles Transit Lines Bowling Association is divided into three leagues. To each of the first three bowlers in each league who rolled three strikes in a row went an 18 pound turkey, fully dressed. The bowler who rolled the high series and the one who had the individual high game were also given a bird. The many who did get two strikes and then failed to get the third were given birds by the gallery—of the Bronx variety.

L. A. Reeves presented the turkeys to the winners. Also in attendance to cheer the boys on were George Goehler, Superintendent of Schedules and Statistics, and M. E. Wright, General Superintendent of Transportation.

The winners in each division were as follows:

League No. 1 Tuesday Night at 7:00 PM

First turkey, Frank Ross
 Second turkey, Francis Bacus
 Third turkey, Harry Koll
 High series, Wheeler Ellis, 627
 High game, Paul Murphy, 222

League No. 2 Tuesday Night at 9:00 PM

First turkey, Bob Johnson
 Second turkey, Al Nagy
 Third turkey, Bernard Tooney
 High series, Sid Ormston, 572
 High game, Paul Prutzman, 214

League No. 3 Thursday Night at 9:00 PM

First turkey, Elmer Thornton



Second turkey, Joe Ward
 Third turkey, Bill Snoddy
 High series, Winton Carl, 591
 High game, Rollin Lally, 218

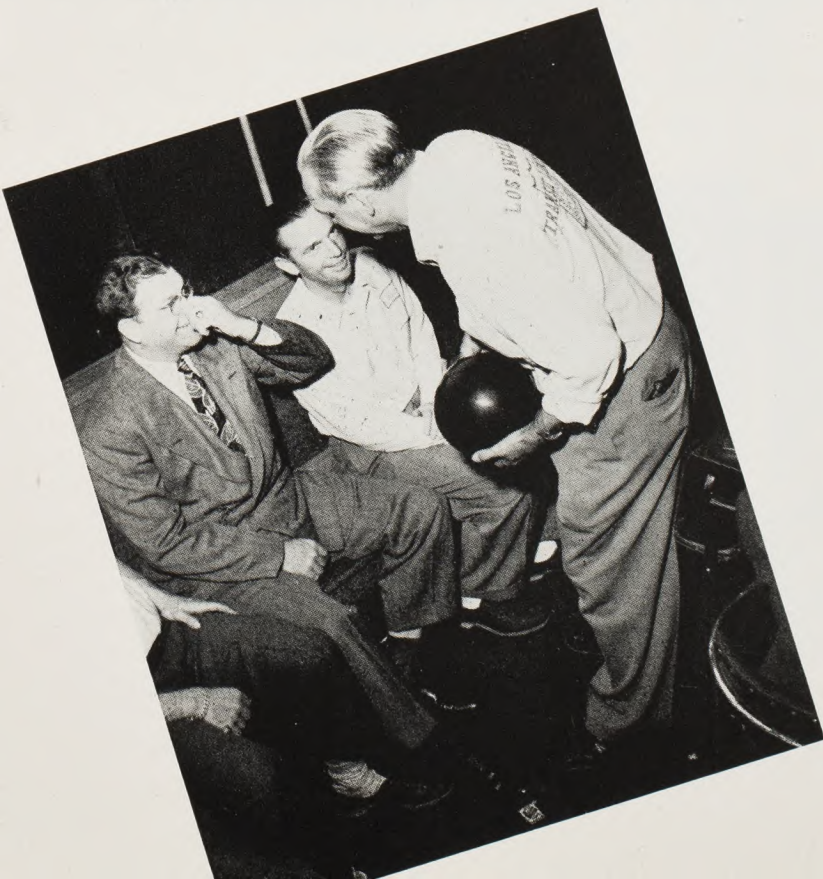
Bowling Balls and Trousers

Each week the bowlers battle to win a bowling ball or a pair of trousers. At this writing eleven sets have been given out to twenty-two bowlers. Last month's issue of Two Bells carried the names of the first five winners.



• Above, L. A. Reeves, extreme right, hands out turkeys to the lucky winners as Wally Weber, Bowling President, extreme left, watches. The winners are, left to right, Al Nagy, Bob Johnson, Bernard Tooney, Paul Murphy, Wheeler Ellis, Bill Snoddy, Winton Carl, Joe Ward, Elmer Thornton, Francis Bacus, Rollin Lally, Frank Ross, and Harry Cole. Left, Elmer Thornton, who has won a turkey for the last three years, is congratulated by L. A. Reeves.

Below, Art Tengblad gets a little encouragement (very little) from M. E. Wright, as Paul Prutzman looks on.



Here are the balance:

Trousers	
Bernard Tooney (Hazzards)	234
Walter Alcumbrac (Vineyard Birds)	244
William Snoddy (Gremlins)	244
Frank Ross (Wreckers)	242
Vernon Eichorn (Hazzards)	255
Sid Ormston (Pin Quins)	299
Bowling Balls	
Sidney Ormston (Pin Quins)	642
Joe Hurzler (Gremlins)	637
Calvin Smith (M. C. Rockets)	589
Lloyd Weaver (Run Hots)	603
Paul Brown (Streamliners)	631
Wheeler Ellis (Streamliners)	627

PASADENA DEFEATED

On November 29, at the Trojan Bowl, two Los Angeles Transit Lines teams met two squads from Pasadena City Lines in the first half of a home and home match series. The competition was very keen and the visitors from the Rose Bowl city brought a whole rooting section to cheer loudly at each strike and give out with groans of anguish when one of their boys was so unfortunate as to miss. In fact, we think the strain was greater on the fans than on the bowlers themselves.

After the last pin had fallen, we added the series bowled by the two Los Angeles Transit Lines teams. Their total was 5397 pins. The total series for the two Pasadena teams was 5113 pins. We won the tournament by 284 pins.

Members of the home teams were: No. 1: Arnold Bell, Art Tengblad, Bud Mathews, Elmer Thornton and Paul Prutzman. No. 2: Roy Cordes, Rollin Lally, Bob Robinson, Tom Roberts and Harry Koll. Arnold Bell had a high series, with a 571, while yours truly managed to get lucky and roll 226 for high single game.

Dear Ladies

NOTHING is more fun than a party—for everyone but the hostess. Here are some holiday hors d'oeuvres and beverages which should give even the hostess a good time, they're that easy to prepare.

Try these canapes to give your party a sophisticated air.

Cheese puffs are made by mixing 1 cup of grated American cheese with $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. paprika, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. dry mustard and 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce. Beat 2 egg whites very stiff and fold into the seasoned cheese. Spread toast rounds with mixture and broil for about 6 minutes, or until the cheese is well puffed and brown.

Petits Pigs is a fancy name for pie crust rolled very thin and cut in triangles just large enough to wrap around Vienna sausages. Fasten each with a toothpick and bake until crust is done. Remove the toothpick and serve hot.

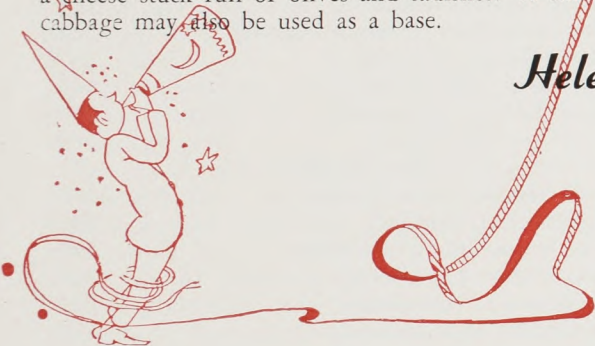
For a delicious spread for potato chips, crackers or pretzels, combine 1 tblsp. minced sour pickle, 1 tblsp. minced green chili pepper, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped celery, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. garlic salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. table salt and 1 tsp. lemon juice with one avocado, mashed to a pulp.

A really fast appetizer (they're fast to make and fast to disappear) is made with alternate squares of ham and cheese on cocktail picks. Sweet pickles may be added if desired.

The old standby, liverwurst, is glamorized by blending it smooth with mayonnaise, seasoning with prepared mustard and adding minced crisp bacon. Spread on whole wheat toast triangles and rounds. Garnish with pickle.

Arrange your appetizers on a big plate or tray around a cheese stuck full of olives and radishes. A small, solid cabbage may also be used as a base.

Helen



Holiday Hostessing



BASIC FRUIT PUNCH RECIPE

- (32 small punch glasses)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar or corn syrup
- 2 cups strong tea, chilled
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 5 cups orange juice
- 2 quarts iced water or ice
- Orange and lemon slices

Dissolve sugar in tea. Add lemon juice, orange juice and ice water or ice. Garnish with orange and lemon slices.

Little biscuits, sweetened with jam, jelly or dried fruits, are delicious served instead of cake with beverages.

REFRESHMENT COFFOLATE

- 1 cup strong decaffeinated coffee
- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- Dash of salt
- 3 cups milk

Make decaffeinated coffee extra-strength, using $\frac{1}{2}$ table-spoons for each cup ($\frac{1}{2}$ pint) water. Add chocolate to coffee in top of double boiler and place over low flame, stirring until chocolate is melted and blended. Add sugar and salt, and boil 4 minutes, stirring constantly. Place over boiling water. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly; then heat. When hot, beat with rotary egg beater until frothy. Serve hot or cold. Serves 4.





COTTAGE CHEESE CANAPES

For a delicious and beautiful tray of mouth watering canapés, make up the following: (Cream cheese may also be used.) Form cheese into balls and roll in chopped nuts, or chopped green onion tops. Spread crackers with cheese sprinkled with garlic salt and topped with pimento strips for color. Stuff prunes with cheese.

PARTY SANDWICH LOAF

1 loaf bread	¾ cup egg salad
⅓ cup minced ham	½ cup orange marmalade
Mayonnaise, butter or margarine	3 ounces cream cheese
	Cream (about ¼ cup)
1 pound jar cherry preserves	

Remove crusts from loaf of bread. Slice lengthwise to make a triple-decker loaf. Place minced ham, egg salad and orange marmalade between the layers, spreading first with mayonnaise, butter or margarine. Wrap unfrosted loaf in damp dish towel and chill thoroughly in refrigerator. Mash cream cheese with a spoon and whip cream until it is of spreading consistency. Frost entire loaf with this. Just before serving, pour cherry preserves down entire length of the loaf.

HOLIDAY FIG WREATHS

Make one recipe of standard butter or sugar cookies. Roll out ¼" thick. Cut half the dough in full rounds, the remainder in doughnut shapes the same size. Spread lower layer with fig filling, top with doughnut ring, pinch together and place on baking sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes at 375° F.

FIG FILLING

1½ cups dried figs	½ cup sugar
1 cup cold water	2 tbs. flour
½ cup corn syrup	Few grains salt
1 tsp. grated lemon rind	1 tbs. lemon juice
½ cup chopped walnuts	

Cover dried figs with boiling water and let stand 10 minutes; drain. Clip off stems and cut fine, using scissors. Add cold water and cook a few minutes longer—about ten minutes. Add syrup and lemon rind, heat to blend. Mix sugar, flour and salt, add all at once and cook, stirring until thick and clear. Remove from heat, add lemon juice and nuts and cool before using. Makes about 2 cups of filling.

The glamour trick comes when the cookies are cooled, then decorated with bits of green icing dotted with red cinnamon drops to simulate the season's holly.

