

Bringing You the  
Season's Greetings





May All  
Your  
Christmases  
Be Merry

The year of our Lord 1948 will soon march into history and another chapter in our lives closes forever.

The end of the year is made joyous because of the Yuletide Season. And it is right that we should be joyful, that we should feel the Christmas Spirit, and that we should commemorate the Birth of Christ. We are most fortunate to have each twelfth month a season when peace on earth, goodwill toward men reigns supreme.

In man's life span of three score years and ten, he is allowed but seventy Yuletide Seasons. The first few are glowing blurs on the baby memory. Those of the childhood are bright glorious events when Santa Claus and the thrill of Christmas fills the young heart. The true Spirit of Christmas comes with age when man recognizes that the Star of Bethlehem is a symbol of peace on earth, goodwill toward men; when he recognizes that that star shines as brightly today as it did when it heralded the Prince of Peace two thousand years ago.

But, seventy Christmases are none too many for each life time, so each Christmas should be a most joyful occasion.

May the Spirit of Noel ring out to you and yours a most joyful Yuletide Season, and may all your Christmases be Merry.

*J. Manning*

President



# It's A Candy Cane

## Christmas



THE Candy Cane coach and the Candy Cane cars which were painted at South Park shops under sponsorship of the Los Angeles Downtown Business Men's Association have created considerable comment. Their peppermint stick stripes could be seen for miles as they plied the various lines.

They were introduced to Los Angeles with the lighting of the world's largest Christmas tree which stands in Pershing Square. On their first trip they carried one hundred orphans to this event.

The Mayor of the City christened the vehicles in front of the City Hall with a huge candy stick at a ceremony which included Dorothy Malone, Warner Bros. star, and members of the City Council. Each vehicle was piloted by a Santa Claus and the eyes of the youngsters, passing by on the sidewalks, grew wide with amazement. The noted Masquers Club rode the Candy Cane coach to Pershing Square for their Christmas show for the kiddies, held on Monday the 20th.

At the Christmas Tree lighting, J. N. Hallock, Division 3, was the Santa Claus. Children crowded around him and he did a marvelous job of answering questions and accepting their appeals for gifts.

Much credit goes to Cone T. Bass, our Vice President,

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• T. J. Manning, President, Los Angeles Transit Lines, presents the Candy Cane vehicles to Mayor Fletcher Bowron for the Christmas season. The Mayor dedicated the vehicles to bring a very Merry Christmas to Los Angeles. The young lady in the doorway is Dorothy Malone, Warner Bros. star, and the gentleman next to Santa Claus is Stewart K. Widdess, President of the Downtown Business Men's Association.

• The Candy Cane coaches line up for the dedication ceremonies in front of the City Hall.





• Cone T. Bass, Vice President, and J. T. Watts, General Superintendent of Railway Equipment, watch the Candy Cane car as it is taken from the paint shop on the South Park transfer table.



• Janis Paige and Jack Carson, Warner's stars, hand out candy canes to the children from the Los Angeles Orphanage who rode the Candy Cane coach to Pershing Square. Manney Borin, Vice President of Thrifty Drug Company, on the left, furnished the candy canes for this occasion.

• The Masquers rode the Candy Cane coach to their Christmas Kid Show at Pershing Square. Shown are: Barry Bernard and Allan Hale going over the script of the show, at the Masquers Club house.



for the success of this undertaking in street car and motor coach art. He worked with representatives of the Downtown Business Men's Association in arranging the paint jobs and the schedules which were to be followed.

The actual painting was done at South Park paint shop under the direction of Harold Cass. First, the entire vehicle was covered with white paint, then masking tape was applied and the red stripes sprayed on carefully. Final touches were done with small brushes and the lettering on the side was done in peppermint stick style.

Painting cars and coaches for special events has been a South Park project now and then for a number of years. The first paint job was the War Bond car, which was all decked out in blue, silver and white at the beginning of the war, to help sell bonds. Then followed the Navy car. Because of its success a car and coach were painted to attract help for the railway who at that time suffered a severe shortage of manpower. The never-to-be-forgotten Tiger trolley made its appearance on the streets. This PCC car had a huge mouth with teeth similar to the famous tiger planes that flew in China during the war. The Tiger trolley had one gold tooth and the words "Become a trolley Pilot" were painted on the sides. The Community Chest vehicles with the "red" feather also attracted considerable attention and, later, the Community Chest coach which carried people on "Come and See" tours, having removal huge red feathers was novel. This vehicle is still in use.

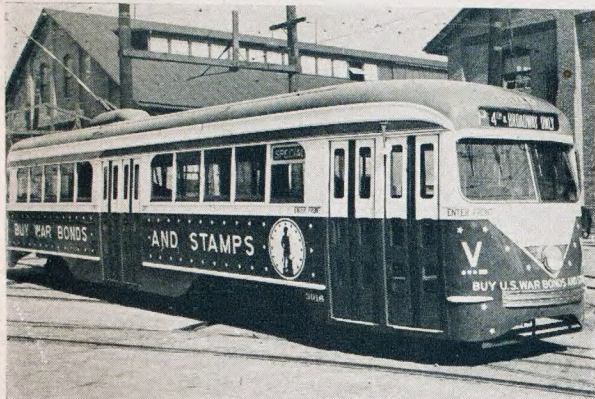
Hundreds of thousands of people have seen the Candy Cane vehicles as they have operated in every section of the city and they have brought a warm smile to those who chance to board them during the Christmas rush. The downtown stores and candy manufacturers were quick to take advantage of the Candy Cane motive. The association known as the Los Angeles Tobacco & Candy Table, donated 3,000 candy canes to the kids who attended the Masquers show in Pershing Square.

The Candy Cane coach and the Candy Cane cars have spelled "Christmas" for a great number of people, and those responsible should be complimented because of the goodwill the vehicles have created.

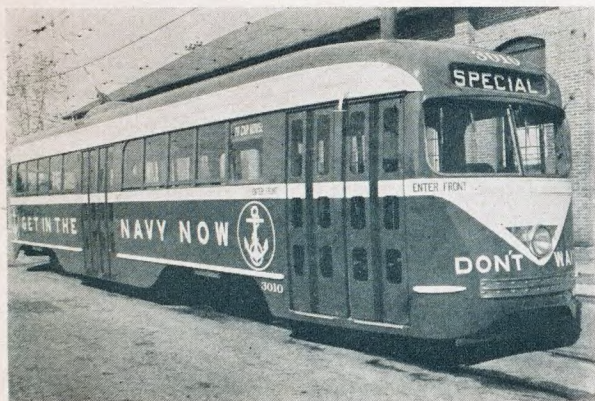
• Knee deep in orphans are Stephen O'Donnell and Guy Gifford at the Tree Lighting ceremonies in Pershing Square.



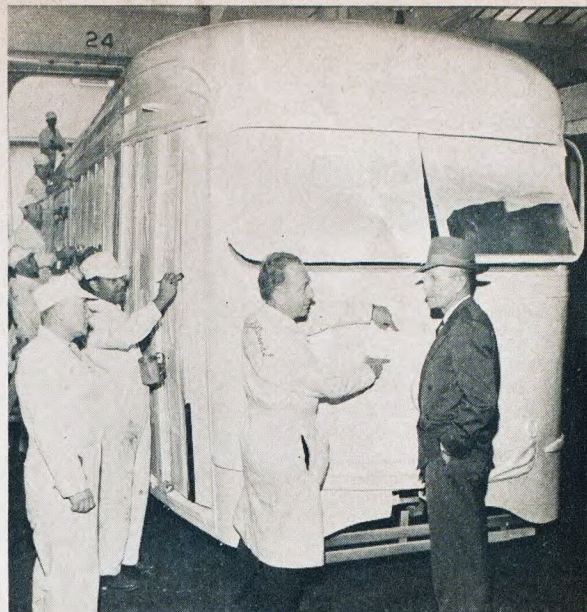
South Park artists have painted other Masterpieces in the past



• The War Bond car helped to sell war bonds as it rolled along the highways.



• The Navy car did much to stimulate recruits.

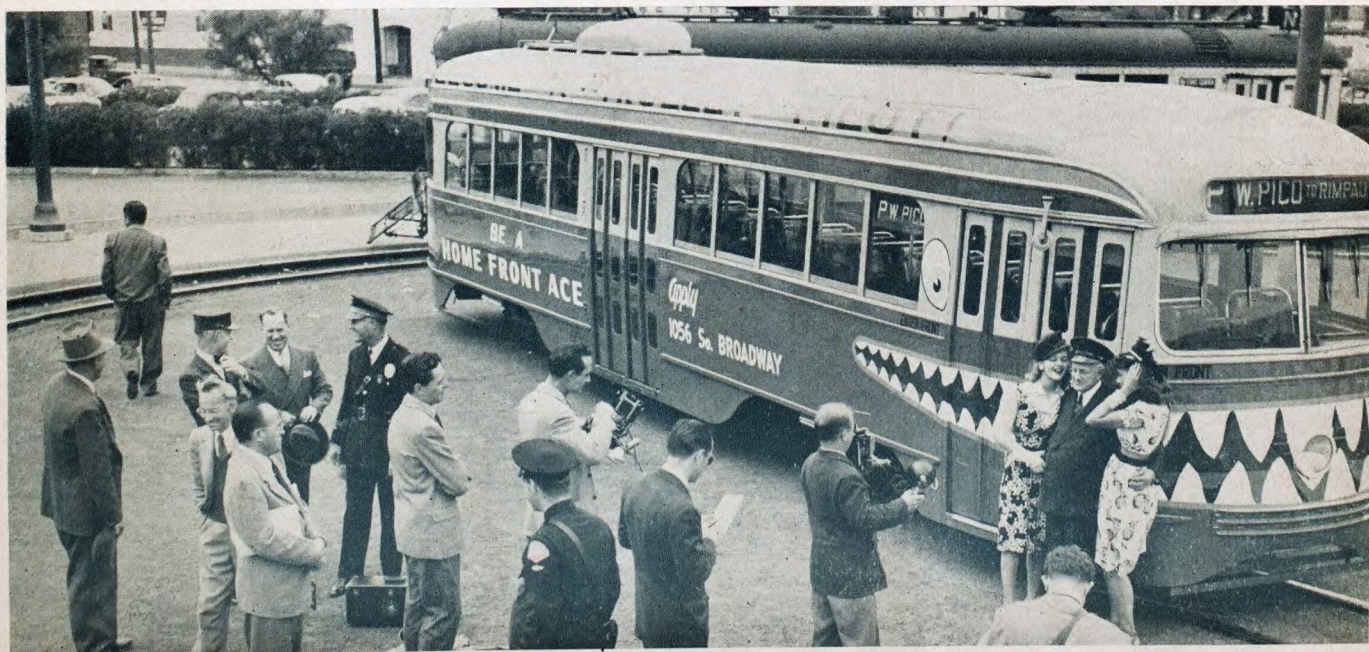


• Harold Cass and his crew of painters point out to Harold Conacher how the candy stripes would be put on this white car.



• Two Community Chest cars and one coach remind Los Angeles of the needs of the Chest.

• The Tiger trolley car was the most unique of all. It is shown below on its initial run. The gentleman with Madeleine Carroll and Jinx Falkenburg is P. B. Harris, then President of the Los Angeles Railway.



# Revised Selection and Training System



• New training program is launched by Harry F. Alexander recently appointed Assistant Personnel Director. Left: Janet Jones taking dictation from Personnel Director C. A. Tengblad, who is coordinating selection and training with personnel duties.



• First Step. Applicant John Hardy signs an application to become an operator. Looking over his shoulder are Charles Krebs and Don Million.

• The application and John Hardy move into the Medical Department and John gets ready to take a physical examination. In this picture are Dr. Gerald Smith, Beverly Dillon and Bunnie Hare.

**A** new look has come to the Industrial Relations Department with the recent revisions made in the company's Selection and Training programs.

The new program was instituted to modernize the system of training which has been on the property for a number of years.

