



**TWO BELLS**

CHRISTMAS  
1949



Make a Christmas Wish  
On a  
**CANDY CANE COACH**

*There's  
Always A Christmas*



*What a wealth of joy and gladness the words Merry Christmas impart! Merry Christmas—You hear it everywhere . . . On the streets, in the home, in stores . . . On the cars and coaches.*

*It's in the very atmosphere we breathe.*

*The spirit of Christmas in the hearts of men is brought forth each year as a tonic to a troublesome world. Without the Christmas spirit, without the story of the Christ Child and without the Star of Bethlehem, this world would be a sorry place, indeed. Our very way of life—in fact, the whole civilization we know would tumble like a stack of cards.*

*Perhaps the wisemen who brought the camels laden with gifts to the Babe in the manger foresaw the future of Christmas when it began Twenty-Nine Hundred years ago. I can't help but feel that they knew the Star of Bethlehem would shine forever.*

*Yes, there will always be a Christmas . . . And my wish for you and your is that every Christmas be merry.*

*E. C. Hayward*

*President*

# Another Candy Cane Christmas

## Our Cover

• Mary Ann Elmore, stenographer for Si Watts, was the first person to wish on the Candy Cane Coach



THE peppermint stick cars and coach are rolling again this year helping to bring the spirit of Christmas to Los Angeles. These Candy Cane vehicles, sponsored by the Downtown Business Men's Association, were introduced to the people in conjunction with the lighting of the world's tallest Christmas tree at Pershing Square on Monday evening, November 28.

One Hundred children from the Los Angeles Orphanage and Fifty-four children from the Children's Home of the Volunteers of America were guests at this ceremony. The Candy Cane coach carried its load right up to the foot of the Christmas tree.

A company of Marines all dressed in their brightest uniforms took charge of the children after they arrived. Two Scotch lassies, Nancy Carroll and Midge Christie of the "Awful Fresh MacFarlane" Candy Company, passed out candy canes to the children and thirty or forty photographers kept the scene lit with hundreds of flash bulbs.

During the program Harry Morrison, General Manager of the Downtown Business Men's Association, introduced civic leaders including Police Chief, W. A. Worton, Fire Chief, John Alderson, George Hjelte of the City Recreation & Parks Department, Ann Whitfield of the Phil Harris Radio show, E. C. Houghton, President of Los Angeles Transit Lines, and Mayor Fletcher Bowron. Mayor Bowron spoke on the subject of Christmas emphasizing the fact that the season is for children and he hoped every child could see the mammoth tree in all of its glory. He then called upon Joan Blair of the Los Angeles Orphan-

age to help him press the button which brought forth the dazzling lights, string by string.

This year the Candy Cane vehicles carry a sign which reads, "Make a Christmas wish on a Candy Cane car or coach," and hundreds of Angelenos have boarded the cars to make their wish. Mary Ann Elmore of the South Park Shops was the first to officially make a Christmas wish although reports have it that a number of employes at South Park shops boarded the cars and crossed their fingers.

Because Bing Crosby, due to his rendition of "White Christmas" is synonymous with Christmas and the Christmas spirit, the Candy Cane coach was driven to the Paramount lot where Bing boarded it and sang a few bars of "White Christmas," made his own wish, then stood in the doorway for the photographers and complimented Mr. Houghton for adding to the spirit of Christmas with the Candy Cane vehicles. He then returned to the set of "Mr. Music," the picture currently in production.

We cannot talk about the Candy Cane vehicles without complimenting the painters who brought them to life. These gentlemen worked diligently with masking tape and spray gun to achieve the result.

The Information Department reports they have received between fifty and one hundred calls each day asking for route information of the Candy Cane vehicles. Many of the calls are from children who state that they intend to board the vehicles and make a Christmas wish. Of course, we of the Los Angeles Transit Lines hope their wish comes true.



### PEPPERMINT PAINTERS

• Here's the gang responsible for painting the Candy Cane Vehicles. Atop the coach are L. M. Sheppard and Witt Green. From left to right are G. Brownlow, E. H. Herman, E. P. Thompson and C. Caringello.

# FINGER TIP SERVICE



## FINGER TIP PLANNERS

- Planners get into a huddle as a preliminary to introducing Finger Tip service. From left to right are David D. Canning, Traffic Analyst, John Curtis, Dick Kissick and Cosette Funkhouser.

“FINGER Tip Service” is the latest development in transportation. It was put into operation to give the best possible service during the Christmas rush and to do it economically. Inasmuch as Los Angeles is composed of a great number of different shopping centers it has been decided that it is not practical to build a “Christmas Schedule” for the system doing justice to every section. The Finger Tip Service is as its name implies—a service provided for the people at the time they want it regardless of the direction in which they travel. It is immediate service; it is action. It is based upon the traveling desires of the patrons.

In planning this new mode of operations the Planning Department dug out all necessary statistics. This department has at its finger tips vital information, such as, passenger potentialities in every section of the city; research on past years travel habits, certain reports and many other items which are valuable in planning the move. Meetings were called which were attended by members of the Trans-

## EAGLE EYED CHECKER

- J. P. Miller counts passengers entering the downtown area on the P line. Miller has been with the Company 20 years and spent 14 years as a traffic checker.



*WE go Christmas shopping for customers this Season by putting into operation “Finger Tip Service.” The object of this scheduling technique is to build patronage and to show the casual customer who happens to be riding our vehicles during the Christmas rush just what the Los Angeles Transit Lines can do in providing the best of service.*

portation, Schedule and Planning Departments, and the formula for this new idea in scheduling was discussed.

Here is how it works.

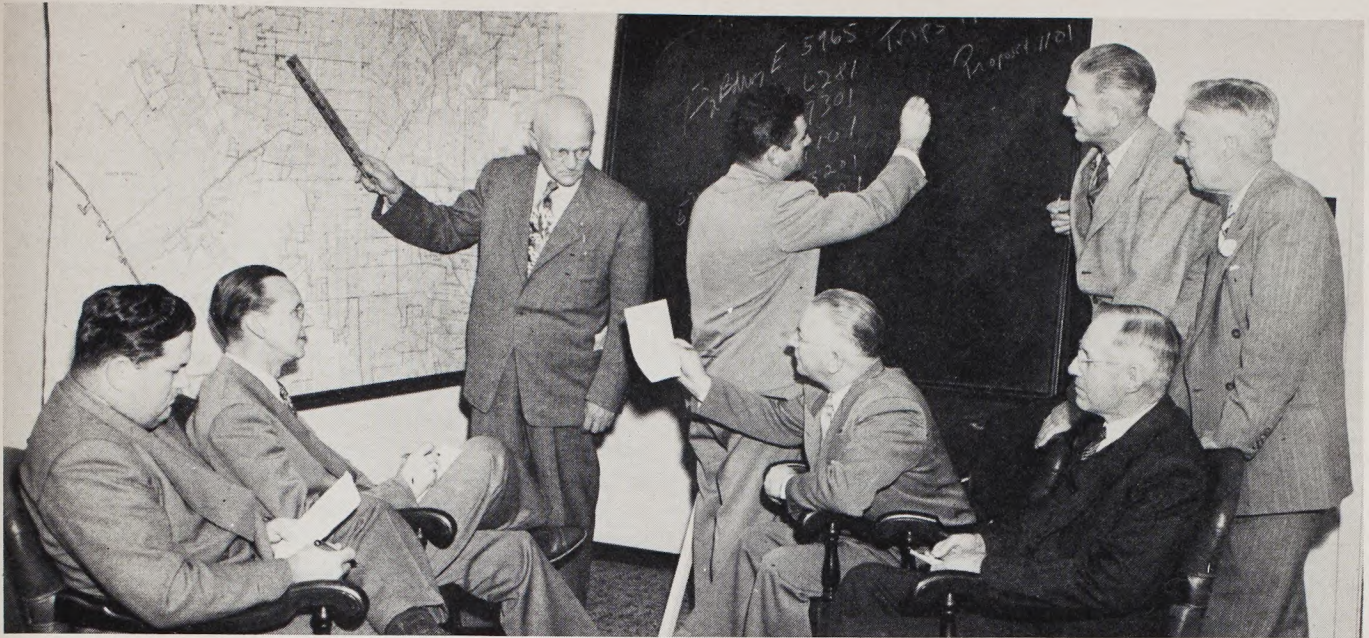
Forty-nine supervisors are stationed at the control points throughout the city. Thirty of these supervisors have radio-equipped automobiles and are in direct contact with the Schedule Department through the dispatcher at all times. The others keep in constant touch by telephone. Twelve traffic checkers are stationed at certain transfer points around the perimeter of the central business district. All of these people count the number of passengers on each vehicle entering the downtown area or traveling toward any shopping center. When the loads at a control point indicates that more equipment is needed on a line, the traffic checker or supervisor immediately notifies the Schedule Department, giving detailed information as to the number of people traveling and the frequency of the vehicles.

At the terminal of most major lines there is stationed a vehicle and an operator ready to pull out. The Transportation Department can call for this pull-out at a moments notice to fill in the headways and they can also call upon stand-by vehicles which wait at the divisions. The moment a call comes from a supervisor that a line is becoming heavy, such as Line P, a pull-out vehicle is ordered

## SUPERVISORS COUNT, TOO

- Carl Carlson counts the passengers entering the shopping district and radios the tally to the scheduling department.





#### STRATEGY MEETING

• Each day 3 strategy meetings are held by this group of transportation experts to discuss movement of vehicles. From left to right they are C. Haudenschild, motor coach schedule maker; D. S. Coburn, in charge of scheduling; A. H. Warren, at map, chief dispatcher; Bob Smith, at blackboard, regulating service through traffic and relaying traffic changes to supervisors by radio; J. L. Donnelly, seated, in charge of all checking; Ben Hartsell standing, motor coach scheduling; Charlie Egan, seated, and Guy Wheelock, standing, rail schedule makers.

from the terminal and, if necessary, more vehicles from Division 4, on to the line. If it appears that Line P is going to continually grow in patronage more cars are called from the divisions and fitted into the line at the point where they are needed.

The traffic checkers and supervisors tally the exact number of people who have entered the shopping section so the Transportation Department knows how many vehicles will be used to transport them home. Weather conditions often change the number of passengers and the Transportation Department is able at a moment's notice to move the vehicles on to the lines if a rain should come up in the late afternoon.