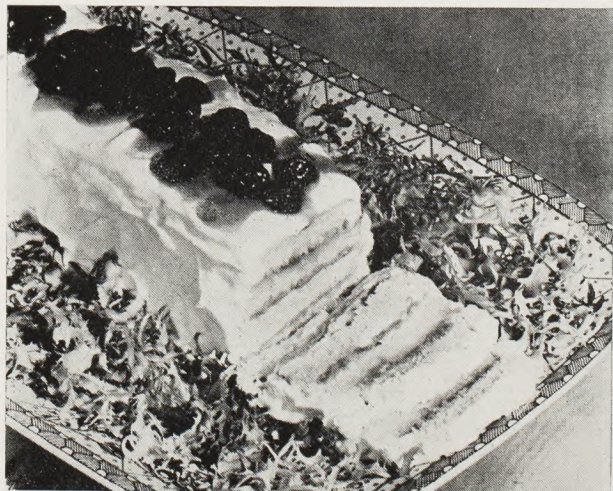


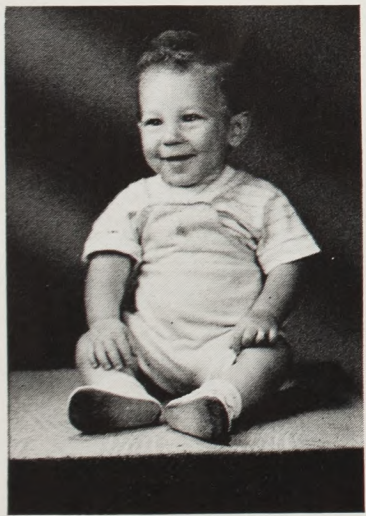
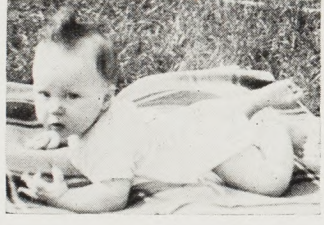
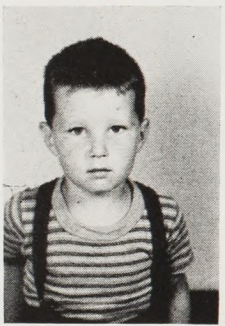
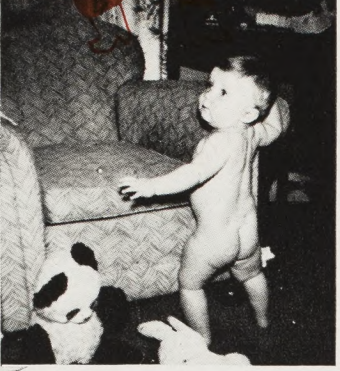
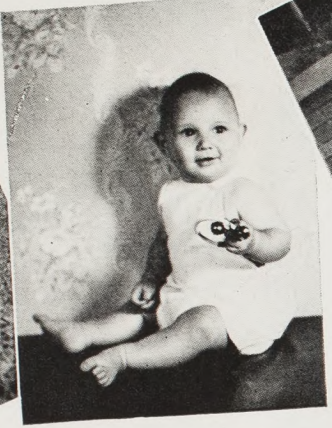
HOT SPICED PUNCH

- 1 pint cider or apple juice
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 2-inch pieces of stick cinnamon
- 3 whole cloves
- 1 quart of orange juice
- 1 cup of lemon juice
- Orange and lemon slices

Mix the brown and granulated sugars, cinnamon and whole cloves with the cider or apple juice. Simmer 5 minutes. Combine orange and lemon juice. Heat to just below simmering. Add to hot cider. Serve in cider mugs and garnish with orange and lemon slices on a cinnamon stick. Serves 12.

Serve with doughnuts frosted with orange icing.





SANTA-LITES

• Here we have a whole page of transit tots waiting for Santa Claus. Judging by the list in his hand, they are going to do all right. Upper left we have Vernon King, son of Mae King, Auditing Department. Below him is Harold Glenn Brumbaugh, 10 months old son of Isabelle and Glenn Brumbaugh, Vineyard. Harold has eight teeth and weighs 23 pounds. Next, Ronnie Lee Love is the 9 months grandson of W. R. "Bill" Gibson, Division Five, and the great grandson of W. F. Gibson, Flagman. Seated on the steps is Terry Gardner, 2½ year old nephew of Eileen Grieger, Elevator Operator. Stripped for action is Ronnie Earl Griffith, 1 year old son of Chief Instructor R. E. Griffith, Division Five. In the second row we have first, Jo Anna Malone, four year old daughter of Bob Malone, Department 20, all dressed up and waiting for Christmas. The next two children are Stephen and Paul Trull, sons of Jim Trull, South Park Shops. All set for a stroll is Marvin Watts, son of Tom Watts, Department 20. Bottom, left, is Richard Lawrence, one year old son of Ann Lawrence, Division Three. Right, Gaye Lou Sterten is the two year old daughter of F. J. "Fritz" Sterten, Division Five, and his wife, Katherine.

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Destinations Unlimited

• Here are two gentlemen with thousands of destinations who never leave the Paint Shop. Stripping in the lettering in the foreground is Camillo Caringella. The gentleman hanging up the signs is W. H. Green. Both these men are old timers with the company.



A MAJOR conversion, such as we experienced on August 3, not only changes the routes and the lines and the riding habits of the public but it means a big job for the men in charge of destination signs.

The conversion caused changes affecting twelve lines. This meant that lines had to be renamed and old destination signs became obsolete. It meant that 500 destination signs for streetcars had to be painted as quickly as possible and that 150 roller signs for coaches had to be built and finished. The roller signs are known as head signs and they are made in various widths, ranging from 43½ to 53 inches. They are hand operated at the front of the coaches and the PCC cars and are 23 feet long, each containing about 30 readings. Each reading is a different destination and, of course, each sign must also carry the words "car barn," "Special," and "out of service."

The cloth used to make the signs is known as Holland

linen and has a very smooth finish. It is attached to a copper binding on both edges. This binding acts as an aid in guiding the sign over the rollers. The linen comes in rolls of 25 yards each. The roll is cut and ruled to give proper spacing for the head sign readings.

These readings are applied with the use of stencils, which are cut out by an experienced stencil cutter. First, of course, the sign has been laid out by a sign writer in pencil. The stencil maker lays this on special stencil paper and cuts on a piece of glass, so as not to leave any rough edges. The stencil is checked very carefully and then shellacked to preserve it for continued use, because destination signs need retouching quite often.

Two full time employes, under the direction of Paint Shop Foreman Harold Cass, work day in and day out on destination signs. During rush periods other sign painters are detailed to help.

Dear Santa . . .

THE commendations listed below represent the requests which might be made by three different people to Santa Claus. First, that of the public which is always hoping for and appreciative of courteous, careful operators. Second, a wish of the Company for the type of operator which best represents them to the public—a neat, courteous, pleasant one. And third, but not least, that of the operator himself, who is always pleased to find that his

Division One

L. A. Weber—Smooth operation
W. J. Ayishon—Very kind & courteous
W. Howell—Exceptional courtesy
R. B. Linamen—Helpful
E. W. Conley—Courteous & alert
M. B. Taylor—Efficient

Division Two

H. L. Foss—Makes one enjoy being alive (2)
J. P. Elliott—Very courteous
R. S. Davies—Pleasant
J. J. Comfort—Good operator
R. E. Seelbinder—Thoughtful

Division Three

C. W. Walters—Very kind & courteous
G. F. Williams—Calls streets & transfer points
D. E. Boyce—Calls streets
A. J. Pietroforte—Kind & Courteous

careful operating and pleasant manner are appreciated by the public enough to write his company and let them know.

Again this month, W. W. Osepucuk heads the list, with 13 commendations this time. Congratulations to him, and all the others who daily operate safely and courteously over the crowded streets of this great city.

Division Four

H. E. Eargle—Very cheerful & kind
W. W. Osepucuk—Kind & courteous (13)
G. R. Dennis—Efficient & kind (2)
D. M. Sheffield—Valuable to the company (4)
R. B. Gernentz—Kind & courteous (4)
T. P. Monroe—Excellent operator (2)
W. L. Lee—Patient & gracious
J. L. Krikarian—Courteous

Division Five

E. P. Thomas—Quick thinking & skillful
J. F. Riley—Courteous, safe & careful
J. P. Talbert—Credit to the L.A.T.L.
Ruth Plaine—Very cheerful & courteous
C. Hawthorne—Refreshingly pleasant & cooperative
F. A. Edwards—Courteous
L. O. Tibio—Safe operator
C. L. Beaning—Courteous
J. H. Bryant—Pleasant

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"DO YOU PASS A SELF-SERVICE LAUNDRY?"

Tournament Transit

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Under the direction of Superintendent of Transportation J. G. Evans and his assistant, J. B. Ickes, the operation of the lines rolls smoothly. These gentlemen report to W. A. Baker, District Supervisor.

Preventive Maintenance is practiced to a high degree on this property, and each and every mechanic is very proud of his part in keeping the vehicles in tip-top condition. Cleanliness is the watchword, and the men responsible for this efficiency are Earl Wetzler, Superintendent of Maintenance, and his assistant, Otto Schmokel.

Pasadena City Lines was established many years ago by the Pacific Electric Railway. It was later acquired by Pacific City Lines and is still operated under their banner. The streamlining of this transit system began less than a year ago. All coaches were repainted in the company's own up-to-date paint booth, which includes special fluorescent lights, handy scaffolding and a special ventilating system to carry off all paint fumes and spray dust.

Some route changes on the system were made, and all schedules were streamlined. Improved supervision was established, with new methods set up for the clerical work.

There is a spirit of friendliness at Pasadena City Lines. The smiles and friendly greetings come naturally. It seems as though every employe is out to do his best to leave a good impression with everyone he meets. This is public relations in its true form, for this type of public relations is carried out onto the lines by the operators themselves. In Pasadena a letter of complaint is a rarity and, of course, commendations come in frequently.

It is exemplified in everything they do. The attendance at safety meetings is unusually high, generally close to the 100% mark. And attendance at these meetings is voluntary.

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Nuts & Bolts

by Johnny Boyce

THANKSGIVING has come and gone once more. During the year we have all had trials and troubles of various kinds but on Thanksgiving we have the opportunity to sit back and review the many things for which we may be thankful. Many of us are *very* thankful we are not still on one of the small rocks in the South Pacific that are called islands.

Turkey certainly lasts a long time, doesn't it?

Fred Webking, third shift foreman, is sporting a new Hudson sedan. How do they do it? If anyone discovers the secret, please whisper it in my ear.

A. Schwartz has been off for some time due to an operation on his fingers, which have been giving him trouble since he had the misfortune to lose the tips of them in an accident.

Tom Roberts, Storeroom, has just returned from his vacation which was spent at home just resting and working on his auto. Tommy had a tussle with the "flu" also but is okay now.

It seems that one of "Snuffy Smith's" Bugs has escaped from his recent races and has bitten a couple of the boys on the second shift. One left his tools on a coach which he was changing off and the operator noticing them put them on a pull-in coach. The other left his tools on the curb, after he had changed a battery, where the Special Agents retrieved them. Very fortunate on both counts, to say the least.

Your scribe takes great pleasure in introducing to you this month a popular member of the third shift: Johnny Slegl.

Johnny was born on a crisp fall day September 21, 1908, in Omaha, Nebraska. There he spent his boyhood days. In school Johnny played baseball, basketball and soccer.

