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THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SECURITY

By T. J. MANNING

BY a majority the men and women in the transit industry decided upon transportation as a career because it is stabilized work. They realized that day in and day out, come boom times or depression, the cars and coaches roll, for the transit job is never seasonal. Permanent layoffs are unheard of and though there are other tasks which pay a higher hourly rate, during periods when the demand for workers exceeds that of the supply, the total earnings over a lifetime of the transit pilot quite often exceeds the total earnings of workers in other professions.

Yes, there is security in the transit profession. The Los Angeles Transit Lines men and women do not gamble their time in an effort to make quick monetary returns. Theirs is a steady income, year after year, and now . . .

They have a guarantee of continuing security after they pull in from their last run and turn in the final trip sheet.

For a pension plan was agreed upon by Union representatives and Management at the recent contract negotiations. It was made effective immediately.

Our employes have always felt secure down through the years, because the Company voluntarily has maintained a "Special Roll" plan for old timers retiring from service. However, it must be borne in mind that although this roll was maintained it was a gratuity based upon no written agreement and subject to modification or cancellation at anytime.

So the Company was very happy to discuss with your Union representatives the subject of a Funded pension plan. It should be noted that the Pension Plan is a new development in industry generally and the Los Angeles Transit Lines is one of the few transit companies to offer this fund to its employes.

This year, during negotiations, many pension plans were studied and finally your Union and the Company agreed upon a contributory type of Funded plan which is now in operation. This plan calls for the major contribution to be paid by the Company. Under the plan the Company pays approximately two and one-half times the amount paid by the average employe.

For a quick comparison let's glance at the Social Security plan, the costs of which are equal between employe and employer, and the retirement age is the same.

Participation in our plan is a condition of employment under the current contract and you should apply to become a member on the anni-

versary date of the plan when you have completed three continuous years of service. All employes are eligible who are between the ages of 25 to 69½ and have three years of continuous service.

All employees participating receive an insurance policy which is 50 times the monthly retirement income. For example a person receiving the maximum of \$60 has a \$3000 policy.

The normal retirement age is sixty-five years and if you then have thirty years of credited service you will receive the maximum benefit which is \$60.00 per month. Added to your primary Social Security pension which averages approximately \$50.00 per month under present laws you will receive \$110.00 per month for life.

Retirements for total disabilities pay partial monthly amounts determined by the employes age and years of service at the time of retirement because of total disability.

Most important is the fact that should you leave the Company before retirement all monies which you have contributed to the plan will be refunded to you, together with interest. You will also receive a portion of the contribution that has been made by the Company, if you have been a participant in the plan for at least one year before terminating.

In other words you are saving a portion of your earnings. You are collecting interest on that savings and you have the privilege of drawing that plus a certain portion contributed by the Company should the time ever come when you leave our employ. There is no way for you to lose your investment. The least possible benefit that you could receive would be the refund of your total investment plus interest.

Whether they know it or not all men seek security. Desire for security activates ambition. Colleges are filled to overflowing by men and women seeking knowledge so they might produce more in the competitive fields and thusly guarantee their personal security.

You are fortunate, for you are offered security on a job which does not take years of college preparation.

Thirty years may seem far away if you are bucking the extra board today but each successive day brings you more seniority. Look at it from a broad viewpoint. Consider the fact that our average employe has 14 years seniority. That's right. The average employe of the Los Angeles Transit Lines is almost half way toward the goal of retirement and security in his old age—and there is no substitution for security.

Headline Makers

Los Angeles Transit Lines sponsors a new idea in radio, Headline Makers. Broadcast from the floor of one of the largest Press Clubs in the world, this program has gained thousands of listeners and is doing much to build better relations between the Company and the public.

THE life of a metropolitan city is mirrored by the metropolitan newspapers. The editorial rooms are action exemplified. The city desk is the pulse. Edition after edition follow one another onto the streets for the news-hungry public.

Photographers armed with cameras and flash blubs move around the city—and out to every major activity. With them go the reporters, making notes on newsprint paper, then back to the city room they dash, racing against deadlines to bring you the details of whatever occasion or news event it happens to be. But the story behind the story is not often told in glaring headlines nor in the story as it appears in print. Readers often miss the story behind the story.

The human side, the interesting anecdotes, the quotations of bystanders are tossed about by the reporters gathered in the Press Club to relive the day, just as operators, motormen and conductors talk of their jobs during the off hours.

Headline Makers brings you these off-the-cuff discussions from the Press Club lounge where the newsmen have gathered around the huge green table with an eight ball in the center. The eight ball is the symbol of the Press Club.

BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL

• Pres. Harry Truman receives the eight ball from Walter Ames. Truman was guest of the Press Club on his visit to Los Angeles.



HEADLINE MAKERS IN ACTION

• Well known reporters crack wise during recent broadcast of the new press club show, sponsored by the Los Angeles Transit Lines. Reading from left to right they are Phil Garrison, Assistant Managing Editor of the Daily News, Matt Weinstock, famous columnist and author of the book, "My L.A.," and Jim McNamara, producer of the show and winner of the 1947 award for radio reporting.

Surprise guests drop in to these broadcasts. The famous photographer Arthur Fellig (Wee Gee) told of how he photographed some twenty-five hundred murders during his photographic career in New York. It was from a book of his photographic prints called "Naked City" that the late Mark Hellinger derived his film of the same name.

Larry Adler, the famous harmonicist, dropped in for a surprise visit and was interviewed by the men of the press for the listeners to our program. Matt Weinstock, author of "My L.A.," and well known Los Angeles columnist, took a ribbing from some of the boys inquiring into his past.

The Press Club was responsible for bringing President Truman to Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Transit Lines cooperated again in furnishing the photographers two tower trucks so that they might shoot the parade from on high.

The cover of Two Bells is a photograph of the photographers and the tower trucks in action at Eighth and Broadway.

The radio show was broadcast on the day of Truman's visit, directly from the Palladium, where the reporters who covered the President's visit discussed him and the things he said in an off-the-cuff manner. Harry James dropped in for a moment during this broadcast.

So tune in your radios every Monday night, 9:00 to 9:30 to KLAC. Hear these top-flight reporters tell the news in their own amicable manner.

SLIDE RUL



THEY KNOW THEIR CONNECTIONS

• Dave Dent, Mechanical Engineer and Supt. of Drafting, discusses electric circuit map of South Park Shops with Arnold Bell, craftsman.

THE tracks over which you roll; the special curve of the switches; the overhead trolley wires; all the properties and buildings and even the bus stops, are kept in replica in the drafting room located at Sixteenth Street. On their storage shelves are thousands of drawings. For instance, they keep on file nine thousand drawings of electric circuits; six thousand covering the tracks; twenty-eight hundred bond diagrams; two thousand architectural blueprints; six thousand mechanical drawings and two thousand deeds and property designs.

If you want to discover where a light circuit or plug is, on any part of our property, you may call the drafting office and they can find it in their files.

Six specialists in drafting and mechanical engineering keep these files up to date and draw future plans which are needed as the Company improves. They recently finished the trolley wire designs for the "B" line in which every new pole, every feeder cable and every trolley breaker was indicated.

On lines which have been discontinued they erase the trolley wires from the drawings as the crews on the outside tear them down.

Special machinery has been developed on their huge boards. Special automotive trucks and drawings of buses and cars are also done in this department.

New ideas and drafting machines have been introduced in the department to expedite this delicate work. The blueprint machines can roll out 10 feet of blueprints per minute. The Universal Drafting machine has done away with the angle and T square and simplified angle and line work. Special instruments aid in speeding the drawings and electrical erasers save time in taking out lines not needed.

The atmosphere of the whole room is that of quiet

*M*ODERNIZATION of the Los Angeles Transit Lines is not all new coaches, trackless trolleys or streamliners. It includes buildings, mechanical methods and all of the properties owned by the Company. On these pages we present the compact draft organization who prepare all plans and blueprints pertaining to every phase of construction.



BUS STOP GOING PLACES

• Arnold Bell feeds the maws of the Ozalid streamliner blueprinting machine. This gadget can roll out pictures and is used for making copies of various plans, sketches, etc.

efficiency as each person goes about his delegated work with the same sure deliberation as that of a surgeon.

In command of the drafting department is Dave Dent, who has been with the properties since January 3, 1927, in the Mechanical Engineering Departments. He carries the title of Mechanical Engineer and Superintendent of Drafting, which was given to him January, 1948. In 1945 he was made Superintendent of Mechanical Engineering and Buildings and he had much to do with the reconstruction work which made each division and garage a modern transit plant. Prior to 1927 he was employed by the Western Electric Company and Victor Electric Company in Chi-

SPECIALISTS

cago where he gained his mechanical knowledge.

Dave is married and has a son who works for the Company as a coach operator at Division Two. His two hobbies are bowling and bouncing his grandchild on his knee.

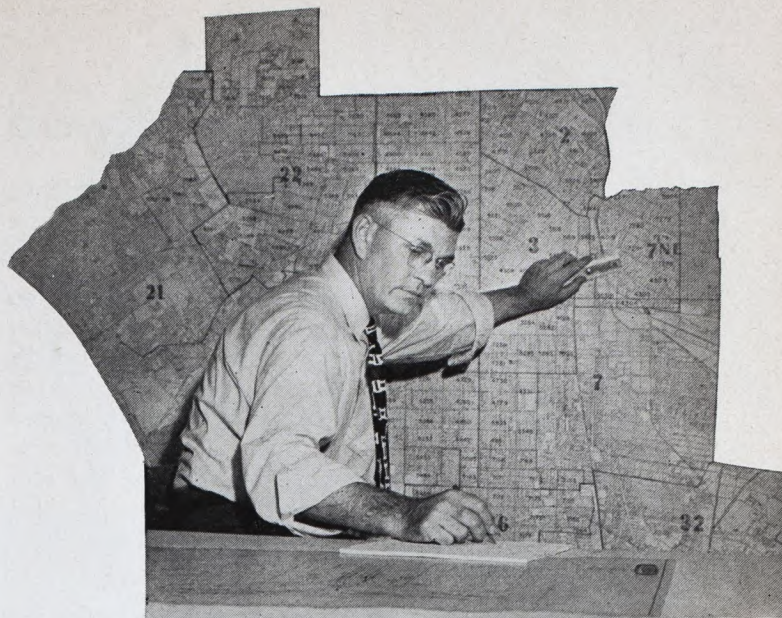
Specialist supreme is Harold Petrie, who has charge of all maps. Petrie designs the complex car track special work. He develops accident claim drawings, city route maps, track maps and writes legal descriptions of the properties. His schooling in engineering at U.S.C. and a law course at Southwestern University, plus practical experience makes him tops in this field.

Petrie is married and is very proud of his daughter, Brenda, aged 9, who seems to be following in her father's footsteps by doing as well at the piano as he does in the drafting room.

There are two Bells in the Drafting Department, which is rather unusual as they are entirely unrelated. Arnold Bell received his schooling at the Cass Technical School in Detroit and Detroit Institute of Technology. Prior to joining the Los Angeles Transit Lines he worked with the Fisher Body Company in Detroit, Gilfillan Brothers, and Adel Tool Company here. Arnold is captain of the Eager Beavers bowling team. His wife is employed at Western Air Express, which is the reason for a recent air tour taken by the family which included Louisville, Ky., Tacoma, Wash., and Detroit, Mich.

Harry Bell was employed at Dow Chemical Company at Midland, Michigan, before coming to Los Angeles. He has had three years of technical schooling in engineering. He was an engineer and gunner in the A.A.F. and flew 50 missions over Europe. Harry is married and he and his wife just moved into a recently completed home.

A. L. Juul hails from the City of Chicago and worked in the huge Western Electric Company plant. He joined the Company in 1928 where he worked under the Electrical Engineer, specializing in the power house and sub-



IN THE MIDDLE OF A MAP

● Harold Petrie, engineer, double checks some street distances on a huge master wall map.

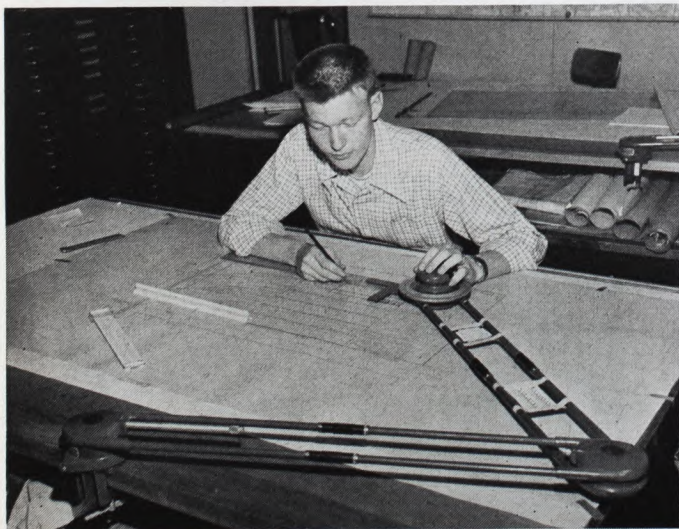
station equipment. In fact, he is still the specialist when it comes to designing sub-stations, power and light circuits and equipment. Juul is not shown in the pictures as he was absent at the time the photographer was around.

Carl Johnson came to us from Worcester, Mass., where he worked in the Drafting Department of the Associated Consulting Engineers. He received his engineer training at Farragut College in Idaho. During the war he was with the Combat Engineers who served in France and Germany. Carl is the only man in the Drafting Department who has been able to remain single.

These designers of the future will have much to do with the modernization plans which are in the making. They will be called upon to develop the drawings of every major change and for all the streamlining which will take place and though they are far removed from the riding public they have much to do with safe, courteous service that we sell.

MODERN MACHINES HAVE COME TO THE AID OF THE DRAFTSMAN

● Harry Bell, one of the two Bells in the Drafting Room, manipulates a Universal Drafting machine which has replaced the old angle and tee square and angle protractor. Carl Johnson, right, uses an electric eraser to remove abandoned trolley lines during the course of revision of record drawings.