Harry F. Alexander has been named Assistant Director of Personnel and is in charge of this intensified program. Alexander came to the Los Angeles Transit Lines from the Key System in Oakland last January. He has taken the training courses and has spent considerable time about the property preparing himself for his new duties. His past experience includes positions with TWA, American Express Company and two years overseas with the 51st Troop Carrier Wing during World War II.

C. A. Tengblad, Director of Personnel, states, "In coordinating the Selection and Training Department with other duties of the Personnel Department we will introduce modern techniques in training and selection such as those perfected during the war. Training films are to be used and the method of step by step instruction put into

• The application is next checked by Elsie McIlwain. Looking over her shoulder are Isabel Anderson and Dorothy Tarazan.





• J. J. Sterling and Howard Turnidge take a quick glance at the application to enter the information for applicant's insurance and pension plan in company records.



• Hardy moves into the first phase of training where he is given psychological test and indoctrination talk by Chief Instructor, Mickey Ryan.

effect, with emphasis on the follow-through in instruction for the benefit of those new employes needing it. Concentration will be placed upon making the new employe better acquainted with the company and with the employes with whom he works."

The selection for employment is a three step series of interviews and psychological tests to determine the behaviour quotient of the applicant before he is selected for employment. He is next given a thorough physical examination under the direction of Dr. Gerald Smith, whose offices are closely connected with the Personnel Department. His finger prints are taken in an adjoining room and these are later checked with the local police and F.B.I. agencies. The applicant filling out his application blank lists his past employers, his friends and relatives and the Personnel Department immediately sends out queries as to his work history.

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• A permanent card file is kept on the applicant by these two young ladies who handle all referrals coming in from the outside. Left is Maude Campbell and the girl at the wheel is Nancy Gillespie.



• The applicant's medical history is taken from the application and filed by Rose Showers and Gloria Mowry.

• M. Edwin Wright, General Superintendent of Transportation, receives a full fledged, well trained operator in the person of Hardy, when he reports to the Transportation Department.





• Three happy Superintendents with their Safety plaques. Left is: A. A. Grant, Division 6, J. A. Madigan, Division 4, and F. L. Ervin, Division 5.

WITH the turn of the new year the Safety program moves into its fifth year of operation and one hundred and fifty operators will receive the distinction of wearing a 4-year Safety Award pin.

These one hundred and fifty operators entitled to this great honor have traveled approximately 15 million safe miles in the past four years. During this 4-year period they have transported 75 million passengers safely, which is over half the entire population of the United States.

If all of these people were put into one group the Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles would be filled 720 times, for the Coliseum has a seating capacity of 105,000.

These operators would have traveled 577 times around the world, had our Schedule Department planned their routes in that particular direction.

The awards are to be made at a huge Safety show, which is held not only in their honor but also in honor of the operators receiving the 3-year awards, the 2-year awards and the one-year award. It is interesting to note that the first safety award show was held after January 1, 1946. When at that time Assistant Chief of Police, Joe Reed, presented awards to the men.

At the same time four plaques will be awarded to the Operating Department and two plaques to the Mechanical Department. One bronze cup will be given to the Operating Department for their efforts in promoting safety.

• T. O. Latham, Division 3, receives the coveted "blind accident" cup from M. Edwin Wright, General Superintendent of Transportation.



# Safety by the Millions

by J. W. Prutsman

• Safety pays dividends. Below Ray Corbett, Division 2, receives safety plaque for his division from J. W. Prutsman, Safety Director.



Fifteen Million miles is a lot of safety. So make it a point to attend the Safety show on January 22, and help honor these men who have attained that record.

## Christmas Greeting To All From the Safety Department

AS the year 1948 draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity of expressing my heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for the splendid spirit of cooperation that all the members of the Operating and Mechanical Departments have extended during the past year.

To all the employes of the Los Angeles Transit Lines, and their families, my best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

J. W. PRUTSMAN.

### SAFETY SHOW

Date: January 22, 1949  
 Time: 8:00 P.M.  
 Place: Pacific Electric Auditorium, 6th & Los Angeles Sts.  
 Music: South Park Orchestra  
 Free Door Prizes  
 Five Acts of Vaudeville.



# BEAUTY and the "B"

by Leland E. Dye,  
Superintendent of Electrical Department

**F**IFTY new trackless trolleys began operation on the old "B" line on December 5. They carried a new sign and the line henceforth will be known as line No. 2.

This is the fifth major change for the "B" line since its inception in 1899, when it was known as the Brooklyn Avenue line and was operated by the Los Angeles Interurban Company. At that time it was a single track operation and the main job of that operation was to handle traffic to and from the Evergreen Cemetery. Those were the days when the funeral cars were resplendent with velvet curtains and a special compartment for the coffin of the deceased. The old "Descanso," an early day funeral car, now stands in the town of Summit overlooking Cajon Pass, and is used as a club house by the Railroad Boosters. The other funeral car was remodeled and is still in operation under the present No. 950.

In 1910 the line was changed to Brooklyn & Maple Avenue and the cars operated as far as to what is now the South Park Shops, it was then Division 2. In 1912 the "B" line combined with West Adams to become the Brooklyn-West Adams line. In 1920 it took its most recent route and was known as the Brooklyn & Hooper Avenue line. The recent change means that once again the Evergreen Cemetery has resplendent vehicles traveling past its iron gates. Today they are fleet trolley coaches operating on a very frequent schedule and transporting thousands from the City Terrace district through the

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## Mayor Bowron Guest Trolley Coach Pilot

**L**INE No. 2 had a glamorous preview held on Friday, December 3, when Mayor Fletcher Bowron sat at the controls for the benefit of a great number of newspaper photographers and reporters.

The Mayor wore a motorman's cap and a badge. D. D. McClurg, President of the Transportation Union, presented him with a union card.

The preview trip started from the City Hall, over Main Street and Macy to the Union Depot Harvey House, where a luncheon was served.

Civic leaders and officials attending the preview trip and luncheon were: Mayor Fletcher Bowron, City Councilmen Kenneth Hahn, G. Vernon Bennett, Don A. Allen and Parley P. Christensen; Board of Public Utilities and Transportation members David Blumberg, Frank Simpson, Jr., Lloyd M. Smith and Alfred E. Drew, and K. Charles Bean and Thomas V. Tarbet of their technical staff. Arthur F.

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• Celebrating the preview run of the trackless trolleys on line No. 2, at a luncheon held at the Harvey House were some forty civic leaders, company officials and guests. This picture shows the head table. Reading from extreme left, up and around the table are: W. A. Hibbard, Engineer, Arthur F. Ager, Sr. Engineer, Public Utilities Commission, B. R. Caldwell, Deputy Chief of Police, D. D. McClurg, President Transportation Union, William Gorman, Director Southern District, Public Utilities Commission, Stanley M. Lanham, Planning Engineer, Los Angeles Transit Lines, Councilman Don Allen, Vice President Cone T. Bass, Mayor Fletcher E. Bowron, David Blumberg, President, Board of Public Utilities and Transportation, Ross Welch, Alfred E. Drew, members of the Bd. of Public Utilities and Trans., K. Charles Bean, Chief Engineer & Gen. Mgr. Bd. of Public Utilities, Stephen O'Donnell and Hugh Byrne, Westinghouse representative.





# Holiday Carving

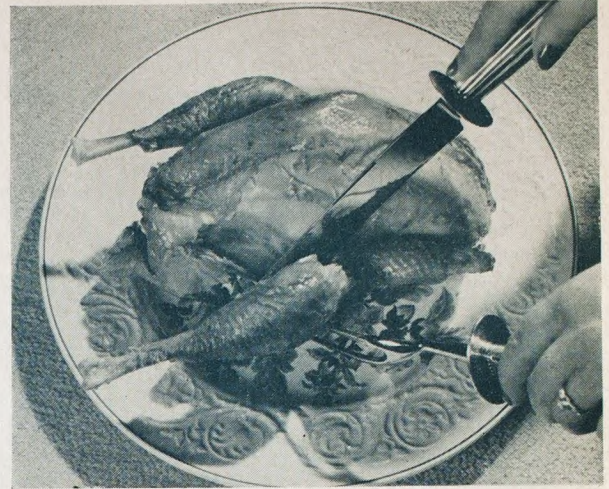
by Frances Ryan

**M**ASTERY of the art of carving is an accomplishment which adds much to the charm and graciousness of dining. The history of carving is a long and interesting one; and it was once a task reserved for those of noble lineage. The very tools which the carver uses have a background of history and romance. The knife, the fork, and the spoon today are simple household necessities, but with their story is linked many a change in food habits and social customs. Man has not always used these articles at the table. Forks have been in everyday use for less than three hundred years in England and America. Forks were not common in New England in colonial days. In property schedules of those pioneer days no mention was made of forks prior to 1700. When forks were introduced into England from Italy, they were regarded as effeminate and those who used them were derided with the saying, "fingers were made before forks."

In medieval times, it was part of every young nobleman's education to carve and wait on table. Later, it became the custom to place the food on the banquet table in order to make a great display of bounteous elegance, and the lady of the house took her place at the head of the table and carving fell to her lot. Then custom changed and it again became the fashion for the man of the house to do the carving. Thus carving and serving meat always has been and is to this day a symbol of hospitality, and so it is important, from that standpoint alone, that some member of the household be proficient in this art.

## For Best Results

Slice across the grain. This is fundamental to all kinds of meat (except for a few very tender cuts—notably choice steaks), because it cuts the fibers and makes the meat



• A sharp knife and a "know how" is all that is necessary for good carving.

more tender. Forget this number one rule, and the penalty is a stringy piece of meat.

If "cutting across the grain" sounds like so much Greek, and proves a stumbling block when you come face to face with carving a roast, make a mental note of the following:

Slice parallel with the cut surface made at the market, or slice perpendicular to the bone if, as with a whole ham, or leg of lamb, the cut surface isn't easily recognizable.

If neither of those clues is applicable to some of the cuts that necessarily come off the butcher's block these days, then make this test: Cut a simple slice and then tear it with your fingers. If it becomes stringy, you have cut with the grain and, that's all wrong. If it breaks, you have cut across the grain and just keep on slicing in the same direction. (This test may be something you'll want to make in private, but you'll find it foolproof).

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• Shown below are simple techniques of carving a prime rib roast and a baked ham. The most important factor is the use of a large platter or tray to hold the meat.





# Let's Talk Turkey

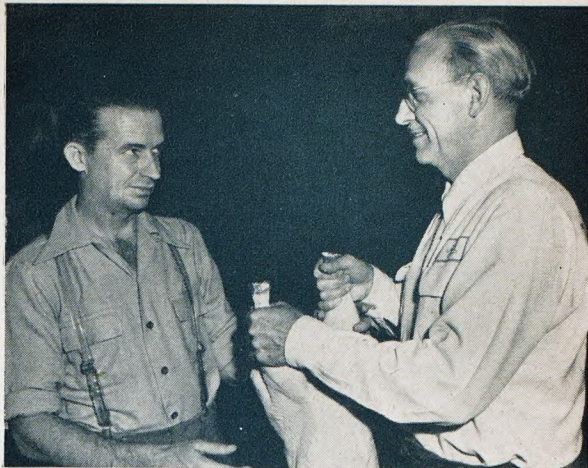
by C. A. Tengblad

ON Thursday, November 18, 1948, as a prelude to Thanksgiving, the three Los Angeles Transit Lines bowling leagues held their annual "Turkey Shoot," wherein a "turkey for a turkey" was awarded by the Company to the first bowler to roll three consecutive strikes in each of three handicap groups in every league.

The lucky winners at the Broadway Bowling Academy were W. L. Small, L. Guerrero, and R. Muire, while Howard Moser, Charles Hipp, and Roger Wilkinson of the Sunset-Logan Recreation Center each netted a bird. The victors of the Trojan Recreation Center contest were V. L. Rakes, D. Jackson, and W. Weberg.

At both the Broadway Bowling Academy and the Sunset-Logan Recreation Center, turkeys were also awarded to the bowlers of the high series and the high game for the evening. Broadway's S. J. Spinuzzi and Sunset's Earl Likins were high series winners, while C. Thomas and Bernard Stabb bowled high games in their respective leagues.