After having the misfortune to lose his parents, Johnny started to see the world and worked at many varied jobs while moving from place to place. Then, as happens to the uninitiated, he met a lovely girl in his old home town. This changed the value of roaming, and he settled down for a home and regular job as a butcher in Omaha in 1938, where he stayed for six years.

The armed forces refused his services due to bad feet. (Johnny says they are so big that there is a lot can go wrong with them.)

Moving to Los Angeles in 1944, he entered the service of L.A.T.L. in December as mechanic's helper, from which position he has advanced to leadman.

Johnny has no particular hobbies, just likes all sports, football and baseball being his favorites. He also enjoys a cold bottle of beer on a hot day, and says if you twist his arm hard enough he will have a second bottle.

To all Employes:

Again we approach the festival season when the spirit of 'Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men' prevails.

I wish, at this time, to express my thanks to the men of the garage for their splendid work and co-operation of the past year and to wish you a merry Christmas and Happiness throughout the coming year.

Sincerely
M. P. Fraley
Superintendent



CHRISTMAS COMES TO DIVISION TWO

• Santa Claus (K. N. Ballenger) has a talk with some of the boys and finds out what they want for being good. Confiding in him are, left to right, C. O. Storie, D. W. Wilkinson, R. B. Williams and H. L. Foss. Storie apparently has his eye on Santa's tie.

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to the people in the Eagle Rock, Highland Park and Griffin Avenue districts. The coaches would serve three community business sections, Eagle Rock, Highland Park and the Five Point area at Pasadena Avenue and Avenue 26.

It is expected that the introduction of this line would entice a great deal of patronage.

Better service from the northwest section to the industrial area of the southwest section of Maywood, Huntington Park, etc., is also being offered through a change in the Florence-Soto coach line 50. With the introduction of the new line No. 25, line No. 64 would be abandoned. Line 50 would extend from Griffin and Main to Griffin and North Broadway, thence west to Avenue 20, then north to Avenue 20 and Pasadena Avenue, where it would make connections with the new line No. 25, the 5 line and the W line.

This would become a major transfer point for the patrons of Eagle Rock and Highland Park who wish to travel to the east and southeast districts without going through the downtown business section. It would also give these patrons a better type of service to the Los Angeles County Hospital.

Yes, 1948 brings a challenge. And we will meet that challenge with improved service. This one conversion, if approved by the regulatory bodies, will do much toward simplifying the movement of passenger traffic. The modern coaches replacing old streetcars will build patronage by encouraging people to leave their cars at home and go places with the Los Angeles Transit Lines.

Women's Club

by Mrs. J. F. McCormick

THE Los Angeles Transit Lines Women's Club plans for the December programs include a picture presented by the Transit Lines Safety Director, C. A. Tengblad, on December 4, and on December 18 a play, "The Christmas Program at the School" with the following members of the Drama section in the roles of "fond mothers": Mesdames George Melcher, B. E. Timbs, E. V. Athenous and J. F. Carlin, directed by Mrs. J. F. McCormick.

Community singing of the Christmas carols, director, Mrs. O. G. McDermith, Mrs. John Corsen at the piano, will precede the play.

An exchange of Christmas gifts among members will follow the program.

Hostess for the 12:00 noon luncheon December 4 is Mrs. C. F. Thun, and on the 18th Mrs. O. G. McDermith, with Mrs. J. T. Watts in charge of decorations.

The Club will allot the proceeds from the Autumn Festival to its Christmas philanthropies. Besides these, a child welfare project is being sponsored this year, a monthly contribution to the California Babies and Children's Hospital at 1401 South Grand Avenue. Mrs. Richard Hollman, President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Hospital, will address the Club on Thursday, January 15, telling of the work of that organization and the needs of the Hospital.

Old Timers Tour

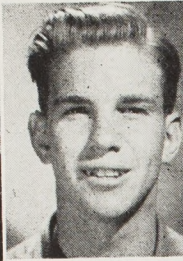
by P. C. McNaughton

SANTA came early to Frank E. Dennison, Retired, when he was paid a visit by many of his cohorts on November 19. Upon learning of Mr. Dennison's illness, permission was obtained to use "Amigos," the special coach, for a trip to Los Alamitos Sanitarium to visit him. Those making the trip were Mrs. A. C. Stover, Mr. A. L. Brumet, Charles Coover, William M. Marion, A. Benson and wife, C. E. Pelsue and wife, Robert S. Bliss, C. O. Ashton and wife, Fred Osborne and wife, Ray N. Bolding, John Corsen and wife, and P. C. McNaughton and wife.

After a visit with Mr. Dennison, who is in a very critical condition, the group returned to 11th and Broadway about 4:30. It was a very enjoyable trip, as the weather was beautiful and the coach rolled along so comfortably and smoothly.

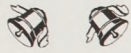
This is the second Company sponsored excursion which the Retired Employees Association have had in Amigos, the first being October 15. On that day S. W. Cupp, J. W. Teegarden and wife, William Marion and wife, C. Fisher and wife, M. S. Thomas and wife, H. F. Swabby and wife, John A. Johnson, Laura V. Baldwin, Josephine Thomas, J. L. Ott, Ira E. Gott, Jesse W. Reynolds and P. C. McNaughton met at Eleventh and Broadway at 10:00 and after a tour of South Park Shops, drove through the Baldwin Hills to the ocean and back by a different route to the main building, arriving about 4:00.

This trip, too, was greatly enjoyed by the group, who wish to thank the company for making the coach available to them. They also wish to thank the two drivers, E. N. Jackson and C. A. Malin, who were so courteous and understanding. They made the trips very enjoyable and are wonderful boys, both of them.



SONS AND GRANDSONS

• Left, Harry Crane, 6, and his brother, Paul, 2, are the handsome grandsons of Harry Whitley, Division Two. Center, Gerald Watts, 12 year old son of Tom Watts, Department 20, poses in his new Scout uniform. Right, Edwin Hess, Jr., 18, is a senior at Inglewood High. He is the son of Ed Hess, Mechanical Department.



Car House Highlights

by H. K. Conacher

Car House No. 1

E. Jackson is on the receiving end of an enjoyable visit with his nephew, Floyd Jackson, from Detroit, over the Holidays.

Chas. Belarde spent Thanksgiving Day with his sister and two nieces.

Mrs. Hollis, wife of Wm. Hollis, is spending the holidays visiting with friends and relatives in Mississippi.

T. R. Cotton is enjoying a well-earned vacation in San Diego and vicinity.

I wish to extend to all fellow workers and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

E. W. Swanson
Supt., Div. 1 Mech.

Car House No. 3

We have been very happy to welcome Frank Bruner, who came to replace Paul Wood as our Superintendent. Paul has been transferred to Division Five. The gang presented P. V. with a beautiful golf bag, a dozen golf balls and a cash gift.

An old pal of the Rail Gang sent his best wishes to us all—none other than Jim Bradley. Jim has a lovely home in Reseda, and is in the best of spirits. He is mentioning the fact that he may move to the Klamath River. Some people are surely lucky.

Coming to join us near the end of the year are these new fellows: Anthony Delmonti, Luther Brown, Willie Brandon, McClen Atkins, Mack Weathers and Katsunobi Asano.

Bert Chiarabaglio, Lee Butler, William James, James Napoleon, Motoichi Hara and Charles Davis are enjoying a pre-Christmas vacation. Lucky boys.

Two of our boys are New Year's babes, none other than Charles Davis and William Harris, so they are each making plans for a big celebration. Among others who receive gifts this month are Samuel Casillas, Abner Dickenson, Edward Duncan, Ora Fannin, George Gray, Martin Riedel, Harvey Warner, Robert Wilcox and Jack Winston. The last named picked Christmas Eve to make his appearance. Bernard Dysthe received, on Thanksgiving Day, gifts alongside his plate of turkey.

Santa Claus has some big orders to fill from out our way: Byron Derry would love to see a new Chrysler parked in front of his house Christmas morning; Harry Ogden sees a Hamilton wristwatch in his stocking (?); Tommy

Benson wants a set of golf clubs; Guy Penny would accept a Chevrolet, late model; Clinton Lawrence would like a parcel of receipted bills (!!); Abner Dickenson is just asking for another vacation like the one he had this year; Paul Davis would like a 6-weeks' honeymoon with a certain gal; Marian McGee would like her watch replaced; Oscar Lund needs a new pipe and some tobacco; and Dean Roseman only wants a 3 bedroom house in a good location. Hello, Santa.

John Welsh, mechanic, had a fine trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he and his wife celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. John and Adelia were married in Pittsburgh, December 2, 1922, and have two lovely daughters, Peggy and Jerry. John is trying to find a home here for his family, and we are anxious to meet them in the near future, when they arrive. Our best wishes go to the happy couple and many more years of happiness.

On November 23, in the home of Judge White of Glendale, rail mechanic Joseph Delmont was married to Ruth Powlus of Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. Their honeymoon was spent in Santa Barbara. Best wishes from the gang.

Christmas Message to my men:

"As we near the end of another year, with its memories of joy and sorrow, we look forward with hope in our hearts, to a future that holds promises of peace and happiness for all peoples.

"To you, my fellow workers, I can wish nothing better than to see you contented and hopeful, facing the year 1948 with strength and courage.

"A Joyous Yuletide to you all."

F. A. Bruner
Supt., Div. 3 Mechanical

TRANSIT FAMILY

• Bill Du Plante, South Park, is the proud father of these two charming girls, Mary Jo and Virginia. The cat is apparently one of the family, too.



Car House No. 4

The smile on Paul Brown's face is because of the new trailer of which he is now the proud owner. It has been mentioned that Paul is getting a larger rear view mirror so he can really admire it while driving.

In the bowling news, our Supt. Wheeler Ellis won himself a large turkey Thanksgiving by bowling high series for the evening. If there is some special "strutting" around the shop the next few days we'll know why.

Paul Brown won himself a bowling ball by some fancy ten pinning the other evening. He said his thumb finally came out of the ball when he bowled. It got pretty tire-some sliding down the alley.

Eric Dalholm is on vacation. When he comes back his house is going to be as slick as the L.A.T.L. divisions, as his paint brush is going to work overtime.

Our new night lead lady, Frances Lewis, is as always, on the job. Congratulations, Frances.

Ed Padlow, the swing shift clerk, had a narrow escape when he was involved in a car accident. His "shiny Chevy" was very much on the wrinkled side, but since has been ironed out. Incidentally, Ed had a few kinks ironed out of himself.

Bob McCray has had the far away look in his eye for some time. When making out a unit tag, he asked someone what the date was. He was told, 19th month, 27th day, which he wrote down. It took a lot of convincing that it was hard to get more than twelve months out of a year.

R. D. Browne, night cleaner, really comes to work in class. He has a new motor bike. With his overcoat on and his hat turned up, he really has the boys "talking."

R. P. Sherrill, Street mechanic, had turkey with his brother-in-law in Taft.

W. W. Thomas had all his teeth extracted three or four weeks ago.

Ed Gaston tried to follow suit, but quit with his lowers. Must be contagious.

Got a new hasher over at Gibbs Restaurant. Seems to have caused the graveyard shift to quit bringing lunches. "Ahem!"

After streamlining our locker room, Jim Clancy cleaned out his old locker and found items he hadn't seen for ten years.