Quick Thinking Wins Award

T. J. MANNING, president of Los Angeles Transit Lines, personally complimented Frank A. Paley of Division Three for his meritorious actions during an emergency.

Paley was conductor on car number 656, operating on the 5 line when the controller exploded. The motorman was thrown away from the controls and flames filled the front end of the vehicle. Paley immediately reached out the back window and pulled the trolley. He then jumped from the car and with the help of a few pedestrians stopped the vehicle by hand as the motorman had lost control. He then reboarded the car and in a calm voice aided in preventing a panic as the passengers rushed toward the rear of the car.

In commending him Manning presented him with a one hundred dollar bill, commenting, "No man can place a value on heroism. Your calmness in the face of panic; your ability to think and act quickly perhaps saved many



• President T. J. Manning commends Frank Paley for his quick actions in an emergency. Safety Director, Joe Prutsman looks on.

people from serious injury. This little token is simply a reminder to you of your Company's appreciation. We're proud to have you as a member of our organization."

For Service with a Smile



• George Shoemaker and the hand made medal presented to him in special ceremonies by school children.

GEORGE Shoemaker, operating a School Tripper from 67th and Crenshaw to Washington High School, became well acquainted with the school children that he hauled each day. They called him George; they cooperated by moving back in the coach, having their tickets ready and helping him to keep on schedule.

One day he told them that during the shakeup he was transferring to Division Four to take up duties as a pilot on the "J" line. On his last day with the School Tripper when George pulled up to 67th and Crenshaw there seemed to be a larger group than usual and everyone was carrying something.

The first boarded the coach and presented him a cake and recited a poem. The second handed him a dozen beautiful roses and recited a poem, and the third had a bottle of Old Spice cologne, and the fourth had a medal, shown on this page. This particular student had him stand up and as the medal was pinned on his lapel the rest of the students sang a goodbye song.

Transit Camera Club Formed

IN Friday, June 11, a group of active camera enthusiasts met in the Instruction Room of Division Four and organized a new Transit Lines Camera Club. Temporary Chairmanship was given to Al Carmichael of South Park Shops, well known on the property as a top-flight photog.

Identification and address cards were made out at this meeting. Much discussion was given to an early Salon showing. This exhibit will cover not only the works of advanced shutter specialists, but also entries of beginners.

Two Bells will cooperate with the Club by publishing the various winners in the Salon contests. If you are a camera enthusiast you are urged to join this organization. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. The meeting place is the Instruction Room at Division Four.

For further information watch your Division Bulletin Boards.

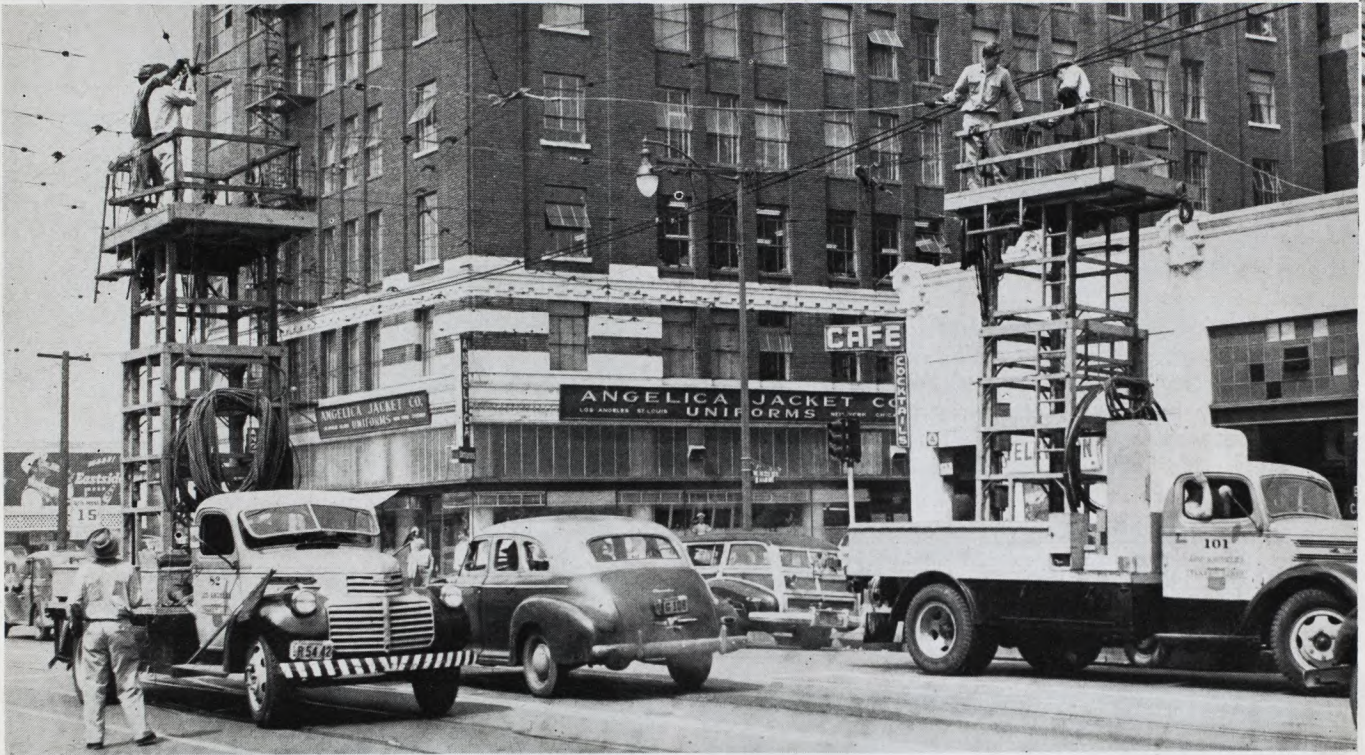
DEEP IN THE HEART OF A DARK ROOM

• Roy "Shutterstop" Finley touches up a colored negative in his own work-shop. Roy is one of the experts active in the Camera Club and is willing to pass on his knowledge to any and all new members.



Sky Spiders Weave

by WALTER WHITESIDE



THE Sky Spiders, as the men in our tower trucks have been named, slowly move along Main Street, northbound, weaving a web of feeder lines, span wires and special work for trolley coach operation. This tremendous task will be finished sometime in October and ready for the installation of trolley coaches sometime in the month of September.

The double wire along Main Street is placed in the center because of the fact that both street cars and trolley coaches must use it, however, on 12th Street and Brooklyn Avenue and other outlying Avenues the wires run near the right hand curb to allow for curb service. The route parallels the present "B" line except near Adams and Compton Avenue where the present right-of-way will be discontinued.

Loops will be placed at each end of the line with loops at various intervals along the route to allow for turnback service. For instance, there will be a loop at the Union Station. Incidentally, the Union Station special work is said to be very tricky as is that at 12th and Central, Fifth and Main and Sixth and Main. Fourth and Sixth, as you know, are present trackless trolley operations which necessitates the different type of special work.

The Way and Structures Department are right now setting 215 poles which are needed to augment those already in place. 11½ miles of trolley wire will be added and 607 new spans. There are 85 positive feeder spans plus 75 negative feeder spans. To give you an idea of the tremendous size of this particular task, the tower crews can place about 14 spans a day. 55 special work jobs will be found along the line and 39,000 feet of abandoned feeder lines must be removed.

In charge of the crews installing the spans is Leo Maag. He is assisted by the tower crews under the direction of "Pappy" Griffin and Fred Domke. The men in the crews are W. H. Hixon, M. Hudak, R. M. Dhone, D. Clark, G. Pappas, J. Coughlin, P. Trujillo, Jr.

Shorty Bumbaugh is in charge of the men installing poles. These gentlemen are W. T. Smith, R. Forsyth, S. Toluczko, F. Archer, E. Dyches, M. Brown, G. Wessner, G. Dimos, M. Edwards.

O. J. Moser is in charge of the feeder installation. His men are R. Beach, S. McCann, W. Hull, W. Meadon, D. Thrasher, H. Crowell, C. Hudspeth, J. Coss, H. Schuder. All of these men report directly to Leland Dye, Superintendent of Electrical Equipment.

Let Your Personality Be Your Guide.

by Frances Ryan
Milo Anderson, famous Warner Bros. designer, in an exclusive interview for *TWO BELLS* stated:

"American women have acquired a new freedom in their wardrobe choices. No longer will they take dictation on what is fashionable and correct for a particular time or place, but will choose always what is most becoming to their own figure and personality."

THE idea that your personality should design your clothes is a new thought in fashions. Milo Anderson states that some day a "DQ" (Dress Quotient) will be developed by which milady can answer certain psychological questions and discover what type of a costume fits and accentuates her personality. He points out that in designing the fashions

- Milo Anderson designed this costume, a white silk crepe blouse with gold-sequined eagle applique on the background of red grosgrain ribbon with a ballerina skirt of navy taffeta, for Janis Paige, to be worn in "Romance on the High Seas." The costume expresses the dynamic personality of the star.



- Frances Ryan, Alexis Smith and Milo Anderson discuss trend of modern fashions on the set of "South of St. Louis." Alexis Smith is dressed in dance hall finery for the technicolor picture now in production.

- The beauty of a rose is accentuated by typifying the personality of Barbara Bates, featured player in Warner Bros. "June Bride" in this afternoon gown.



for the stars, the picture in which they are to appear is paramount. It casts the mood for the garment. Of course, the star is chosen because of her type of personality, therefore, the star's personality becomes the mood for the costuming. Costumes and gowns are designed to fit the picture in the same manner as the musical score is composed to harmonize with the movement of the story.

NEW LOOK TO SANE LOOK

The sudden creation of the "new look" which is really the "old look" now, was quite shocking to the motion picture designers. Some of them were vehement in their attitude toward the extreme change in fashions which were manufactured, publicized and caricatured. The "new look" will in time modify into a "sane" look and give women a wide range of styles to choose from.

Anderson urges caution when this new freedom of choice develops and he feels that milady should select her clothes and color schemes to be becoming and suitable to her geographical and social environments. He feels that silk is just as smart in winter as in spring and that prints are just as good as plain colors in the fall.

CINEMA A STABILIZER

Our great-grandmothers used to play croquet in voluminous versions of present day trends, but at that time they did not have the influence of motion picture designers for stabilization of fashions. The cinema is a powerful factor in balancing fashion trends because faddiness and extreme modes tend to date pictures, consequently, all styles must be modified; they must be simple, and they must fit the personality of the character and the mood of the picture.

● Sophistication for Doris Day was developed by Milo Anderson in this formal of blue slipper satin with its detachable shoulder cape studded with opalescent sequins. "Romance on the High Seas."



Milady attending her favorite movie is often relieved to learn that Alexis Smith, Janis Paige, Doris Day, and many others are not all decked out in the bustles and hobbles shown in current fashion shows and it has a tendency to cause her to relax and choose the more simple fashions befitting her own individuality.

Milo points out that the recent extreme change was too instantaneous and is only generally noticeable within the large cities. He says that within a few miles of Los Angeles the short skirts and the Herculean shoulders, which were so universally worn for the past seven years, are still popular with the majority.

BAROMETER OF GOOD TASTE

Women must learn to be less interested in high style and more interested in the color, the garment and the silhouette most becoming to them as individuals and suit their wardrobe to their personality. Any woman who has a figure problem and finds out what silhouette will correct that problem, should adopt the silhouette permanently—changing it a little, out of deference to seasons, activities and available fabrics. The barometer of good taste is available and can be expressed in a simple question, what are you dressing to do? With the barometer in mind, no girl will appear in the office wearing an off-shoulder blouse, or a parachute skirt. There is nothing worse than looking picturesque while pounding a typewriter. The lines of the standard, classic suit vary little from season to season, and for business there is nothing quite so good, quite as respect-inspiring, or quite as appropriate.

For informal party wear, vacation resort wear, or for

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● Romance in the air and in the mood is expressed in the black pure silk marquisette atop a huge skirt of black and white imported applique organdy, designed with an eye to the romantic personality of Alexis Smith. Alexis is now featured in Warner Bros. "Whiplash."



Transit Geometrics

TO be a successful transit operator in these days of terrific competition one must know his angles and he must take advantage of geometrics in the preparation and operation of the various routes.

Our Director of Planning, Stanley M. Lanham, applies transit geometrics in all the developments which are prepared in his department for the future of this city. His staff studies the city as a pattern. They calibrate passenger movement down to a "hundred thousandth of a people." They keep abreast of the population density in the various sections and can estimate very closely the number of riders in any given section. This department establishes a pattern and in working out the plan they use the simple expedient of geometry in straightening out the lines.

LINES MUST BALANCE
For instance, a line with two ends, that is, one half on one side of the business section and the other half on the other must balance like a pair of scales. These planners attempt to place these lines so that the passenger load on the east is equal to that on the west. This makes it possible for the vehicles to carry their full complement of passengers over the entire route and keeps the number

of vehicles which must travel over congested streets at a minimum.

The streamlining of the routes is a long process and much to be done in the future depends upon tomorrow's traffic flow, the introduction of freeways, etc. We must remember that up until 1945 street car lines followed the footpaths of the padres who first built a mission and planted the seed of "El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula." These padres wandered from the Plaza in many directions and the horsemen followed in their paths and the horse and buggy in these and when the car tracks were laid the old horse cars rattled along in the self same ruts.

Because of the topography of the city they skirted the hills to the north of the city and this had much to do with the type of transportation operating today in that direction.