Three meetings per day are held by the Schedule and Transportation Departments regarding the movement of vehicles for the following day. They plan a skeleton schedule based upon studies. These studies include information of the previous days riding, facts from the various stores, such as sales and how employes intend to travel and weather forecasts. On certain days, even in a Christmas rush, there are more persons traveling than on others. This fact is also taken into consideration in constructing this skele-

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#### SPEED ARTISTS

• Helen Pearsall types schedules and transmittal letters and Christine Ramos handles figures, mileage and statistical work.



#### EXPEDITER

• Fred Haner types information to supervisors and sees that deliveries are made. He is shown here with mailman Henry Pree.

#### THEY'RE OFF

• Operators G. M. Williams and H. C. Nields, who have been standing by, receive orders and transfers from Clerk C. N. Meade.



# PORTRAIT IN SALESMANSHIP



**W**ITH each issue of Two Bells we intend to publish a Portrait in Salesmanship showing one of our employes shopping for customers.

This month we show Betty Underwood of the Information Department very busy with telephone, maps and route books selling our "Tour of the Town" to the patron on the other end of the line.

It is easy to see that Betty is doing a good job. We can see in her expression carefulness in detailing the routes, pleasant and appealing manner and the air of confidence, for Betty Underwood, like all the girls in the Information Department, knows her salesmanship.

How do you shop for customers? We would like to know your methods. Perhaps you may be the next representative gracing our gallery of Portraits in Salesmanship.

## WELCOME SUPER SALESMEN

**W**E are happy to present, and welcome to the rolls of the Courtesy Club, the following new members whose names now grace the Honor Plaques in their respective divisions.

Of the hundreds of letters which come in regarding acts of our operators, often there is one which is outstanding. This month we are happy to report that F. C. Mullin of Division Four, operating the P line at 1:25 in the morning, received a commendation which is most outstanding. A lady, when alighting from his car, was caught in the

rear door. He took time to get her name and to get witnesses. He filled out an accident report. When a representative of the Transit Casualty Company interviewed this lady she stated that she did not want to file a claim against our Company. True, the door did catch her but she felt that because the operator was so gracious and courteous she did not want to hurt his record in any way. She told the representative of the insurance company that it was her fault.

This incident is proof that courtesy pays dividends.

### DIVISION ONE

S. G. Arballo	G. S. Manuel
W. A. Berry	M. M. Moore
S. Berk	R. T. Melton
C. N. Chapman	F. J. Nicoletti
F. M. De Stefano	S. B. Prancevic
R. L. Harrington	D. P. Rogers
L. Hoffer	H. O. Smith
P. Hunches	L. A. Sok
M. Martin	P. L. Wolken

### DIVISION TWO

J. Araujo	J. E. Kresge
C. R. Beissel	D. J. Lewis
H. L. Foss	R. R. Martin
E. Garcia	T. O. McCutcheon
L. B. Giboo	R. H. Rosson
C. C. Holmes	A. S. Wright
D. O. Jennings	

### DIVISION THREE

S. M. Alexander	J. R. Hinds
R. E. Bloomberg	D. T. Hutton
S. R. Boyce	J. L. McCormack
L. H. Bardon	C. T. Morgan
E. J. Carringer	A. Peluce
N. J. Eller	J. W. Seggar
I. Gasparro	V. A. Wheatley

### DIVISION FOUR

H. A. Carpenter	W. A. Lewis
Cecilia E. Coleman	Dorothy W. Lane
M. J. Coates	R. C. Monroe
E. E. Cole	Eleanor McFalls

C. A. Deese	J. D. Ruiz
N. B. Frederick	Louella M. Stauffer
J. M. Guizio	J. C. Thompson
W. M. Gilmore	R. J. Walters
H. L. Henry	Lorraine A. Weber
Virginia H. Jolley	J. B. Wilde
W. E. Jones	F. W. Wise
J. E. King	J. L. Williams
W. J. Knittle	C. B. Young

### DIVISION FIVE

L. E. Bjork	H. G. Miller
G. R. Dennis	W. H. Powers
M. N. Levin	R. W. Rose
S. J. Lohlein	M. J. Weston
J. E. McGhee	

### DIVISION SIX

G. M. Dallas	T. E. Lowry
A. C. Kimmel	F. G. Taylor
Marie Linn	C. B. Thompson

### DIVISION SEVEN

A. J. Arnone	G. A. Moulton
J. L. Duncan	W. E. Snell
R. D. Mann	

### DIVISION EIGHT

C. R. Beck	Ann G. Hammond
W. J. Brown	Betty L. Hoerner
S. D. Clark	Irene King
S. A. Collins	W. W. Scrimmes
H. Evans	H. A. Walters
P. S. Frost	R. Wickham
R. C. Gridley	F. D. Wilson

# SPEAKING OF OSCARS

**T**HIS month President E. C. Houghton received the Bronze Oscar for the Best of the Industry award for the 1948 Annual Report.

The publishing of the modern Annual Report is far different from the financial sheets of yesteryear. Today Industry attempts to tell in their reports as many facts as possible in the belief that the stockholders are truly a part of the Company, just as are the employees.

The shareholders are the owners and they are entitled to the best efforts of Management to make understandable what is usually a very complex subject.

The Los Angeles Transit Lines' Annual Report is mailed to all the stockholders and libraries, to companies desiring a copy, to newspapers and to the various financial magazines. In fact, the Annual Report awards are held by "The Financial World" magazine.

The importance of an Annual Report can best be summed up in the following portion of a speech given by Frank W. Abrams, Chairman of the Board, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, on receiving the Gold Oscar of Industry.

"First and foremost, of course, the report is an accounting to stockholders.

"The importance of stockholders, not alone to our individual companies but to the entire economy as well, is apparent to all of us, I am sure. Stockholders' money started the wheels going around in all the companies represented by this audience. That may be an obvious point, but it's remarkable how obvious things can be in this world and never be fully appreciated.

"Stockholders are a source of additional capital for companies. That is, if they are satisfied stockholders.

"Stockholders are no doubt an influence in the purchase of securities by others. Research among stockholder groups shows that people often buy stock on the advice of friends and relatives who are also owners of stocks. People recommend to others only that which they like themselves.

"Stockholders, naturally, are capitalists. The informed owners of a business can be powerful supporters of the principles of free enterprise. If they are not informed, their effectiveness is weakened.

"But most importantly, stockholders are people. In their thoughts about business, their reaction to companies, their attitude toward the achievements of American enterprise, they represent public opinion. There is no better group to spread the true and vital facts about American business.

"Certainly the annual report is the fundamental medium of communication between the company and those who own its stock. It seems to me that this medium should be used to its fullest advantage.

"All of us are aware of the antagonisms expressed against business today. In many parts of the world people have shown, if not an eagerness, at least an acquiescence in shifting responsibility for production from private management to government.



• President E. C. Houghton studies the bronze oscar award.

"This seems puzzling to businessmen like ourselves. Why should people turn away from a proven system, having such an outstanding record of production and of raising living standards?

"One of the main reasons, I believe, is this: Whatever else people may think about democratic government, at least they feel themselves to be part of it. They believe they can control it. Even the citizen who does not exercise his privilege to vote feels that at least the mechanism is there. If things get bad enough he can always use it.

"But concerning business, he is likely to feel that it is run by men whose actions affect his life, and yet with whom he has no voice or influence.

"This, of course, is a misconception. In a free nation, where there is an independent and healthy press, where there is a freedom of speech, and where there is a separation between business and government, corporate enterprises are a true product of the democratic community. They are subject to checks and balances. They are sensitive to the consumer's preference. They listen respectfully to the voice of the stockholder. They are concerned about public opinion. I am sure in all the companies you represent—a letter from a stockholder, a customer, or a member of the public who is in neither of these categories, is a matter of real importance. Such an expression of opinion is duly weighed—probably by more persons in the company than the writer realizes.

"But the mere fact of this democratic character of business is not sufficient in itself. There must be wide realization of it. Certainly I would not claim perfect democracy exists in the corporation today—nor probably anywhere else. But I earnestly believe corporations are growing in democracy. They are studying, and striving to serve the public interest. Until their forward movement in this direction is more generally appreciated, however, even preposterous attacks on them will be widely believed."



• Meet the voice with a smile, the young lady who makes friends with angry patrons, Gertrude Wentz.

## Introducing THE COURTESY DEPARTMENT

**T**HERE is an old story of a certain man who twice daily rushed through the waiting rooms on an Eastern railroad terminal. He was always in a hurry so he could only glimpse the offices he passed. To him the information booth, the baggage room, the Western Union office, the telephones, the coffee shop and the station master's office were all doors and windows with gold signs above them. There was one near the station master's door. It was a sign over a counter reading "Complaint Department." As he hurried past he could see the man behind the counter, who seemingly had plenty to do.

One day the rushing commuter had time on his hands. His office had closed an hour early, so when he entered the station he did what he had wanted to do for years.

He stopped at the Information desk, made up a question, and received a polite answer. He stopped in the Coffee Shop. He bought a magazine at the newsstand. He picked up a blank telegraph form from the Western Union desk. He stopped to chat with the baggage clerk and he glanced cautiously inside the station master's office.

Then he paused before the "Complaint Department."

In June of this year Mr. Wright walked past my desk as I answered my telephone by saying "Complaint Department." After I had finished my call he told me he had a new title for my department, that is, the "Courtesy Department." From then on we haven't had a Complaint Department but a Courtesy Department which ties in with our Courtesy Club.

People, when calling to complain, have a lilt in their voices when they hear, "Courtesy Department. May I help you?" Usually they say, "Courtesy Department? I want the Complaint Department. I don't want the Courtesy Department." I then tell them we have a Courtesy Club in which 75% of our employees are members and also that I receive many commendations each day for the operators. They seem to calm down when they hear of the Courtesy Club. After the brief explanation I ask them if I can help them regarding their complaint. The first questions I ask are: Do you have the operator's number, or the car or coach number. What time did it occur, where, when, and in what direction were they going. Then, I take notes regarding their problem and after they have told me what the incident was I attempt to explain the reason why it occurred and also how to prevent a repetition.

Usually the patron will call in the same day the incident took place. However, when they wait a day or so they have calmed down somewhat.