Paul Brown has left us to work at Division Five. Sorry to see you go, Paul. J. James is now at Division Four. Welcome, Jimmy.

FRESH FISH!

• Arthur D. Arnold, formerly of South Park Shops and now on Special Roll, poses proudly in front of his fish market on the Redondo Pier. Stop by and see him. He guarantees that his fish are the best to be had.



SHAW TRIO

• These three lovely girls are the daughters of Fred Shaw, Electrician, South Park Shops. The musical ones are Barbara Jean, 11, and Anita Sue, 2. Giving a fond hug to her favorite colt is Jerrolyn Ann, age 9.

All Employees at Car House 4 Mech.:

A lot has happened the past year. I am proud to say most all has been improvement. Your improvement of our Safety Record and your willingness to improve your ability and to do a better job has been very gratifying. I wish to thank you and wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas.

*Wheeler Ellis
Supt., Division 4 Mech.*

Car House No. 5

The hunters here are now in full swing. Babe Ellis returned with seven pheasants; but Joe King was not so lucky, he only bagged one bird. Joe says you could not get near the birds, they were so wild. He claims they could hear his watch tick a mile away.

Ray Shires, our motor oiler, has at last perfected a dripless oil can. He says it is guaranteed to wiggle and twist like a pig's nose, and take wear and tear like a Donegal cap.

Who was the mechanic who had herring for Thanksgiving dinner?

Frank Castile says he thinks the whole world is going crazy except him and me and sometimes he has his doubts about me (Andy Duncan).

Since Jack Walker has purchased his new Chrysler Super Dooper, the old Jet Propulsion Model "T" has been getting a rest.

Runo Bergman says the beaches were crowded this year, but so were a lot of bathing suits.

Eddie Knize suffered a very painful finger injury when it got caught in the brake rigging. He lost several days' work, but he is now back on the job.

McAllen says he may go down in history as the first smiling face on a totem pole, as he never saw one having a good time.

Omar K. Falvey, our Division Five philosopher quotes, "There is no substitute for brains, but silence does pretty well."

Otis Kieffer finally took the fatal plunge. He now has a pretty wife, Kathleen.

New faces at Five: Paul Brown, George Rosbeck, Nelson Fail, Calvin Choates, Joseph Sherban, Don Leroy Leinart, Eloise Isbell.

Paul Woods, Supt. of Division Five, wishes to thank all the employes of Division Five and Division Three for their cooperation during the past year, wishing each and every one and his family a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lobby Lowdown

by Violet Leach

IT'S here again—that good old Christmas spirit. And I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas.

Cupid had a chance to get in a few last minute 1947 arrows. They struck: Virginia Smith, Auditing, who was married November 10 to Max Melsheimer. Virginia has settled down to being a housewife. . . . Charles Beck, Stanley Lanham's secretary, who was married October 25. . . . Elsie McArthur, Auditing, who married Arthur Pickel.

Alan Peterson, Research Department, has returned from a vacation in Omaha, Nebraska, where there was snow and more snow. Alan is glad to be back with modern transportation. He had to hitch up horses whenever he went any place back on the farm.

Minnie Kellogg, secretary to Barney Larrick, has returned to work after spending her vacation in Skagway and Juneau, Alaska. This is the second trip to Alaska for Minnie and her husband, Bud. May Ryan, Division Four, made the trip with them. Traveling on the S. S. Princess Louise, Minnie and Bud were able to get the same staterooms they had on their trip in 1941.

Frances Ryan is back, looking rested after her vacation in Chicago and points west.

Our retired Paymaster, T. G. Duvall, paid us a visit a couple of weeks ago. He is looking fine, and has moved to Emmett, California.

Dr. Gerald Smith, our beloved company doctor, is resting after a heart attack. Take your doctor's orders, doctor, so you can get well and come back to us.

We have some newcomers with us. Ronald Schroeder, Executive Department, is from Long Beach. His favorite sport is golf, and his hobby is wood-working. Welcome to the fold, Ronald. . . . Mary Smith, Auditing Department, is from Willow Springs, Missouri. Hope you like California by now, Mary. . . . Mildred Turner, also Auditing Department, is from Long Beach. A welcome to you, too, Mildred.

A surprise birthday party was given for Cathy Hassett, Auditing, at the Pig 'N Whistle. Frances Wilson was hostess and those present were Gladys Prather, Bonnie Zwart, Mary Jane Spaeth, Rozella Flexhaugh, Lillie Hon, Norma Weiss and Betty Jones.

Also celebrating birthdays in November were Henry King, the 16th, and Frank Snyder, the 25th. Many happy returns!



THE NEW LOOK

• Sam Donaldson, Stores Department, gives us a preview of what the well dressed man will wear next year. Sam recently returned from a trip to Scotland.



NEWLYWEDS

• Charles Beck, Research Department, and his bride pose with the pet pooch, Abdul.

We are glad to see Donna Oliver, Auditing, back with us after spending some time at the California Hospital.

Fred Jewett, also Auditing, is now at the California Hospital for an operation. Hurry and get well, Fred. We all miss you.

Cleo Douglas is on sick leave for a few months. Cleo is another member of Auditing.

Who is the admirer who sent Eileen Grieger, elevator operator, those beautiful violets the other day?

Opal Dubose and Ruth Holt would like to thank all of you for the lovely flowers sent to their sister, Goldie Walker, who passed away October 29.

A beautiful 17 jewel wrist watch was presented to Clarence Fisher, Auditing, as Worthy Patron 1947 of the Hollenbeck Chapter at the November 21 initiation of his daughter in the Eastern Star. Now you have time on your hands, Clarence.

Earle Wilson paid us a visit from Oakland last week. He is looking well and says he likes the northern city.

Retired Employes Association

by P. C. McNaughton

●OUR monthly meeting was held Thursday, November 13. Our president, Mr. Zuber, having come back from his annual hunting trip through Utah and Wyoming, was with us and reported bagging an elk and two deer. He is soon going on another trip for ten days to northern California.

One of our entertainers, who had promised a wonderful performance and program on the harmonica, got lost. After wandering around in the jungle of Avenue 28 and Idell Street, he finally found his way out and went home. He has, however, agreed to come again, this time under the services of a guide.

We had two excellent vocalists, Mrs. Savage, grand Opera singer, and Mrs. Gatewood, who sang Scotch songs, and also gave some very splendid piano numbers.

The Sunshine Orchestra, consisting of piano, guitar, and an old-fashioned accordion, played and sang many of the old songs so dear to our hearts. They were very much appreciated.

Some funny stories were told, which gave us a good laugh and somewhat filled the space left by our absent harmonica performer. A very enjoyable afternoon was voted.



PROMOTED

• Smiling Vic Lee was recently promoted to the position of Assistant Purchasing Agent, replacing H. D. Beebe, who left for a position in Oakland.

Transportation Transcripts

by C. A. (Jimmie) Schulz

YES sir, we got the word this time ahead of the boss, and what fun. We had a surprise party—a frolicsome little bit of diversion from our regular luncheon routine and surprised Mr. Wright on his birthday November 13, 1947.

Lots of bright and shining faces wished him well and had a good chin fest.

C. R. Clark, of the "Lost Articles Department," shared the honors with Wright on the receiving end of many glad hands and good wishes since on this selfsame day, a few years ago, he too first saw the light of smog.

Jean Hartnack, former secretary to Geo. Goehler, was our special guest and a cheerful little earful she was too—of good tidings and happy reminiscences of the days we spent together in the past. Come see us often, Jean!

Take a look at these names as they pass your eyes—boys and girls in our department who also had birthdays during the month of November: on the 2nd, L. T. Walker, head of the printing department; Nov. 3, Bertha Erret, telephone operator; Nov. 8, Max Rise, schedule cutter deluxe; Nov. 16, John Tillar, our janitor and handy man; Nov. 17, Ruth Boyles, Mr. Donnelly's able assistant; Nov. 23, Helen Wheeler, who jus' keeps a addin' up the miles; and on the 26th, Agnes Robertson in the timekeeping department. Smart, these timekeepers, you should see them—when one has a birthday, either he or she brings a cake—then Ray Roberts gets the ice cream—up jumps "Nutritious," and they all have a little birthday party at the time of their regular lunch hour.

For December birthdays congratulations to: O. H. Alwes, Traffic Observer, on the 3rd; R. E. L. Peterson, safety clerk, on the 10th; W. A. Lincoln, Special Agent, on the 13th; Violet Walton and Maynard Livingston, in timekeeping on the 17th, and Jim Hayner, our senior schedule clerk who is always so blithe and gay, on December 24th. . . . and "fellas," lest you forget, Jim Madigan had a birthday on the 9th of December. Take five and shake his hand in congratulations, and just see if that Irish smile doesn't warm the cockles of your heart in return.

Al Brehm, the boss's secretary, floated about the office with a broad smile, on the Saturday of the big game, in anticipation of his well earned vacation of the next fortnight. Al says he is going up to Oakdale to visit a couple of Aunties who specialize in good food and what with good fishing in the near proximity and Al's zest for good fun and his ability to greet "Southern Gentlemen," you know he's going to have a good time.

Al loves to fish, and Nip Whitman usually gives his

all for the sport too, but it seems that the Boss always comes home with the most fish.

Nimrods who donned their little "Red Caps" in the vicinity of Salt Lake City mountains and came home with the prizes were none other than Mickey Ryan and Tommie Thomason. Yours truly will bear witness to that fact in as much as Mickey, now a neighbor of mine, presented us with some luscious venison steaks that were enthusiastically relished and which added much to the joy and zest of our crisp Autumn weather, not to mention the fact that we know our butcher missed us for several days.

Leon De Mara, of the timekeeping department, stole through the woods of St. George with a group of "Red Cappers" and was successful too. When they arrived home they had seven deer heads with two carcasses. No sir, 'tweren't from huggin' the mug either. Leon reports that the hunting was so good around those parts that the Game Warden had to confiscate some of the booty of the overzealous huntsmen and thereby enriched the lives of some who were not so successful.

Hats off to a new member of our happy little family, who is Mildred Wargin, adopted on November 17, 1947. She will give you a "Line" in time and answer "Yes," to your "Information Please."

Comes time for sentiment too in our daily routine; and who knows lest you tell 'em so—these lovely people, who in our midst have been stricken ill or perhaps untimely blessed, are greatly missed.

Gertrude Wentz, PAX operator has been sick since October 31, and we sincerely hope she is definitely on the mend and that she will return to us real soon.

A stroll through California Hospital will lead you to V. G. Smith, a fine little man, who is fighting a big battle and has the situation well in hand.

Frank Nordyke is bedridden, too, from the effects of a major operation and is "Buddy Buddy" with Vic during his sojourn there. Seems as though I recall an epic little missive that went across my desk for a contribution of poetic rhyme for a boy in pain. You know we were all thinking about you Frankie even though we couldn't concoct a sonnet of fame.