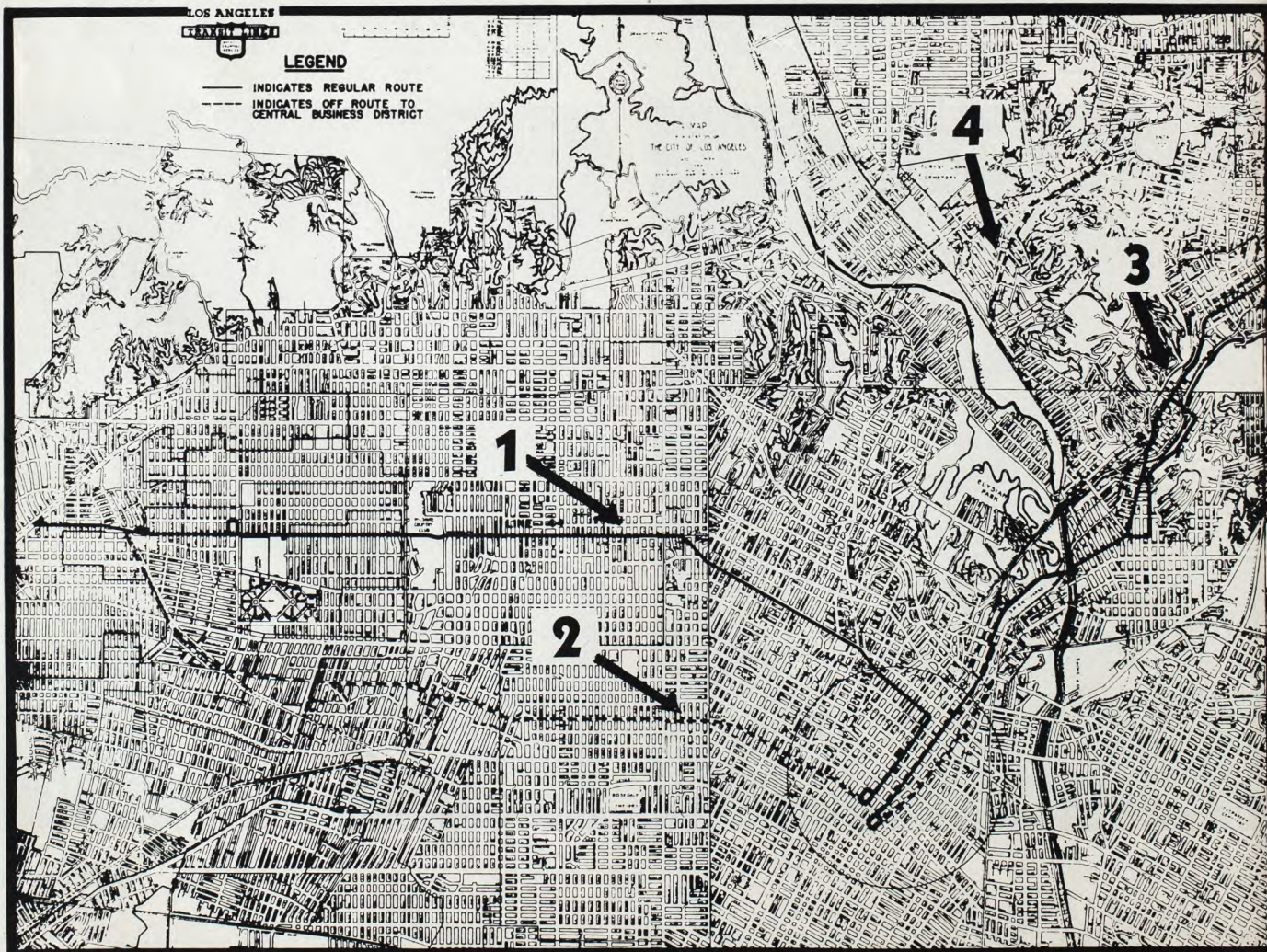
Some day in the future, under the direction of Mr. Lanham, the Precision Transit Pattern will be designed for this city. Until then we must do what we can with what we have.

OFF-ROUTE MOVEMENT

George Goehler, head of the Schedule Department, has

TRANSIT GEOMETRICS DESIGN

● Two examples of the off route operation on lines 44 and 25 proving that the straight line of the hypotenuse is shorter than both angles. Note how the off route operation cuts back to the business center over near traffic free arteries. Figure 1 is the regular route of the Beverly Coach line. Figure 2 is the off route operation which allows the return coaches to feed into the downtown terminal without using the regular route on the return trip. Figure 3 shows the regular line of number 25 while Figure 4 shows the operation of the coaches returning from Eagle Rock on off streets to the terminal at Olympic and Main. This map also shows that passengers coming to the downtown area from Hollywood can reach that spot quicker by taking a coach in a southerly direction and transferring at Olympic or Pico than they can in any other way due to the fact that all the streets north of Hoover slant diagonally northeast.



PRECISION TRANSIT TELEVISION

• Recently our cars and coaches starred in television under the manipulation of George Goehler, shown holding the center vehicle. Shown here are R. Robert, Monorail exponent, Arthur Agar, Public Utilities Commission engineer, Freeman Lusk, moderator of Teleforum. Sitting next to Lusk is W. J. Macfadyen, Chamber of Commerce, and F. W. Spencer, Chief Engineer, Pacific Electric.



done just that in the use of scheduling expedients for our coach lines. Off-routing is one of the most effective means of providing better service during the high peak periods that exist in the Los Angeles area.

The first off-route movement had for its prototype a theorem from Euclidian Geometry. One day, a few years ago, during an informal discussion on how to better service, during the increasing peak travel on the Beverly Boulevard and Olympic Boulevard Lines, the practicability of off-routing was discovered. Dave Canning, assistant to Mr. Lanham, Charlie Egan, then Superintendent of Schedules, and George Goehler were poring over the large company map that was laid on the floor, and it was observed that by traveling off-route from Beverly and La Cienega to Olympic and Hill that over one mile could be saved in actual distance, and that an appreciable amount of time should be gained by the utilization of fast arterials for returning coaches to the central business district.

A look at the Los Angeles City Map will show you that Hoover Street north from Washington travels due north and that most of the streets to the east of Hoover intersect at about 15 degree angles. An observation of the regular route to Beverly Boulevard gives the idea of the sides of an approximate right angle triangle, and the off-route traveling via La Cienega, San Vicente, and Olympic Boulevard takes on a hypotenuse-like appearance. The expansion of this idea is one of the reasons why the Los Angeles Transit Lines is able to service today's high peak and operate even with the added traffic congestion so effectively.

WORKING CONDITIONS BETTERED

Ten coaches alone are saved today on Beverly Boulevard by this off-route movement; and even with this saving the line still operates sixty peak vehicles compared to the twenty that are required during the base. The regular route of the Beverly Boulevard Lines is 10.1 miles long and requires sixty minutes running time. The off-route used during the peak utilizing the hypotenuse idea is 8.9 miles long, and results in the saving of approximately thirty minutes; which simply means that a coach can make three trips instead of two during the peak hours. This means that the coach operator's working conditions are bettered because if there were 90 vehicles during the peak, (which would be necessary without off-routing) there would be thirty more trippers.

Naturally in preparing off-route operation the schedule

maker has to know much more about the city than the streets on which our lines operate. They studied the traffic on many other streets, the stop signals were counted and the flow of traffic was taken into consideration. Off-route operation, of course, is also used in fitting the vehicles into lines from the division itself, so that the vehicles are placed in the line at the point where they are needed.

HARMONY RESPONSIBLE

On street car lines the turn back short line method is used. It is the only suitable way by which the vehicles can successfully handle the peak operation. The success of all these developments in precision transit is due to the harmony between departments, teamwork between the planning engineer and his research staff, the superintendent of schedules and his schedule makers, the superintendent of transportation and the publicity department, finally depending upon the dependable operation by the man at the wheel or on the platform.

Another reason for the success of the scheduling program which has been developed on the transit lines is a direct result of the method by which young men are trained in this work and become enthusiastic members of the scheduling team.

Today under the administrative policies of the General Superintendent, M. Edwin Wright, and the Superintendent of Schedules, George F. Goehler, all Schedule Department appointments are made from the checking force, which serves as a preparatory school for the youthful aspirants who want to work their way into one of the best "spots" in the transportation industry. This program is approximately three years old today, and some of the young men who have climbed successfully the first rung of the ladder to top recognition in this field may be seen from time to time riding the company equipment with their schedule books talking to supervisors and operators after they have completed their daily work in the Schedule Department. They include C. E. Haudenschild, B. A. Rich, Max L. Rise, Paul E. Prutzman, Kenneth W. Webster and R. M. Whitman, all former trainmen and operators.

Yes, transit geometrics sets the pattern for precision transportation and a great number of the passengers have become familiar with the off-route system and are pleased with the manner by which we feed in coaches where they are needed at the time they are needed.



ADOPTED FATHERS

● The Red Feather Coach was used to transport a group of City Fathers to the Los Angeles Orphanage for a Father's Day visit last month. Shown in above picture are Councilmen Ernie Debs and Don Allen. Kneeling are Dennis Morgan, Warner Brothers' star, voted Hollywood's Outstanding Father of the Year; Harold Henry, President of the Council, and Councilman Kenneth Hahn. The children were entertained by songs by Dennis Morgan as they munched Good Humor bars. Incidentally, Morgan sang to the music of the Good Humor music box.

Let Your Personality Be Your Guide

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evenings at home, there is no reason why the average girl shouldn't trick herself out in a Gibson Girl outfit, a cotton bustle dress, or in any other madness she may desire. And for evening, with the variety from which to choose, any girl may become a modern cinderella; under artificial light the most improbable outfit becomes bewitching. It is in evening clothes that the present-day fashions can be exciting to everyone.

LOOK TO THE STARS

So, look to the stars for your future fashion designs. Dress yourself to fit your own personality. Remember this most important tip by Milo Anderson: "No woman is well-dressed without assurance. If you do not think you look well, if you are not confident that you are correctly dressed, then no matter who designed your gown, no matter how much it cost, you will wear it with a silent apology to everyone."

Milo should know what he is talking about for he has costumed almost every well-known star. His credits include "Of Human Bondage," "Life With Father," the Academy Award winning "Mildred Pierce," and the current production, "Whiplash," as well as many, many others.

Milo is very youthful in appearance and adopts his ideas of dressing to suit individual personality in his personal attire. The day we met him on the set he was garbed in a sports outfit of gray-blue; matching cardigan type coat and slacks. His shirt, collar and bow tie were all of the same material in white with a blue pin stripe. With this outfit he wore dark brown, handstitched in white, suede brogues.

Transit Operators and the New Financial Responsibility Law

by C. A. Tengblad,
Director of Personnel

ON July 1, 1948, the new California Financial Responsibility Law went into effect. Despite the efforts of the State Department of Motor Vehicles and other state and local authorities to acquaint the people with the law through the press and other media, apparently there are very few who are familiar with its requirements and responsibilities. No doubt many automobile drivers, because of their lack of understanding of the law, will, too late, find themselves facing penalties which may be very costly. It is suggested that every person who drives an automobile familiarize himself with all details of this new law so that he is prepared to comply with the law in the event of an accident.

WHOM DOES THE LAW EFFECT?

The law is directed against the operator of the vehicle, not the owner. Operator of public utilities vehicles are not affected by this law. The Los Angeles Transit Lines, being a public utility under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission, is not required to file a report form SR-1 when either streetcars or coaches are involved in accidents. The driver of the other vehicle, however, must file a report.

WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW?

An act passed by the 1947 Legislature, designed to protect citizens of California against financially irresponsible drivers. The act requires the automobile driver to report to the Division of Financial Responsibility, Department of Motor Vehicles at Sacramento, within 10 days, any accident in which he may be involved that results in a person being killed or injured or in which damages to property of any one person, including himself, exceed \$100.

This reference to property damage in excess of \$100 requires special attention, because it is not necessarily based on your estimate of the damage but also on the estimate of the other party involved. For instance, if you were driving your automobile and had a collision with another automobile and the other party estimated the damages to his car at \$150, although in your opinion the total damage was only \$75, you would nevertheless be required to make a report to the Division of Financial Responsibility because the other party estimates the damage in excess of \$100.

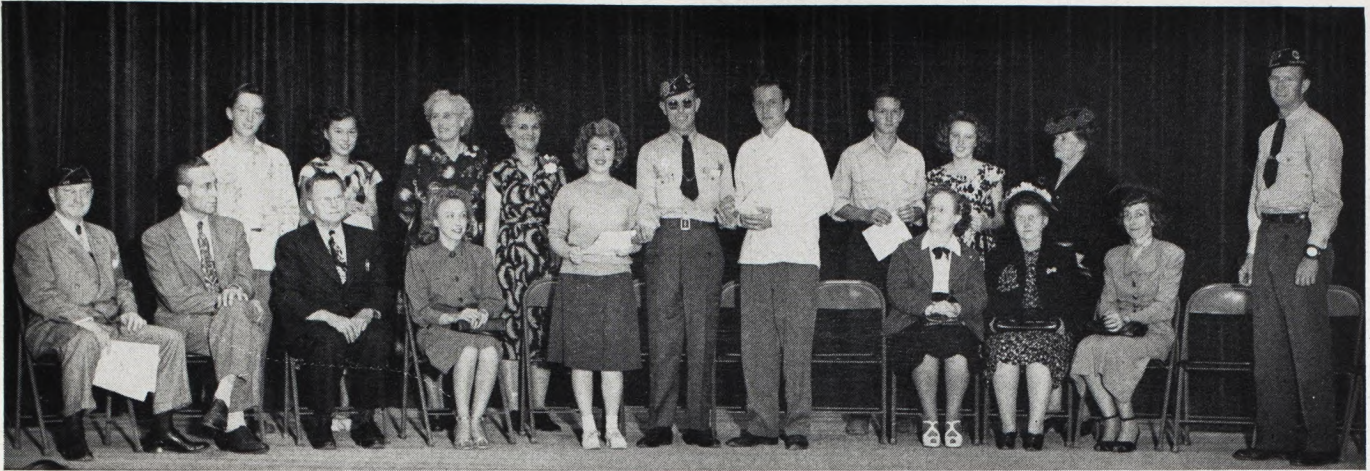
Both parties to the accident must complete a report within 10 days. This report is known as Form SR-1. If the other party claims injury, although there is no evidence of his being injured, you must nevertheless report the accident. The same applies to a collision with a pedestrian. If there is any question concerning the damage or injury, file a report and be on the safe side. Even though you may not be to blame, you must nevertheless make a report.