The bowlers of the high scratch game and the high game with handicap at Trojan also were acclaimed prize winners. The high single handicap game was rolled by N. F. Stoddard. After tying for the high scratch game honors, W. K. Erdman defeated A. Jacques in the play-off.

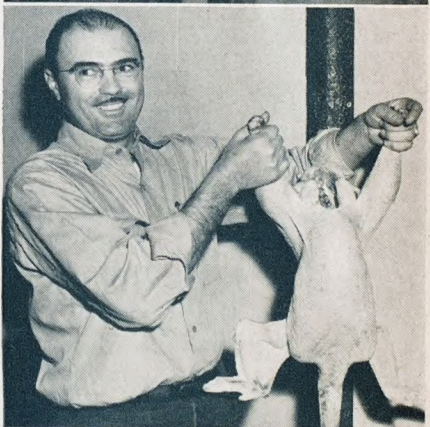


• The Winners!

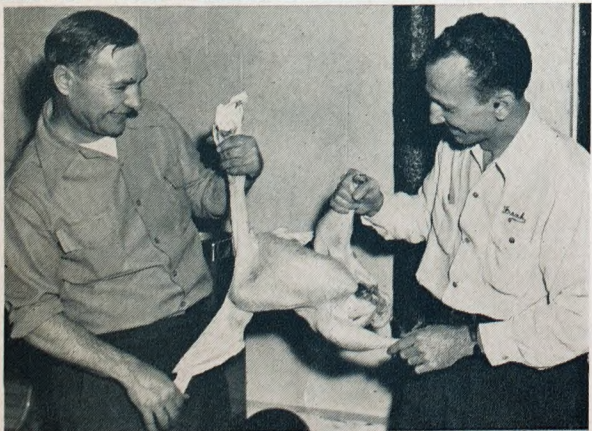
Above, Art Tengblad presents the first turkey winner, Ralph Jackson, with his 18-lb. bird, at Trojan Bowl.



Right: Harry Alexander gives Larry Guerra, first winner at Manchester & Broadway Bowl, his turkey. Carl Wilkinson, another champion turkey shooter, holds up his prize. Bottom, right: Harry Alexander lets the whole team feel the bird at Trojan Bowling Alley. They are Paul Brown, Joe Breyak, Alexander, Frank Ross, Bill Small and Bill Laffery. These men are all mechanics at South Park Shops.



The lower left picture shows Frank Matzer at the Sunset Bowl, passing a turkey to the first two winners, Howard Moser and Charlie Hipp.





#### NEW FLAG FOR VETERANS' CLUB AUXILIARY

• Los Angeles Transit Lines presented the new flag to the Veterans' Club Auxiliary recently. Front row, left to right: Supt. James A. Madigan, President Janice Billings, Lillian Carlin, Ella Hoyle, Gladys Taylor, Grace Lowry, Rose Bruggmann, Jo Clark, Margaret Sparks, Betty Roche and Gertrude Ebert. Back row, left to right: Dick Hoyle, Jack Griffin, Dave Laird and Al Bird.

## Veterans' Club

*by Larry Staten, Adjutant*

**T**HE December meeting was held on the night of the 14th. Membership voted approval of a new set of By-Laws for the Club. The nomination of officers for the New Year of 1949 was also held.

Election of officers for 1949 will be held on the night of January 11, 1949. Following the January meeting watch for the Installation of the 1949 officers. Notices will be posted at all divisions.

#### *Flag Presentation to Ladies Auxiliary*

The new colors were presented to the Ladies Auxiliary of the LATL Veterans' Club at a joint meeting. Larry Staten, Adjutant, sent us the following minutes of that eventful occasion.

Minutes of the joint meeting with the LATL Vets Club and Ladies Auxiliary: Colors were posted by Canadian

Legion Post 13. Commander Brugmann entertained a motion that the meeting be turned over to the Auxiliary. Commander Billings moved that meeting be turned over to the Auxiliary. Seconded by Commander Ebert. Carried.

Commander Brugmann turned the gavel over to Mrs. Janice Billings, President of the Auxiliary. The ladies of the Auxiliary took their stations and Madam President introduced the ladies from the Canadian Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. Taylor, who has recovered from a recent illness.

Madam President called upon the Canadian Legion Post 13 to bring in their new colors, which were presented by Jim Madigan of the Los Angeles Transit Lines. Mr. Madigan expressed the thoughts of the company and Madam President thanked him for the new colors on behalf of the Auxiliary. Pictures were taken of the colors, the Auxiliary and Mr. Madigan.

## Women's Club

*by Mrs. J. T. Watts, Press Chairman*

**T**HE Los Angeles Transit Lines Women's Club has planned several interesting programs for January. The first, January 6, will be a film, "Unfinished Rainbows," presented by Mr. Paul Mortimer. On January 20, Mrs. Richard M. White, Executive Secretary L. A. Branch National Infantile Foundation will address the club.

Hostess for the January 6th noon luncheon is Mrs. N. E. Mackay; and for January 20th, Mrs. O. G. McDermith.

January 27 is the date for the next card party; Mrs. A. J. Ploeger, hostess; Mrs. E. D. Mitchell, luncheon hostess.

At the December 2nd meeting, J. Milton Johnson, Director Social Welfare and Recreation Braille Institute, was the speaker. Mrs. C. H. Lewis was luncheon hostess.

At the Christmas Party, December 16, Mrs. J. T. Watts put on a Quiz program, and Mrs. J. F. McCormick presented a Christmas Pageant—Mrs. Willard Rieboldt, soloist, and chorus members of the Drama section. An exchange of gifts followed the program. Mrs. L. B. Meek was the luncheon hostess.

Mrs. A. C. Stover, President, and her chairmen, wish to thank all those who contributed to the success of our Autumn Festival, the proceeds from which will be used to brighten the Christmas for some of the worthy Company employes, particularly in the retired group.

Also, we wish to thank the men—Messrs. A. C. Stover, C. G. Ficklin, N. E. Mackay, C. Morgan and J. F. Carlin who were such fine waiters at the Welfare Party.

The Club has numerous other philanthropic projects. It contributes monthly to the California Babies' and Children's Hospital, 1401 S. Grand Avenue; is also making donations to the Chaplain Service, General Hospital, Braille Institute, Red Cross and Perpetuation of the Redwoods' League. Used greeting cards are also collected for the Orthopaedic Hospital.

On November 22, Mrs. A. C. Stover, President, and Mesdames C. G. Ficklin, N. E. Mackay, J. C. Berrell and J. T. Watts, in connection with the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, were taken in Army busses to the Induction Center, Hill and Washington Streets, where the boys are inducted for Selective Service.

# Lobby Lowdown

by Violet M. Leach

**WHAT** would you like to find in your stocking on Christmas morning? These are the answers I received . . .

Ray Cripps—A "sure" thing.

Joan Weiler—Snow (a little of Indiana).

Mary Jane Spaeth—A Cadillac car.

Mary Lou Johnson—A little puppy dog.

Harry Alexander—A little blond doll. (Didn't get the age on that one).

Georgiann Poth—A new home.

Eva Arce—Wants a handsome six-foot football player.

Nina Sorensen—(Our new bride in the Auditing, who was married Sept. 24) wishes to find a new home. Hope you get it, Nina.

Frances Wilson—Says she doesn't want anything, but I know Jack well enough to know she will get something nice.

Helen Schoefield—Wants \$1,000. (What are you going to do with ALL that dough?)

Dick Kissick and family are spending Christmas in Kansas and wants a television set.

Bill Taylor—Says he wants to find a blond, brunette and red head. (Gee, I hope they don't all show up at the same time).

Lloyd Gebhart—A new car—any type. (Confidentially, I think he wants a Cadillac).

"Tim" Manning—Says he would like to find a little airplane of his own.

Nick Carter—Says he wants a supply of cigarettes.

Ken Reilley—A Notre Dame sweater.

Fay Ellard—A belated birthday greeting.

Frank Blasey—A coke (plain).

Mae Ryan—A house and lot.

Mae Livermore—Sewing Machine.

Doris Thornburg—Sewing machine.

Betty Jones—Million dollars.

Mary Elmore—Wants a pink stucco house with a bay window.

William Reardon—Says he would like to find one of the elevator girls in his stocking.

Henry King—Wants that million dollars he has been looking for.

Danny Crooks—Town & Country car.

Joseph Gorman—Light exposure meter (so he can take some good pictures).

Beulah English—Wishes her brother and his new bride who are in Bellingham, Washington, could be home for Christmas.

Art Genn—(?) He won't give me any idea.

Hilda Scholefield—Wants to find a sailor in her stocking (her husband).

Everybody expresses great sympathy for Billy Pyeatt, who was hurt in an automobile recently. She is home from the hospital now and we all wish her a speedy recovery along with a very Merry Christmas.

Say, did you see Gladys McKay of the Printing Department, limping around the day after Halloween? She said she was rolling a log and it fell on her foot. (Gladys, you'll have to be more careful when you are out for a trick or a treat).



## IN STYLE AND IN STEP

• If Mr. Zeigfield were alive and dropped into the lobby of the building we would probably lose the very attractive elevator operatorettes. Here they are all dolled up in their new uniforms. From left to right, Violet Leach, Joan Weiler, Eva Arce and Georgiann Poth.

Congratulations to Maud Campbell who became a proud grandmother on November 4.

Another wedding anniversary was celebrated on November 15. It was the 7th for the Richard Kissick's. Congratulations!

October 18, Gene Gibson celebrated her first wedding anniversary. She wore a beautiful orchid given to her by her husband. Congratulations, Gene and Vern.

We had a Thanksgiving birthday. It was the birth date of Frank Snyder of the Treasury Department. Many more happy ones, Frank. Those were beautiful ties you got.

I heard Art Genn had a birthday on November 15. It's a little late but happy returns anyway, Art.

Esther Lloyd of Auditing celebrated her birthday on November 29. She received a nice vacuum cleaner. Gee, what a present with Christmas so close.

Nan Young, the new girl in the Employment Office, is from Ohio. Glad to have you with us, Nan, and hope you have a nice Christmas.

Ed Roche from Division 5, was in the other day. He has been out on the sick list. Glad to see you looking so good, Ed.

Gloria Gravley in Public Relations is also new with us. Welcome to LATL, Gloria.

Congratulations to Frank Blasey! He is now the proud grandfather of a little girl, and her name is "Gay." She is in Germany with her parents.

Stanley M. Lanham and J. C. Yarbrough spent a few days in South Dakota recently and enjoyed a little pheasant hunting. The eating was good, too.

**SINCERE** best wishes for a joyous Yuletide season, and may the New Year bring you continued health and happiness. Your splendid cooperation and morale during the past year merit my personal thanks.

J. W. MURRAY,  
Manager,  
Los Angeles Transit Building.

## Diesel Fumes

by Marjorie Coleman

**W**ITH the spirit of the Holiday Season well established in everyone, (and I mean that word "spirit" non-alcoholically) I find many of our willing little workers (?) busily pondering over what they are going to purchase for their friends and relatives for Christmas.

Consequently, I snooped around in an effort to determine what our employes, themselves, would like, and the results were astounding.

In the Office—

Roland (John-e) Johnson would like a good set of "choppers" (teeth to you). On Thanksgiving he had to watch his family devour a luscious turkey, while he had to be content with soup. He said he doesn't want this to become a habit.

Mona Prescott would like a plane trip back to Detroit, Mich., for Christmas. Is HE still the same reason, Mona?

Fred Bader said he would like Sweeney's little sister in the Buz Sawyer comic strip to play on his Grey Wolves football team. Apparently his team hasn't won a game this season.

E. N. Wetzler said that if he didn't get over his cold, he would need a new sleeve in his jacket.

In the Garage—

Harry Hoegeman would like a little daughter. He already has three lovely girls, but he says he would like an even four.

John Hill said a catcher's mit would suit him very well, especially since he and Laura have been playing "catch" lately.