Monday is one of my busiest days because they call in

He stood there trying to remember something that could be used here. The gentleman behind the counter came forward and asked, "May I help you?"

The flabbergasted commuter glanced around. He looked up at the sign, then back at the gentleman with a kindly grin. Then he growled, "I don't like your face."

With that he strode angrily away.

The sign, "Complaint Department," acted as an advertisement—an appeal for complaints, and this appeal had found its goal.

When a patron dials the Los Angeles Transit Lines and tells the operator he wishes to register a complaint he is transferred to Gertrude Wentz. This young lady, who has a smile in her voice and a way of making friends, answers, "Courtesy Department."

Gertrude Wentz has been with us for 2½ years. She was born in Arizona 24 years ago and seems to have spent most of that time learning to make people happy. What happens when the patron discovers that the "Complaint Department" has had its time worn name changed and a general face lifting is described in the following story by Miss Wentz.

to register complaints that occurred over the week end. Tuesday is another busy day.

The area where the majority of the complaints take place is the fare zones and the business districts. The issuance of transfers by the operators, passing up or leaving passenger and pulling away from connections are the complaints that I receive more than anything else. When they are passed up by a car or coach that isn't crowded it really exasperates them and they just "roar" when they call in.

Every complainant offers me a chance to make a friend for the Company. I do this by trying to make the patron understand the reason why the incident took place. I will try to give three examples how I handle a patron calling in to register a complaint. First, regarding transfers:

Recently a gentleman called in who was hot under the collar. He was a very angry gentleman. When I answered "Courtesy Department" he said "Ha! that's a laugh. Why don't you teach a little of it to your operators? Operator No. .... on Beverly Boulevard rejected my transfer. I paid 15c for it and I can't see why he refused to take it. After all I paid my fare for it and who is he to say it isn't any good. Does he make the rules? Seems like he thinks he does." I asked him what his destination was and he answered Beverly and Fairfax and stated that he started from Sixth and Western. I gave him the information as to how his fare should have been paid and



explained that the operator on Beverly was correct in rejecting his transfer (Form-D) as it was not valid at that point. "Additional fare to the outer fare zones is collected on the vehicle that takes you to your destination. Should you desire to take a similar trip in the future, pay ten cents on the Western Avenue coach and obtain an Inner Zone transfer, and when you board the Beverly coach present this transfer and an additional five cents to the operator, and he will issue you a zone check which indicates a fare has been paid to the next zone."

When I explained this to him he said, "Well I'll know next time the correct way to pay my fare. Thanks for your courtesy in explaining this to me." Another friend was made.

Here is a letter of commendation I received commending an operator who explained why he rejected a transfer in just a few words.

Dear Sirs:

Since the living appreciate flowers more than the dead and an unspoken truth can often be the costliest lie I am writing to commend Transit Operator No. 2190 on an "S" car No. 1237 traveling west on Seventh Street, November 21st at 5:30 P.M.

I boarded the car at Seventh and Kip Streets and Operator 2190 politely, but friendly, refused to take my transfer from the Sixth Street coach.

He explained that one must transfer within Pico and Sunset, Flower and Main when walking over a block or so to make a transfer.

You are fortunate to have this man in your employ. He is courteous and efficient with a thorough knowledge of his job. I have been making this transfer for years and other operators accepted it with a less thorough knowledge of their job.

In two words: "Good man."

Yours truly,

The second example is when the passenger is wrong:

A lady phoned me while she was quite angry. She was very much in the wrong. She, and on a Monday morning at that, boarded a Pico car and presented, of all things, a twenty dollar bill to purchase a weekly pass. I said to her "You did what?", thinking I had surely misunderstood her. Whereupon she repeated it again. "OH NO!", I said to her. Our operators are only required to carry five dollars change in their changer. They are not expected to change anything larger than a five dollar bill, and only then if they have sufficient change so that it won't leave them short. "Well," this lady said, "It's legal tender. I have people come into my store to buy a seventeen cent package of cigarettes with a twenty dollar bill." "Yes," I answered, "but you have a cash register to keep your change in and an operator only has a small changer in which to keep his money." Then she said she had asked the operator to let her ride to her destination since he couldn't change the twenty dollar bill so she could buy her pass and he refused to let her ride. "He told me to alight and secure change," she smartly said. "The nerve of him." I informed her that the operator was correct in saying this. Our rule is—if the operators can not make change they are to ask the passengers to alight and secure change. She told me she had asked him several times if he wouldn't let her ride to her destination just this time and he had refused. I told her that the operator could not take it upon himself to let her ride without collecting the proper fare.

After this explanation she also was calmed down and



• Elsie McIlwain presents Community Chest check from Los Angeles Transit Lines' employes to Curtis L. Stewart of Major Commerce and Industry Committee of Community Chest of Los Angeles area.

## Community Chest

**T**HE Community Chest campaign for funds has closed. We are happy to report that 3260 employes contributed \$9,120.80. This is an average of \$2.80 per employe.

The Community Chest is very grateful for your wonderful effort on its behalf, especially the fact that it was almost 100% employe contribution. The sum contributed this year is much above the 1948 figures.

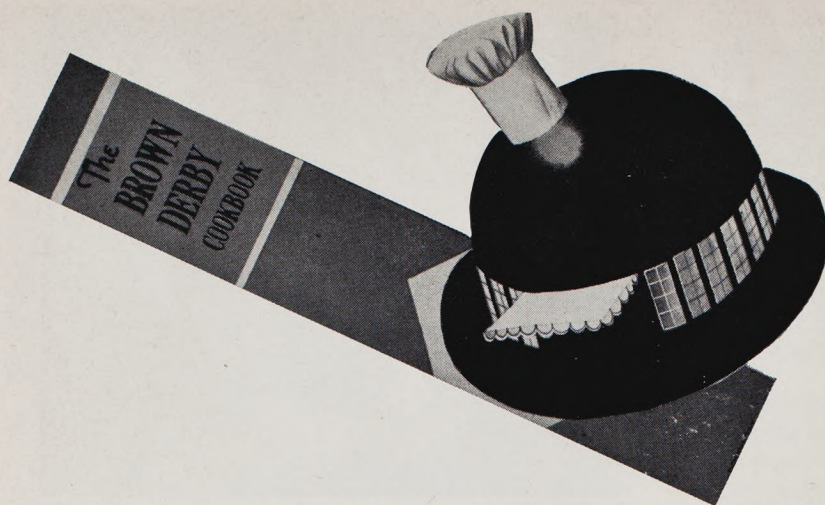
said that if that was the rule she would comply with it. Thanked me for explaining it to her, and when she hung up we had another friend for the company.

The third is when the operator is in the wrong, and, believe it or not, sometimes they are.

As it happened I just had a call that I will use as an example. A party called who had boarded an "R" car at Seventh and Park View and was going to Third and Rampart via Alvarado. He boarded the "R" car, paid his fare, and received a transfer, presented it to the operator on Alvarado, but when he boarded the No. 4 coach at Third and Alvarado the operator rejected it. He was in the right in doing so. The operator on the "R" car had failed to punch the after passing point at Seventh and Vermont. I apologized to him for the inconvenience and since he had to pay an additional fare I told him I would refund the extra ten cents to him.

He was quite disgusted with the company and the operators in general for the inconvenience caused him and stated that earlier in the day he had paid his fare and received a wrong transfer. That didn't help things either. I told him that we would contact the operators involved and advise them to be more careful in the future in punching transfers and the issuance of them.

On the whole the people agree that the operators are doing a good job and they know the fellows have a hard job to do. Remember, Courtesy will make friends, so let's all practice it. It doesn't cost us anything but will bring big dividends.



# Cooking Through A Hat

## *Hamburgers First*

by Frances Ryan

THE opportunity of reviewing a book just off the press is a rare and pleasant experience especially when it offers a unique story as background to a subject of such prime interest to each and everyone of us. The story of the Brown Derbies, the Little Hats, which instead of spreading nationwide and becoming an everyday part of the American eater's life, have remained in Los Angeles, built an international reputation for quality, and have become the goal of millions of tourists. Combined with this delightful story, which in itself is worth your time and effort in procuring the book, an enthusiastic Brown Derby patron, the supervising chef, the master pastry chef and a noted home economics expert, have joined forces and have compiled the Brown Derby Cookbook in which they generously share the secrets of their dishes and the methods of their kitchens and bakeshops.

## *Rarity Among Cookbooks*

Marjorie Child Husted, the noted home economics expert and consultant in advertising, public services, and home service of General Mills, who headed their Betty Crocker staff for many years, tested and adapted the Brown Derby recipes for practical home use and provided the invaluable line between the professional chefs and those who cook at home, has contributed a gay introduction in which she says:

"... this is a rarity among cookbooks—one which brings you knowledge of the art of the most skilled professional chefs—men who have devoted their lives to learning everything there is to know about cooking. The tips on buying, preparing, and serving elegant food they pass on to you in this volume are the result of the most rigorous European training. All of this lore has been gathered together and translated into our language and procedures familiar to homemakers. And you will be able to follow the recipes as given in their own words, using their methods and turning out food with the witchery of master chefs."

In addition to the exciting recipes, the book contains a wittily told history of the restaurants themselves. How the fastidious Herbert Somborn, a famous gourmet, developed the idea that good American cooking, using the finest of ingredients, would make a restaurant a success and with a few associates built his first restaurant across Wilshire Boulevard from the Ambassador. Built in the shape of a brown derby, it served only hot dogs, hamburgers, and melted cheese sandwiches, chili and beans, tamales, coffee, tea, milk, and near beer. However, he soon elaborated on his menu and concentrated on dominating the fine restaurant business in Southern California. He expected the best of everything as a matter of course and the Brown Derbies still reflect his exacting requirements.

The original Brown Derby first tipped its hat in February 1926. Among its initial patrons were Mary Pickford, Jack Holt, Sid Graumann, Corinne Griffith, Bebe Daniels, Louella O. Parsons and Loretta Young, and many others who have remained patrons through the years.

## *Mecca for Fans*

Tourists and home-grown movie fans followed the stars and came in to gaze at their cinematic idols while munching their meals. Thus, to movie fans throughout the world, the Derby has become the personification of all that is wonderful in restaurants and when they come to Hollywood it is the place they visit to see their cinema favorites. Scores and sometimes hundreds of them congregate outside for the possibility of a glimpse and an autograph, while the more sophisticated put "Dinner at the Derby" at the top of their Hollywood itinerary.