This reporting requirement is in addition to any necessary reports which may be required by the California Highway Patrol or the local Police Department.

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT

You must make reports as required if you want to pre-

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HIGH I.Q.'S RECEIVE RECOGNITION

● The American Legion awards to the students of Berendo Junior High School were made recently before a packed auditorium. The two high winners in the center are Dixie Barnes and Vance Gillespie, being presented their certificates by B. D. Billings, Commander. Others in the picture, reading from left to right are Dr. Pechota, teacher, Ryan, LATL, Patten, LAMC, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. LaBarre, president Auxiliary, Mrs. Laura Cobleigh, secretary 17th District, Mrs. Gillespie, Tom Lowry, Adjutant and Master of Ceremonies. Standing left to right, Brue Smith, 2nd prize, Irene Roberts, 2nd prize, Mrs. Bette Leasman, Secretary Auxiliary, Mrs. Foster, Principal, Eddie Williams, 3rd prize, June Elliott, 3rd prize, Mrs. Edna McDole, 1st vice-president 17th District.

American Legion

by Tom Lowry

THE Los Angeles Transit Lines Post No. 541 is proud to announce the fine Memorial Service held jointly with Don E. Brown Post and Cal-Hut Post. Commander Billings arranged a fine service and his performance as master-of-ceremonies was very well approved by all.

Adjutant Tom Lowry and wife visited the Memorial Service given by Navy Post aboard the U.S.S. Springfield where a fine service was held.

Memorial Day visits to Sawtelle, Forest Lawn, Holy Cross and Inglewood cemeteries were made by Comrades Sparks, Horne, Sherman, McDonald and Lowry, along with their wives to place wreaths on the graves of past comrades and auxiliary members.

This year's American Legion School Award Program was very fine. The Post was honored with the presence of Mr. Ryan, Chief Instructor for Los Angeles Transit Lines, along with Guy Gifford, Editor of Two Bells, Mr. Fred Patton, head of Los Angeles Motor Coach Co., and Mr. Olin Darby, Board of Education.

Master of ceremonies Tom Lowry introduced Commander Billings who presented the winners with the awards. Mrs. Bettie Leasman, Secretary of the Auxiliary, awarded Dr. Pecota a citation for his fine work in the American Legion Essay work for the schools. Mary Le Barre, President of the Auxiliary, awarded the third award winners, and Edna McDole, First Vice President of the 17th District Auxiliary, presented the second award winners. Bettie Leasman awarded the citation to the winners of the School Essay and Poppy Poster programs. The fine program was held in Berendo Junior High School auditorium and was enjoyed by everyone.

A Free Dance was held July 11, 1948, at Patriotic Hall, 1816 So. Figueroa St. This was a joint Dance with the Los Angeles Transit Lines Vets Club. Raffle was held for five hams.

American Legion Auxiliary

by Janice Billings

THE Auxiliary presented its annual awards at Berendo Junior High School, Friday, June 11, in the Americanism Essay contest and Poppy Poster contest.

First prize was won in the Poppy Poster contest by Patricia Chavez, who received a cash prize and a citation.

Second: Joan Foss, who received a citation.

Third: Barbara Ackerman, a citation.

In the Americanism Essay contest the subject was, "America, Our Great Heritage."

First: Mary Donald, cash and citation.

Second: Frederick Farias, citation.

Third: Shirley Jean Ayras, citation.

Twenty-five students took part.

Dr. Lee Pechota, a teacher at Berendo, received our gratitude and appreciation for his cooperation in encouraging the students in their essay writing.

Our year closes June 30, and we are proud that we have all reports sent in to department.

The card party at the home of Janice and Bart Billings May 28th was the last until fall.

Betty Leasman, our Poppy chairman, wishes to thank all the girls who helped sell poppies and extends her appreciation and thanks to the company for permitting the Auxiliary to sell at the Divisions and Main Office Building.

See you at our meeting in July.

Have A Cigar

JACK BARDEN, day switchman at Division Four for 23 years, has a cigar stand in East Los Angeles now. Jack was retired seven years ago for total blindness. He is located at 4721 Whittier Boulevard. Why don't some of you stop in and chew the fat with him for a while?



NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

● The installation of the officers of the Los Angeles Transit Lines Women's Club took place on May 20 with appropriate ceremonies. Shown above are those who will be in command of the activities of this organization for the year. They are Mesdames E. V. Athenous, N. E. Mackay, S. T. Brown, Installing Officer, giving the gavel to Mrs. A. C. Stover, President, Mesdames C. G. Ficklin, B. E. Timbs, C. A. Mootz. Back row, left to right, Mesdames J. M. McCormick, C. M. Neal, J. T. Watts, V. G. Gore, J. C. Berrell.

Women's Club

by Mrs. J. T. Watts, Press Chairman

AT our installation meeting luncheon, we had a most welcome guest, the President of our Company, T. J. Manning, who gave an interesting talk on his war service and outlined the Company's Pension Plan, etc.

Mesdames L. B. Meek and C. F. Thun were hostesses at this luncheon.

Meeting was called to order at 1:15. Mrs. A. C. Stover was re-elected president. Mrs. O. G. McDermith was in charge of the installation and platform floral decorations. Mrs. Shelby Brown, a Past President, installed the following officers: Mesdames J. F. McCormick, E. D. Mitchell, and C. C. Ficklin, first, second and third Vice-Presidents, respectively; B. E. Timbs, Recording Secretary; C. A. Mootz, Corresponding Secretary; E. V. Athenous, Treasurer; C. A. Mackay, Financial Secretary; and J. C. Berrell, V. G. Gore, and J. T. Watts, Directors. The members presented the President with a beautiful picture.

The outgoing officers read their annual reports.

At the May 27 meeting the new Program Chairman, Mrs. J. F. McCormick, presented a program made up by club members. Some talent was discovered, especially in the Chorus, as a result we hope to have a L.A.T.W.C. regular chorus. This meeting was "lots of fun."

Projects, including a monthly contribution to the Babies and Children's Clinic, were outlined.

The following vacation-month's activities were planned: June 24, July 22 and August 26 the following programs in the Club Rooms: 11:30 A.M., Coaching Contract Bridge by Mrs. E. D. Mitchell; 12:15, Chorus rehearsal; 12:45, summer luncheon, 35c; 1:15, cards, bunco; August 5, Annual Picnic arranged by Mrs. M. A. Thomas. Bring sandwiches.

The President, Mrs. A. C. Stover, appointed the following chairmen: Mrs. O. G. McDermith, Welfare; Mrs. J. F. McCormick, Parliamentarian; Mrs. J. T. Watts, Press; Mrs. E. K. Urban, Citizenship; Mrs. S. Ashworth, House; Mesdames F. F. Ellis and O. C. Schmokel, Personal Interest

and Sunshine; Mesdames Kraker and J. W. Ray, Receptionists; Mrs. J. W. Corsen, Pianist; Mrs. E. D. Mitchell (Ways and Means) in charge of all card parties and instructions in Contract Bridge; Mrs. A. J. Ploeger, Card Party Hostess; Mesdames C. M. Neal and J. C. Berrell, Hospitality; Mrs. V. G. Gore, Cards for Orthopaedic Hospital.

Mrs. A. J. Ploeger, assisted by Mesdames Kraker and Long, was luncheon hostess.

LOS ANGELES TRANSIT LINES WOMEN'S CLUB

SUMMER PROGRAM

Club Rooms, Second Floor, Division Three
Avenue 28 and Idell Street

For information call:

Mrs. A. C. Stover, President—CL 6-5937 or
Mrs. B. E. Timbs, Rec. Sec'y.—TW 2218

The *fourth Thursday* of each vacation month, *July 22nd*, and *August 26th* there will be the following program in the Clubrooms:

11:30 A.M. Coaching in Contract Bridge, Mrs. E. D. Mitchell
12:15 P.M. Chorus Rehearsal, Mrs. O. G. McDermith, Director, Mrs. John Corsen, Pianist
12:45 P.M. Summer Luncheon, 35¢
1:15 P.M. Cards, Bunco; Mrs. A. J. Ploeger, Card Party Hostess

August 5—

12:00 Noon. Annual Picnic arranged by Mrs. M. A. Thomas
Bring sandwiches

Sept. 16—

12:00 Noon. Luncheon, Mrs. C. M. Neal, Hostess
1:15 P.M. Business Session
1:45 P.M. Program

Sept. 23—

11:30 A.M. Coaching in Contract Bridge, Mrs. E. D. Mitchell
12:00 Noon. Summer Luncheon, 35c.
1:00 P.M. Cards, Bunco; Mrs. A. J. Ploeger, Card Party Hostess

New Financial Responsibility Law

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serve your driving privilege. For failure to make a report or failure to deposit security, your driver's license will be suspended for a period of one year unless:

1. Satisfactory evidence is submitted to the Department, indicating that no damage suit has been instituted as a result of the accident.

2. Satisfactory evidence is shown of a release from liability, a final judgment of nonliability, a confession of judgment, or a duly acknowledged written agreement providing for payment of a judgment in installments has been filed with the Department.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

If you do not have public liability automobile insurance with \$5000 and \$10,000 minimums and property damage insurance for not less than \$1000, you will be required within sixty days after filing the accident report to do one of the following:

1. Deposit security in an amount deemed by the Department to be sufficient to meet any judgment for damages arising from the accident.

2. File with the Department evidence that you have been released from liability.

3. File with the Department a court judgment of nonliability.

4. Execute a confession of judgment payable when and in such installments as are agreed upon by both parties.

5. Execute a duly acknowledged written agreement providing for payment of an agreed amount in installments.

EXCEPTIONS TO SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Security requirements and suspension of license for failure to make deposits will not apply if:

1. There was no injury or damage to the person or property of anyone except yourself.

2. If your vehicle was stopped, standing or parked, either attended or unattended, providing parking and lighting laws were complied with.

3. Prior to the date the department otherwise would suspend your license for noncompliance, you file a release from liability, confession of judgment or other document which would indicate that security is not needed.

REMEMBER . . .

We urge you to give careful attention to this law so that you may become familiar with it.

Pamphlets on the Financial Responsibility Law, issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles, and report form SH-1 can be obtained in the Personnel Department, Room 606, 1060 South Broadway. This Department (telephone station 261) will also be very glad to answer any questions regarding this law.

Failure by a transit operator to comply with this law, even though driving his own automobile, can result in his losing his chauffeur's license and consequently his job.

Murray Honored

J. W. MURRAY was honored at a meeting of Building Owners and Managers Association of Los Angeles. He was elected to the Directorship. Murray is the manager of the Los Angeles Transit Lines building. He has been a very popular member of the Association since 1941, and has been chairman of the meeting and Inspectors Committee for the last three years.



FIRE CAPTAIN NO. ONE

• T. J. Manning, President of Los Angeles Transit Lines, received Fire Badge No. 1 from Joe Prutsman, Safety Engineer. These identification badges were procured for the Firemen and their Captains who attended the Fire Prevention School where classes were conducted by the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Los Angeles Fire Dept., together with our Safety Dept. 42 employes have received this most valuable experience and 100 more are to be trained in Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention in the near future. Ultimately each shift at each mechanical location will have a fully trained fire team on duty to meet any emergency which might arise, and to keep a weather eye cocked for conditions which cause fires. Each team will consist of a minimum of 5 employes.

Retired Employees Association

by P. C. McNaughton, Secretary

THE feature of our April program consisted of two Swiss Yodelers, Mrs. Ida Bradner and her daughter, Miss Helen Will, natives of Switzerland, who yodeled, gave accordian numbers, piano solos, sang duets and solos with accordian accompaniment and who gave several encores and were so very generous with their very remarkable talents. Mrs. Bradner is eighty years of age, but sang and yodeled with a voice as clear and beautiful as silver bells. It was a wonderful performance.

Mr. Frank Benes gave several imitations; Miss Virginia Byrd gave several vocal numbers in a beautiful Soprano voice; Mr. Frank J. Davis, poet and song writer, lecturer and vocalist, talked to us, told numerous comic stories, sang a number of songs of his own composition, including, "Mussolini, He gone Avay."

Our meeting on May 13 was the last of the fiscal year and we will have no more until September 9. Mr. "Jim-mie" Crowhurst, Miss Isabel Allison and Mrs Bertha Sanders gave us vaudeville skits and duets, and Mr. Crowhursts ang several solos. They are theatrical people and excellent performers. Mr. Paul Horton, humorist and lecturer, gave a lecture on "The Evolution of the American Flag," having all the flags from the early colonies, with glamorous ladies as Standard Bearers, down to our present "Star Spangled Banner."



NICE NIECES

• Linda and Waynella Conkey continue to be the main topic of conversation of their uncle, John Bothwell. Bothwell is Supt. of Instruction.

"Tricks at Six"

by Jimmy Schulz

MUCH has happened since we made our debut here at Six; and though we have not reached much beyond our state of infancy, we have had enough shakeups to make one think we were on a continuous game of "Fruit Basket Upset." Race schedules and our glorious school holidays have both increased and decreased our service to our patrons, and now with a new contract under our belts everybody is back with his nose to the grindstone, a smile on his face and his take-home pay increased together with a pension plan underway.

Men are coming and going along the pathways of life and many times we choose one, only to lose one along the way. Those on vacations are enjoying the fruits of their labor in a happy holiday while others, less fortunate, are pining away in their respective hospitals.