Bob Williams is easy to please. He would like Betty Grable, or a reasonable facsimile. Just how reasonable can a man be?

Harry Koll certainly looks like the "Spirit of Christmas" these days. Have any of you noticed the passionate green shirt he has been sporting around the garage?

Sidelights—

Art Cahill, known to the men as "Stinky" and Beetlebaum" is always willing to place bets on football games, but we understand he always has a lock on his pocket to be sure the money doesn't leave there. Is this true, Art?



• This two-year-old blonde cutie is Wendy Francine Lockhart, daughter of Samuel Lockhart, Vineyard.



• Ruby Adair and dog "Butch" take daddy Billy Adair for a scamper on Redondo Beach. Billy is a mechanic at Department 20.

## Sour Grapes from Vineyard

by H. M. Young

**E**UGENE TWOREK was busily counting out his day's receipts the other night, when a large man walked into the trainroom and tapped Eugene on the shoulder, startled Eugene turned around and saw that it was his father whom he had not seen for several years. His father and mother visited him when his father had his vacation this year. Mr. Tworek is a well known police officer in Chicago where he has gained prominence in his line of work.

Recently Dick Corl and some friends went several hundred miles on a deer hunting expedition and made their camp in a nice wooded sector from where they could start out the following day to pursue the elusive deer that roams wily in that area. After being out several hours and weary, Dick sat down to rest and while sitting there he saw a beautiful 3 point deer about 50 feet away, he took a steady aim and to his surprise the deer fell in his tracks, however, Dick was a long way from camp so he decided that he would tag his deer and take a short cut back to camp to get help. While returning to camp over some mountains he was startled to see a hugh mountain lion about 10 feet in front of him. Dick froze in his tracks and so did the lion, each trying to out stare the other. Finally Dick got up enough courage to airse his gun and fire, but the lion started to run at the same time and Dick only grazed him. Better stick to deer hunting, Dick, it isn't so dangerous.

Frank Poppleton did a little bit better when he went deer hunting, because he did not go so far and he brought back a 5 point deer. What, no mountain lions, Frank?

Recently William Gregory had an appendectomy and was resting comfortably when the doctors decided to operate again, but Bill is back on the job again feeling fit as a fiddle and looking like a million dollars.

**I** WISH to extend the Season's Greetings to all employes of the Automotive Departments of the Los Angeles Transit Lines and the Los Angeles Motor Coach Lines. May you and your families enjoy a Merry Christmas and health and happiness in the coming year.

GEORGE H. POWELL,  
General Superintendent,  
Automotive Equipment.



• Linda Sorenson, daughter of Leo Sorenson, Division 1, waves at the camera. Linda is just six months.

Our sympathies are extended to Mrs. Costea and children whose husband and father, John Costea a coach operator, passed away recently.

Our sympathies are also extended to Maxine MacLain whose father passed away after a prolonged illness.

After living in cramped quarters for a long time, Herbert Harrigan and family have finally found a large home which they have rented in Burbank. Herb claims it is a heaven on earth, and his family agrees with him.

A few days ago Assistant Superintendent, John T. Hope, brought his 6 year old son into the division and some of the clerks asked Bobby what Santa Claus was going to bring him. After a few minutes he said that he would like an electric train and a big bike, but that he thought he was too small for these things and that he would have to wait until he was a little bit older before he could get them. Could it be that Mr. Hope might have suggested this plan to his young son?

**I** wish to thank you for your cooperation during the past year, and wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A. C. TIEMAN,  
Division Superintendent,  
Vineyard.

## American Legion Auxiliary

by Janice Billings

**A** pot-luck dinner was held in Patriotic Hall Dec. 21. A delicious variety of family "pet" dishes was served and enjoyed by all members of the Auxiliary and the post. Many voiced a desire for another one in the near future.

Another card party is coming up soon and we hope to see everyone there.

The meetings in January will be the 7th and the 21st. We hope to see new faces and new members.

The Auxiliary wishes every one a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

**I** WISH to thank all of the employes of the 16th Street Garage for their fine cooperation during the past year, and to extend my Best Wishes for the New Year.

E. N. WETZLER,  
Superintendent, 16th St. Garage.

## Transportation Transcripts

by Paul Prutzman

**B**EING this is the last column of the old year, I want to thank each and every member of the Transportation Department who has so generously helped out, by passing on to me the little bits of news and gossip that go to make up this, your column.

December 1st. ushered in some changes in the Transportation Department. Dan Healy, after 44 years of service with the Company in various executive capacities finally decided to take life easy and retire. We'll miss your cheery smile and pleasant disposition Dan, so come back and see us as often as you can.

Jim Hayner, the "Grand Old Man" of the Schedule Department is taking a well earned rest at home. He stuck by the ship until the last schedule was ready for the system shakeup. Our hats are off to a swell guy, who after 44 years of service with the Company can still take a typewriter and beat out a schedule with the best of them. He is just like "Ole Man River" he just keeps rolling along.

"Chris" Christensen held down the night supervisor's shift at 12th and Main for a long, long time. I don't know whether he is getting old, or what, but he has been breaking in as a dispatcher. With winter coming on maybe he wants to stay by the fire and keep his feet dry. I am only kidding Chris, a dispatchers job is one of the key positions in the Company, as any operator who has been in difficulty out on the line will attest. Carl E. "Swede" Carlson is another newcomer to the Dispatchers Office. He brings with him one of the calmest dispositions that I have ever seen. If some operator called him and told him that his car had blown up at 7th and Broadway, he would probably tell him to take it easy and keep coming, they'd pick him up.

We also want to welcome into the Transportation Department family, Christine Ramos, a Comptometer-Typist who joined our ranks recently.

We are happy to report that "Doc" Campbell's wife, who in the hospital with a broken leg, is mending nicely and will be home soon. "Doc" says he sure will be glad to have her home again, as this bachelor business is not all it's cracked up to be.



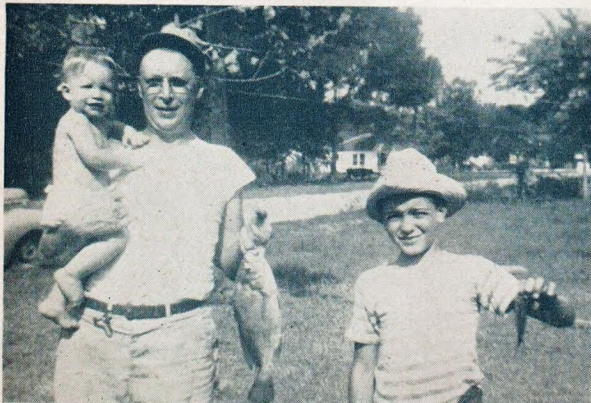
• Personality Plus is shown in this snapshot of Dennis J. Bauman, one-year-old son of Chuck Bauman, South Park.

Art Fineron of the Safety Department has his passport visa in order and is going to spend Christmas at home. Home being the fair state of Texas.

Christmas came early this year for Wilfred Lippiatt. He is moving his office over to the Main Building, so all the telephone operators got together and presented him with a beautiful fountain pen desk set. They were all sorry to see him leave, and used this means of expressing their appreciation for being such a swell "Boss."

Operator X13 circulated around to see what the guys and gals wanted for Christmas and came forth with some of their wishes. Dave Coburn wants California to beat Northwestern in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day. Of course it could be that he is prejudiced because his son, "Bill" goes to Berkeley. "Nip" Whitman wants a Helicopter to take him over the traffic when he is driving in from his farm out El Monte way. Frankie Nordyke would like to see an elevator installed in the Div. 4 building to make his trips back and forth to the Printing Department easier. Max Rise is hoping someone will give Nip and Frank a can of sweet smelling tobacco so when they light up their pipes, it won't smell like somebody is burning old automobile tires. Frank Munger wants fewer schedule adjustments, so he won't have to change his mileage chart so often. Art Grode would like some stock in Standard Oil so he can keep his "Chevy" supplied with oil. Ben Hartsell hopes someone will give his partner, Charlie Haudenschild a box of GOOD cigars. And all the time we have been blaming it on the smog. Charlie Egan wants better weather for growing Carnations, while his sidekick, Barney Rich, would like to find some hair restorer that works. Kenny Webster could use a dozen gopher traps. He has legal title to a homestead out in the country, but the gophers are about to dispossess him. Guy Wheelock wants fewer windy nights. He had to get up the other night and "Batten down the Hatches" before the wind blew his house away. It sure blows out your way doesn't it, Guy? Bob "Midget" Smith, Assistant Chief Supervisor would like a pair of "Elevator" shoes to put him on a level with the rest of the boys. He could also use an Instruction Manual on how to drive Fred Busse's automobile. Harold Redmond swing shift Dispatcher, whose hobby is photography, wants perfect lighting and no double exposures. Al Brehm would like to fill all those "Inside straights" he tries for. As for the gals in the

• Dale Brumbaugh and family on a vacation in Texas took time out to go fishing with his nephew Glen Ray Erwin, in the San Jacinto River. Shown in the picture are the two fish, Dale Brumbaugh and son, Alan Dale, Jr., and nephew Ray Erwin. Brumbaugh works at Vineyard.



department, we haven't been able to find out too much about their wishes, but we did find that Alberta Jolley would like a cow bell to tie on Jack Donnelly when he leaves his office, so she won't have to chase him all over the building when someone calls him on the phone. Betty Craven is hoping for a crystal ball so she can answer some of those tough requests for information that come in over the switchboard. Lottie McKenzie would take another granddaughter as cute as the one she has now, but that is really asking a lot. Billie Racoosin would like a cap pistol to go with the Junior G Man's badge that Sam Taylor gave her. June Bradway wants a cook book to go with the rolling pin that Agnes Robertson gave her recently. June, by the way, is in competition with the government. They buried their Gold at Fort Knox while June is putting hers into fillings in her teeth. Leon De Mara is looking for a diet that will let him eat anything that he wants without putting on weight.

That's all folks, except, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Death Benefits

JOSEPH G. Gorman, Secretary of the Pension Committee, reports that the death benefits paid for the period June 1, 1948, to December 1, 1948, by the Occidental Insurance Company under the Retirement Income Plan amounted to \$39,600.00.

In addition to this amount, beneficiaries have also received a total of \$56,500.00 from the Group Life Policy of the Aetna Life Insurance Company.

The names of the deceased participants and their respective benefit paid and beneficiary of such participants are as follows:

Name	BENEFIT PAID	
	Occidental—Retirement Income Plan	Aetna—Group Life Insurance
Lank, Robert .....	\$3,000	.....
Forrest, Stanley .....	2,300	\$2,000
Boring, De Witt .....	2,300	5,000
Trager, Arthur G. H. ....	3,000	2,000
Rankin, William C. ....	3,000	2,000
Bontty, Joseph A. ....	3,000	2,000
Brown, Harry T. ....	3,000	1,500
Meiers, Gus .....	1,700	.....
Nokes, Ralph G. ....	2,600	1,500
Strobel, Thomas C. ....	2,700	4,500
Moya, Mario .....	2,500	.....
Anderson, Fred Joseph ...	2,300	1,500
Faught, John Wiley .....	3,000	1,500
Garrett, Albert R. ....	2,600	4,500
Sooy, Edward E. ....	2,600	1,500
Blum, Julius .....	.....	5,000
Rogers, David .....	.....	2,000
Denison, Francis E. ....	.....	2,000
Dean, Harry .....	.....	2,000
Stoddard, George Lacy ...	.....	2,000
Casey, Thomas P. ....	.....	2,000
Wright, Clifford M. ....	.....	1,500
Glover, John M. ....	.....	2,000
Binder, Adolph .....	.....	2,000
Walter, Charles S. ....	.....	2,000
Bricker, James O. ....	.....	.....
Kirkland, Clement K. ...	.....	2,000
Aldworth, Richard .....	.....	2,000



## Virgil Venom

by Ray Matzenbacher

**E**VEN with the high price of meat and so few butcher shops open, we are still amazed at the chances some of the boys here at Virgil take when they go fishing. Howard Beardsley and Ernie Gorton went fishing a few Sundays ago. They had been warned to stay in the channel, but being brave and intrepid fishermen, they strayed a little far out into open water. As soon as they entered open water, their motor stopped and they began to ship water. Still being brave fishermen they weren't worried—thinking they could thumb a tow boat back to San Pedro. Several boats passed them by, but one finally stopped—this was after Beardsley had removed his shirt and started using it as a distress signal. Just as they were about to tie up at the dock, their boat sank under them. Although they haven't admitted it, we suspect they will buy their fish at the store in the future.