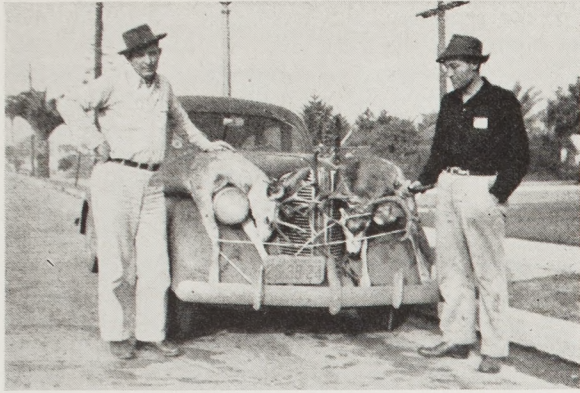
France Coppola has been confined to her home with an injured right shoulder since November 5, and all of her friends in the timekeeping department miss her greatly and hope for her early recovery.

L. J. Morris proudly passed out the cigars at the time of arrival of his bundle from Heaven, Gary Alfred, whose Mother is the former Billie Pinkard whom we all know.

MEET THE McGINTYS

• The big boy here is Billy McGinty, four year old son of "Mac" McGinty, Assistant Operating Manager. He is shown with his mother, Dorothy.





PROOF POSITIVE

• Proudly bringing home the venison are Tommy Thomason, Chief Instructor, Division Four, and Mickey Ryan, Assistant Chief Instructor. Just look at those antlers!

American Legion Auxiliary

by Janice Billings

TWO recent card parties were greatly enjoyed by all who attended. On November 15 we played at the home of Esther and Sam Wickam. December 13 we were entertained in the new home of Kathryn and Lee Sherman in Temple City. We are planning another one in the near future.

The eleventh birthday of the Post, which falls on December 1, was celebrated at Patriotic Hall on December 16. Everyone joined in the singing of Christmas carols, and later delicious refreshments were served by the Auxiliary.

Our sincere condolences are extended to two of our Post members in their bereavement. They are C. J. Jackson, whose wife, Amy, a charter member of the Auxiliary, passed away recently, and F. Favour, whose mother passed away in November.

Members of the Auxiliary are now working at the Brentwood Gift Shop, which was recently opened.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held January 6, at Patriotic Hall at 8:00 P.M. See you then.

American Legion

by T. E. Lowry, Adj.

THANKS to the nice turnout of L.A.T.L. employes, on November 18, the Post had a grand evening. We are grateful for the new members who joined the Post, and we wish to express our thanks to them and their wives for coming to our Post.

Comrade Lowry presented to Comrades Billings, Roche and Sparks a citation for their splendid work toward membership for the Post in 1947.

We are well represented in the Legion in Southern California, as Comrade Lowry has been awarded the office of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to the 17th District, L. A. County Council, and the 4th area.

The Post and Auxiliary went to Birmingham Hospital on Sunday, November 30, and presented the patients with cigarettes and magazines, both of which were really appreciated.

We still would like to have other new members and everyone is welcome, so come to the Post any time and visit. Bring along the wife or girl friend, also.

Reports From Five

by Ed Roche

CHRISTMAS brings gift-laden Santa Claus to the kiddies once each year, but our L.A.T.L. Safety Director, "Art" Tengblad, originated a plan, "Valuable Merchandise For Safety Points," which in effect makes every day Santa Claus Day for the platform personnel of Our Company,

W. R. "Bill" Gibson, one of our younger "aces," has used some of his Safety Points to buy a G. E. Portable Mixer, complete with juicer, which excellent home utensil will be an important one among many gifts which Bill will present to his lovely wife, Thelma, for Christmas. . . . Harvey G. Smith bought a G. E. Waffle Iron, and beautiful doll which Mrs. Smith will use to bring joy to a neighbor's child on Christmas Day. . . . W. R. "Sparky" Sparks, now of Division One, bought a G. E. Toaster and a G. E. Twin Waffle Iron which he presented to his charming wife, Margaret, for Thanksgiving. . . . C. W. Eiserman used some of his Safety Points to buy a Wear-ever Pressure Cooker. . . . S. Haas bought a Pressure Cooker. C. C. "Casey" Jones bought a Philco Radio. . . . Our friend and neighbor, Ray Davies, of Division 2, used some of his Safety Points to buy a G. E. Electric Oven which he presented to his charming wife, Gertrude, for Thanksgiving.

And so it runs, more and more L.A.T.L. families are reaping rich rewards for Safe Operation.

All platform employees at Five were awarded 100 Safety Points each for having the smallest number of "blind" accidents during the third quarter of 1947.

George Seale, an ardent angler for all kinds of fish, presented us with a beautiful polished Abalone shell of the "pink" variety.

Joe "Caruso" La Fond spent a happy autumn vacation improving his fine little ranchette home in the suburbs of Lennox.

Dave Hambly spent a pleasant vacation visiting relatives and friends in Oakland, California.

R. F. "Bob" Webber is once again wearing his happy smile because Mrs. Webber has recovered from a serious illness.

Harry Rolph and Mrs. Rolph vacationed in Grant's Pass, Oregon, and other points north. Harry says they had a lovely trip which was only slightly marred by the loss of his wallet containing \$40.00 and all his membership and other cards.

Hugh Best, formerly a Motorman and a Supervisor, now Chief Security Officer, U. S. Immigration Service, Terminal Island, was a recent visitor to Five where he was greeted by many old friends.

Esco U. Butcher who has been with our Company for 36 years, is very proud of the fact that he is now ranking motorman at Five. Esco is buying a nice little Ranchette adjoining retired Conductor "Doc" Dean at Pearblossom, California.

Coy Gordon and family recently spent a week-end at retired Operator Bob Manning's Shady Bend Ranch, Llano, California.

Art W. Traeger is glad to be back on duty after a severe attack of neuritis.

Mrs. Prospero J. Teixeira (popular Operatoress Doyle E. Williams) spent an enjoyable vacation visiting relatives in Texas.

Instructor R. M. "Bob" Walton and his lovely wife, Helen, spent a happy vacation motoring to Denver, Kansas City, Mo. (Helen's home town), Chicago, Dallas, El Paso, Carlsbad, etc.

Bill Sellen, Captain of "The Miss-Outs" Bowling Team of the L.A.T.L. League, says: "Bill Snoddy, Paul Schmidt, Jim Ferrell, and Slim Buffum are with me in saying, 'Gangway for the Miss-Outs as they roll on to the top!'"

Bill Sellen is also with the "L.A.T.L. Rollers" in the L.A. City 850 Scratch League.

Leo L. Leasman, a popular Conductor-Operator who served our Company for more than twenty-two years, and who is Senior Past Commander of L.A.T.L. Post No. 541, American Legion, has retired because of ill-health. Leo's countless friends will be glad to know he is getting along fairly well.

We are glad to hear that Tom Strobel is recuperating from a serious operation. Also, that at deadline time, Ken Sloan is resting well and bids fair to make a fine recovery from a very serious operation.

The unusually happy smile you see on the handsome face of Cash Receiver Glenn K. Tolle is because his lovely wife (nee Dorothy Reed) presented him with Margaret Susan, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, on Armistice Day.

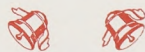
Jean Sprague, lovely secretary to Supt. Ervin, was married to handsome Bruce Gatlin of Five at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Forrester on the evening of Saturday, November 29. After a brief honeymoon, the happy couple will be at home at 1028½ West 91st St., L.A. 3. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

The Robert H. Smiths announce the arrival of Robert Lee on October 8. . . . Sandra Lynn was born to the W. K. Brights on October 14. . . . Delbert Jackson announces the arrival of little son, Dale, on October 29. . . . and Earl S. Frustaci reports the birth of Anthony on October 30. Our best wishes to each for a long life of happiness.

George Laird hopes to be well enough to return to duty at an early date.

Among others on the sick list are: A. J. Konecny, J. Gregory, C. E. Kelly, R. G. Lamoreaux, K. Poppe, G. C. Crowe, G. Cook, E. T. Smith, F. B. Mooreland, J. L. Wilcox, S. L. Kroeger and N. L. Johnson. We wish them an early recovery.

In keeping with the Yuletide spirit, we sincerely wish A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all.



Fellow Employes:

The year of 1947 is drawing to a close, and I wish at this time to express my appreciation to all of you for the wonderful cooperation and help you have given me in overcoming the many difficulties that we have faced with in the past.

To each one of you and your families the best of health and success in the coming year.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Superintendent, Div. Five
F. L. Ervin*



Pancho's Christmas

by Ronnie Mason



AROUND thees time of thee year everybody they hav' thee speerit of Creesmes. To geeve an' to get. More for thee to get. Thee stores they are feexed op like evereetheeng and the crowds she is buyeeng like nobodees beesness. Thee parkeeng lots she is filleeng op with Creesmes trees. On thees trees people weel hang fonny leetle balls wheech are no good, becos they break when you throw them. Aroun' thees tree they hang purty lights wheech burn out one globe at a time. Feexing thee lights ees part of thee Creesmes speerits.

Een thees country thee customs I like very much. They get one guy called Senor Scrooge, greeve heem thee works weeth thee speerits of Creesmes three times, an' beengo you hav' torned heem eento el Senor Santo Clos.

Bot een my country, you get one guy called Stooze, geeve heem thee speerits of anytheeng an' he weel raise a revolution. Torns heemself eento a general, an' that's been somehteeng. One foot onder thee presidente. An' six foots over thee ex-presidente.

Thees Santo Clos he ees a very nice chom. Anytheeng you ask of heem he weel geeve eet to you. Of corse he weel send you the beel for eet—after thee forst of thee year.

Thees Senor Clos he ees love everwon but the barber. He ees need a shave veree mucho. Everywhere you torn you meet weeth heem. Everbodee he ees telleeng heem what shee wants for Creesmes. He asked me whot ees eet I wont for Creesmes. I told heem right away what I want. Bot he says no, Pancho. Lana Torner, she ees gonna marry Teerone Power.

Then I ask heem for a ticket for thee footbol game at thee bowl weeth thee Roses. Senor Clos look veree sad and remark that thees is one stunt even Senor Clos cannot do.

I osk heem how my chances are of seeing thee game. He sais, As moch chance you hav' of seeing thee heaven.

I went to a party thee night of thee Creesmes. Wee played one kinda game wher you stand onder thee mees-thee-toe and thee gurls they weel kees you. When I stood onder eet, the gurls decided they wont to play thee blin-man-bloff. Next day I could not seet down. Bot for Pancho eet ees alrite becos eet makes me hoppy to weesh you:

FELIZ NAVIDAD Y UN PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO.

Streamliners

by Win Drake

CHRISTMAS is with us. I understand R. D. Burnett started early with his presents. He gave a woman directions with a dollar bill in the hand with which he pointed. When he woke up to the fact that the dollar was gone, he was well on his way out Pico. The woman had unwittingly (?) taken the dollar with her.

A boy about eleven years old said to a J car operator, "Can you hold that Florence-Soto bus?" The operator said he was sorry he couldn't but maybe the bus would miss the light. The boy all but flew to the curb but the bus made the light while the youngster was in a position of prayer on the curb, yelling, "Hold it!" However, the bus pulled around the corner and waited for the beaming boy to come across on his own light, his prayer answered.

J. D. Hawthorne was recently confined to Angelus Hospital for an appendectomy. At this writing J. D. is home and convalescent.

"Lefty" Waggoner, one of our switchmen, is the proud papa of a 7 pound baby girl born November 11, at Queen of Angels Hospital. The wee one's name is Catherine Marie. . . . More proud parents of recent date are "Tex" and Billie Morris. They welcomed a new son, Gary Alfred, to their fold on October 27. Gary outweighed Catherine by 6 ounces. . . . Cloyd and Irma Humbard are also in line for congratulations, as Toni Christina arrived November 12, weighing in at 5 pounds 6 ounces.