Just such is the case of George Michaels, our night Cashier at Six, who is beginning his fourth month in confinement due to burns he received in an accident. George, we are all thinking of you often and speak of you much because we miss your shining face hereabouts. Would that you could hear the number of times your name is spoken or read the lips of the boys who have wished you God-speed in recovery. If your ears were ringing, you should hear, "The Miracle of the Bells." They were ringing in our hearts and pealing into prayer for your return to us as wholesome as you were before you left us, and I am sure they shall be heard.

Incidentally, the boys took up a collection to help George. It totalled \$472.00, which will be a great help towards payment of bills which accrued during his time in the hospital.

Comely Frank Ralphs hits the spotlight in this issue with his new promotion as General Foreman of Division Six Mechanical. He hails the banner of "Native Son," was born in 1903, and was with the old LARY from 1927 to 1941; worked for Vultee Aircraft in Downey during the war and affiliated with our Transit Lines in June of 1946. Good luck, and high smooth flying Frank—you've got that "New Look," See?—and we all know you'll see it.

Paul Brown, who has been a great understudy to Frank, has also made a stride forward in that he now is the Day Foreman at Division No. 5, rail. Good going Paul.

Electrical

by Walter Whiteside

WE believe the story of the month is the fishing expedition arranged by Admiral Savoy of South Park. News of the trip filtered to 16th Street and several of the boys signed on the dotted line. After about five weeks of preparation the fatal day arrived. Caryll Thompson and Harry MacTaggart managed to stay sound and enjoyed the fishing spots vacated by others not so inclined.

Mac landed a 26½ pound yellowtail to cop the jack pot but he didn't enter the Yellowtail Derby which cost him a neat \$100. Mac hooked a larger one and the skipper said, "keep your eye on it." Mac did this for a while until three kibitzers, namely Juul, Copp and Whiteside, started chumming with hamburgers and donuts and Mac said he couldn't see the fish for the food.

Axel Weberg and his gang cleared the pavement away from a broken rail and left it for the night welders to weld. When they started to remove the broken pavement one of the fellows pick struck a dead cat. They were all afraid to continue the job and left a hot note for Axel. Axel left the following note: "To nite welders. I'm sorry, I did not put any cat in the hole at 5th and Main Sts., but my men did and I did not know anything about it. It won't happen any more. I'm sorry."

Congratulations are in order for Charles Marlowe who became the father of Benjamin Henry on April 30th. Mother is also doing fine.

Stan Toloczko was one surprised person when he opened his lunch pail and found a set of false teeth. He still claims they weren't his.

George Wessner, next man to move upstairs, ate his lunch lying down. His pail was chained to the truck, as he probably doesn't trust the other fellows.

Monte "Ram" Munn claims he was very happy to welcome Bill Hunter back on the job after Bill's vacation. He didn't say why. Monte is a strong "Ram" rooter and we are trying to convert him to the Dons, the poor man's team.

Louis Hunter was elected acting business agent for the Mechanical Department while Roy Haslam is off on sick leave.

Ed Stirtfi reports a swell vacation but he came back early. He intended taking three weeks but longed for the job and came back in two weeks.

A PAIR OF ROSES

• Rita Smith became Mrs. H. Barry Rose, April 28, at the Hollistan Avenue Methodist Church in Pasadena. Rita is the daughter of Dr. Gerald Smith, Medical Director.



Reports From Five

by Edna Benzink
pinch biting for Ed Roche

HO hum! no, not lazy (?), just looking forward to a vacation. Everyone is either asking, or is asked, "when are you taking your vacation and where are you going?"

Speaking of vacations, J. G. Hartzell's wife is really taking a vacation. Two-and-a-half-months, stopping at Chicago, Detroit, Canada, Washington, D.C., New York, and Boston. Now J. G. is advertising for a good cook.

C. C. Templin and his wife went to McKinney, Texas. The "old home town" has been blown away, so all Charlie did was eat, sleep, and fish.

Ass't. Supt. Harold Nelson flew to Racine, Wisconsin. It was the first time he had been back in 30 years. He brought back pictures of the "old schoolhouse," his place of birth, and he says the only change he noticed was that everything was only 30 years older than it was the last time he saw it.

Old Dan Cupid is still at work around here. E. E. Bourland was married to Joan Brown; Joe Burns was married to Alice Christiansen; and H. R. Woodruff was married to Emily Montano.

At the time of this printing, I. Scharf and his bride will be honeymooning in Laguna and San Clemente. He was to be married in September, but didn't want to take any chances on losing the lovely lady, so they have had a Special Ceremony at Western Manor on June 19.

In the "stork" column we have:

W. L. DeGeere—son—Wayne, Jr.

R. W. Rose—daughter—Donna Carol.

C. Kraus—son—Dauglas Paul.

J. E. Church—daughter—Claudia Constantina.

G. G. Petrell—son—Howard Chris.

R. Weber—son—Robert Ellis.

C. E. Lively—son—Thomas Aaron.

E. C. Markles—twins—John Francis and Jeanette Louise.

C. E. Reed—daughter—Jean Louise.

O. J. Jones—son—Roland Edwin.

Congratulations to all of the mothers and daddies.

S. R. Siegel and his lovely celebrated their second anniversary at the Ambassador Hotel and danced to the music of Guy Lombardo.

MAY WEDDING

• Esther Davis of the Comptometer Dept. became the bride of E. Lloyd on May 16. The wedding was held at West Adams Presbyterian Church.



• Lt. Frank Blasey, Jr., graduate of West Point, now serving in Germany. He is the son of Frank Blasey, Supt. of Statistics.



Ed Roche, Division Five scribe on leave, is feeling much better these days. Ed is up and around but won't return to work for a couple of months yet. It was through Ed's work, even though confined at home, that Mr. Lawrence L. Larrabee, president of the Board of Education, arranged to have a board member, Mr. Olin Darby, present at the Berendo High School awards. Mr. Darby is a veteran of both World Wars and delivered a brief but excellent address. Los Angeles Transit Lines Post No. 541, is the only Post so signally honored at school awards.

Virgil Venom

by Ray Matzenbacher

HERE at Virgil it seems as though all the operating department and office force has been on a vacation with the exception of myself.

Ed Ramey has just returned from two weeks in Kansas City, which he spent visiting with his mother. On the return trip, Ed reports, he was initiated into the rigors of traveling on a G.I. Pullman, new recruits and all.

Lloyd De Gregorio spent his vacation catching up on his yard work and general odd jobs around his home.

Jack Bahr, from recent reports, is spending most of his time down Inglewood way.

Oscar Smart is a little more liberal-minded, only half of his vacation was spent out at Hollywood Park, the other half fishing.

Charlie Kenley wasn't so lucky, one and a half weeks of his vacation was lost as a result of his being sick.

W. Y. Stearns just returned, but as to what he did with his time off, we haven't been able to find out.

Fisherman Ernie Gorton, just back from a trip up the Kern River, reports the fish weren't biting too well.

Bill Terry, back on the job after four weeks off, is now working with his summary, after trying to get along without it for several days prior to his vacation.

Al Jacques, a former Virgilite, just joined the hole-in-one club. This took place May 30 on the tenth hole of the Harding Course at Griffith Park.

Vic Simmons reports that his wife is doing very well in their gift shop in North Hollywood.

Herb Bammerlin and family are back in their new home in Van Nuys after a trip East.

Harry Douglas, smiling man of the Sunset Line, on his days off journeys down to Irvine Reservoir where the fish have been biting these past several week-ends.

E. B. Logsdon, former Chief Supervisor, was a recent visitor at Virgil. E. B. is now General Manager of the Beaumont City Lines of Beaumont City, Texas. After the recent Texas winter, he is soaking up California sunshine.



● George Powell and Earl Wetzler do all right on a recent fishing trip.

Streamliners

by "Win" Drake

THEY do it every time! Give you a quarter and say nothing. Give you two dimes and one nickle and say "Three tokens, please." Right, Duff?

Lynn Wilerton of the "N" Line, while waiting for a traffic light at First and Spring, was told by a woman passenger that she had lost her husband who was a street car operator, too, and asked what could be done about it. Lynn wanted to refer to her to the Lost and Found Department just for fun.

Cameraman Auslander swears his new hair cut is the latest thing in town. He is even contemplating shaving off his mustache. Henceforth he shall be known as "Curly."

A great deal of laughter arose around the train room when M. W. Fisher appeared at the cashier's window with his money in one hand and the reverse handle from the PCC he just parked in the other. Wake up, man! Wake up!

Operator Smaby used 2184 of his safety points to procure a softball glove that he claims he would use as much as his son. Incidentally, it is prize No. 22170 and a corker of a glove.

Freeland Favour's daughter, Shirley, married Donald P. Doyen at St. Vincent's Church, Los Angeles, Saturday, May 15, 1948. The reception was attended by over 200 guests. A trip to San Francisco and return to L.A. to live was planned by the happy couple.

Al Acord of "The Switch Shack," Calif., and Stella Coleman were married in Las Vegas April 17, 1948. Congratulations, Al, and best wishes to you both.

What's new in a world of Operators: T. P. Monroe became the proud father of a six pound, ten ounce baby girl named Phylis Loretta. She was born in South Hoover hospital March 31. How about the cigars, Monroe?

Did you know that: The ex-sheriff, operator E. G. Barker, leaves the rails for a try-out of the trolley buses. He swears he likes buses even on the avenue. Much luck, bub, we'll miss you so.

Operator B. Grillette was a psychologist? He says, "Quite often when he finds himself 'much late' he completely forgets about his schedule, watch and all." He tells his slow, elderly passengers, "take your time and hurry, please!" And then he smiles broadly. Very clever, Grillette.

Recently during a peak rush hour S. W. Hill observed

that one of the center doors remained open after he had loaded and unloaded passengers. "Step off those treadles, please," he barked. When nothing happened he got out to inspect the annoying situation. Everything was okay, only the door remained open. After losing five minutes Hill noted somehow he had apparently opened the door himself, perhaps by accidentally moving the emergency door switch. He then went through some extra motions as though he was repairing something, thus clicking his switch and taking off. You want to watch those PCCs, Hill.

Sour Grapes from Vineyard

by H. M. Young

THE extended Crenshaw-Vine-LaBrea Line from 54th Street to Manchester Ave. is a far cry from the Crenshaw Blvd. of 25 years ago. At that time Crenshaw Blvd. was called Mesa Drive, which was only an old country road, and boasted only a set of wagon wheel ruts as a road for motorists to reach their destination.

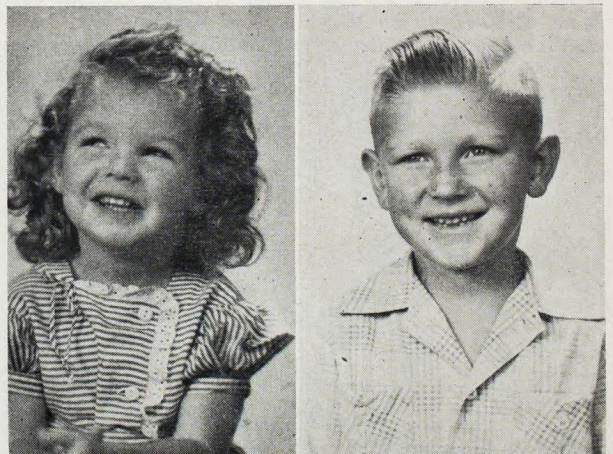
Clerk Kenneth Funk decided to visit friends in his home state of Iowa on his vacation. Boarding a Greyhound Coach one morning about 9:30 he sat back in his seat to enjoy a bus man's holiday, which found him 3 days later right in the center of the corn belt. After spending a few days in his native haunts he decided to take a train to Chicago to see the World Series, but upon his arrival it was raining cats and dogs and the game was called off. It seems that Kenneth will have to be content to see the local talent in action at Wrigley Field.

The urge to see the Pacific Ocean was very strong to Cecil Parsley a few nights ago so, instead of stopping at his terminal, Westwood, he continued down Wilshire to Santa Monica where the Supervisor found him.

Several months ago Maynard Meyers locked himself out of his car and had to break a door glass to get in so he decided to have a spare key made in case he should ever repeat himself. A few days ago he did the same thing again, but he forgot where he put the spare key, which resulted in another broken door glass. Better hang the key around your neck, Cecil.

THE AUSTIN GRINS

● Smiling happily for the cameraman are the children of William and Nola Austin. Bill is a coach operator at Vineyard. Left we have Donna Jean, 4 years, and right Douglas W., 8 years.



Frank Harris is planning on visiting his mother in Kansas City, Mo., on his vacation.

James Braden and wife visited their parents in Pennsylvania on their vacation. On their return trip they brought Braden's parents with them so they could see sunny California. They remained here about two weeks then returned to their home in Pennsylvania by train.

Vernon and June Pierce visited June's parents in Washington.

Paul MacDonald was undecided where to spend his vacation as there were a lot of places that he would have liked to see, but he finally decided on Oakland and San Francisco, where he will visit friends and relatives he has not seen in several years.

While several of the operators at this division were spending their vacations going places, Russell Clark decided to do some cement work in his patio, so he spent his two weeks mixing concrete. Russell has a nice home in Culver City and he really keeps it up.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Robert Lank in her hour of sorrow. Robert passed away very suddenly, only being sick about six hours. Mrs. Lank called in at 6:00 P.M. and put Robert on the sick list and at 12:15 he had passed away.

Our sympathy is also extended to Herbert Harrigan whose mother passed away after a short illness.

Fire Fighters

WORD is continually being received by management that our operators out on the lines are continually going out of their way to help someone in some manner.

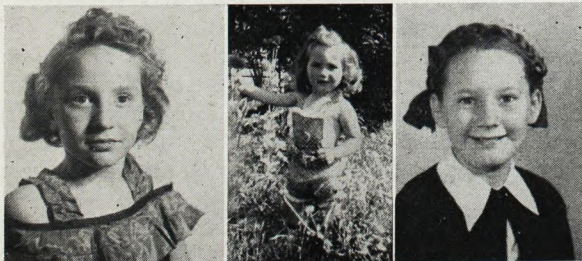
Their acts of courtesy do not go unnoticed, nor do their acts of valor. Recently Capt. Jenkins of the Fire Department, Engine House No. 1, on North Pasadena Avenue, telephoned to report two of our men had put out a brush fire which would have caused considerable damage.