Jim Cummings wondered down Crenshaw looking for 54th Street. Dan Getchell was out later than he has been for a long time. Being No. 1 man, Dan always works one of the first runs out in the morning.

At the present time operators Pat Frost, Ray Donnellan, and M. B. Good are enjoying their vacations and resting up for that Christmas rush.

We want to welcome back Operator W. A. Bacon. After fifteen years with the M.C. he took a vacation to Texas and stayed one year. While in Texas he worked for our old friend E. B. Logsdon and his Beaumont Division of the National City Lines.

Downstairs in the shop, we have had some major changes. Almost all the boys have had to change shifts. L. E. Johnson and F. H. Hughes have moved from second and third shift respectively up to first shift. H. K. Bradbury is back on second shift. S. E. Goren, J. C. Dayen, and Ray Kass have moved from first to third shift.

Congratulations to the new Mrs. Harry L. Palmer and her husband for their marriage November 27 in Las Vegas. Mrs. Palmer is better known to all the fellows as Bonnie, the girl in the timekeeper's office.

By the time this edition has gone to press the Sunset Olympic Line will have been split up and once again we will have two separate lines. Quite a few of the boys have gone back to their favorite lines, and everything is running smoothly now.

A few Mondays ago a gang of John Marshall kids waited at Beverly and Vermont while Operator Spackman waited and waited at Monroe and Vermont. Spack's face was really red after that.

And now for the second year, we wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

### FELLOW Employees:

Once more we arrive at the season of goodwill and the promise of a bright New Year.

Much has been accomplished in this past year and I feel confident we can look forward to an equally successful 1949.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

A Merry Christmas to all of you.

J. STEWART,  
Division Supt., Virgil.

## "Snafu from Two"

by "Bruggie" Bruggmann

**W**E wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Truda Faught wife of operator John Wiley Faught who passed away Nov. 16, 1948. Operator Faught was born April 7, 1900 at Elkton, Colorado. Entered the service of the company May 21, 1930 as a coach operator at Div. 2 and has been here since.

Well, the worry of what and where you will be doing as of Dec. 5th is over. Nothing left to do but get in that groove and make a good job of your bid.

Mr. Corbett wishes to thank all operators leaving for their fine cooperation and willingness while working at this division. Also he wishes to extend a welcome to the operators who are coming back home as well as to those who are here for the first time.

Some of the new faces around the division are W. L. Wagner, J. L. Grace, W. R. Sparks, H. E. Adcock, G. A. Hecker, W. A. Timms. Of course we are glad to welcome C. O. Storie, I. N. Weide back home. Lots of luck boys!

Oh yes, those stories of big game hunting are really getting large. You talk to Chuck Malin and he says he had a way all his own of telling they have been here. As for Middleton, his story tells of downing one buck in Idaho, a moose in Dawson, Canada, but still no steak for Bruggie. Oh well, maybe they are telling it right—I said maybe. While Middleton was in Idaho, he did take part in an 8 hour search for two missing men who were forced down somewhere in Hells Canyon, Idaho. Of course you have noticed that smile on W. Cobb, no wonder! A baby daughter named Jan Christine born November 15th. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Congratulations to J. H. Powers who has taken an additional obligation in the form of a wife. Good luck, Jack.

A little on the serious side now; As was explained by the Safety engineer Joe Prutsman, the division having the best record for passenger and traffic frequency in 1948, will be awarded the plaques. Fellows, this is the time of the year when everyone has lots on their minds, so let's be just a little more careful in trying to save that minute as you know it takes some time to make out an accident report. Not to say any thing about all those extra passengers you haul, caused from that accident delay. This division is right up there reaching for those plaques, so don't let the rest of the division down.

• The Rowell family. Babies Patricia and Clarence are held by Mrs. and Daddy Y. L. Rowell, operator at Division 1.



# Car House Highlights

by H. K. Conacher

## Car House No. 1

V. J. Shafer is back from his vacation which he spent in Sacramento Valley, hunting, he claims two pheasants.

W. Hollis spent his vacation looking around used car lots and finally settled for a "1942" Dodge.

Bob Hubbard who is on the retired list paid us a visit the other day, he looks well and happy and wishes to be remembered to all the boys.

Lee Sherrill went up into Antelope Valley last week-end hunting quail, but he says someone else got there ahead of him.

Fred Thompson looks all rested up after his vacation which he spent at his home on the desert.

Now that we are nearing the end of another year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

E. W. Swanson  
Supt. C.H. No. 1

## Car House No. 3

We have heard many "fish" stories, but I believe this one tops them all. Ted Branigan went out in the quest of ducks, but from reports thru the grapevine, instead of bringing in a few of the feathered fowl, we hear that he came in with a herring and barracuda. What did you do, Ted, use the shot gun to blast them out of the water???

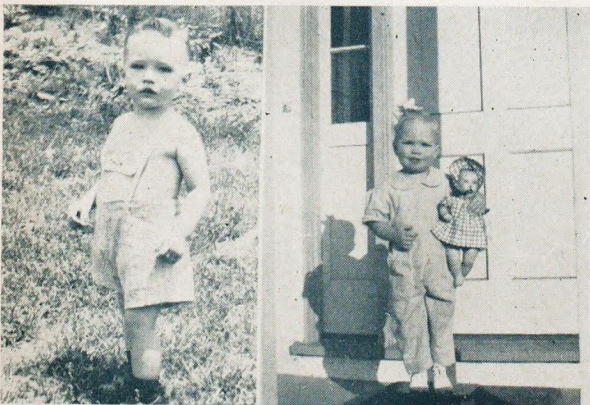
Our clerk, E. Isbell, has taken the fatal step. Congratulations, Isbell! May you have a lot of small ones, and a life-time of happiness.

We find that Ed Graham and Derry are going into the tulip bulb business, and other plants. As yet, we are unable to figure who is out-doing who, and why. Ed also has enjoyed loafing at home during his Thanksgiving vacation.

Paul Davis our genial foreman has that marital look. We would not be surprised to hear any day that he has taken that final and fatal step. "Who is the lucky girl, Paul?" Maybe next Thanksgiving he won't have to cook his own turkey!!!

Dean Roseman helped out in the office while Isbell enjoyed her vacation and honeymoon. He did a wonderful job, and it was appreciated.

• Transit cuties. Here is David E. Nash, son of Charlotte Nash, Division 1, and Lorraine Sorenson, two-year old daughter of E. A. Sorenson, Division 5.



• All dressed up in buttons and bows is Carol Lee, 15 years old. Carol is the daughter of Leland Lee, leadman at Department 20.

A. Pabst who was off sick for a while, has now returned to work feeling much better.

As we near the end of another year, with its memories of joy and sorrow, we look forward with hope, to a future that holds promises of peace and happiness. "A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families."

O. C. Schmokel  
Supt. C.H. No. 3

## Car House No. 4

Les Rutledge is dolling up his Packard with all the comforts of home. New seat covers and panels are the latest improvements. Les is trying to figure how to get a cook range in the back end. Mentioned that he might have to remove the seat, but heck, who cares, look what he would gain!

Dick Wibe is taking off a few days, with the doctor's permission, to rest up and build up his resistance. Seems he hasn't been feeling up to par the last few weeks and is determined to shake that old feeling.

Bob Lund is another one who is taking a requested vacation. Bob took a nose dive from the steps at his home and fractured a bone in his ankle. With the cast on his leg; Bob feels like he belongs to a chain gang.

We are all happy to see Wyne Fitzpatrick back with us again. "Fitz" is one of the unfortunates that was stricken with Polio. Says he is feeling pretty well now and is glad to be on the job. You can't keep a good Irishman down, can you, "Fitz?"

Quitman McKee took a trip back home to Arkansas and on the way back he had one of his country "cousins" take him for a little ride. His car motor broke down in the middle of the desert. He not only couldn't get it repaired to get back, but had to buy a new motor from the critter.

"Tex" Parker and wife went to the Grand Canyon to see one of the Wonders of the World. "Tex" said they had a swell time. They hiked to the very bottom of the canyon, let out three loud yodels, stroked the back of a stray burro, and then struggled back to the top.

Bob White went fishing in the Colorado River, he said that the water was so rough that he had to use both of his hands to keep in the boat, if he had another he would have done some fishing.



• They look alike do these two Harringtons. Baby Jean, six years, and mother LaVon. Papa R. L. Harrington works at Division 1.

We are glad to see George Ward back with us again. In a reduction of force George didn't have enough whiskers to stay on, but said that now he is back 'will try to grow a long beard.

To all Employees of C.H. 4 Mechanical: As the year of 1948 is about to close, I wish to thank each of you for your very fine cooperation and splendid work and wish you and your families a Very Merry Xmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Wheeler Ellis  
Supt. C.H. No. 4

#### Car House No. 5

Here it is, gang, another Christmas and a big and prosperous New Year just around the corner. We all hope the future will bring happiness, prosperity and continued good health to all.

As we look out upon the happy smiling faces of the gang here at Car House 5, ole Saint Nick must be coming around to visit each and every one of them. Singing and whistling while at work is an all day occurrence here at 54th and 2nd Avenue. We may some day have an all Division 5 Choir under the expert direction of Merle Jackson.

Frank Ralphs is wondering if his boss, "Pappy Wood" is going to refill the cigar box in his desk drawer for the coming year, or will Frank finally have to go out and buy some.

Our second shift foreman, Andy Duncan, is quite the poet these days. Upon starting his shift each day, he recites a new poem for the boys. I hear his boys are giving him a poem book for Christmas. Frank Castile, his ardent helper, claims the only resemblance of Andy to a poet is that his big feet "Longfellows" show it.

Ellen Emery's valuable little dictionary is getting plenty of use lately with Paul Brown and Andy Duncan debating over definitions of certain words. Those two boys should be on a quiz program.

Harry Goodman, a former native of New York City, but a resident of L.A. for the past 30 years, still claims the lights on the "Great White Way" of Broadway are the greatest in the world. His present favorite song is "When My Baby Smiles at Me." And when he breaks out in the song, his still limber feet do that old 42nd street jig.

Bob Mills, swing shift leader, claims the California mornings are refreshing and invigorating. He was seen walking across the car barn yard with trousers rolled up to the knees to get in that good morning freshness.

Congratulations are in order for A. E. Strosky and wife who recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on the 16th of November.

This Bill Jones person became the proud papa of an 8 lb. baby boy recently. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Jones!

George Alexander isn't doing so good picking football winners this year. He lost some close ones by one point this year. I'll let you get even next year, George.

Eddy Hess couldn't stand the sight of a poor turkey, so he had bell peppers for Thanksgiving. He claims they were very good, excepting a little singed on the bottom.

Babe Ellis's hunting expedition was hindered by the terrible windstorm we had recently. He got a few though, so he says.

"Pappy" Wood's vacation up in Sacramento and Northern California sure pepped him up. He came back all smiles and a little lighter. His vacation was climaxed by the thrilling California and Stanford football game. Anyone wishing a pheasant, see "Pappy," he shot up an ice box full. His home phone upon request.

Our deepest sympathy to Columbus Jackson upon the recent passing away of his mother, Mrs. Tempie Yancy.

I am still completely in the dark as to how many kids that muscle man "Tommy Haw" has really got. Has anyone an official count lately?

With this issue, our Superintendent, Mr. Pappy Wood, would like to wish each and every one of his grand employes the Merriest Christmas of them all, and the Happiest of New Years. We in turn want to wish "Pappy" and wife the very best on the holidays and all the years to come.