The supervising chef since 1937 of the Brown Derby Restaurants in Robert Kreis, who was born and trained in Switzerland, and is responsible for many of the recipes given in his own words.

The special terms that the chefs use—including all the French words and phrases—are explained so that you will know just what they mean by them. A table of weights and measures will answer any question of how much to use.

Make a point to buy and try the recipes in the Brown Derby Cookbook. We have picked a few recipes at random from this volume which is a culinary adventure that will inspire the unimaginative cook and delight the gustatory expert.

FRANCES RYAN, ladies editor, presents for the readers of *Two Bells* some excerpts from the newest book in 1950.

The operators of the Brown Derby Restaurants took an idea that good American cooking, mixed with a bit of California seasoning, a dash of California living, peppered with movie and radio personalities and spiced with renowned visitors from all over the world, served quickly and faultlessly over a twenty-year period would make good reading and eating. So they laid down their ladles and wrote the *Brown Derby Cookbook*.



• A view of the kitchen at the Hollywood Brown Derby where Robert Kries, supervising chef of the Brown Derby restaurants, discusses cookery with *Two Bells'* ladies editor, Frances Ryan.

### Measurements and Abbreviations

- 3 tsp. (teaspoons) = 1 tbs. (tablespoon)
- 2 tbs. = 1 oz. (ounce), liquid
- 4 tbs. = 1/4 cup
- 16 tbs. = 1 cup
- 2 cups = 1 pt. (pint)
- 1 pt. = 1 lb. (pound) liquid or fat
- 4 cups = 1 qt. (quart)
- 1 No. 2 can = 2 1/2 cups

### General Rules

All measurements are level, unless otherwise specified. All heats are Fahrenheit. Oven temperatures: Very Slow—250°; Slow—300°; Moderate—350°; Hot—400°; Very Hot—450° and over. Ingredients are listed in the order of their use. Flour for dredging and other breading materials are usually not listed as ingredients. This also applies for egg wash, butter for dipping or coating, and salt and pepper for seasoning.

When cutting recipes in half, a helpful short cut is to substitute "tablespoon" for "ounce" (liquid or fat) and "cup" for "pound" or "pint."

### Hor d'Oeuvre and First Courses:

#### Three Derby Cheese Spreads

- Old Cheddar and Port Wine  
 8 oz. old Cheddar cheese (the older the Cheddar, the better)  
 3 oz. California port wine  
 1 pinch salt  
 2 tbs. mayonnaise (optional)  
 Put cheese through sieve or grind fine. Place in mixing

bowl; add wine, salt (and mayonnaise if a creamier spread is desired), and whip vigorously.

#### Cream Cheese and Avocado

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 small ripe avocado
- 2 oz. soft butter
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 pinch celery powder or celery salt
- 1 tbs. chopped chives

Put cheese and avocado through fine sieve. Place in mixing bowl, add butter, salt, celery powder or salt, and chives. Beat slowly until smooth.

#### Blue Cheese with Brandy

- 8 oz. Blue cheese
- 2 oz. brandy
- 2 oz. soft butter or sour cream
- 1 tbs. Worcestershire Sauce

Grind cheese fine or put through sieve. Place in mixing bowl, add brandy, butter or sour cream, and Worcestershire Sauce. Whip vigorously.

#### Derby Seafood Cocktail Sauce, (serves 6)

- 1 cup chili sauce
- 1 cup catsup
- 1 tsp. grated horseradish
- 1 tbs. olive oil
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce
- 1/4 tsp. crushed black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. English mustard
- Salt

Mix all ingredients together in bowl. Stir to a nice, smooth consistency. Chill in refrigerator and serve with any seafood cocktail or with fried shrimp.

#### Seafood Cocktail, (serves 1)

- 1/3 cup Derby Seafood Cocktail Sauce
- 2 medium-sized crab legs
- 2 small pieces boiled lobster
- 6 Olympic oysters
- 1 tbs. crab meat
- 2 shrimp, cooked and sliced
- Paprika
- Lemon slices

In the bottom of ice-cold cocktail glass place a little Cocktail Sauce. Then fill with alternate pieces of various seafood. Over all add the remainder of sauce. Garnish with parsley and paprika-sprinkled lemon slices, crab legs, and choice bit of lobster.

# Comedy --- for the Sake of Safety

“DROOPERT” the traffic buffoon originated by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, rolled over the streets again this year portraying for the public what not to do to stay safe and stay alive.

Besides the month-long campaign, a newsreel was made

## SHOTS FROM THE NEWSREELS

- “Droopert” puts his hand out when he makes a left-hand turn but he makes it from the wrong lane without looking to the rear.



- Making left-hand turns without looking leads to many strange situations. Here “Droopert” puts out his hand and look what he picks up from the cross-walk. The young lady is Mrs. C. A. Schulz, whose husband works in the Transportation Department.



- “Droopert” passes a coach loading passengers at an intersection. The passenger on the hot radiator, which he acquired in the maneuver, is telling him a few things about safety.



of the character, “Droopert” in action. Jack Carson, Warner Bros. star, enacted the part and the Los Angeles Transit Lines cooperated by furnishing vehicles, helping write the script and aiding in the direction of the newsreel. This Warner Pathe epic was shown in all theaters throughout the United States.

The “Operation Safety” campaign which is a year-long promotion on accident prevention sponsored by the various civic organizations, has done much to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries and, of course, because our company is interested in safety we cooperate in many of the promotion activities.

One of our employes is a member of the committee. The Public Relations Department cooperates with ideas, stories in Weekly Topics, and the California Transit Advertising agency and the company often times allow various organizations to post posters and bumper strips on the vehicles. Right now we are assisting the Advertising Club of Los Angeles in their program for the holidays which is headed, “Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday.”

The “Droopert” campaign was the highlight of the year. Charles Haudenschild of the Schedule Department is the representative for the company in that body of energetic young men and he should be complimented on his efforts in promoting safety into the minds of the traveling public.

We as professional drivers can operate our vehicles safely but we cannot always bank on the other drivers being as well trained as ourselves, therefore, it behooves us to cooperate with all safety programs which reach the general public. Accidents would be few indeed if every autoist and pedestrian became safety conscious.

Our record in safety shows a continuing reduction in accidents and this is due to the continuous safety program and the year around publicity which is given to accident prevention.

AS the Year 1949 draws to a close, the Safety Department takes this opportunity to thank you for your hearty cooperation in its program and to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe New Year.

J. W. Prutsman

- “Droopert” is grounded. The police watching this traffic buffoon in his highway antics, escort him to a Used car lot and take him bodily from the car and place him aboard a streamliner street car. This is the final scene of the newsreel. “Droopert” is safe—riding with a professional driver.



# "TURKEY FOR A TURKEY" WINNERS

• Each year the Company gives a turkey to our bowlers, a turkey being 3 strikes in a row. The lucky winners are shown in these two pictures from the two bowling academies, the Trojan and the Royal.



• Above, the winners at the Trojan are from left to right, A. Auffart, J. Whiteside, L. Weaver, Paul Prutzman and Jack Stewart. Making presentations are Wally Weberg and Frank Lampley. Below, the winners at the Royal are from left to right, Joe Breyak, Ray Millard, W. Fredricks, Carl Thunn and Wheeler Ellis.

## Spares and Strikes

by Frank Lampley, Bowling League Secretary

I AM very sorry to have to report the resignation of your very capable president and reporter, Wally Weberg. He handed me his resignation one week ago and also had to drop out of his team "Slack Brakes." Mr. Weberg said pressing duties elsewhere were the cause of this very sudden and unexpected move. Wally will be missed very much by all of us.

I will try to fill his shoes, but as a reporter I would make a good bowler. After my "406" last week maybe I should be just a reporter.

We are now rolling into our 13th week with the Shamrocks out in front, followed five games back by the Champs. The Diesel Fumes are third, three games behind the Champs. Then the 5 Spotters and Cross-Overs.

In the Season's High Department—High Team Series, 5 Spotters, 3038. High Team Game, Diesel Fumes, 1035. Individual honors go to R. Cordes, W. Murphy, P. Prutzman and F. Lampley.

*Trojan Recreation Center:*

Season High Team Series.....	5 SPOTTERS .....	3038
Season High Team Game.....	DIESEL FUMES .....	1035
Season High Ind. Series.....	R. Cordes .....	574 - 38. 688
Season High Ind. Game.....	W. Murphy .....	234 - 33. 267

*Royal Bowling Academy:*

Season High Game.....	F. Harrington .....	231 - 30. 261
Season High Game.....	H. Lawrence .....	232 - 26. 258
Season High Series.....	A. Gardner .....	565 - 99. 664
Season High Series.....	P. Prutzman .....	596 - 66. 662

That about winds up your bowling gossip for this time, but for one thing

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our very wonderful sponsor, the Los Angeles Transit Lines, and each and every one of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a bigger and better New Year, from the Bowling League.

## Chess Club

by George F. Goebler

AS a result of the enthusiasm that was demonstrated at the inaugural meeting of the Chess Club last month and the affirmative response to the questionnaires that were sent out, it has been decided to form a Chess Club that will meet semi-monthly.

A meeting will be held sometime during the middle of January for the purpose of forming a permanent organization and the election of officers. Notices will be posted in all departments shortly after the first of the year telling of the day and time of the meeting.



• Louis Hoffer, operator at Division One, with his beautiful bride, the former Rose Lynn. They were married October 24 at the First Methodist Church of Hollywood.

## (FINGERTIP SERVICE

(Continued from Page 5)

ton schedule, developed as a flexible plan for the basis of the next day's operation.

Additional vehicles have been placed in the lines in sections where finger tip service cannot be afforded, such as Huntington Park and the south end of the Crenshaw line. In the Huntington Park and South Gate sections more coaches were added and a number of additional streamline street cars were placed on Line J. These street cars bring the shoppers from the South Gate areas into the busy shopping district of Huntington Park.