Operating coaches on No. 25 line, on June 9, they saw the conflagration starting in the 3700 block on Griffin Avenue and they had it out by the time the Fire Department arrived.

Their names are Donald G. Wilson and Alfred A. Lehm, both of Division Three.

LADIES OF FASHION

● The little lass wearing the formal is Dorothy Goetsch, daughter of Elmer Goetsch, regular clerk, Division 1. The maid in the sun suit is Rita Rondell, who has just celebrated her second birthday. Papa Jerome Rondell works at Virgil. Millree Elaine Mohler demonstrates the best in pigtail fashion. She is 10 years old and is a pianist. She is the daughter of Mohler of Division 4.



● Margie and Doris are becoming masters of the piano. Their father is Sonny Sundeen, Mechanic.

Lobby Lowdown

by Violet Leach

BELIEVE it or not we have some grandmothers in the Auditing Department and also a great grandmother.

Orchids and congratulations to Lillie Hon, who is great grandmother, and also to Betty Jones and Louise Finley, who are proud grandmothers.

Birthday congratulations to Joseph Gorman, April 22; Norma Weiss, May 31; Dan Hanley, June 1; Bill Taylor, May 6, and Cozette Funkhouser, June 9. That was a beautiful orchid you received, Cozette.

Straw Hat Day was May 12 and Larry Grimm, Auditing, Stephen O'Donnell, Public Relations, and Art Tengblad, Personnel, all came togged out in their new lids.

Clair Mason, of Auditing, has gone back to Wilson, Wyoming, to live.

Mary Ann Elmore, now working in the Auditing Department, is a native Californian.

Vacations are well under way. Jeanne Roberts of Dr. Smith's office, has just returned after taking a vacation of resting. You're looking swell, Jeanne. Mary Lou Johnson, Auditing, spent a week of her vacation in San Francisco. Came back the same sweet, smiling Mary Lou. Gladys Prather, Auditing, is in Nebraska. Hope you have a grand time, Gladys, and we are looking for your return. Frances Wilson, Auditing, and her husband, Jack, are taking their vacation in July. Lillie Hon, Auditing, spent her two weeks in Sacramento visiting her children and grandchildren. Maud Campbell, Industrial Relations, is visiting in Salt Lake City. Isabell Anderson, Industrial Relations, is resting for a couple of weeks at home. Marie Wiedenholdt, Auditing, went to Arizona May 22. Marie and her husband celebrated their wedding anniversary there. Congratulations, Marie!

William Reardon, Auditing, spent two enjoyable weeks in Death Valley. John McMillen, Auditing, is taking his vacation in July, but hasn't let us in on his plans yet. Roy Ruggles will spend his two weeks in Klamath Falls, Oregon, visiting his son. Gene Gibson and her husband, Vern, are taking their vacation in July. They are motoring to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Clarence Fisher, Auditing, will spend his vacation at Ensenada, Baja, California, in August. Of course, we knew Clarence would pick a good fishing



HUSKY LADS

● Three goodlooking transit sons pose for the photographer. The sturdy lad at the left is Charles A. Frazier, son of Lee Frazier, Vineyard. Center, Bob Curtis Denton, 5 year old son of Wade Denton, rail mechanic, Division 3. The two-gun lad is Buddy Miller, son of Oscar Miller, Dept. 20, South Park.

spot. We'll be waiting for those fish stories, Clarence. Flo Bridges and Cozette Funkhouser, Statistics, will take their vacations in August. Ruth Halt of our lunch room was ill a week of her vacation. Hope you enjoyed your second week, Ruth. Tommy Merritt, Statistics, is in Des Moines visiting his brother. He has really been looking forward to eating Iowa ham and pork. Tommy has a birthday in June. Happy birthday, Tom.

Fay Ellard, Printing Department, is out on a sick leave. Hurry back, Fay, we surely miss you.

May Livermore, Auditing, is also out on a sick leave. We miss that sweet smile of yours, May, so hurry back to us.

Rita Ann Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Smith, is a new spring bride. She was married in Hollister Avenue Methodist Chapel in Pasadena, to H. Barry Rose. They went to Grand Canyon on their honeymoon. Congratulations!

Esther Davis, Auditing, was married May 16 to Emrys Lloyd at the West Adams Presbyterian Church. Esther was married in a lovely ice blue satin dress, carrying an old fashioned bouquet of sweet peas. They spent a week's honeymoon in San Francisco. Good luck and best wishes.

Beverly Frazee of Dr. Smith's office, was married to Jerry Dillon on June 27 at the St. Alphonsus Church. Beverly was dressed in white and carried white gardenias and a dark purple orchid. They will spend their honeymoon in San Francisco. Good luck and best wishes.

Don Million, Personnel, is really happy these days since he and his wife have moved into their new house. It's about time for the housewarming, Don.

Richard Kissick, secretary to Stanley Lanham, is a proud father for the second time. It's another son for the Kissick's. They named him Dennis Richard. We all got our cigars. Congratulations!

Rozella Flexhagn, Auditing, is very proud of her husband, Harlen, who has received his private flying license after taking his course at Rosemead.

Nancy Gillespie, Personnel, is out on sick leave. We miss you Nancy and hope it won't be long until you are with us again.

Hilda Scholefield, Auditing, is happy to have her husband home these days after visiting Turkey, Greece, France, and Italy. (How these sailors get around.)

The attractive blonde we see with a different and beautiful hairdo every day is none other than Janet Jones, secretary to Art Tengblad.

Geraldine Parma, elevator operator, is from Mobile, Alabama. She is a good cook and, boys, she can really bake cakes.

Ted Myers, chief clerk in Auditing, had an anniversary in April. He has been with us 31 years. Congratulations, Ted.

If you have noticed that medal Larry Grimm of Auditing wears on his watch fob, but don't know what it's

for, I'll tell you. Larry played first base in Portland, Oregon, for 3 years for the Union Pacific System team. It was the O.W.R. & N. Club Baseball. That was in 1914 to 1916.

Betty Stevens, our new girl in Personnel, is a native of California. Her son, "Stevie," who is 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old, is learning figure skating. Betty is interested in Psychology and Interior Decorating. Welcome to our Company, Betty.

Betty Jones and her husband spent a glorious three day holiday (Decoration Day) at Yosemite.

Clarence Fischer and his family spent their three days at Arrowhead.

Elsie Pickle, Auditing, has a daughter who graduated from grade school June 11.

I've heard it said many times that we all have doubles. Herbert Gaskill, Auditing, has been mistaken for President Harry Truman. Have you noticed the Truman look?

What's New At Two!

by Billy Eugene Rambo

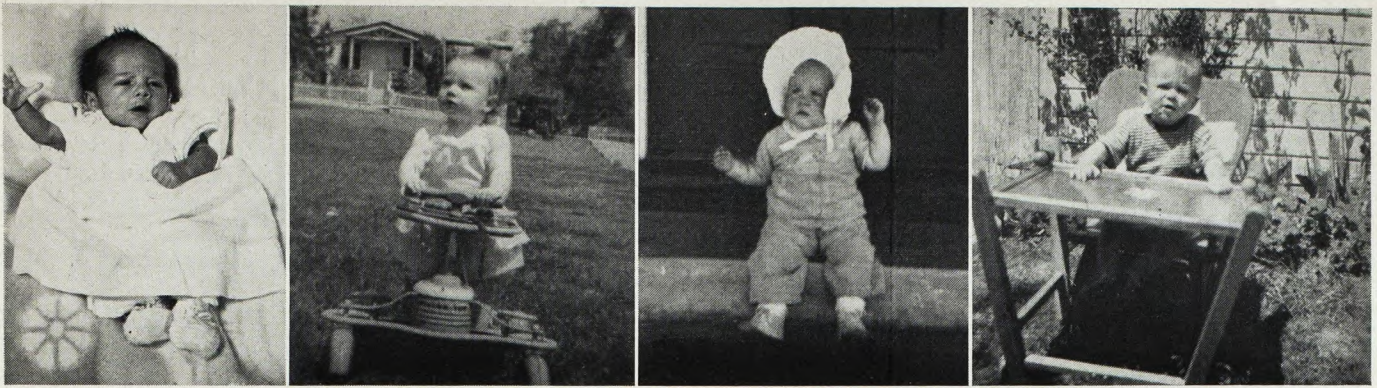
WHAT'S new at Two? The writer of this column, of course. Perhaps you would like to know who I am and why. Even if you wouldn't, here goes. I am usually called Whitey but, for the sake of formality, my full name is Billy Eugene Rambo. I have to stand twice in the same place to make a shadow, but I believe I am the only blue-eyed blonde around Division Two. Employed on the property in June of last year I spent my time at Division One until the recent shake-up at which time I was very happy to choose Division Two as my new home. I will appreciate any news of anyone or anything of interest. Don't hesitate to call on me.

Division Two seemed very popular at the recent shake-up. Bidding into this Division were twenty-four men from Divisions One and Three respectively, eighteen men from Division Four and twenty-five from Division Five. Ray Corbett is mighty proud of all these new faces and says he hopes each and every one has a pleasant stay at Two. Ray also extends his thanks and appreciation for a job well done to all the men transferring to other Divisions.

A posie to all the men that received one, two and three year safe driving awards at the last safety meeting. Thanks also to Messrs. Tengblad, Prutsman and Ames for the interesting program presented at this meeting.

The new look has taken over the little cafe, next to the Division, now under management of Mickie Roos. It is now the "Toddle Inn." The "Inn" now has a soda fountain and table service. You are welcome to drop in for a delicious meal or just to pass the time over a cup of coffee.

VanSchoyck was seen helping Mickie cook the other day. Better watch out Van. Leap year you know.



TRANSIT TOTS

● The little lady giving you the wave is Sirera Inez Donnahoe, pride and joy of Louis Donnahoe, Dept. 6, South Park. Next we have Rebecca Anne Long, having a gay time in a late model stroller. Rebecca is the daughter of Clarence Long, Division 3. Bonnie Jeanne Braham is the little lady on the front door step. Her dad is E. J. Braham, Div. 1 and the lad calling for his dinner is Robert James Michon, 7 months old son of Robert Michon, Vineyard.

Car House Highlights

by H. K. Conacher

Car House No. 1

K. Antoine and J. Isaacson have returned from a very enjoyable vacation, which they spent in resting up.

Percy Marsh, Storekeeper, is still off on sick leave. We all join in wishing him a very speedy recovery. G. Gingrich is pinch-hitting for Percy and doing a good job.

R. O. "Casey" Martin claims that the reason for his taking up Spanish is so he can keep up with Charlie Belarde eating "Tacos."

Car House No. 3

Everyone likes a trip during their vacation, and among those who did just that was "Whitey" Knollmiller, his wife, Madeline, and son, Bob, who motored back to Rhode Island to visit relatives, a grand tour of our United States. Elmer Riggan and wife motored through the states of Oregon and Washington; Clyde Tengblad and wife Peggy went North to the fishing area of Grant's Pass, and Royal Peterson and wife visited the Carlsbad Caverns of New Mexico.

The Stock Club announced the arrival of a son, Earl Wayne, April 14th, at General Hospital. Leslie and Amanda Myles are the proud parents. Kitty and Jack Morrison on March 26th welcomed Linda Jane at Glendale Sanitarium. Kitty was formerly on the office staff.

Carl McAlpine came to work one morning with a bandaged hand and a weak grin on his face. When asked what had happened he told us this story—that as he was all ready to chop off a chicken's head, with an axe, of course, his sense of distance went haywire, the chicken moved from his grasp, and the blade cut into his hand. After the Dr. used eight stitches to close the wound, Mack went home and helped his wife "really" broil that fowl.

Gordon Barker's wife, Betty, is feeling fine now after a short sick spell. Barker is the sponsor of the softball team, "El Patio," which has begun to play in the League series. Anyone interested can contact Barker about details.

Dean Roseman is back to work and we surely are glad to see him around the street cars again. His is an example of great courage and faith.

In June those that were a year older are the following

men: Joseph Delmont, Sylvester Hawkins, Harry Ogden, Alexander Olsen, Walter Paul, George Rawson, Warren Richards, Dean Roseman, Ernest Smith, Robert Smith, and Ralph Weberg.

Marian McGee, office, whose birthday was May 8th, prepared a party for her daughter Luise's birthday on May 9th, then they both went to Jean and Marie's French Cafe in North Hollywood on May 10th to help her sister-in-law, Lucienne, with her birthday. Mac said it was a busy and wonderful week-end.

Harry Ogden, George Atkins, and Charles Winkler are on the sick-list. Hope to see you fellows back on the job soon, as we all miss you.

Car House No. 4

Everyone has been wondering why Owen Weiser has so much pep these days. It can now be told that Owen has checked off all of his girl friends and bought himself a television set. He says this way he has entertainment and gets to bed earlier every night. One thing that bothers us is if Owen keeps trying to imitate the wrestlers that he sees every Wednesday night on his set, one of these days he will get himself tied up in such a knot that it will take emergency truck No. 95 and several skilled technicians to untangle him. Anyway "Old Pal," how about a seat on the 50-yard line next New Year's Day football game?

Willie Goins is really on a great idea, if it works. Willie has about a dozen stalks of pop corn growing in the garden spot of C.H. 4. He scientifically paced off the right number of steps from the incinerator, then planted each grain the same distance apart. Willie has it figured that when the corn is ready the heat from the incinerator will make the corn pop right off the stalk. If he can get the corn to drop into a bag he will revolutionize the pop-corn industry.

George Smith's wife took a trip to Texas to visit relatives. George said that, by golly, he was going to be boss at home for a change. That is, until his boy gets home in the evening.