Chief Clerk, Kieffer's big little boy will see his first Christmas this year. Papa Kieffer, with chest bulging out, was recently seen displaying pictures of his cute little son.

Anyone wishing a telephone number of a real cutie, contact Alex Martinez, he has some real beauties, the lucky fellow!

• Here is the Frank Nicoletti family. Left to right: Frances Jo, Frank Jr., Shirley Jean, Robert, Patsy and Nancy. This is the reason Frank J. Nicoletti of Division 1, keeps hoping for trippers.



# South Park Diary

by Billy Pinder

WITH visions of plum pudding and turkey, the employes at the Shops are preparing themselves for a busy Christmas and New Years. Here is a list of things that some of the boys are asking Santa for this year: Otto Schneider says he would like a new fishing reel. How many have you got now, Otto? Joe Brayek wants one of those "Home Hair Cutters," h-m-m, quite a savings, Joe. Paul Gualteri would like Santa to bring him a number nine drum, complete with sticks, and Ernie Frampton would like to rent a nice little house. Take it easy Ernie, give Santa something a little easier.

It does our hearts good to see all the young "Old Timers" come in and visit us on our monthly programme day. Last month we had the pleasure of having with us: Al Malm, George (Lucky) Graham, John Cook and Joe Spearing, all former employes now on the special roll. We are expecting a big turnout at the Christmas party, so don't disappoint us boys, and do come in and visit us more often.

And speaking of last month's programme, we had the pleasure of having Barbara Shaw, and Bobby McCavaran, who played mighty good accordion music and Bill Ryan, television artist who impersonated Al Jolson to perfection. Not forgetting all our other star employes, who all did extra well.

You should have seen everyone shaking Sherman Krewall's hand the other day. Seems like word got around that some men on the next section from Sherman's lot in Antelope Valley struck a rich pocket of Uranium, so rich in fact that the geologist reported the samples sent in were twice the reading required by the government. After everyone had congratulated him on his good fortune, Sherman politely told them that they were not next to him but a good 30 miles from there. Well, that's life for you, a millionaire one day, a pauper the next.

Have you noticed the nice collection of pictures of the artists who appear on the monthly programme? They are over on the west side of the stage, incidentally the pictures were taken by Al Carmichael.

One of the boys brought in a sign he says he pulled down from a tree reading: \$1000.00 reward for anyone giving information of the whereabouts of one "Art Robey," signed by the Sheriff of Ghost Town. Wonder what Art has been up to now?



• Jerry Cameron thrills his listeners with his Mirambaphone at every South Park Shop show. Jerry is a mechanic at Department 20.

Buster Campbell, says a little encouragement goes a long way, even a kind word or a pat on the back makes you feel like living.

Russell Wolfe, proudly informs one and all that baby daughter, Jeannie Diane, arrived at 9 a.m., Friday, Oct. 15th at the South Hoover Hospital. Congrats and thanks for the cigars, Russell.

Mr. Stork took another bow, occasioned by the arrival of Judy Ann Gillette, who weighed in at 6 lb. 4 oz., on Oct. 29th, 9:20 a.m. at the Centinella Hospital, Inglewood. Dean, the proud papa works in Dept. 12.

News flash—Our genial friend Huey Lendy is again a proud grandfather. Daughter Barbara presented him with a grandson, Thomas Edward, 7½ lb. on Sunday, Oct. 17th. But bear in mind Huey, Gus Prenger's record, a grandfather 13 times.

Another proud grandpop is Adolph Hernandez, whose daughter-in-law presented him with a fine looking baby boy, Jimmy Al, who weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. at birth.

The Owens River area up in the High Sierras lost a goodly portion of its wild fowl population when Linus Johnson went duck hunting.

The other morning around 2 a.m., Jack Ogden was awakened from a deep sleep by his youngest son, who was sitting up in bed singing at the top of his voice; after explanations were in order the boy went back to sleep again. But it just goes to show you, "Like father, like son."

Speaking of automobiles, you should get a peek at Al Oliveri's brand new (Black Beauty) Ford, and at Tommy Lambert's flashy (Biege) Dodge, not forgetting Bert Miller's swell looking Plymouth. Bert says it sure is an improvement over his old "Green Flash."

Fred Shaw, noble lad of the Electric Dept. says he is sending his dog to school to teach him how to pose for pictures. Might be the dog could give Fred a few tips on how to take the pictures.

John DiMaggio, was seen on a television show last Saturday evening over KHJ in Hollywood on "What's The Name of That Song" in which he won first prize and received many beautiful gifts, he also managed to put in a plug for the L.A. Transit Lines, which brought a big hand from the audience.

Warren Brown, (Fare Box) is coming along fine after his recent sickness and we expect him to work again any day now.

And we also hear from Bill Smith (Upholstery) who has been absent from the Shops on sick leave, is coming along fine.

And in closing may this Christmas be to each what he expects, and may the New Year surpass even the rosiest ambitions of the most optimistic of us. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

AS we again come near the holiday season, our thoughts take us back over the year 1948. Thinking of the pleasant time we have had working together, I want to thank all of you in the Railway Equipment Department and So. Park Shops, who with your sincere cooperation have helped keep the equipment in a safe and satisfactory condition.

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

J. T. WATTS,  
Gen. Supt. of Railway Equipment.

# The Hillbilly Boys

by L. B. Meek

**M**ERRY Christmas to you all. Which, of course, means that we will have to be good little boys and girls now for a while. You know old Santa Claus is one guy that can find out more about you than anyone I know. And he is on the prowl about this time of year. Say have you seen the candy stick coach? Boy, that is something. And the Santa Claus? Why of course he's none other than our John Norman Hallock. I didn't know where we could find a better, more jolly, roly poly Santa.

I think some of the boys sort of jumped the gun a little this year from the looks of the new cars around the place. First we noticed that Division Clerk Ralph Costello came out with a new Plymouth club coupe. And then some one marred the fender on it before it was a month old. Ain't that heck.

Frank Graham wanted to get his wife a nice Christmas present so he drives up with a new Dodge club coupe with all the trimmings, but just imagine having a nice new car sitting in the garage when you go to work in the morning and then to come home in the evening and find a pile of ashes where the garage had been. That happened to A. L. White. Now he sure enough believes in Santa Claus for the insurance company decided that he had not been the owner long enough to find out what it was like, so they gave him a brand new car.

Along about this time we find most people in a better mood and rather tender hearted, too. So one person whom I think should receive honorable mention from the S.P.C.A. is none other than Operator V. C. Swindall who stopped to pick up a lady passenger and while the door was open in walked a kitten. He couldn't take the cat so he picked it up and carried it over to the porch. He went back to his bus and behold there was the cat again. This time he took it to the rear of the house sat it down and ran for the bus but the cat beat him there. So in desperation he took it back to the rear of the house and put it up in a tree which gave him a head start and this time he made it, but he was worn out from running back and forth.

Bud Evans doesn't chase cats but he was seen running down dollar bills the other day. While coming along the private right of way he saw a dollar laying on the track, so stopped and picked it up, then went a little farther and found another one. I don't know how many he found but he said, if he had had some place to park the car, he might have filled his pockets from the way it looked.

You can tell when traffic is getting bad when the fellows come in with new news items. Bill Deskin says he gets his at the news reel theatre. For he now has time to go in and see the show when the traffic stops and get back before it starts moving again.

**T**HE office staff joins me in wishing each Division Three employe and his family a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We also want to thank you for the wonderful cooperation you have shown during the past year and know the same spirit of cooperation will continue throughout the New Year.

T. O. LATHAM,  
Superintendent, Division 3.

# Electrical

by Walter Whiteside

**T**HERE is only one way to commence a column for a Christmas issue, and that is by wishing everyone a very Merry Holiday Season.

Leland Dye wishes to express his thanks, and that of management, for the fine work and cooperation in the building of the "B" line Trolley Coach. It is generally agreed that much was learned during the construction of the No. 3 Trolley Coach line, which experience proved helpful during the past few months. The originally scheduled completion date would have met if there hadn't been so many house moving jobs, freeway work and feeder raising to clear for the new light standards.

One thing we would like to mention right here and that is the job has been done with a minimum of accidents.

We are all happy to welcome Tom Hunter back on the job after being away for a number of months.

Talked to D. O. Coulam the other day. Says he is feeling fair but the doctor would not release him for duty.

Roy Radke tells me he enjoyed a vacation in San Francisco. Says he almost purchased the bridge but was stopped in time.

Dick McDevitt is home now and on our last visit he was walking around better than ever.

T. V. Ballensky took a leave of absence to take his wife to stay with her folks as she has been feeling under the weather.

Gene Laycox took a two-week leave of absence to go to Death Valley, Reno, and maybe Oregon. He returned home in two days.

M. T. Lander has just been advanced to Superintendent of Substations.

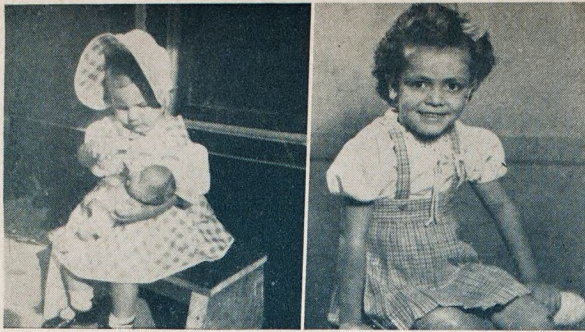
We were all sorry to hear of the death of Frank Archer. Frank has been in the department since 1926. He had been ill for only a few days.

**M**AY I, at this time, extend to you and your families the best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We in this department can look back over the past year as a year of real accomplishment. Thanks for your splendid cooperation and may our association so continue through 1949.

L. E. DYE.

• The Cardenti's of Division 1, go western. Left, Aloyce Maria, Valentine and Bob are shown astride their horses.





• Two little ladies. The one busy feeding the doll is Dixie Louise Robitelli, one-year old daughter of Maurice Robitelli of South Park Shops, and Ellen A. Jackson, 7-year old pride and joy of Robert Jackson, Division 1.

## Blow-Bys by Tom Smalley

**J**INGLE bells, jingle bells and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you. The way some of the boys are traveling around you would think they are trying to play Santa Claus.

Jim Homar has gone to Tuscon, Ariz., to visit his Mom and Pop.

Ore and Betty Porter are going to Escondido.

The rest of the men and their families are taking off for parts unknown.

Art Leisure will play Santa Claus for the benefit of his nieces and nephews.

Tom Roche really sold a lot of turkeys to the boys over the holidays.

Nat Duron had thirty guests at his home for Thanksgiving dinner. He served about 40 pounds of turkey. Nat plays the role of Santa at Christmas time, also.

Chick Jackson had quite a shock a week ago. He drove his car downtown and went into a store to do some shopping. When he came back to get his car he couldn't find it. He was just about ready to call the police when he remembered that he had just had his car painted. Yes, you guessed it. There it was right where he left it. Then upon arriving home he was notified he had the winning ticket on a beautiful television set.

Jack Haynes is all smiles these days. Jack won quite a sum of money from Mike Heman . . . something about an election bet, I think.

I understand that Stewart Hubbard is now commuting between L.A. and Catalina Island, and that he and Ruble Ulmer are training some sea gulls. How about it, fellows?

Tom Crouch is giving his landlord a Christmas present. He is painting the house that he's living in.

Ted and Sid Ormston started to work for the Company in October, 1921. Ted says that he and Sid are going to ask for a steady job soon.

**A** MERRY Christmas and a Happy New Year to employes of Dept. 20 and their families.

I think we can look with pride upon the many achievements of the past year and greet the year of 1949 with great confidence.

N. W. LANE,  
Supt. Automotive Division,  
South Park Shops.

John Paul and his good wife Charlotte drove all the way to Reno for a Thanksgiving dinner. Of course John wagered a shilling or two at the gaming tables. And he didn't come home in a barrel, either.

Homer Porcher is having a good time these days pushing trolley coaches around with the shop mule, but what did he cut two holes in his hat for? Ears, maybe?

I went Christmas shopping with my wife. She saw lots of pretty things in the windows. I saw quite a few pretty things, too, if you know what I mean.