A shuttle service was placed into operation on Line 85. This shuttle operates between Manchester and Santa Barbara over Crenshaw. Not only is this better service for the people traveling from the southwest Crenshaw shopping district but it makes it possible for us to maintain normal service on the whole Crenshaw-Vine-LaBrea line even though traffic congestion on Hollywood Boulevard effects the movement of the vehicles. Finger Tip Service on this line together with the shuttle operation has made many friends of the patrons. Mr. C. F. Stone, Manager of the May Co., remarked to the supervisor who happened to be stationed in the nearby area that the service to and from the stores was most outstanding during this Christmas rush.

The finger tip service will help to add patrons to this particular line which operates into Hollywood, inasmuch as delays due to traffic congestion are countered because of the shuttle service which allows main line coaches to be turned back into operation. Of course, any heavy movement on the Crenshaw line, or any other line, will call and receive additional equipment to take care of additional passengers.

Our Christmas gift to the Christmas shoppers has been, "Finger Tip Service," and in 1950 more concentration will be placed on giving more service to the patrons in an effort to get and keep their business. Talk this over with your friends and neighbors. Remember, every automobile driver whom you sell on riding our vehicles does two things: It places a dime in the farebox, 6¢ of which goes to you and your fellow-workers, and it takes another automobile off the congested streets.

**T**HE chapter that is 1949 is just about to close, and surely it should be entitled "Team Work."

May I personally thank each of you with whom I have had the privilege of being associated for your splendid cooperation and express my best wishes for a happy holiday season.

George Goehler

WISH to express my personal thanks to every member of the Transportation Department for their splendid cooperation during a very trying year of readjustment. May I wish all of you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

M. Edwin Wright

## Christmas in the Heart

**W**E'RE just beginning to realize what a wonderful group of people make up the Transit Lines' family.

The Yuletide season seems to bring with it a feeling of friendliness and, more important, tenderness, that lies dormant during the rest of the year. We are surprised to find that within our Company this isn't true. Instead we find that, at each division, a love of neighbor plan for living abides throughout the year.

The people at the divisions have given several hundreds of dollars, as gifts, to their fellow employes to tide them over a rough spot when illness or, more tragic, death has struck at the breadwinner for the family.

Sometimes they don't have to be asked; just knowing there is a need seems to open their pocketbooks. Their hearts must be big, indeed, to hold such a love for humanity.

At Christmastime their compassion seems to grow larger and additional collections are made to make this special holiday one of gladness for the families in need. They assure the less fortunate people of a turkey dinner or a toy for a child on this holy day.

Division Three has a yearly project at Christmastime. They make a collection, from each employee who is able to give, and buy canned goods and turkeys to be presented to needy families on Christmas Eve. This year Lester LeVitt started the ball rolling in a different manner. He asked each employee to bring in a can of food to make up Christmas baskets.

At Division Two five operators have been working very hard to help this Christmas. They are E. L. Hisey, A. Di Brogrozcio, H. McCollum, T. E. Cooper and J. E. Kresge.

At each Division the sick list is scanned and some of those, in actual need, are taken into consideration when Christmas arrangements are made.

We think it's pretty wonderful to work with these people. It's nice to know that if something happens to you your family will be remembered as long as there is a need for help. Not only remembered, but helped, willingly.

## J. T. Albright Has Birthday

**J.** T. "Pop" Albright celebrated his 78th birthday, November 16, by being on the job as flagman at Florence and Redondo Boulevards.

Mr. Albright has been with the Company for 46 consecutive years. Prior to joining our Company he worked 16 years for the Transit Lines in Kansas City, Mo. His first job was on the old time horse cars. He has in his possession a souvenir hatchet given him by Carrie Nation who was a frequent passenger on his route.

When asked about his plans for retirement Albright said, "Retire? Why this is just a temporary job. One of these days I'll settle down to something permanent."

# Transportation Transcripts

by Paul Prutzman

**C**HRISTMAS is here once more, but this year there is one notable difference in Santa Claus' equipment. Ole Saint Nick was forced to install Radar and Fog Lights on his sleigh so that he would not get lost on his visits to Sunny California during the heavy mists that we have been experiencing lately.

Operator X13 made the rounds to see what the various guys and gals wanted in the way of Christmas presents and came up with the following requests; Guy Wheelock would like to have a water well drilled in his backyard so that he can irrigate the soil on his "Rancho" more economically. Charlie Egan said that Christmas came early for him this year. He found a buyer for his 1928 Model "Hot Rod" and is now riding around in a De Luxe Limousine of late vintage.

Ben Hartsell wants a cabinet for his Television set, while Charlie Haudenschild is looking for a reducing diet that will keep his weight down and still let him eat all he wants to. Art Grode is on the watch for a Slide Rule that will always give the right answers. Kenny Webster wants some "Good Samaritan" who is also a carpenter to come out and help him finish the improvements on his house. Max Rise could use a swimming pool at his country estate at La Crescenta. Eddie Wortman wants a six foot fence to keep the Wolves and Coyotes out of the petunias that he planted in the backyard of his new domicile. Dave Coburn wants California's Football team to beat Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. (Dave's son attends Cal.)

Charlie Freestone wants a set of Road Maps to go with his new "Chevy" while Ernie Gorton will settle for a folding chair so that he can sit down while checking the Western Ave. Line. "Nip" Whitman wants Minnesota's football team to win when they play Vassar. This is asking quite a bit but maybe Saint Nick will help him out.

Everybody in the office joins with Frank Nordyke in hoping that someone will give him a box of GOOD Cigars to take the place of those "ropes" he has been smoking.

Jack Donnelly would like an electric rocking attachment for his rocking chair. It seems that "ole Grandpappy" is not as spry as he used to be. Frank Munger wants a Helicopter attachment for his car so that he can make better time driving back and forth to work in the heavy traffic. Jim Haynor will settle for a box of "5 Brothers," that stout tobacco that he smokes. Jimmie "Admiral" Schulz wants a Bowling Ball that rolls nothing but Strikes and Spares. Al Brehm wants a book on "How to Win at Poker."

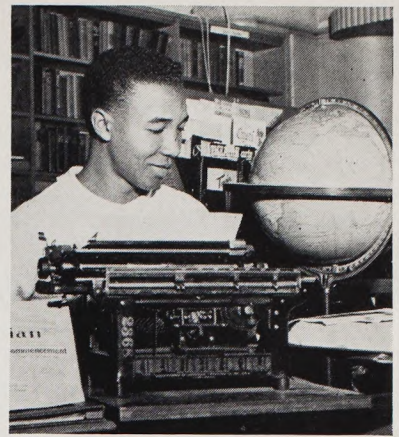
Fern Preston just wants to keep the many friends that she has made in the Transportation Dept. during the time that she has worked here. That's a cinch, Fern, all the members of the Department want you to know that you will always be "tops" with us.

Helen Wheeler would like another Grandchild to

**MAY** I thank all of you for your splendid cooperation during the year, and extend to you and yours my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

A. H. Warren

• Carl Cain, son of William Cain, is busy becoming a top flight writer. Carl edits the Jefferson High School paper and has sold short stories.



bounce on the other knee in the evenings. Mary Ann Fries could use a compass to aid her in finding her way back and forth when she moves to her new home in South Whittier. Betty Stevens wants a trouble free year with her "open air taxi." Helen Pearsoll wants to have Christmas dinner in her new home out San Fernando Valley way. Christine Ramos wants the Army to send her husband home from Japan. June Forrester would like some "Hot Rod equipment" for the racy convertible that she drives. Betty Underwood and all of the Telephone operators have joined together in asking for an automatic machine that will answer all of the many requests for information that they get each day.

Bill Morgan wants one of Jack Benny's toupees to keep his head warm, while Clint Coxhead would like a seeing eye dog to lead him to the street car line on these dark mornings. The rest of the Dispatchers and Supervisors want Christmas day to go off smoothly with no traffic tieups or service delays.

In the Timekeeping Dept. Jessie Krogstad is asking for a "Boot Jack" to aid her in taking off her rubber boots. Julia Schneider wants a dual purpose rolling pin. One that will enable her to make pies, also to keep her husband on his good behavior. Donna Oliver would like a pair of clothes pins to anchor down an unruly shirt tail that insists on creeping out while she is working in the yard. Agnes O'Neal wants an easy chair with a built in alarm clock to wake her up if she falls asleep while watching her television set. Violet Walton wants a Radar set to guide her home from night school.

"Doc" Livingstone wants a Geiger counter to help him find Gold when he is on one of his prospecting trips. Leon De Mara would like a sporty red paint job for his "Flivver." Francis Cupola assured herself of a nice Christmas by getting married to Raymond Powell. They were married in Las Vegas and spent their honeymoon in Nevada taking in the sights. Congratulations to this well liked couple.

That's about all for this time but in closing I want to wish each and every one of you a "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

**"WE**, of the Industrial Relations Department, wish to extend to all of the employees of the Los Angeles Transit Lines, a 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.' To the sick, we send special greetings, and a wish for speedy recovery."

C. A. Tengblad  
Director of Personnel

# South Park Diary

by Billy Pinder

**N**OW that the Christmas spirit is with us once again and everyone is eagerly awaiting St. Nick, or a good facsimile, the employees at South Park Shops are in the holiday mood.

One look at Bill Farris' hat, a be-a-u-ti-ful deep red, will convince anyone that the duck season is now on.

And, speaking of hunting, Linus Johnson bagged a couple of ducks and a goose the other week-end. Heard it said that Linus was a little nervous when he passed the Game Warden. Wonder why?

Joe Beggan and Bill Skinner, not satisfied with asking Santa for presents, also put in a claim for Birthday presents at the same time. That's not fair, boys.

One of the funniest episodes of the year happened to Al Lemons while on vacation. Al and the wife and another couple were driving back to dear old Texas. All went well for the first 300 miles Al talking about his home State of Texas, with his friend in front, and the ladies in the rear of the car. Peace and harmony until they pulled into a garage for some gas and some parts. The ladies thought this would be a good time to stretch their legs and take a look at the surroundings, so got out. Al and his friend got the parts and started up in the meantime and drove off, Al still talking about dear old Texas, and drove about 20 miles when Al turned for some confirmation and, to his amazement, found no ladies present. Came the dawn. Al made the 20 odd miles back in no time flat and found the ladies waiting. You should have heard the excuses and explanations.

A penny collection was made by some of Dave Lockery's closest friends to purchase a pocket-knife for him when they found out he was using one with a half of a blade. Dave wants to thank one and all.