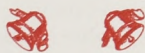
Just for fun, I asked the boys, "What do you want for Christmas?" Most of the answers I had were wishes for hunting and fishing equipment, gadgets for the car, a new changer, a power saw, and so forth. But let us from Division Four compose a letter to Santa Claus asking for things we need today and every day:

"Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring to me—

- (1) An understanding heart, that I may have more love for those with whom I come in contact.
- (2) A sympathetic eye, that I may see beyond the surface and know the true reasons for others actions.
- (3) A tolerant disposition, that I may agreeably consider opinions with which I do not agree.
- (4) A reverence for my fellow men, who are placed in this world to carry out our Master's wishes.
- (5) A conduct of life that will make others glad that I have lived."

Zounds and Gadzooks! Can this be the "Age of Innocence" or purely a case of arrested development? Seems as though a few of our more estimable trainmen are trad-



To Division Four Employees:

The Office Staff joins me in expressing to you, the Operators at Division Four, our sincere thanks for your cooperation during the past year, and extending to you and your families our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and the best of luck for the coming year.

J. A. Madigan



ing comic books, accompanied by a choice remark or two as to their intelligence. 'Twas really funny hearing about how two of our lads tried to out-do each other in elaborate speeches of presentation!

After all is said and done, we have a lot of grateful passengers riding our cars. This is all told in the magnificent letters of commendation written to some of our Operators. One of our boys received 10 in the span of the month.

"POME"

Over the hills and in the valley
The spirit of Christmas surely doth rally;
But up and down Broadway on the L.A.T.L.
The street decorations are certainly nil.

Once Overs from One

by P. Roxy

DON'T look now, Louie Patten, but while you were on vacation I sneaked over to the Operation Department and asked Mr. Vejar to give me a little 'info' on how you get that certain touch in your column, and this is what he gave me:

Instructor E. N. Jackson has been transferred to Division One and is doing a fine job. His pleasant personality has won the affection and respect of the Trolley Coach boys. More power to you, E. N.

It is with regret that Instructor Charlie Templin has been transferred from Division One to Division Two, by way of Texas. But we hope that everything will turn out well, and that we may soon see A. P. back on the job.

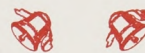
Trolley Coach Operator A. P. Bradshaw entered the California Hospital on November 25 for an operation on his left ear. Here's hoping for the best, and we hope to see A. P. back on the job soon.

E. W. Park, the A. M. clerk, is busy these days putting two by fours on a new house, which he and his family expect to move into when completed. We understand that his old house is for sale.

THUMBNAIL SKETCH

by Louis Patten

Ernest V. Athenous will shortly celebrate his twenty-seven years of service with the L.A.T.L. on his fifteenth birthday. Don't frown, fellows. Your scribe's seeming error is the mathematical truth. Ernie, you see, was born on February, the twenty-ninth, (leap year) in the miraculous city of Los Angeles.



To Division One Employees:

I wish to express my appreciation to the Trainmen, Office Force, and every one connected with Division One for the fine cooperation extended me this year. Without your fine cooperation we could not have accomplished the major changes the Company has put into effect.

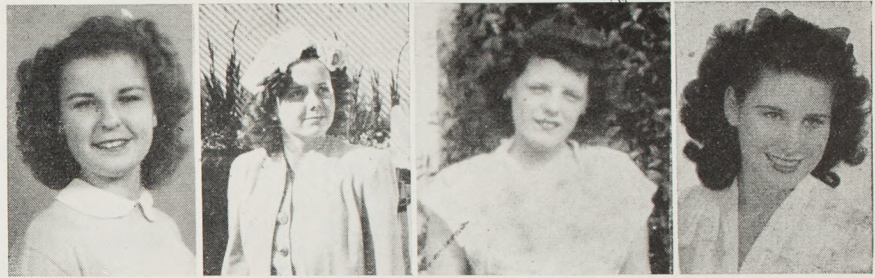
Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



A. E. Vejar

CHARMING QUARTET

• Left, Catherine Doerflinger, 17, the daughter of George Doerflinger, Division Five, and his wife, Lilly, is a senior at George Washington High. Next, Norma Lee Smalley, 16, is the daughter of Two Bells' Scribe, Tom Smalley, Department 20. Betty Jean Rozendal, also 16, is a sophomore at Hamilton High. She is the daughter of H. C. Rozendal, Division Five. Right, Patricia Lou Hess, 16, is a sophomore at George Washington High and the daughter of Ed Hess, Mechanical Department.



In all the twenty-seven years Ernie has been conducting and line instructing, he has not had one chargeable accident. He not only preaches safety, but he practices safety. I wonder if his cap, No. 100, is symbolic of his record.

Ernie's hobby is repairing changers and making useful miniature objects from cigar boxes and miscellaneous metals. He is currently enlarging his workshop in the rear of his house for the purpose of creating wood cut designs. Being situated at 5512 Barton Ave., Hollywood, near the R.K.O. studios, Ernie, when not working on the L.A.T.L. or hobbying, loves to watch the movie celebrities, who Ernie says actually do walk by his house.

The L.A.T.L. boasts of another champion of cheer in the person of Anna M. Athenous, Ernie's wife, who is the secretary-treasurer of the Women's Club of the L.A.T.L.

South Park Diary

by Billy Pinder

SEASON'S greetings from South Park Shops to everyone. It's that time of the year again when everyone's in a holiday mood.

Bill Cox and family express their gratitude to all the boys and girls who were so kind and generous to them after their recent auto accident. We are glad to report Bill and family are progressing nicely and Bill will report for work in the near future.

Dorothy Delp (Mr. Reynolds' Secretary) is one of our newer employes, having become a member of our staff in June, 1947. By now she is a very efficient and hard working part of the Purchasing Department. Dorothy was born in Chicago, and has lived in L.A. the last two years. She is an ardent follower of all sports but particularly enjoys tennis. When queried about her hobbies, Dorothy looked your reporter in the eye and said just one word MUSIC. Intensive grilling found that she plays the piano.

It was the 10 A.M. smoking period the other day, and Roy Olascuga rushed to his locker, opened his lunch pail and started to eat his lunch. He got half way through it and told some of the boys that he really didn't feel hungry and would any of the boys like some lunch, giving away all of his lunch. Then came the dawn, the whistle blew, and the fog cleared. It wasn't 12 o'clock, but 10 A.M.!

Jean Woolley really goes all out in entering the spirit of any occasion and Christmas will be no exception. A sprig of mistletoe in the hair, no less. Very original, and it really pays off.

Al Oliveri has real, honest-to-goodness chickens, a fact which classes him as a farmer (?) in his spare time.

When he goes home to gather the eggs, he is thrilled if he gets even one and is all smiles the next day. But when the old hens go on strike, he is down in the mouth and swears he is going to put every last one of them in the pot.

We are glad to see "Scotty" Carmichael back with us again after undergoing a serious operation. He looks years younger.

"Hoot Mon, I Dinna Ken." Samuel (Scotty) Donaldson is back again after a trip to Bonnie Scotland. Scotty says it is plenty tough over there and that he is sure glad to be back in L.A.

We all notice Richard Venable's lily white hands. When asked how he kept them so white. "Duz does it," sez he. (Apologies to Miss Hush.)

We welcome John Pleiser, who plays a very nice trumpet, and Emil Richtarik, who treated us with some accordian solos, to the Shop's Orchestra.

Among those enjoying late vacations are: Bill Cox, Perry Du Bose, Frank Young, Chuck Lucas, Laurence DeBejar, and Frank Young. Have a good time, boys. We'll be seeing you the first of next year.

We just learned why George Yale is beaming these days. He has just become a Grandpop again. "Yes sir," says he, "and let me tell you it's a boy." George claims the reason why he has lived so long and is still so young at heart is because he chews, smokes, drinks, and swears, all at which he is equally skillful, and doesn't forget to listen to the latest assortment of tunes on the Juke Boxes. What a man!

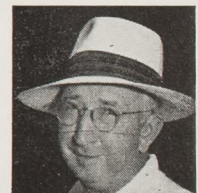
That's all for now, so here's hoping Santa is good to all of you and A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year to Everyone.

To the Personnel of the Railway Equipment Department and South Park Shops:

Once more the holiday season that means so much to us is here. It is with pleasure that we look back over the year 1947, and I want 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
Supt. of Railway Equipment



"Trolley Buzzes"

by Ronnie "Hoss" Mason

SMUDGE

WHERE she was born, to whom, and of whom, is as dark a secret as the mangy, matted coat of hair in which she made her appearance on the first day of operation.

Her steps were as uncertain as a Wino's promenading up Fifth Street to the Salvation Army's prayer meeting. And her intentions just as decided—something to eat.

She was a very young kitten, about a month or so old. Very unwise to the ways of the world—and naturally, being unwise, was unwanted.

As females go, she was coy. She made her presence known at lunch, only by the slightest purr and the most heart-rending sigh she was capable of delivering at the time.

One of the mechanics, being a male, was chivalrous. He was all for feeding and adopting the she-thing as our official mascot. His motion was carried unanimously.

Now she walks with the feline grace of a strutting debutante and she has shed her ragged coat of faded black for a lustrous one of midnight blue. Transition—from Main Street to Hollywood—from alleged alley cat to official mascot of the Trolley Coach Division.

Toms excluded, she is the apple of the eyes of Bob and Mrs. Hinze.

L. B. Biggs, "the voice of 21." The new amplifying Gizmo has given our friend Biggs the vocal range of a Caruso. Of course, we understand what he's talking about. But that poor cow that broke loose from the packing house corral—she was surely disappointed.

Ever since Bob Marsden moved to his new home, "out there where the west begins," he's been changing his appearance more and more. Wears his hair longer, for one thing. But, cowboy boots just to go hiking? Hoss, I don't believe it.

Eddie Kimmons is a dead ringer for "Rochester," especially when he gives out with "The Downtown Poker Club." However, "Shorty" Boyd, a newcomer to our gang, thinks that Dave Perlin can out do him in a hog-calling contest.

Jimmie Ferry planed to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, just in time to help the natives with some fire-fighting. His folks hardly recognized the guy. He's gained two pounds since he left home for the Navy five years ago.

The delight of the laundry man and the headache of



"keep clean" Bob Hinze is Murray Szathmary. 'Tis said of him that he can get dirtier, faster, and with less effort, than a rabbit can learn his multiplication tables. This from Dennis Allen, confirmed bachelor and student of Animal Husbandry.

Renwick Ells to his second shift crew: "Incidentally, fellows, Merry Christmas an' Happy New Year."

Now, how's this for getting six of the fellows' names in one item: WASHINGTON TOLES the BELL of JUSTICE at the CHAPELL on the HILL.

Charlie Smith and Caesar Canales extend their best wishes to their respective crews during the Holidays.

Marion Williamson, wife of Operator Ed Williamson, is home recovering from a major operation. Ed says she feels so good, it is hard to keep her in bed.

It seems as though the stork has been very busy at this division recently. Dale and Evelyn Brumbaugh had a baby boy who first saw the light of day at St. Vincents Hospital. He is Alvin Dale and weighed 5 lbs. 9 oz. . . . Mary Ann Cianciola, weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. when the medics weighed her in at the California hospital. She is the daughter of Vince and Thella Cianciola. . . . At the Wilshire Hospital, Kenneth Olson was pacing the floor when the nurse announced that Josephine had presented him with a future coach operator, Brian Charles, weight 6 lbs. 5 oz.