Ed Kennett has changed his hobby from building jet racers to building model railroad bridges.

Walt Powell surprised us all when he took a trip to Las Vegas and came back with Eula Walters as his bride. They are making their home in Inglewood.

Tony Nunes out of the hospital again and feeling quite fit, he says.

Bob Frampton's O.K. again after being injured by an Oklahoma ice pick.

Earl Hansen wishes to thank his many friends for the flowers and condolences at the recent loss of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Hansen.

### WET PAINT

The new air conditioned fire proof paint store room is now open for business and Joe Metoyer is the competent man in charge.

Lucius Sheppard hasn't had much luck with his quail hunting. Shep wants to know if anyone knows where he can find some good quail hunting closer than 1,000 miles?

Some of the boys are taking up a collection to buy Joe Wyndon a B-B gun so that he can practice up on his marksmanship. Sounds bad, Joe.

The paint gang still continues to contribute a great deal of talent to our monthly entertainment program, with Sam Clay and Oscar Nelson doing their usual great performance. We hope to have Miss Marjorie Thompson, the daughter of Ernie Thompson, back on the program real soon. Marjorie is now playing in the International Guitar League and has participated in the winning of two gold cups. She has also played at several social functions recently. Hurry back, Marjorie.

There is no truth to the rumor that Harold Cass has his boys working nights painting candy canes for Saint Nick.

Camillo Caringella wants Santa to bring him a well stocked private ocean to fish in.

Patty Giacalone wants a new car and R. E. Sanchez will settle for a new paint brush.

That's all for now.

• Three newcomers to the transit family above are, left, Larida K. Wilson, three month old grand-daughter of Joe King, carhouse No. 5; Jeanne Dianne Wolfe, whose works at South Park, and Ronald K. Miller, six month old son of Harley Miller, also of South Park.



# Hot Stuff from Pepper

by Bill Hunter

**M**ERRY Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

It looks like Rody loses an exemption. Congratulations are in order for Burl (Junior) Rodefer's daughter, Betty Mae, who was married December 5, to Eugene Jessie of the U. S. Navy.

The other night Rody thought he had won a turkey at the bowling alley only to find out the next day that he actually had lost it—by only two pins, too. Tough luck, and better luck next time, Rody.

Speaking of bowling, the Way & Structures Bowling team which meets Thursday nights at the Broadway Bowling Academy has really been moving along. At this writing they have won seven out of the last eight games. Also top series team in the last two league meets. The team members are Chuck Tade (Captain), Burl Rodefer, Jimmy and Spike Speck, Carl Heffington, and Willis Dimmick. Keep it up, fellows.

Harvey Lindley has finally admitted that El Monte is a little bit too far away and has decided to sell his beautiful home. Boy, Harve, we're all going to miss that place.

The Saturday of the UCLA-USC football game, Harold Copp, Monte Munn, and yours truly, watched the game through Harvey Lindley's new television set which was quite perfect. Poor Copp moaned the whole afternoon as he had given too many points and lost.

Felix Rubalcaba returned recently from his vacation to Lompoc, California, where he visited relatives and I hear had a very good time.

Sal Burgos has had to get his coveralls two sizes bigger since the birth of his son. The buttons are really flying.

L. C. "Tommy" Thompson and Frank Blasey went quail hunting up near Tehachapi and both came back with the limit.

Clyde Burden and his family went down to San Diego for Thanksgiving.

Carl Kennedy and his family went down to his father's ranch near Rancho Santa Fe for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Jesus Rosales was telling me how wonderful it was that we hadn't had one serious accident among the oilers for over three years. Few people realize what a terrifically hazardous job the oilers have, sweeping out the grooves in the curves and special work and keeping the tracks well greased. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays the oilers have to work in pairs because of the extra heavy traffic. Our hats go off to these boys.

Walter Capps and Joe McCluskey are still feuding over the East-Texan and West-Texan superiority.

Manuel Gonzalez is a very lucky man. Last pay day he lost his pay check. The next day he found it laying in the gutter on his way to work. Whew!

Was it the bright lights or the horse races that attracted Carl Kennedy to Tiajuana a couple of weeks ago.

Chuck Tade's track gang were told to meet Chuck at the Inglewood Substation in the Inglewood Cemetery to excavate for a pipe line. Philip Gordon squealed nervously, "You all mean *inside* the cemetery?"

The passing of Mario Moya on October 26th was deeply felt in the whole department. Mr. Moya was with the company for over forty years, being employed twice. His last employment started November 7, 1921.



• Marriage vows were exchanged by Rose Marie Ervin, daughter of Frank and Mrs. Ervin, and Dale M. Davenport, in a recent impressive candlelight ceremony solemnized at Vermont Avenue Church of Christ. The bride attended John C. Fremont and George Washington high schools. The benedict attended schools in Texas and now is attending George Pepperdine College. He served three years overseas during World War II as a tail gunner in the naval air force. Father, F. L. Ervin is Superintendent of Division 5.

## Gabs and Gossips of Guys and Gals in Five

by Irving Scharf

**T**HIS being the month in which we can expect our annual visit from Santa, here is a partial list of what the local talent around this division would like for Christmas presents:

J. A. Grudziadz would like a watch that won't run hot; F. A. Ross and Bob Kolath would like runs with about twenty minute spots. Louis Freer would like a pinochle deck with a revolving 24 hour dial. George Petrell would like an educated transfer, and Joe Kondor wants a good night's sleep.

Seriously for a moment, Christmas comes at a time of the year when all of us who have so gallantly stuck together for the past year, taste a reward of self confidence of a job well done.

To all of you, your wives and families, I extend my sincere wishes for a very Merry and exciting Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy and contentment.

Many of you know Freddie Mason, our day clerk, who just recently returned from a trip to England. There were a couple of things that bothered me about the English people, so to clear them up I approached the unpredictable Mason. "Tell me, Freddie, why do the English drink so much tea?" and without so much as batting an eye he retorted, "Did you ever taste their coffee?"

**I** WISH that each of you and your families may enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also wish to express my sincere thanks for your efficient work and hearty cooperation during the past year.

F. L. ERVIN,  
Superintendent, Division 5.

# "Streamliners"

by Charles H. Croninger

A warm, rousing, hi-de-ho welcome to the operators who chose to work at Division 4, as of the System Shake-up last month. This will be read a little bit late, but better late than not at all, and a fond so-long to the operators leaving Division 4.

James C. Thompson, who started streamlining STREAMLINER in 1942, is the new addition to the clerks' roster, which means there is another customer for the shine men to chase after coffee. Good luck, Jimmie!

A lady rushed up to Loader Wm. D. Hendrix at 7th and Broadway and asked, "Does this car go til it turns?"

The above lady's sister asked B. Grillette of the "J" Line Grillettes if the Palm Place loop is named after the Chicago loop, yak, yak.

This is on the Pico line. How many operators have noticed at First and Evergreen on the Northwest corner, a shop called "The House of Joy" and right in back of it the Evergreen Monument Works? This is the sort of item that Matt Weinstock features in his column in the Daily News, but up to now he hasn't printed it, so he can consider himself scooped.

J. M. Hardy and M. J. Williams will be doing some night work now assisting a couple of future Miss Americas along the path to glory. Hardy's girl arrived October 10, weighing 8 lbs., answers to Mary Lee. Williams' little bundle came in at 6 lbs., 7 ozs. Note says mother doing fine. Wot, no name, M. J.?

The last issue had the announcement of the birth of W. E. Jones' baby. Seems W. E. was only married May 2nd, and his brother, O. J., is the Jones boy who passed out the stogies and had the addition to the Jones' menage.

As the old year ebbs away and the holiday spirit is in the air, we seize this opportunity to say to our Superintendent, J. A. Madigan, and his immediate office staff—from all of us to all of you—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

AS the year 1948 draws to a close, it is a pleasure to have this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the Operators at Division Four for the fine cooperation shown by you during the past year.

The office staff joins me in wishing you and all the members of your family a very Merry Christmas and the best of luck in the coming year.

J. A. MADIGAN,



• Like father like son is shown in this picture of son, Brent Breyak, and his dad, Joe Breyak. Joe works at South Park.

## Holiday Carving

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### Other ABC's

Cut sharply, and that means "cut"—no whittling, ripping or sawing. And never, never alter the angle of the knife after the first incision has been made. Otherwise a jagged slice will result, and besides being unattractive, it's wasteful.

A sharp knife is a "must." Skewers, strings and trussings should be removed in the kitchen except in a rolled roast. A large platter does more toward a good carving job than you might suppose—it's easier to work in a roomy space. To make the job still easier, forego the green trimmings or else mass them at one end of the platter where they won't get in your way. A fork serves only one purpose—to anchor the roast firmly—but beware of making any more fork marks than absolutely necessary. The more pricks, the more juice escapes, and this spoils both the appearance and taste of a roast.

### Two Lessons in One

Master the art of carving a ham, and you know all there is to know about carving a leg of lamb also. The method is the same except that ham slices should be thinner: Place roast on platter fat side up with the small end to your left. Make the first incision at the large end just ahead of the aitch bone and cut perpendicular toward the bone that runs lengthwise. Cut several slices, then run knife along the bone to release them.

### Some Fine Points About Fowl

The technique is the same for any fowl, but, naturally, the smaller the bird, the more essential to have the fine points down pat in order to dispose of the meat to best advantage.

First of all, remove the leg in one piece. To steady the roast, you can either grasp the drumstick in the fingers of the left hand (or vice versa if lefthanded) or thrust a fork into the flesh wherever it seems most natural. Cut through the skin between thigh and body, following the seam to the backbone socket. Then with flat of blade pressed against body of fowl, pull leg toward you and sever the joint between thigh and drumstick. No slicing is necessary since those two pieces are serving size.

Off comes the wing as the second step. Insert knife in section of wing nearest body. With blade in far point of the shoulder, cut in a downward movement forcing the joint. Then, slice the breast as thin as knife control permits, working one side of the "bird" at a time. "Thin," means about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch or less.

### Practice Makes Perfect

The only *trick* to carving is to develop a steady carving hand—and that's where practice makes perfect. As a means to that end, it's suggested that beginners practice up on a loaf of bread. Cut slices of varying thickness for regular table use, for Melba toast or wafer thin for tea sandwiches. Try the same thing with different kinds of bread—hot, cold, fresh, stale—until you can produce consistently regular and uniform slices. That's a sign that you've got the knife under control and can approach a roast with confidence.





• **Good shooting.** A few members of the rifle team who shot themselves a turkey are, left to right: L. C. Thompson, Chuck Malin, B. G. Ruiz, Mickey Ryan and Percy Snider.

## Rifle and Pistol Club

### "Turkey Shoot"

ON Sunday, November 14th, members and friends of the club went hunting for turkey at the rifle range, just off Glen Oaks Blvd. Believe it or not, quite a few turkeys were bagged. Even Bert Ruiz, from Div. No. 5, whose shooting eye is not so good, went home with meat for the table. Ruiz shot a neighboring farmer's duck. Said Ruiz, "It must be a new kind of turkey to have such short legs."

L. C. Thompson ran over one with his bull-dozer, but says Tommy, "turkey is turkey!"

Chuck Malin won a turkey, but then Chuck was keeping score, so if he didn't, that would have been Chuck's fault.

P. Snider won a turkey, due to the help of some unknown shooter. In order to make his winning legitimate they had to let Snider shoot until he at least hit the target. While he was loading his gun for the 38th time, this unknown shooter went out to the target and with a nail punched a hole in the 10X ring. The nail puncher was heard to mutter to himself, "No use staying here all night."

Mickey Ryan also won a turkey. Mickey showed up for the shoot with a new gun, but having won other matches with Chuck Malin's gun, Mickey wouldn't take a chance on missing a turkey dinner. Sure enough Malin's gun threw another 10X shot.

## Beauty and the "B"

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downtown area over Main Street, and from the southeast district over Hooper and 12th.