Mr. Norman Greenwood and Ralph Sloan are the latest to purchase new automobiles.

Dick Gladdys is coming along fine after undergoing a serious operation. Not a very nice Christmas present, Dick, but it has its silver lining. We are all pulling for you.

We have had some top notch stars on our Monthly Programmes lately. Nell Alexander, a star of the Broadway Stage, came in and gave the boys a treat, singing and playing the piano, and Weslie Dunn & Co., playing Standard and Steel Guitars, who by the way won 6 Gold Cups



• **Cuddly Cathy Lou Weda** celebrated her first birthday November 17. Her daddy is E. Weda of Division Six.

• **Charlie Hill, Jr.** U.S. Army Engineers, son of C. A. Hill, operator at Division Two. Charlie proves the old adage that there is "something about a soldier."



at the recent N.G.L. event here in Los Angeles, accompanied by Marjorie Thompson who featured some sparkling Steel Guitar Music. Nice going Marjorie. And last but not least, Marshall Lafayette Bradley, our retired weather prophet, who finished up with one of his special poems. A big round of applause greeted Marshall, who, still smiling and a tear in each eye, thanked the boys for remembering him.

Carl Thun's worries about how he would get a Turkey for Thanksgiving ended abruptly when he brought one home, with his skill in Bowling. Congrats, Carl.

John Scottile just celebrated his 40th year with the company. A nice record John.

Mrs. McCabe (nee Jean Woolley) started off on the rough and rocky road of married bliss when Jean came down with Virus Pneumonia and has been off sick for two months. We are glad to report she is now on the road to recovery and will soon be back at her Office duties.

Flash! Fred Shaw is taking dancing lessons (square) that is. Heard it said he is quite graceful on his feet, hm hm hhm.

Bill Dyer (Purchasing) brought in a brand new suit the other day to show the boys and everyone agreed the material was excellent. But in the handling the box which the suit came in broke and Emil MacCudy, always polite and ready to assist a boy in distress, took the suit and the box and said he would wrap it up good. In the repairing Mac (Devil) switched the suit for an old pair of ragged coveralls and gave it back to Bill, who took it home with him that night. The next morning in came Bill wearing the ragged old coveralls (more darn fun).

Famous last words: "Go right ahead, don't let that big truck crowd you off the road." Let us take heed of the Safety Dep't. and take it easy over the holidays.

Mr. Austin Kilgore, our ethereal Weather Prophet, has consulted the heavens and predicts the Christmas Holidays will be clear and bright, you lucky, lucky people.

In closing all of us, wish all of you, "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST HAPPY NEW YEAR."

**A**GAIN the holiday season of peace on earth and good will toward men is with us.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of you of this department, who with your continuous effort, have kept the equipment in a safe and satisfactory condition.

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

J. T. Watts

Gen. Supt. of Railway Equipment





• The Transit Lines Women's Club recently donated a deep freeze unit to the California Babies Hospital. Members are shown with hospital technician.

## Women's Club

by Mrs. J. T. Watts, Press Chairman

**A**T the Christmas party, Dec. 15, Mrs. C. H. Lewis was the luncheon hostess.

There will be the usual two meetings in January, one on the 5th; the other the 19th, at which time members having birthdays in October, November, December and January will be honored.

November 21st was a red-letter day. A dedication ceremony was held at the Children's & Babies' Clinic, 1401 S. Grand Ave. for the installation of the Deep Freeze donated by the Club. This donation was the main project started the first year of Mrs. A. C. Stover's two-term presidency.

November 17 Mrs. N. E. Mackay was luncheon hostess. The afternoon program consisted of a play put on by the Hollenbeck Ebell Club, Mrs. H. A. Dennis, director.

Nov. 3 Mrs. J. C. Laird was luncheon hostess. T. V. Grant, furrier, spoke on "Romance of the Alaskan Seal." At the 1:15 meeting members were treated to a delightful musical program by Dick McKean and Pattianna Thompson, singers; Muriel Rubens, accompanist. The members voted to send a check to Shine Smith, Flagstaff, Arizona, who has been playing Santa for the Navajos for many years.

Mrs. O. G. McDermith, welfare chairman has introduced some novel ideas to raise money for our Christmas welfare.

Mrs. E. V. Athenous, ways and means chairman, has a fine display of greeting cards, stationery, etc. on her table.

Mrs. A. C. Stover, program chairman, is doing a fine job, furnishing such excellent entertainment.

Our President, Mrs. C. G. Ficklin, besides her regular duties, has spent much time making decorations for the tables. I believe Mr. Ficklin deserves some credit for assisting.

Our best wishes go to our Drama chairman and parliamentarian, Mrs. J. F. McCormick, who suffered a heart attack, and has been ordered to take a rest cure. We miss her valuable advice and co-operation. We are hoping she will be back with us soon.

### FOR THE MEN:

February 11 will be husbands' night. We hope they will all turn out. Refreshments will be served. There will also be cards and some other form of entertainment.

And now this greeting to everyone:

"May you have  
The gladness of Christmas,  
Which is hope;  
The spirit of Christmas,  
Which is peace;  
The heart of Christmas,  
Which is love!"

## Changes in Social Security Tax Rates

by C. A. Tengblad

**B**EGINNING January 1 a new rate for Federal Social Security payroll taxes will become effective. These taxes, which are collected by the government for old age and survivors benefits to employes, will be increased from 1% to 1½% for employer and employe.

Beginning with checks received after the first of the year your Social Security charges will amount to 1½% until the limit of \$3,000.00 in wages has been reached. Important is the fact that the Company also pays 1½% to the Federal government for each dollar earned up to the yearly limit of \$3,000.00.

The Old Age and Social Security Act in 1935 provided for automatic increases over the years which would have resulted in a 3% rate for employer and employe in 1939. However, by subsequent enactment these increases were suspended and the rate remained frozen at 1% until the present time. Congress, in the year 1947, provided automatic increases as follows:

To 1½% effective January 1, 1950.

To 2½% effective January 1, 1952.

You are undoubtedly familiar with the Social Security Act which establishes benefits for employes and survivors payable when the age of 65 is reached.

There are other considerations in the Act which effect the payment of old age and survivors benefits and the Personnel Department will be happy to give you further information.

Your Pension Plan, known as The Retirement Income Plan of the Los Angeles Transit Lines, which was established on June 1, 1948, does not affect your collection of Social Security benefits. Your Pension Plan is an addition to these benefits.

**FLASH!** A phone call from the Community Chest just informed us that the top winner in their slogan contest is Jim W. Keeton, operator of Division Two. Mr. Keeton won the contest with the slogan:

"I support the Community Chest because it is the foundation upon which hopes are built, lives are saved and comfort is given when all seems lost."

Mr. Keeton and his wife reside at 1509 South Castlegate, Compton, California. Congratulations! Your slogan was chosen from all of Los Angeles area.



• Extreme left, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Melcher's lovely children, Loraine Louise, 15, and William Henry, 11 months. Mr. Melcher, Division Three, has been with the Company 25 years. Above, left to right, decked out for a party are Linda Lou Neal, granddaughter of C. M. Neal of Division Three. Linda Lou is a talented pianist, ready for a recital. Patty and Peter Conway, 7 and 4½ years, are grandchildren of Bert E. Timbs of South Park. Carolyn Helen Johnson, 2½, is the cute daughter of R. B. Johnson of Division Eight. Patricia Lee Hector, 11, is demure daughter of Bill Hector of South Park.

## Lobby Lowdown

by Violet M. Leach

**T**HE last few signs of the zodiac were celebrated by Gene Gibson, September 26, which comes under Libra. Libra people are lovers of beauty. The Bolt of the Company, Alvin, is a Virgo, as his birthday is September 9. Virgo members are gifted in conversation. October 3 is the birth date of Minnie Kellogg and she is a Libra, also, as is Ray Ashworth, October 6, and Herbert Gaskill, October 10, and Lloyd Gebhart, October 19. Lou Wilkins, October 24, Walter Whiteside, November 4, Stephen O'Donnell, November 7, Yours truly, November 11, and Henry King, November 16, are all under the Scorpio sign, characterized by a shrewd and analytical nature and will succeed in many lines of activity. Ed Wright, November 13, and Art Genn, November 15, are also under this sign. Esther Lloyd, November 2, and Gus Sharp, December 13, come under Sagittarius. These people have keen insight and intuition and are frank, direct, honest and fearless.

Dave Canning took his vacation in Northern California and just enjoyed the scenery and rest. Frank Snyder and his wife visited relatives in St. Louis. (On November 12 Frank celebrated 26 years with our Company. Congratulations!) Gladys McKay was up in the air—up 7,000 feet at the top of San Bernardino Mts. She spent a week at Treasure Island and desert.

Congratulations to—Billy Phillips, who celebrated 25 years in his store September 23. Herbert Gaskill, 40 years with our Company in October. Gene Gibson, an orchid from husband, Vern, on their second wedding anniversary.

On Election Day Joan Weiler was asking everyone if they had voted "yes" on "no." Must be the Perry Como records Joan collects.

Ruth Holt and Opal DuBase are really in the pink these days. Uniforms, that is.

We weren't using the deaf and dumb sign language the other day, just helping Eva Arce with some suggestions for her daughter, Gloria, who is taking Dramatics at Luther Burbank Junior High School. She wanted something to pantomime. We understand she has a good part in the school's Christmas play.

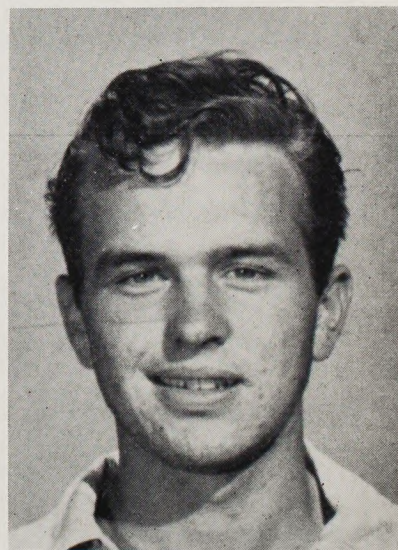
Our deepest sympathy to George Lowe's family. George departed September 23.