Sour Grapes from Vineyard

by H. M. Young

RECENTLY Clarence Wolfe wanted to play the part of the Good Samaritan by stopping by Clerk Kenneth E. Funk's home at 4:30 A.M. and bringing him to work. However, upon his arrival the house was all dark, so Clarence thought he would wait a few minutes to see if Kenneth would appear. After waiting several minutes and afraid he would miss out, he glanced at his watch and was surprised to see it was 3:30 A.M. instead of 4:30 A.M.

We welcome to the mechanical department two men from the Los Angeles Transit Lines, Superintendent J. M. Buchan and Leonard Turk as Foreman. These men have an enviable record at Division 2 and their co-workers were sorry to see them leave. Best of luck to both of you in your new positions.

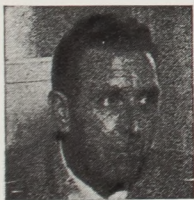
Richard Veeh came up to the Cashiers' window at 5:15 A.M. and asked for his check, but was told it would not be pay day until the next day. It seems Dick was a day early.

Speaking about checks reminds us of two operators, Ray Teeter and Norman DeGalloway. These men carry their checks around for weeks at a time without getting



To the Employees of Department 21:

It gives me real pleasure to have this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who has helped make our new project, The Trolley Coach Division, a success. And may I also, at this time, wish you and your family — A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



H. J. Hinze



Greetings to All the Operators at Vineyard:

I am once again happy to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your loyalty and co-operation during 1947 has been much appreciated.

Sincerely
A. C. Tieman



them cashed. It think I will ask Roy and Norman what their formula is for becoming wealthy.

The quiet of the night was recently broken by the ringing of the telephone in the clerk's office at 3:00 A.M. Burrill Zimmerman was calling to go on sick leave. He explained that he had retired about 11:00 P.M. and at 1:00 A.M. was awakened by a severe coughing spell. He coughed so hard he fell out of bed striking his head on a sharp instrument, knocking himself out. His wife took him to the receiving hospital where he had several stitches taken in his head.

John Turner came into the trainroom whistling and feeling in good humor to go to work at 4:30 A.M. But when he called for his run, he was told it did not pull out until 12:25 P.M. What a lot of sleep he missed.

We rejoice with John and Florence DeLoughery in the recovery of their five year old son, John, who was stricken recently with an unknown ailment, running a temperature of 104°. After being hospitalized for a week, the medics could not find out what was wrong, but they managed to stop the fever. John and Florence also have a little girl, Dorothy, age 3.

Operator James E. Hoover was hurrying to the coach to go to work when he slipped and fell knocking himself out. He was taken to the receiving hospital then sent home. Hope to see you around soon, James.

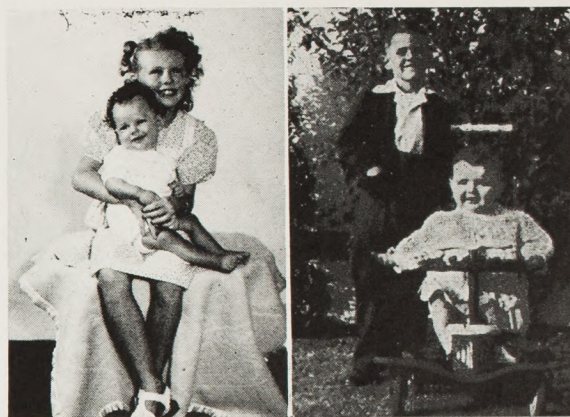
Snafu from Two

by Bill Middleton

ANYONE attending the U.C.L.A.-S.M.U. football game and turning their field glasses from the grid to three particular seats on the 50 yard line, would have seen a little guy we all know, R. J. Jackson, being unduly pounded by Jello Burgman and R. J. Corbett. The latter two U.C.L.A. fans were taking a beating on the grid but were really working Jackson over in the rooting section. Jack, a real Texan, was in high spirits at S.M.U.'s victory.

The boys around the division have been smoking good cigars the last few days at Eugene Vinett's expense. Gene just became the proud father of a baby girl, christened Linda Jean, weighing 7 pounds 6 oz. The mother, Carmella, and the new little arrival are doing fine, but Gene looks the worse from smoking his own cigars.

I doubt if there is a man in Division Two who isn't acquainted with Bill (Pop) Dawkins, the dapper fellow with the huge crooked stem pipe. Pop looks much, much younger than his 61 years, but he insists he is 61 and the father of two and grandfather of 5. His experience in the field of transportation goes way back to 1900, when Bill first was initiated into the hauling of human cargo on the Monon, Penn, and Nickleplate R.R. From then on he says he was fascinated by transportation, so in 1904 he started with the T.H.I. & E. which is one of Indiana's oldest systems. He remained there until 1913. Then came the Michigan R.R. lines from 1913 thru World War I to 1929, and from 1929 to 1936 the Milwaukee R.R. and Light Co. Bill first came to this property in 1942 and has spent most of his 5 years working Beverly Blvd. Bill's son, by the way, has been a mechanic for L.A.M.C. for 6 years. Well, I say "hats off" to a man who has spent the greater part of his life working with the public and still thinks they are a pretty nice lot. And, incidentally Bill is planning a big Christmas reunion with all the family.



BROTHER AND SISTER ACTS

• Left, Laurel Swanson, 8, and her brother, Curtis, 6 months. These are the beautiful grandchildren of E. W. Swanson, Division One Mechanical. Right, Robert Charles, 5, and Charlene Nancy, 7 months, are the apples of the eye of John Hope, Vineyard, and his wife, Charlotte.

Ham Hamilton says his two sons are all hopped up over the coming of Santa Claus, but they hope Old Nick doesn't go broke before he gets to their house.

Tex Harlan feels there really is a Santa Claus. The fellows at Division Two presented Tex with a pen and pencil set, and a new cap with a gold band on his birthday. It's just like Christmas, Tex says.

L. W. Stevenson, Clerk, says for Christmas he wants everything to run smooth as silk. No Miss-Outs, No Trouble. Steve has to work Christmas day. Don't feel bad, Steve. So do I.

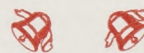
Harold Culver tells me that Donald and Gary, his two sons, are really on their best behavior these days anticipating a big Christmas with stockings filled with lots of goodies and toys.

Joe Burns has one thing in particular he wants from St. Nick: an apartment—"furnished." Joe didn't get any definite promise from the Old Gent with the whiskers, but you can't tell. Wonderful things happen this time of year.

Tiny Wright wants a gasoline station for Christmas, and believe me he needs it for not only is Tiny the biggest man in Division Two, but he also has the biggest car. That Packard must be at least as long as a 6600. Eh, Tiny?

V. E. Courtney is going to use devil grass for Mistletoe this year. He claims to have the best crop of it in the state. Put your orders in now. V. E. will be glad to supply all demands.

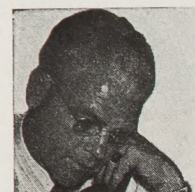
H. E. Vespa and wife are having one of those Italian Christmas dinners at home with the kids, Joan, 18, and Robert, 14. Vespa is expecting his wife's folks from Arizona to be with them to help celebrate the holiday.



To Division Two Employees:

I take this opportunity to thank you one and all for your splendid cooperation during the past year. I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

R. J. Corbett



Blow-Bys

by Tom Smalley

OPERATOR, will you please call Prospect 7211, Extension 211, for me? Thank you. Hello, gang. This is your scribe calling to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

By the way, what are you doing over the holidays? Art Leisure tells me that he has a job as a baby sitter during his off hours. I forgot to ask him how old the baby is.

Al Mort, trimmer in Department 11, bought himself some new store teeth so that he can do justice to his Christmas turkey.

Nat and Rose Duron are expecting a host of friends to drop in over the holidays. They have two turkeys all ready to satisfy the inner men.

Walt Powell bought a turkey, took it home, and then found it was too big for his roaster. Being a man of action and resourcefulness, Walt went out and bought a larger roaster. It wouldn't go in his oven. So, now he says he will have to buy a larger stove but if he does he will have to find a larger apartment. Ah, well—such is life, Walter.

Ray Worfel and his wife, Florence, are driving to Eugene, Oregon, to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother and brothers.

Tucson, Arizona, is the destination of Jimmy Homar, who will visit his mother and father.

Joe Caringello has plenty to be thankful for this year. Joe was in a serious automobile accident, but is now out of the hospital and back on the job once more.

Bob Frampton also had an accident. It seems a window fell on his head. Next time you leave the house, use the door, Bob.

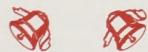
Can any of you fellows give an assist to Chuck Bauman? He has to vacate his present abode and would be very thankful if someone would find him a house to move into.

We certainly do miss Jimmy Summers around the place. Jimmy retired recently and the boys in the unit room had a going away party for him. Ice cream, cake, and everything.

Another lathe has arrived for Department 20 and Bob Van Osdol is the capable machinist running it.

Homer Porcher gave me some inside dope the other day. Homer says that one of our mechanics is writing what he hopes will be a best seller. Our budding young author is none other than Tom Watts.

Vern (Jo Miller) Lacey, formerly of Motor Coach, is now at South Park and says that he thinks our shops are A-1.



To My Fellow Employes:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all employes of Departments 11 and 20, and their families. The splendid cooperation given by you men this past year has made it possible for this to become one of the finest automotive repair shops in America. We can all well be proud of this accomplishment.

Norman Lane

Supt. Automotive, S. Park Shops



MEN OF DISTINCTION
• Harold Calver, Division Two, proudly shows off his two fine sons, Donald and Gary.

I walked in on Joe "Red" Crawford, our own inimitable welder, the other day and for a moment though that he was building a flying fortress. Joe soon straightened me out. He said that he was building a king sized mail box for Norm Lane. When I left, Joe was putting a thick sponge rubber crash pad in the bottom. There's one thing I want to know: Is Norm expecting mail that will possibly break? And maybe even leak a little bit? Huh?

Jess Jobe reports that his wife, Arlene, is now recovering, following a major operation at Centinella Hospital.

George Reese is back on the job after being on the sick list for quite awhile.

Well, fellows, I guess that I had better hang up now, as someone else may want to use the phone. Seen you next year.

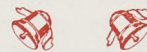
Virgil Venom

by Roy Matzenbacher

DECEMBER has everyone up here at Virgil in a rush of work and last minute Christmas shopping. We are surprised at some of the things the fellows want for Christmas. Bob Salbo and Tommy Thompson have their eyes set on a new diesel. They say those "Whites" are a little cold these early mornings—even Hill Street doesn't warm them up.

Howard Beardsley has the right idea when it comes to getting the heavy work done around his house. He had Charlie Dunbar, Guy Dossey, Ernie Gorton, and Jack Stewart over to help him put in his patio and sidewalk in his backyard. All Howard had to do was to promise the boys some refreshments. The next day at work low moans and groans were heard from every office.

Chuck Meyers now has a new house trailer—any day we expect to see Chuck and his brother Ray pulling it



Fellow Employes:

It is again my privilege to extend to all of you my sincere thanks for your splendid cooperation during the past year.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Jack Stewart

Supt., Virgil Division





**MASON
MOPPETS**

• Two names which are surely on Santa's list are Carol Ann Mason, six, and her brother, Billy, age four. They are the children of Clair Mason, Auditing Department.

down Sunset with their motorcycles.