Danny Parker and family have been spending his days off down at the harbor where dredge work is going on. It seems that many different things wash up on the beach and Danny and his son see who can find the most interesting ones. The result is that his son finds them and Danny sits down on the sand and pouts.



• Meet Nancy Mildred and Larlyn Carole, beautiful daughters of Larry Staten, Division 3.

VACATION NOTES . . .

Bob McCray and wife went up to Sacramento to visit his in-laws. Bob said that they took the bus because there isn't so much worry that way. After all, there is such a thing as fenders falling off and added that the car is a "little noisy."

Sal Romo didn't do anything but work in his yard at home. The weed situation almost threw him. He said that every time he cut one weed two came up in its place. Sal figured that the easiest way, and a lot more interesting, was to sit on his front porch and watch them grow.

Bob Bennett said he didn't even watch weeds grow. He just sat. Good deal if you can get by with it.

Al Marchbanks took another trip back home to Arkansas. Al doesn't broadcast it but he went back to see if the sheriff was still there. Well, he was, so Al came back. Don't give up, Al, sometimes you may spend your whole vacation at home.

Dick Wibe made a trip down Mexico way on his vacation. Since he's come back he cooked up a pot of beans, sold his car for several pesos and has been looking more like Cisco Kid every day.

Les Rutledge went to Yosemite and he had a caller one evening. A bear came knocking on his cabin door. Rut thought he was on the welcoming committee but decided not to invite him inside. You know how some guests behave.

Wayne Fitzpatrick spent his first week in bed, ill. The second week he tried to catch up on what he intended to do the first week.

Car House No. 5

Throughout the division we have found, in a way, a great deal of confusion when a certain party is paged over the loud speaker. We have a Paul Woods; Brown, Williams, Booth, Goodie, Marshall and Cleve. Division Five is fast becoming the house of *Paul*.

Tony Tibbs and Robert Gross have managed to swap outfits. Tony is returning to the day job and Robert has decided he would like to see what rail life is after sun down.

When Willie Poorman took the fishing and hunting trip up north, he decided to cross the river on a log. Ask Willie if there is anything easier than falling off a log?

Bob Mills, night foreman, blossomed forth in a new hat one night last week and his own shift had to take a

second look at him to be sure they were not working for a new boss.

Frank Castile has started raising chickens. If every thing goes o.k. he is going to raise turkeys. Who knows, he may end up by raising a few ostriches.

John (Fisherman) Gibson and Mac (Nature Boy) McAllen set out on a fishing trip one day. After an eight hour fishing shift, Fisherman Gibson ended up with one fish. Nature Boy—zero.

Bill Elmlblad just moved into his new home in West Arcadia.

Ben Logan has returned from his vacation. He spent three days in San Francisco and the balance painting his house (due to pressure by neighbors?).

Bob Smith and his wife have just returned from their vacation. The motored to Indianapolis.

Johnny Reyes is spending his vacation around home and local environs.

Bill Craig is a proud possessor (and who wouldn't be?) of a brand spankin' new Chrysler New Yorker sedan, in which he has seen more of California in the least amount of time in his life's history.

Eddie Hess and family were recent visitors to Palm Springs. Eddie says it sure is a pretty place to see but too hot for comfort.

Famous last words . . . "I'll stop him, let loose of my arm."

Blow-Bys

by Tom Smalley

It seems that everybody in the shop is talking about where they are going or where they have been on their vacations.

Ben Lozano and his wife, Tina, really went places on their vacation. They drove to Phoenix, Ariz., Ensenada and Tia Juana, then back home and then to Catalina Island.

Joe Castro redecorated his house. Oscar Miller and his wife, Liscetta, are taking their son, Buddy, to Yosemite for two weeks.

Homer Porcher says he is going to relax and take it easy around his newly purchased home in Azusa while on vacation.

Pete Rodriguez recently became a United States citizen and to celebrate the occasion Pete bought a house at 81st and San Pedro Sts. Congrates, Pete.

Chick Jackson and a party of friends took a pleasant trip on Chick's boat recently. They sailed to the Santa Cruz Islands and then to Catalina and Chick says that the sailing was so good they didn't even fish but reports that a sea monster was sighted. I've seen pink elephants but no sea monsters, yet.

Gerald Willer and his one and only took a trip to Big Bear and Gerald reports that it was pretty cold in them thar hills.

Jim Lusby was seen with a patch over his eye recently. Jim says that he was repairing his sons toy cap pistol and part of it flew out and struck him in his eye. A likely story.

Roy Worfel reports that he and his wife, Florence, are taking a trip to Chester, Pa., to visit her sister and brother.

John Paul reports that he has a 1933 Dodge sedan for sale. "Make an offer," says he.

John and his wife, Charlotte, will be up at their cabin in Big Bear when you read this.

Why is it that Joe Crawford, Mike Heman and Jake Dainton always get front row seats at our monthly entertainment program when we have Hula dancers, but when we have strictly shop talent they are always in the rear row?

Bob Van Osdol has his own garden and all he raises is onions.

Congratulations to Tom Watts. Tom recently was selected to go to Oakland to Diesel school to study factory methods of repairs. Tom has worked very hard for this opportunity and is very deserving of this chance to better himself and we know that he will make good.

Bud Morris went grunion hunting and he got a tub full of them and brought them to the boys in the Unit room and had them believing they were trout.

Bob Thompson has been going to night school studying navigation and other things pertaining to flying. Bob recently made his first solo flight. Nice going, Bob.

Bob Frampton has been standing up eating his meals these days. I was told that a catapillar bit Bob. That's what you get for sitting down just any place, Bob.

Tom Crouch went to the Police Ball at the Shrine Auditorium. It looks like Tom is finding out that if you drive a car you must attend those affairs at times.

Laddie Smyth and Bob Vetter were studying a complex wiring problem the other day and were just about to give up when along came Eddie (Yogi) Howells to the rescue. After gazing into his crystal ball, Eddie soon solved the problem and everyone was happy.

Harley and Vallie Miller wish to announce a new guest at their home. A 5-lb., 9-oz. boy, Ronald Keith Miller.

Walt Powell is a grandpa for the third time. His daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Thompson, being the proud parents of a 6-lb. baby girl. Kathleen Faith is her name.

"WET PAINT"

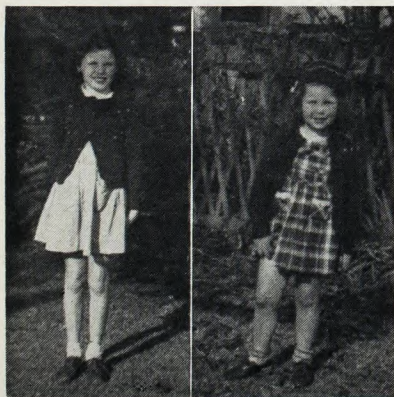
Camillo Caringello and his wife, Angelina, are driving to Santa Barbara to visit their daughter and also to do a little fishing. Camillo says that he hopes he won't have to pay fifty cents for a fish to bring home this year.

John Holloman reports that he has had to install another wash rack to take care of the increased business.

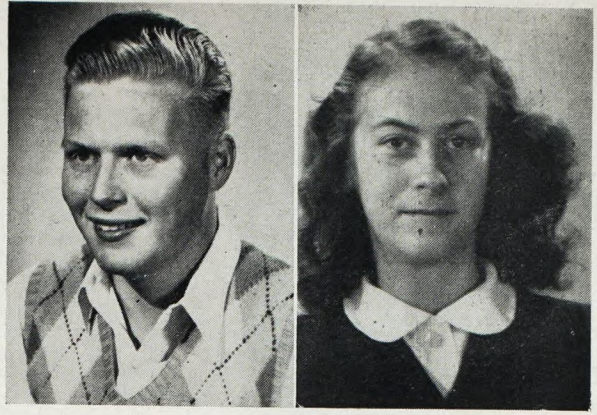
Jack Pernell is going to night school and is learning the Chinese language. Why the sudden interest in that language, Dick?

What's this I hear about Lucius Sheppard going into training? Shep always looks like he's in good shape to me.

Sorry to hear that L. Coe was injured in an accident while driving the other evening. Hurry up and get well, Loren.



• Darling daughters are Frances Leona and DeLores, children of Gerald McCabe, Div. 5.



TRANSIT TEENAGERS

• We introduce two transit teenagers this month. Left, Bob Coe, 17, who has graduated from Manual Arts High School and will enter Occidental College in the fall. His dad, Warren, is a trimmer at South Park Shops. The little lady is Pat Gerrard, 14 year old daughter of Art Gerrard, Mechanic, Dept. 20.

The Hillbilly Boys

by L. B. Meek

DID you notice it is already the middle of summer? Golly, how time flies! Anyway, it is a good time to take a trip or vacation. Speaking of trips reminds me of an experience of one of the office clerks. Now I don't like to mention names, but he drives a Hudson sedan. It seems that he was taking a trip up north, somewhere, and as he passed through some little horse-and-buggy town, the town marshal flagged him down and had the nerve to accuse him of running that poor Hudson 65 miles per hour. Now, anyone would know that was downright cruelty. Such a strain was uncalled for. Of course, it being a one-horse-town might have something to do with it, because any car seems fast in comparison to the surrey. Maybe he was going down hill. Otherwise there surely could be no reason for such unjust accusations for this terrific burst of speed.

Here is a guy that has just about figured out how to get along. Good old Johnnie Johnson just listens when they tell him how it should be done and then politely tells them he will do it his way when they are gone anyway.

During the racing season this dog gone "5" Line is awful hard to keep up with as they have four different schedules. After working over the week-end a certain motorman found himself with the wrong train numbers on Tuesday and also trying to run the wrong schedule. Well, J. Y. Fleming is probably not the only one who has done that.

After all, if a fellow has to ride some sort of a private vehicle to work he expects it to be there when he gets back in the evening. W. F. Pierce always fastens his motorbike to the fence with a lock and chain, but recently he went out to go home and there was no bike. The fence had been cut and the bike was gone. The first thing he did was grab a street car to go and tell the police, but on the way he saw his bike and a boy go by, so he got off the car and grabbed the boy and while trying to shake the boy loose up drove an auto and a man steps out and said, "You can turn him loose now, for I am his father and I, too, have been looking for him." Pierce rode the bike back from there.



● Scribe Louis a not too enjoy-Patten snapped in able moment on his recent vacation.

Once Overs from One

by Louis Patten

WALLY Spaulding avoided a brutal assault to his person when he dodged a transfer pad hurled at him by an extra clerk. Thank heavens you're safe, Wally.

C. L. Underhill, Line 3 Operator, returned from a well rounded vacation in Blaine, Washington. "My wife and I did everything," C. L. beamed from ear to cheek.

Dorothy Carol Goetsch, Elmer's charming daughter, sings and dances. Dorothy graduated from elementary school in June, at the tender age of 11 years, 10 months. Your scribe is personally acquainted with a star-to-be.

Coach Operator R. L. Alexander is ready for siesta time all the time. What's it like being a gourmet, R. L.?

Leroy G. Homerighausen recently returned from his vacation with a bride. Homer will no longer be a lonely roamer. The hopeful waitresses around 7th and Central are a gloomy lot these days.

"Pappy" Park is still painting his mansion. I wonder what the top color is going to be? Have you fallen in love with a rainbow, Pappy?

Harry E. Arisohn suffered greater anguish learning how to say "sacra-iliac" than with said ailment.

Pete (P.O.) Ashley, Bellgarden farmer, is now counting cash instead of turnips and radishes. Good luck, Pete, on your promotion to extra clerk.

Harry (Tiny) Fescombe, mechanic night foreman, Div. 1, for the last 24 years, is the skipper of the sea-scout ship, "The Verdugo," which recently made national rating. "The Verdugo" is manned by a crew of 16 and was the council flagship for the past 3 years. Tiny holds numerous key awards. The Eagle Scout key with 60 badges is his favorite. Sea-scouting, character building and citizenship training are Tiny's hobbies. Division 1 vies with Sunland, H.W.'s home town, for first honors.

E. J. Braham, Div. 1 nine years, is building a new home in Azusa. Bonnie Jeanne, E. J.'s little girl, is the cutest little bundle of joy I've ever seen in any photo.

J. G. Adair, watchman, Div. 1, 44 years with L.A.T.L., 73 years old, said wistfully, "Golly, I wish I were a trainman instead of a watchman," while fidgeting with his clock that hung from his shoulder strap. James Gustavus Adair is a spry fellow for all of his 73 years.

Jack Steward left his Conductor, Byron B. Bearfield, holding the switch chain at 7th and Central and first discovered he was a one-man operator on a two-man car at Whittier and Euclid. What did you do for bells, Jack?

"Trolley Buzzes"

by Ronnie Mason

IT must be tough when one has to take a vacation to get in shape for the role of Life as a Father. But Harry Davis was delighted to do it when his wife presented him with a brand new baby daughter on the 20th of May. The little tot weighed seven pounds, five ounces, and dotted the register with the name of Cynthia Sue. Ditto for Harry Smith. His better half gave him income tax deduction number two on May the 5th, when little Virginia made her debut at five and one-half pounds. TROLLIFIC is the word for these guys from Trolley Coaches.

Mortimer Wilson is another proud father. His fourteen year old daughter came over to visit him and I'm sure he won't have a very hard time convincing her to stay for the summer. By the way, Mrs. Wilson, we're pulling for your speedy recovery. Ditto for H. Archer. He brought his latest offspring in to show him around the shop. Quite a bundle of energy that little guy is.

Like the swallows, they always come back, and with us we have the fellows that have enjoyed their two weeks and are ready to start all over, we hope.

P. Taylor, who says, "no butter nor wurst—jus' tired from resting." Two weeker L. B. Biggs shatters the myth about everybody coming over from Oklahoma to L.A. He spent his vacation there and says that there's still lots of people left. N. C. Busswell looks much better after every vacation. Must be the way he rests his hair. "I don't know any place to go, so I will stay home and show my wife a better way to make spaghetti," from C. Canales.