Gene Gebhart, son of Lloyd Gebhart, left for the Presidio of San Francisco to attend army school for three months. He entertains the boys with his accordion. If he isn't home for Christmas the Gebharts will eat dinner together there. Gene was selected from the 40th Division Quartermaster Company to attend the 6th Army Food Service School at the Presidio.

Carl L. Cain, son of William Cain, entered UCLA this fall. While attending Jefferson High School he held numerous offices and won high honors. He was a member of the Knights, a campus honor organization; editor of the Jeffersonian, the school newspaper; State President of the World Friendship Federation, an organization of 60 Southern California Schools working toward peace through better understanding of the cultures and contributions to civilization of all people; and was elected to the Ephebian Society of Los Angeles upon his graduation. Creative writing is Carl's favorite hobby and his story "The Lost Summer" appeared in the February issue of Seventeen. An article titled "Belief in Others" appeared in the May issue of the same magazine.

"Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will"  
(That excludes father when he gets the  
Christmas bills!)

• Dean Gebhart son of Lloyd Gebhart, is attending army school for three months at the Presidio in San Francisco.



## Four Lore

by A. P. De Rosa

**W**E have finally found out why Cal Meade (Div. 4 Clerk) has been buying bananas. Cal says he leaves his home out in Bell before daylight each morning, and wants to be prepared if he meets one of those escaped monkeys looking for a handout. Are you sure you're not after that \$1.00 reward, Cal?

R. T. (Frenchy) Marchand has been playing nurse for a few days to his wife who came down with the mumps. She came through very nicely, thanks to his care. Oh yes, we have never credited Frenchy with being presented with a big boy. He arrived May 9, 1949 and he weighed 9½ pounds stripped. Roland Jr. now tips the scales at 15 pounds. Some boy at six months, Frenchy tells me. The Mrs. is already teaching him to speak French. Ah wee wee, Roland, Jr., you're doing swell.

J. Riechelt and friends took a weekend jaunt to the land of deer, salmon and frogs—Vancouver, Canada. "J" bagged himself a good size buck, too. We hear that the salmon was biting in favor of the boys. Did someone mention froglegs? Yes, the party also had their fill on froglegs. Some weekend!

Girls if you want some tips on husband training see Evelyn Lashbrook, Steno., Div. 4. November 17 Mr. Lashbrook brought home sixteen long-stemmed roses, a corsage, and a box of Whitman's chocolates. The occasion was anniversary number four. We wonder who's training whom. The streamliner boys are doing a remarkable job on their safety. They are sure proud of their record and we are all pleased. Our last Safety Meeting should be cited for that. Joe, what have you done? Nice going boys, and let's all keep up the good work.

Have you noticed lately how many proud wearers of the Courtesy patch are adding up? We were amazed to hear some of our riding public comment on our courtesy; so let's get that ball rolling and force the Club to put an extension on our Division plaque. Again we say nice going, boys.

Congratulations to Paul E. Sederquist, who married Hannah Nolan on September 27. The wedding took place in Los Angeles and they spent their honeymoon at beautiful Catalina Island. We hope you have many years of happiness together, Paul and Hannah.

We are all happy for the Dolliver family. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Dolliver recently adopted an adorable little girl, three months old, and we hear the Dollivers are mighty proud of her. P. S. How about sending in her picture so we can admire her, too.

Now it's my turn to wish you all the best of holiday tidings, and from everyone at Div. #4; merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year. We all hope Santa brings Mr. Madigan a new car with four good tires.

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**T**HE Office Personnel of Division Four join me in thanking all of you for your wonderful cooperation during the past year, and in extending to you and all the members of your family a Very Merry Christmas and the best of luck in the coming year.

J. Madigan  
Superintendent Division Four



• Mary Ann Fries, nee Baumgartner, cuts wedding cake presented to her by co-workers. Mary Ann was married September 3. Assisting her are, left, Mae Ruffner and Fern Preston, right.

## Doings at Three

by Lester B. LeVitt

**S**AFETY pays again! The plaques and cups for safe driving are beginning to take their places in the showcase at our Division. At the October Safety Meeting "Safety Joe" presented Ted Latham, our Superintendent, with a bronze cup for Blind Accidents. This will belong to our Division if we can win it for the next quarter; also two plaques for Rail and Passenger Traffic.

Keep up the good work, boys, and the cup and plaques will remain with our Division. Safety Joe says that Stops and Starts cause most accidents. Mr. Latham wishes to thank all the ladies for attending the Safety Meeting.

Will Hoekstra and family sojourned in Ensenada, Mexico, last month. They made the trip in his 1923 Willys Knight. Guess "old Willy" is still a good car as a card from Will states no "power trouble" nor flats. A good time was had by all.

We are sorry to report that two members of our division passed away. The sympathy of everyone is extended to the families of H. C. Baker and L. P. Reed.

A few friends of Mr. Acuff joined in a dinner last September at the Chuck Wagon, in Burbank, to wish him well. As you all know, Mr. Acuff has faithfully served the company for forty years. Unknown to all attending the dinner, Mr. Acuff stated he started to work exactly forty years to the day, on the day of the dinner. A ring with the Los Angeles Transit Lines' emblem and the words "40 years" on it was given to him by his many friends.

Operator Watts has turkeys, chickens and eggs for sale. Remember him during the holidays, especially for turkeys. His prices are right.

Your scribe wishes every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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**Y**OU of Division Three have done a wonderful job this year and I am proud to be associated with so fine a group. To you, your families, and to the Departments that have given us such fine cooperation a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

T. O. Latham  
Superintendent Division Three



• Above, left to right, Sarah Chiechi, 5, daughter of Lorenzo and Stella Chiechi. Mr. Chiechi works in the Track Department. Diane, 6, and Kathey, 3, are grandchildren of Jim Madigan, Supt., Division Four. Twenty-five years ago Diane and Kathey's mother, Ruth Madigan Barney, appeared in *Two Bells* in a baby picture. Vicki Louise Morris, 2, daughter of Arthur and Molly Morris and granddaughter of Joe Morris. Joe served 30 years on the platform and has been in the Transportation Department 14 years.

## Eight Mechanical

by George H. Wingett

**C**HRISTMAS will be upon us before we know it, bringing with it that spirit of good will to all men that only Christmas can arouse.

There is still news of late vacationers, those guys who wait for the cool fall weather only to find that November has temperatures up to 89 degrees. Our Superintendent, Mr. Buchan, is reported to have gone to Santa Cruz on a fishing trip but we're sorry there are no pictures of the big ones that got away. He visited the Transit Company in San Jose to see how the other fellow does it but there are no reports of what he found. Harry and Mrs. Lindquist and the four little Lindquists went to Minnesota. The kids surely enjoyed life on the farm.

Claude Stauffer sweated out his holiday in November working on his new home in the south end of town. Harold Olson was back in Minnesota showing off his two blonde offspring to their grandparents. The boys in the Inspection Department are coming up in the world these days. Ulysses Guillebeau occasionally came to work in a taxi.

Bennie Blunn, also of Inspection, had to go to the California Hospital for an operation. It was successful and Ben is back on the job now. He's still a little groggy but he's going to make it all right.

E. Williamson is having his glasses changed as he can no longer distinguish between a 7 and a 9, judging by the 6700 type coaches parked among the 6900 models. Our store room won the man hour safety award for the third quarter of this year. This is something to be proud of; it's so darn easy to get hurt, as we all know.

John Malvey, stores clerk, was transferred from Divi-

**I** WISH to extend my heartiest greeting for the Christmas Season to all the employes of Division Seven and Eight, and their families, and to thank all of you for your loyal cooperation during the past year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

J. M. Buchan  
Mech. Supt., Seven and Eight

sion Eight to Division Three in October. The boys at Division Eight will miss John's cheery voice and, most of all, his Irish jokes. Did you know Charlie Whitehurst was a cabinet maker? If not, take a look at the fancy cabinets and tool racks appearing in the stock room lately.

We received a letter from Joe Worthington the other day. Joe was third shift foreman back in Motor Coach days. He is now in Saudi Arabia, working on the oil pipe lines being laid between the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean Sea. He takes care of a diesel rig and, according to his letter, it's a strenuous life. His address is: J. Worthington, % ARAMCO ABQ, Div. Top Line, 1 Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

We extend our sympathy to Vernon Rose, whose mother passed away November 12.

We would like to wish all the men and women and their families of the Los Angeles Transit Lines a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Mechanics and Utility men of Division Eight.

## L. A. T. L. Veterans Club

by Ed Roche

**O**PEN house and a cordial welcome will greet L.A.T.L. employees and their families on the occasion of our 20th Joint Installation of Officers in Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa Street, near Washington Blvd. at 8:00 P.M., Saturday, January 21, 1950.

The famous and colorful "MOUNTIES" Drill Team of Inglewood Post No. 13, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., under Captain David L. Laird (of Div. 8) will officiate.

Refreshments will be served. Come and be our guests.

Commander Carl Ebert, Jr. of the Club, and Grand Master Bart D. Billings of The Order Of The Sword (our fun section), are bringing their fine 1949 administrations to successful conclusions.

Dick Hoyle, Lloyd "Bruggie" Brugman, his handsome young son Boyd Brugman, Dick Rowe, Ralph Huddleston, C. J. "Jack" Jackson, Myron Taylor, Len Barkley, C. W. Hannon, Larry Staten and Tom Hutchings are prominent among those who have contributed to the success of 1949.

As for many years past, five "lucky winner" families enjoyed delicious Veterans Club turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Ours is a very Social Club; the requirement for membership is an Honorable Discharge from the armed forces of the U.S.A. or any of its Allies, wartime or peacetime; the dues are only One Dollar (\$1.00) a year.



• Karen and Robert Davila are the beautiful children of A. O. Davila. Daddy is an operator at Division Five.



• Caroline, 4½, and Victoria, 9, are George Wingett's sweet daughters. George is 3rd shift leadman at Division Eight.

## Hot Stuff from Pepper

by Bill Hunter

WITH Thanksgiving now in the past and everybody full of Turkey, Christmas again comes into the major topics of conversation.

Speaking of turkeys, Mrs. L. C. Thompson won the turkey for the Thompson family's Thanksgiving dinner instead of (Tommy) L. C. Thompson at the last turkey shoot on the L.A.T.L. rifle range.