Since the motor room has been removed from Virgil, the number 1 man on the seniority list is downstairs again. William "Willie" Williams has been with us for twenty-three years—and he says he's good for another twenty-three.

Virgil doesn't look the same these days now that all of the 4000 and 4100 coaches are gone—all we have now are the 3300 Whites.

Dan Getchell, Harry "Pop" Reid, and Earl Wheeler will now tell you that the Whites are almost as good as the old 40's. Dan says he didn't think the Whites would go over the Allesandro bridge—but now that he's found out, he sometimes wonders how the 40's ever did it.

Walter Burris spent his vacation looking for and buying a new home. By now he should be enjoying the luxury and the hard work of having that "home of your own."

H. K. Bradbury is back at work and resting up from vacation back Kansas way. Brad reports that he had very good luck hunting duck, quail, etc.

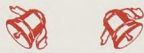
Open Letter to Santa Claus:

Bob Arrington would like a new Chevrolet to replace his 1923 model. . . . Wendell Albright wants a bouquet of four roses. . . . Herb Hargraves wants a new shingle to go with that Law Degree. (Everyone at Virgil is glad to see that night school finally paid off for Herb.) . . . Wales Anderson wants a house a little closer to town. That Sunland drive is beginning to wear both Wally and his car down. . . . Helen Pearsall wants some clothes with that "new look."

Just in case Santa forgets that electric train we ordered, we went out and bought one today.

As a Christmas present for everyone here at Virgil, we hope for the quick recovery of Fred Jacobson.

And now we would like to add our own wish for a very Merry Christmas to everyone.



Fellow Employees:

My first year at Division Three has been a very happy one. I have never worked with a finer, more loyal group of men and women, and know that your splendid cooperation will continue throughout the coming year.

A very Merry Christmas and happy, prosperous New Year to all of you!

T. O. Latham

Superintendent, Division Three



The Hillbilly Boys

by L. B. Meek

WELL, here we go again. Only this time it has to be something that is readable, for Santa Claus may get hold of it.

Last month I mentioned that Bill Lynn was about due to go for his deer. Well, he made it all right, and when he came back he had an elk. He has promised me a picture. Since I can't eat a picture, I'll send it along to Two Bells.

I have about decided that this idea of buying raffle tickets is not as easy as they always try to tell you it will be. I purchased enough before Thanksgiving to have paid for a turkey outright—and still no turkey.

We noticed that Helen and Wiley Sumrow took the same days off in the shake up. Now, I wonder which doesn't trust who.

George Melcher has the idea that his friends have all deserted him. After he was home two weeks, he told us that he has been in the hospital for an operation. Don't wait until it is all over next time, George. Tell us ahead of time.

Harry Gilmore went up to Sacramento last week to do some work on his place but the mist got so heavy that it ran down the drain pipes and sewers, too. So he had to give it up and come home. Try it in August next year, Harry.

It is time to offer our congratulation to a couple who have been able to enjoy the pleasures of married life together for twenty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson held open house on October 22, and were hosts to some one hundred and fifty friends, neighbors, and relatives, who gathered to help them celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. We wish you many more happy years.

Single bliss does not always seem to be the best, so Johnnie Douthitt took himself a lady named Edith Dewey and off to San Francisco they went and got married. Now we hope they live happy forever more.

The grapevine tells us that one operator, B. R. Davis, slipped off and did it, too. But with whom did he go? Don't keep it a secret, Davis, Let it out. They say it happened on November 27.

Say, did you ever have something happen to you that awakened you suddenly? Well, that was what happened to C. W. (Tommy) Thompson the other morning when he came into the division about half asleep and called for his run at 4:30 A.M., only to find that someone else had already called for it. He then discovered he had come down to work on his day off!

M. E. Jenkins got the surprise of his life, also, when he was called in to the office only to find that someone, who had been a passenger on his coach and bought a pass from him, had two passes instead of one. So while Jenkins was worrying about the dollar and a half shortage, this honest person sent the extra pass to the company for him.

We regret that it was necessary for D. B. Christianson to make a trip back east recently on account of sickness in the family.

Santa Claus will find a new customer in the home of J. W. Perry, when he comes. His name is Joseph Eugene and he was born November 20. Congratulations, parents.



Short Circuits

by *Walter Whiteside*

LET'S start off this holiday column by extending to each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Congratulations are in order to "Red" and Mrs. Crowell on the birth of Diana Lynn, November 21. Red was so sure of the date that he started his vacation two weeks early. We tried to tell him, but he wouldn't listen, so Diana was born on the last day of his vacation.

Congratulations are also due Harry Channon, who slipped away and married Norma Woodmore on November 15. Best wishes to both of them.

Owen Moser flew out of town and ended up in good old Pennsylvania. He visited his brothers and relatives, whom he hadn't seen in thirty years. When he arrived, he spotted his brother walking down the street, so he walked up to him and attempted to place him under arrest. His brother was very surprised to see him, and Mose reports they all had a "darn good time."

Dick McDevitt is spending some time off—you know where. He might get more than a block away from his house, but we doubt it.

Bob Gilliland, Way & Structures, just flew back into town with a ten gallon hat. As we suspected, he says he had a swell time in Texas and New Mexico.

These past weeks have surely been tough on Monte Munn, storekeeper at Pepper Yards, according to Johnny Harris. Monte is a rabid U.C.L.A. and Ram Football fan, and when these teams were consistently losing, Monte's weekends were very gloomy.

William Banbury wishes to take this means of thanking everyone for the cards and their interest during his recent illness.

The Eager Beaver bowling team, representative of the Electrical Department, is plugging right along. At the time of this writing, they are in third place.

We sincerely wish that by the time this comes out, Harold Copp, Joe Marshall, F. I. Flynn, Tom Hunter, Homer Runyon and Gene Laycox are all back on the job.

Dear Santa:

(Continued from Page 11)

- L. A. Motor Coach
- L. A. Moore—Courteous & affable
- M. D. Val—Very courteous
- L. Baca—Kind & helpful
- W. E. Irving—Always calls streets
- W. V. Rathbone—Most courteous & careful
- G. L. Blackstad—Calls streets & transfer points
- O. G. C. Lady—Very alert & careful
- Charles Ballenger—Very efficient & pleasant
- K. L. Olson—Thoughtful & generous
- F. D. Wilson—Capable & efficient
- P. B. Greet—Excellent conduct & service
- V. G. Cianciolo—Very courteous & conscientious
- E. C. Byrne—Very nice & courteous
- E. W. Feb—Pleasant & careful
- David Sporman—Outstanding courtesy & ability
- Lillian Jennings—Efficient & pleasant
- H. M. Turnridge—Truly a gentleman
- W. D. Rupert—Extremely courteous & efficient
- S. R. Lockhart—Congenial & considerate
- E. E. Varela—Courteous & helpful

As We Go To Press . . .

. . . word is received that Clyde Tengblad, son of Safety Director C. A. Tengblad, and his wife, Peggy, are the proud parents of a 6 lb. 7 oz. baby girl, Patricia, born December 8 at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Congratulations to both the parents and grandparents!

The Last Terminal

JAMES A. Gillespie, Special Roll, passed away August 17. Mr. Gillespie was born in 1863 in Pennsylvania. He was employed by the company in 1907 as motorman, Division Two.

Mrs. Edward O. Thurtell, wife of E. O. Thurtell, Special Roll, passed away November 4.

Mrs. Ulah I. Kern, wife of W. R. Kern, Division Five, passed away November 6.

Mrs. Christopher J. Jackson, wife, C. J. Jackson, Division Five, passed away November 15.

Milton D. Cass, Mechanic, Department 20, passed away November 17. Mr. Cass was born in 1893 in Nebraska. He was employed as Mechanic in March, 1937.

Victor G. Smith, Schedule Department, passed away December 6. Mr. Smith was born in Nebraska in 1898. He entered the service in 1921 at Division Three. He transferred to Division Two in 1925 and was appointed Schedule Checker in September of this year.

Our condolences are extended to the bereaved families.



Editors Observe

THE cover this month depicts the Los Angeles Transit Lines' official Christmas message. Inside car cards, outside posters, and passes, all carried the same theme.

This year Santa came to Los Angeles by every known form of transportation except his proverbial sleigh. He came by submarine and helicopter, by airplane and train, and after he had arrived, he traveled about the city on a transitliner. The Downtown Business Men's Association was responsible for all the publicity on St. Nick's arrival and our back cover is one of the pictures taken as he waved at the kiddies who lined the sidewalks.

And Santa Claus wasn't the only one who did his Christmas traveling by car and coach as you all know.

Your editors are pretty proud of this Christmas issue, especially of the column section. Your scribes have done a marvelous job of gathering the news and putting it down in a readable manner, not only for this issue but all year.

Ronnie Mason, one of the newer reporters, brought considerable comment to the office with his feature "Pancho at the Football Game", which appeared in the last issue. This month Pancho has a Christmas story. We hope this little paisano with his mixed up verbs continues to grace the pages of Two Bells. C. A. "Jimmy" Schulz is the newest scribe, taking Phyllis Breitsprecher's chore of dishing the dirt for the Transportation Department. Welcome, Jimmy.

Incidentally, the scribes got together for their Third Annual Staff Dinner and Editorial Conference a few weeks ago at the Jonathan Club. Everyone had a fine time and planned a number of editorial surprises for next year. L. A. Reeves was the host for the evening.

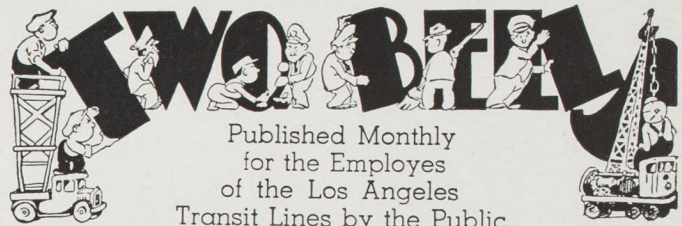
The rush of buyers into the downtown stores has certainly been packing the cars and coaches. One of the boys at Division One has dubbed this holiday time the "Christmas Squeezin'". We think that about sums it up.

In closing this column, the last one for 1947, we are printing a poem by one of our transit poets, Louis Patten of Division One.

Christ's Birthplace

THE epic of Christ I now retrace,
Conceive a moral from that sacred scene;
The star of Bethlehem still shines serene,
That lit the earth with kindness from His face;
And blessed two thousand years with godly grace.
I hear His mighty call, the echo keen
Thundering through the skies, that I may glean
The truth from holy Mary's sweet embrace.
The men and beasts that saw His vision rise
Were awed to see the light around His head;
The manger far surpassed the halls of kings:
The moral is that great souls lift all eyes,
Transform the lowly place and stable shed;
Transcend the realm of base and earthly things.

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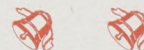
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To Our Readers:

IT has been our pleasure to record the events of the year 1947, which is about to come to a close. Two Bells is the mirror of the Los Angeles Transit Lines, and within its pages it reflects the news affecting the organization and its employes.

There has been much to report, for each day brought new changes as the company continued to streamline and modernize its transit operations. Our chore has been most enjoyable.

We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Two Bells Staff



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