L. A. Young got the job one day and a bride the next. He does his chores on the graveyard shift. Eddie Nash does his bit on the swing shift. The graveyard has signed up A. A. Ingram

THUMB NAIL SKETCH . . . LE ROY BURR

Our guy of the month hails from the Sunflower state of Utah. He set his sails for the Golden State about twenty-six years ago and made it through the Morman Trail on a Model T and a prayer. He's been with the company for the last quarter of the century and probably will be one of the youngest looking beneficiaries of the new Pension Plan. His main hobby nowadays is puttering in his garden, though in earlier years he was quite an outdoors enthusiast.



● Here is Tex and Billie Morris, taken deep in the heart of Texas, where they are spending their vacation.

Diesel Fumes

by Marjorie Coleman

"Da Spring is sprung,
Da grass is rissed,
Gees, I wonder where da flowers is?"
I. M. Anonymous.

AND with that bit of choice poetry about this season of of the year, we, like Spring, are bursting forth with news and happenings of the employees of 16th Street Garage.

Spring always suggests Romance, and Romance oft times leads to matrimony. Such is the case with Roland R. Johnson, better known to his friends as "Mad Man Muntz." The wedding was one of the biggest social events of June, with bridesmaids, flower girls, etc. Incidentally, Emil Anderson, Johnny's right hand man participated in the wedding. We don't know just what part Emil took in the wedding, but you can be sure he carried out his end with all of the poise and finesse that is required for such an occasion.

Fred (Perpetual Motion) Bader has been having a hard time these days. Not only does he have extra duties at home since the arrival of his daughter, Cheryl Elaine, but he also has been given extra duties here at the Office. He says he now longs for the days when he was just a "Superintendent" instead of the recent promotion to Chief Clerk.

It has come to our attention that Hartful McBride, Laborer on the 3rd shift, had solved his meat problems for this coming winter. He has purchased a pig which he intends to have in good condition by October when fresh pork should be in season. The men are thinking of all of the fresh sausage McBride will have on hand. . . .

We wish to extend our congratulations to the proud fathers of the Swing Shift:

FATHERS	DATE	WEIGHT	CHRISTENED
George O'Day	May 10th	6 lbs. 12 oz.	Andra Marie
James W. Watson	May 11th	6 lbs. 4 oz.	Kathleen Rose
William Boyeet	May 12th	6 lbs. 15 oz.	Judith Arlene

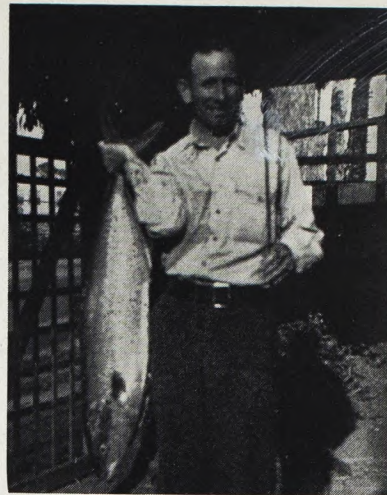
Congratulations to the mothers, also.

JUST FOR SMILES:

Monday, June 7th, the Garage employees were "flabergasted" to see a pair of coveralls walking around with apparently no body inside. Finally, one brave mechanic sneaked up on it, and quickly pulled back the collar of the uniform. Lo and behold! It was Harry Hoegeman, our Garage Dispatcher who had been transferred to a Mech-



● Paul Gualteri and Miss Delores Menchine after a May wedding. Paul is a member of the Upholstery crew, South Park.



● L. C. Thompson, Supt. of Way and Structures, and the huge fish taken on a small rod.

anic. The only explanation I can see is that Hoegeman is just going in for the "New Look."

"Turnabout is fair play," and that is exactly what John Hill's children are thinking. For the past ten months they have been going to school, and now that vacation is here, their daddy is going. Who has the last laugh now, John?

Wayne Lucas recently returned from his vacation in Kentucky and, if outside appearances are any judge, he certainly must have had a wonderful time. Incidentally, he brought Laura a miniature pitcher from Cumberland Falls, Ky., to add to her collection.

Transportation Transcripts

by Paul Prutzman

THESE are vacation days once more. From the looks of the various maps and travel folders hidden out in the desk drawers, the guys and gals are figuring on scattering to the four corners of the country. Betty Newnam, stenographer at Division 4, journeyed to Iowa to see her husband who is attending the University at Iowa City. Either the train ride, the diet of corn on the cob, or the Iowa climate did her a world of good, because she returned to work on June 14th full of vim, vigor and vitality.

Dorothy Morris, Timekeeping Department, spent her vacation in Oklahoma. Alas and alack, a week after her return to California, and civilization, she broke out with the scratchiest case of poison ivy you ever saw. Operator X13 reports that June Bradway, also of Timekeeping, celebrated her (censored) birthday on June 3rd. She enjoyed the cake and ice cream so much that if it wasn't for the fact that she would be a year older each time, she would have a birthday every week.

Lottie McKensie, the "Flying Grandmother," is grounded this year. She usually flies to Van Port, Oregon, to visit her daughter and granddaughter, but after the recent flood up there her daughter and family came to Los Angeles for awhile, as their home was one of those washed away. They lost all their possessions but escaped without injury.

Gertrude Wentz, who dispenses information so swiftly and accurately at the telephone switchboard, is traveling south to Old Mexico on her vacation. Is she helping out the "Good Neighbor" policy, or could she be looking for

one of those handsome "Caballeros" who sings tenor and plays the guitar?

This month we turn the spotlight on Robert H. "Midget" Smith, Assistant Chief Supervisor. Bob is one of the youngest supervisors in years of service but, under the expert guidance and instruction of Chief Supervisor Art Warren, he is rapidly developing into a topnotcher at the art of clearing up blockades and straightening out the myriad troubles that constantly beset a transportation property of this size. Bob hired out at the 16th Street Coach Division in April, 1935. He spent the next 7 years piloting coaches on the various lines all over town. Then came those fateful Presidential "Greetings." The "Old Man with the Whiskers" kept him occupied for the next two years riding around on a bomber as a Flight Engineer.

After returning from the service he picked up his duties as a Coach Operator where he had left off. Shortly thereafter he was made an extra Supervisor and in time was given a regular appointment. To him every blockade or breakdown is a contest between himself and that old bug-a-boo of all supervisors, "Lost time." His methods were not always orthodox but they must have achieved the desired results because he was promoted again, this time to his present position, that of Assistant to Art Warren. He is very fortunate in being able to work in such close contact with Art Warren, who can pass on to him the practical experience gained in 34 years of streetcar and coach operation in all parts of the country.

Bob still wears the same size hat and is a first class story teller when the Coffee Room reminiscing starts about the old days of the "Double Deckers" on Wilshire, and the good old "300's." May their cast iron bones rest in peace.

Off the job he is known as the "Mayor of Mosquito Manor." It seems he purchased a piece of property in an area that was well known for the depth of its swamps and the size of its misquotos. Having been a Merchant Seaman at one time the fact that he could only reach his homestead by rowboat didn't scare him a bit. He caught and trained the larger mosquitos to carry off the water in buckets fastened to their legs. The land is now dredged off to the place where he recently was able to sell his rowboat and buy a pair of hip boots.

Good luck, Bob, may you go far in your chosen field.

*Leon De Mara, you all know, is single,
So the coins in his pockets do jingle;
But Leap Year is here
And for Leon we fear,
Some gal's going to make his heart tingle.*



• "Giddy - yap," says Thelma Annette Donnellan, 3 year old daughter of R. J. Donnellan, Virgil.

NO FISH STORY

• Believe it or not, that is a 77 lb. catfish which Inspector Charlie Templin is holding. He caught it in the Big Elm River in Dallas, Texas, during his vacation.



South Park Diary

by Billy Pinder

JUNE and July spell romance. Wedding bells rang out this month for Paul Gualtieri, when he and Miss Dolores Menchine were married in St. Peter's Catholic Church. A reception was held at the bride's home, and a good time was had by all, including a lot of the boys from Dep't. 12. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

If you are ever troubled with Bees, get in touch with The Bee Man, Sherman Krewall, as he gallantly came to the rescue the other day in Store No. 2 where a large swarm of Bees were gathering. Sherman nonchalantly grabbed a little wooden box and a ladder and went after them, when he came down he had every drad blame Bee in the box. "S'nothing at all," said the modest Sherman.

Eugene Deasey, age 11, son of Martin Deasey, Air Department, won the Junior Marble Championship of the South East Division. He defeated all comers and was just edged out in the final play-offs. Next year Eugene will be a triple threat.

Last month saw Harry Smith and Ernie Sayre, Department 6, celebrating their 43rd year with the company, with Leslie Hewey, Department 10, running a close second with 42 years. Congratulations to these Young-Old-Timers.

Bill Smith, Champion Indian War Hooper, gave an interesting exhibition of the Indian War Cry last month for the full benefit of some of the boys in the Sheet Metal Department. For further details, ask Bill.

Man about town is Guy Abbett, sporting a new Nash Sedan.

For his vacation this year Bert Timbs took another long trip. This time he went through Utah and Grand Canyon and reports he had a wonderful time. Last year Bert made a trip of 9000 miles through the States.

Joe Brayak took a trip by train to Chicago to see his Mother and Dad and sent the boys a postcard. Thanks a lot, Joe, for remembering us.

Frank Pauley had some tough luck on his vacation. He enjoyed one week in his desert home at 29 Palms, along

with the snakes and lizards, but the second week he had the misfortune to side-swipe a truck with no lights on and was lucky to escape with a few minor bruises.

Our own Orrel Rivers says, "When you take a vacation, do it right." So, he went up to Yosemite to see the wonderful sights there. For further details about the trip see Orrel.

James J. Roberts, the Shop's Botanist, took a trip back to Idaho and reports everything is fine there.

Imagine a regular Los Angeles fan going up to San Francisco for his vacation! Well, it's a fact. Tommy J. O'Connell did just that.

Just too late to catch the deadline on last month's issue of Two Bells, we welcome back Mr. Aubrey Gardner of Automotive Stores Office. He is well known and well liked by all of us. Aubrey went up north to San Jose to manage a supply house and we are glad to see his smiling face again with us. Our gain, their loss.

Mildred and Walter Holleman really had a break this year when they had their vacation at the same time and had a wonderful time at Catalina. They also celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Many happy returns.

Mary Kelly took a trip back to Ohio on her vacation.

We welcome Frank Laird, a new employee in the automotive stock room.

Know who is the first to arrive on the job every morning in the Body Shop? Well, it's Sam Singer and Art Comford, go-getters, waiting eagerly for the starting whistle. A nice example fellows.

A man who needs an introduction is Nick Lacassello, Shop Painter. Nick started with the Company in 1920 with the Bonding Department. In 1944 he was transferred to Department 12. Nick and his wife, Marie, have been happily married for 28 years and have a family of one boy and one girl. A very popular fellow is Nick and one of the best.

Congratulations to George Holmes who is celebrating his 37th wedding anniversary.

Ed Lendy, Air Department, really believes in cleanliness. Even took a shower in the middle of the day. Unexpected that is . . . ?

Austin Kilgore, our esteemed "Weather Prophet," says now that Summer is here once again, he is going to take a most needed rest from the barometer. He says he would like to turn this highly recognized work over to some one he could trust for the summer and the only person he can think of is Norman Lane. How about it, Norm?

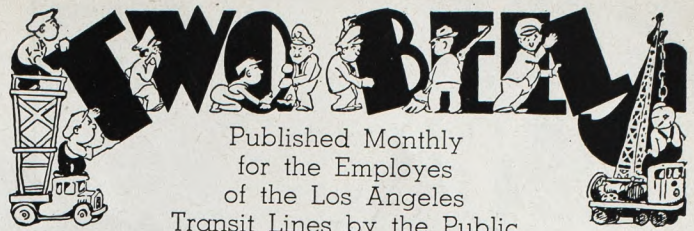
Resolved—When you bring your lunch in a paper bag be sure and put your name on it. Dick McDowell brought his lunch in a paper bag as did his partner, Bill Farris. Ten o'clock came and Bill took out a big sandwich and made quick work of it, not knowing it was Dick's lunch he was eating. So, when Dick came to eat his lunch he was minus a sandwich. But Bill explained what had happened and made it up.

Ernie Frampton, erstwhile milk drinker, brings in two quarts of milk daily to drink. The other day someone filled up an empty milk carton with water and switched one of Ernie's. He says it was the first time he has tasted water in years, and guess what? He kind of likes it.

Congratulations go to Al Carmichael for getting together the newly formed L.A.T.L. Camera Club. Anyone interested in joining the Club see Al.

Calamity hits the Shops—Otto Schnieder reports his new Dodge has been hit, not seriously, but nevertheless bumped. Our heartfelt sympathy is with you. Otto.

Well, I guess this is thirty for now. Be seeing you.



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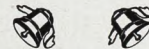
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Veterans Club

by Larry Staten, Adj.

PRESENTATION of the beautiful new flags by Management of Los Angeles Transit Lines to the Veterans Club took place July 10, 1948, in the Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa Street. The presentation began at 8:30 P.M. and was followed by a free dance given by the Club for the members and their friends.

Tickets were sold on five big hams to reimburse the Club for expenses incurred by the Dance. We were assisted by members of Post 541, American Legion.

The ladies of the Club Auxiliary conducted a "Serve yourself, pot luck dinner," on May 11, our last meeting night. A wonderful time was had by all.

You members that miss these meetings just don't know what your Club is doing. Please plan to attend in the near future and see for yourself.



"Sure, I know about the motorcycle officers shouting, 'Pull over to the curb,' but what we want to know is how you did it!"

"I dod an abbul code an I don wanna gib it to any-one. Mind if I stand up front?"



"Go ahead Junior, tell the conductor how old you are."

"It's the latest thing in juke boxes. You gotta put in a quarter to stop it."