The "Go" signal was given for construction of line No. 2 on April 15 of this year. The Line Department hummed with activity. The job of installing the overhead facilities for the trolley coach operation on this new line was a tremendous task. The route has a total round-trip mileage of 22 miles. This means that 44 miles of trolley wire had to be strung which did not include trolley wire necessary for the five loops located at 51st & Ascot, 41st & Ascot, one at the Union Depot on Macy Street; one at Wabash and Evergreen, and one at City Terrace and Eastern Avenue. Additional trolley wire was used to string facilities for pull-in and pull-out at 12th Street & Central; Fifth and Sixth Streets at Main. The curves at Fifth and Sixth on Main make it possible for the trackless trolleys to have a turn-back loop within the center of the business area. Owl service on line No. 2 will operate from City Terrace to this loop and reverse by traveling around

the block; east on Sixth, north on Maple and west on Fifth. This loop will also be popular in cases of parades when trackless trolleys that come from the east and from the north can turn back, thus avoiding the necessity of fighting through blockaded streets.

Two Hundred and Fifty wood and steel poles were placed along the line under the direction of "Shorty" Bumbaugh, of the Pole Gang. During the time they were doing this work they were called to many other spots on the system to set other poles for replacement. It was also necessary to set poles for the rerouting of high lines and for freeway crossings. They also had as an additional task the job of setting many poles at the curb line on the Santa Barbara project, plus the removal of all center poles.

With all of these other tasks the Pole Gang did a marvelous job of making ready for "Mose," O. J. Moser and his Heavy Gang, to install 39,000 feet of feeder cable. This cable comes in various sizes from 300,000 c.m. to 600,000 c.m. for the positive and negative feeder circuits.

The feeder cable parallels the trolley lines and the feeder taps are fastened to the trolley wire approximately every 500 feet. This makes it possible for electricity to be balanced over the whole line. Moser, upon completion of this work moved his crews into the Macy Street loop at the Union Depot and then into No. 1 yards, where he installed the overhead facilities, including wires, electric switches and thousands upon thousands of feet of guy wire and suspension wire.

The Emergency Crews assisted by handling work at 16th Street shops when they were not on call.

In the meantime, the Tower Crews, under the capable direction of Leo Maag, installed 228,000 feet of trolley wire. Miles of span wire necessary to suspend the trolley was also strung. In cases where curves had to be installed, these curves were suspended in what is known as segments. A segment is a portion of double trolley pre-separated, to which the trolley wire fits. It took considerable night and Sunday work to complete the task of suspending trolley wires the entire length of the lines.

The Electric Switch and Signal Crews contributed their portion under the direction of W. V. Yandell, and they are responsible for the installation of the automatic switching devices at Division No. 1 yards and also for the connection of the negative return taps.

Walter Whiteside had the task of checking all stock and material shipped in for the operation.

Just as work began the Supervising Foreman, R. C. McDevitt, was injured in an accident. He had been in direct charge of the Heavy Gang, Pole Gang and Tower Crews. However, while McDevitt was off, H. W. McTaggart was called back from his vacation and put in charge as Supervising Foreman. McTaggart was familiar with the work as he had been relieving various foremen during their vacations.

## Mayor Bowron

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Ager, Sr. Transportation Engineer, and William Hibbard of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, and D. D. McClurg, President, Transportation Union, Division 1277. Representing the Transit Lines, T. J. Manning, President; Cone T. Bass, Vice-President; Stanley M. Lanham, Planning Director; J. C. Yarbrough, J. Curtis, D. D. Canning, M. E. Wright, G. F. Goehler, J. E. McGinty, George Powell, L. E. Dye, Stephen O'Donnell and Guy Gifford.

## Revised Training

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In the meantime he is sent to the Instruction Department, the offices of which are now located in the building at 11th & Broadway. Mickey Ryan with a background of instruction of many years, has been named as Chief Instructor. He, too, uses psychological tests and methods to find out the capabilities of the applicant. Training films are shown to the applicant under his direction.

The student is then sent out on the lines under competent instructors who watch him carefully.

Alexander, through his aids, keeps a close watch over the students under instruction. The average length to qualify a man is thirty days and at the end of that time he is turned over to M. E. Wright, General Superintendent of Transportation, as a full fledged operator, capable of operating on any line of the division to which he has been assigned. Mr. Wright receives this new employe complete with uniform, changer and watch and with as much knowledge of the system and the job as is possible to give a man in that length of time.

Follow-through, which the Personnel Department will continue, will be then between various division instructors reporting to the Personnel Department. Various difficulties that arise in the life of a new operator will be quickly ironed out, just as are the other problems which are handled so efficiently at the present time under Tengblad's direction.

This new program will bring the employes in closer contact with management and establish the feeling that the company is but a group of individuals working toward the same end.

## Retired Employes Association

by P. C. McNaughton

**A**T our meeting in November, we received the bad news, that our president, Jacob Zuber, returning from a hunting trip through Wyoming and Utah, met with a very bad auto accident and was critically injured. To date we hear that he is improving and we hope we may soon welcome him back with us, which for a time, seemed rather doubtful. We understand that his kill, consisting of an elk and two deer, plus a big can of Utah honey, all arrived safely in Los Angeles due to the kindness and alertness of the Highway Patrol and other traffic organizations.

At our meeting, Mr. Carson, who was elected vice-president, sent in his resignation and William Marion was elected to fill the vacancy.

Our program consisted of vocal selections by Miss Lucita Bovee, Miss Virginia Byrd, Mr. Frank Ambrosia, Italian Baritone, who gave several selections from Italian Operas, and Mrs. Madeline Bell, gospel singer and one who has come to us on several occasions.

**"T**HE time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things—of shoes and ships and sealing wax—why not CHRISTMAS, too?"

So, fellows, to you and your families, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and my thanks to all.

H. J. HINZE,  
Supt. Trolley Coach

## Trolley Buzzes

by Ronnie Mason

**G**ATHER 'round me, you men of the TROLLEYS  
Give out with your wishes to wise, dear, old Santa;  
Wish for a gun, a sure thing on the ponies,  
Whatever the heck you happen to wanna.

Like HARRY DAVIS, he wants a shaver,  
An electric gadget, that S. P. McKEE  
Ain't got no use for and MANUEL GREAGER  
Would give to MORRIS or OLIPHANT J. C.  
Then RENNIE ELLS would like a gun  
That'd shoot all kinds of game on the run.

CREDIDIO, SWAYZE and BUSSWELL wanna  
Have their glazed domes adorned with fuzz;  
No piker, WILSON, he asks of dear, old Santa  
A top of hair like BOB CLENARD'S;  
And ZSATHMARY tells me that he and SIDLES  
Are giving CAESAR some soda bottles.

For BIGGS and PERLIN a set of girdles,  
This is the order from HUGO HINZE;  
And to spice the aroma of Christmas vittles  
JIM FERRY wants the stuff inside a half a pint;  
Now comes GLAVIN, the silent Norse,  
He wants, no less, a bucking horse.

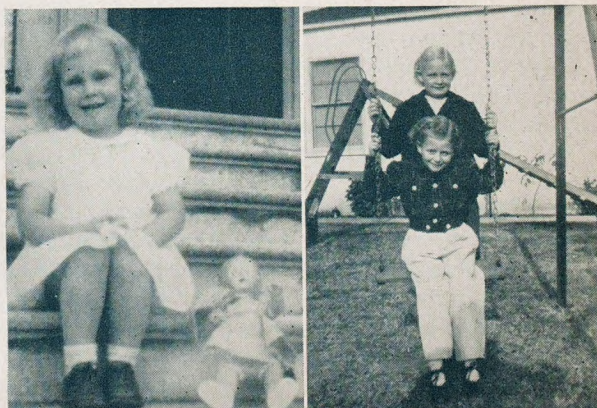
Then there's something that age forsakes  
But JONES, TAHARA and MARTIN, J. G.  
Are asking Santa for roller skates;  
While HILL and BURTON would like to see  
That L. H. WHITE and WILLIE MACKSON  
Get an outfit, a cowboy rig, a John B. Stetson.

These guys would like to have home dough;  
They are HENDRICKS, MARSDEN and LARRY LIM-  
PAS;

But LE ROY BURR and ARCHER, both,  
Would better enjoy their time at Christmas  
If they could get from FREDDIE HARRINGTON  
The recorded songs of CLARENCE WASHINGTON.

About STOVER, H. SMITH and even TAYLOR  
All they want is lots, lots and lots of luck  
'Cause they bet YOUNG, BELL also, one puny buck  
That there ain't no Santa; and I'll be a sailor  
If I don't put in my two bits here  
And wish you all A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY  
NEW YEAR.

• The little lady on the steps is Joan Christine Lowell, 2½-year old granddaughter of Lottie MacKenzie, Transportation Department. The lassies in the swing are Nancy Staten and Larlyn Staten, daughters of Larry Staten, Adjutant, L.A.T.L. Veterans' Club.



## A True Story

(Author Unknown)

A battalion of soldier boys had been given copies of the Bible, the New Testament and the Old Testament. They were then given strict orders that each one was to use the Bible at the services on Sunday.

The following Sunday, while the soldiers were at services, the officer of the day made an inspection and found that one soldier had not brought the new Bible, so he was searched and the only thing that was found in his pocket was a deck of cards. He was told to report to the commanding officer on Monday morning.

The next day when he reported before his officer, he was reprimanded and then asked if he had anything to say in his own defense. This is the way he replied:

"Sir, this pack of cards means a great deal in my life and tells me what is in the Bible, and even more, for

"The One-spot tells me there is but one God.

"The Two-spot tells me that the Bible is divided into two parts, the Old and the New Testaments.

"The Three-spot that there are three persons in the Holy Trinity.

"The Four-spot that the New Testament was written by the Four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

"The Five-spot that there are five Foolish and five Wise Virgins.

"The Six-spot that the world was created in six days.

"The Seven-spot that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath, on which I must pay my respects to my Creator.

"The Eight-spot reminds me of the Eight Beatitudes, the greatest sermon preached by our Lord.

"The Nine-spot tells me of the nine Lepers who did not return to the Savior to give thanks.

"The Ten-spot reminds me of the Ten Commandments which I must keep to save my soul.

"The Jack is the Knave, the Devil who goes about seeking the destruction of souls.

"The Queen is the Mother of Heaven, the Mother of God.

"The King is the Kingdom of Heaven which will be my reward of a good life.

"Even more than that. This pack of cards is also an almanac for me.

"There are 52 cards in the deck, telling me that there are 52 Sundays in the year.

"Add up all the spots and you will find 365 in all, telling me there are 365 days in the year.

"There are thirteen cards in the suite, which tells me there are thirteen lunar months in the year.

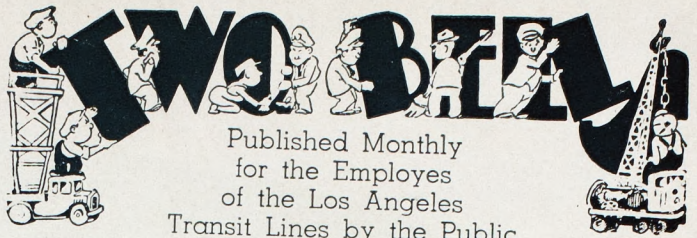
"In all there are 12 face cards, and so there are 12 calendar months in the year.

"There are four various suites: hearts, diamonds, spades and clubs, signifying the four seasons of the year: spring, summer, autumn and winter.

"There are light and dark cards, telling me that each twenty-four hours is divided into day and night.

"This is the meaning of the pack of cards to me, I have nothing more to say."

The soldier boy was forthwith honorably discharged.



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AGAIN we enter the joyous Yuletide season, and it is with a deep sense of gratitude that I look back over the past year and view with just pride the splendid accomplishments that you, the members of the Transportation Department, have brought about.

To you, my fellow-workers, my wish is for your continued success and happiness, and may the Star of Bethlehem shine ever bright upon you and your loved ones.

M. EDWIN WRIGHT.

# Picture of the Month



• Cone T. Bass, Vice President Puts Finishing Touch on Candy Ca.  
as R. E. Sanchez watches approvingly.