The Ways and Structures Bowling Team has really come into its own. At this writing it has won twenty straight games and the boys are looking forward to winning the league championship.

Sam Bevilacqua, our eminent patch gang foreman, had a very serious operation recently at the California Hospital and is now back working full tilt after a short convalescence.

It was interesting watching Harvey Lindley trying to line a stretch of track the other day. Harve was straining his eyes trying to get the last couple of kinks out of the rail when Clyde Burden walked over and lined it in about five minutes. You could have heard Harvey for blocks.

Luther (Spike) Speck went into the hospital for another eye operation. This was the second he's had on the eye since it was injured by some lye splashing into it. The operation was very successful and Spike is back working.

Late vacations are pretty nice to look forward to. Mary Edwards, timekeeper, and husband, Mack, (electrical department) are counting the days until they will be heading towards Arkansas, their home, where they will spend Christmas.

Ask Willis Dimmick and Dick Turbeville what it feels like to be kissed by a swarm of bees. While they were cleaning off the Avenue 63 dump with a "cat loader," an army of bees decided to run them out, stinging the invaders quite a few times. The pay-off came when the keeper of the bees, clad in a protective net laughed at their plight.

Monte Munn wants a retraction from Walter Whiteside of the Electrical Department for the slurring remarks

THE wheels of time have once again turned to Christmas. So, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

H. J. Hinze  
Superintendent Department 21

made in his column a while back concerning the prowess of his beloved Los Angeles Rams football team.

Willis Dimmick hid Floyd Sims' lunch the other day. Floyd found it and ate it, however, but told Willy that he hadn't. Dimmick then tried to find the lunch, and thinking that somebody else had taken it gave Floyd a dollar to buy his lunch. Dimmick doesn't know that he has been taken, yet.

Dimmick had another escapade last week. He killed a rat at 11th and Broadway and put the rat in a paper sack in Leo Smith's compressor. When Leo found it, he took one look and jumped fourteen feet in the air and threw it all the way across the street. Leo said later he didn't know whether the rat was alive or dead.

Sympathy of the Way and Structures Department goes to Frank Hall whose mother passed away on November 30, 1949, in San Francisco.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## American Legion Auxiliary

by Betty Roche

OUR "Pot Luck Dinner," held in the dining room of Patriotic Hall on the evening of Tuesday, November 15, was a very delightful affair and was attended by scores of Auxiliary and Post members; in fact, there was an overflow, and additional table space was pressed into service. However, there was an abundance of delicious food for all and all present favored having another such feast in the very near future. President Arleene Horne and Secretary Bettie Leasman were co-chairmen in charge of the dinner; they deserve a big "Thank you" for arranging everything so perfectly.

After dinner Mrs. Moss mother of our President, delighted us with a number of violin selections. She received enthusiastic applause.

The social evening and card party held in the home of President Arleene Horne on the evening of December 3 was a well attended and very enjoyable party.

Hospital Chairman Bettie Leasman, Arleene Horne, Ann Crowley, Dorothy Liles, Agnes Whitney and Mary LaBarre decorated Christmas trees at Sawtelle, Dec. 14.

The advent of the New Year will see increased activity by our Unit and its participation to an ever increasing extent in all the fine, worth-while activities of the 17th District Auxiliary under the leadership of our District President, Florence Hillstead.

School Awards at Berendo Junior High School will take place at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 20, 1950.

Our Unit extends best wishes for A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all the L.A.T.L. Personnel.

• Left to right, Linda Kovalesky. Grandparents are Faye LaVon and C. N. Stevens. Granddad works at Division Three and is mighty proud of his lovely granddaughter. Robert Allen Neal is the husky grandson of C. N. Neal of Division Three. This coy youngster calls Billy (Tiger) Haviland of South Park daddy.





• Martin Earl (Butch) Sullivan is the 7 month old son of Earl Sullivan of Division Six. In the middle is Linda Sue Woodruff, 11 months, daughter of H. Woodruff of Division Six. Toddler Darleen Berrell, 14 months, is granddaughter of James C. Berrell of South Park.

## Trix at Six

by E. R. "Andy" Andress

WITH the traditional Christmas Carols ringing in our ears and the beautifully decorated streets and store windows the few remaining days until Christmas seem twice as long. By now everyone is rushing madly around for those last minute gifts, such as a pair of socks for Uncle Charlie or a tie for Joe. By the way, did you remember Cousin Hank?

About the most impatient one in our midst is G. L. Blackstad, whose Family reunion is always held on Christmas Eve in Whittier, with no less than 30 attending a wonderful dinner and dance.

C. A. Tolly and H. Woodruff are open for any constructive suggestions on Holiday decorations for their very new homes. Congratulations!

On the fourth of October W. R. "Sparky" and Margaret Sparks celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary.

This may be the fall of the year but vacations are still going on. We hear that L. E. Barnhouse is going to paint his house with the aid of his 5 children. L. L. Gere plans to just plain loaf after the Christmas rush. H. Chaney is in a quandry just what to do and where to go on his vacation.

The following men are going on vacations soon after the Christmas Holiday:

P. H. McKay	W. D. Val
W. Modster	E. N. Hill
R. L. Brettendall	L. C. Conter
W. S. Holmes	H. B. Cesna

H. C. Litzinger and wife recently completed a very interesting and restful vacation, spending the time in Yosemite National Park and San Francisco.

R. C. Hoyle visited his brother in Fresno, stopping in Yosemite Valley and San Francisco on the way.

W. S. Holmes and Brother recently returned from a trip to visit their family in St. Louis which they hadn't seen in 3 years, also making a short stopover in Canton, Ohio. Reports are that the trip was trouble free with the new car.

Those who are spending a large share of their spare time on their hobbies are: K. A. Taubel, who has completed 60 hours of flying time and now is studying meteorology and navigation. W. S. Holmes is attending night school at the Academy of Science studying Criminal Investigation. P. H. McKay on his off hours can always be found in his work shop where he is refinishing antique furniture.

A speedy recovery is wished by all for Frank Hayes and his wife, both being painfully burned at their home re-

cently. Everyone hopes that Frank will be able to join us again before the Holidays.

Although Christmas is the main topic of conversation now, some are making plans for New Year's parties and dances, and also making New Year Resolutions such as:

1. Getting up 10 minutes earlier.
2. Keeping in mind "Courtesy," our middle name.
3. Attending more Safety Meetings.
4. Not to growl at the wife when requested to mow and water the lawn.
5. Figuring out ways to attract more patrons.

Seasons Greetings to you and yours from your Scribe "Andy."

## Statistics at One

by Don Fuller

THERE is a rumor going around that Mike Reyes is turning from a rumba dancer to western. What's the big attraction at Cow Town.

Run Hot L. W. Grape has been late quite often lately with his "V" car. He blames the trains, but we wonder if Mr. Grape is losing his touch with a street car.

We would like to welcome C. D. Caldwell back to Division One. He has been over at Division Four for some time. We lost C. C. Templin—he transferred to Division Eight. We hate to lose him as he did a swell job.

Wedding bells have been ringing for L. H. P. Hofler. Congratulations and the best of luck. R. R. Ehrheart was took the fatal step on October 22. Lots of good luck, Bob.

George Turnbow was presented with a fine 9 pound baby boy on the 16th of October. The young man was named Steve Allen. "Pappy" W. Rouse has been strutting his stuff. His wife presented him with a 9 lb. 11½ oz. boy. The lad was named James Thomas. Congratulations, Pappy, and the best of everything for Jimmie.

We would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and the best of everything in the coming year.

WE have had many trying experiences during the year of 1949, but with the fine cooperation of you Operators and Office Force we have managed to pull through. Many thanks to you all.

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

A. E. Vejar  
Superintendent Division One

• Marion Louise, 5½, and Charles Albert Slater, 2½, fine grandchildren of John Gundeloch and his charming wife, Marion. John served 26 years on the platform and is completing his second year in the Transportation Department.



# Trolley Buzzes

by *Ronnie Mason*

**D**EAR Santa Claus:

Just these few lines so you won't have any trouble in making up your mind on what you'd like to bring us, the Trolleyteers, on the night of the 24th.

The first request comes from the main ghost chaser of the gravediggers, Charley Smith, who wants a couple of toupees. One, a blond one, for Buzzy Busswell and the other, a light brown, for future references.

A special present for Bob Clenard: Send him as much happiness as you can possibly spare instead of the flower seeds that he had ordered. The only reason that he ordered seeds was so that he could grow his own roses and so cut down on his flower bill. But now, since he got married, he has changed his request.

Jess Burton would like to have a course on how to buy the perfect second-hand car. And Harry J. Smith wants a crystal ball so that he may be able to foretell the outcome of football games next year and so help Cesar Canales clean up on the pools run off by the newspapers.

Here's an oddity from Bob Marsden: He wants a pennant for the Boston Red Sox next year so that he won't have to listen to Larry Limpus and Murray Szathmary bewail the fact that the best team in the American League can't cash in on its reputation.

Please dear Santa, don't forget Leo Sidles. Bring him a favorable change in health; he's had too much of the bad kind this year. Besides, Sam McGee would like to get his vacation on time.

And could you bring George Hendrick a new edition of Joe Miller's Joke Book?

We would also appreciate it very much if you get Jack Oliphant a singing course in sign language. We like the songs he sings; oh, but the noise. . . .

Jim Ferry wants as much good weather as the L.A. Chamber of Commerce. He only wants to finish his house so that he may be able to accommodate his growing family.

Clarence Washington and Fred Harrington are in accord with Hays Archer that you should bring Leo Biggs a nice, wide, overstuffed chair so that he may be more comfortable on the job. His growing needs make the chair he now has obsolete.

Taki Tahara wants you to show him the best place where he can get his hair cut just the way he likes it.

As for me, dear Santa, just give me the opportunity to share in the happiness and good fortunes of my fellow workers as I wish them all, A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**W**ISH to extend Sincere Best Wishes for a joyous Yuletide Season to all members of the Automotive Departments.

May you and your families enjoy a very Merry Christmas and health and happiness during the coming year.

George Powell  
General Supt. of Automotive Equipment



• Left to right, Albert John Stevens, Jr., 2, is the grandson of C. N. Stevens, Division Three, and his lovely wife, Faye LaVon. Dean, 4, and Richard, 2, call A. DiPaola of Division Seven daddy. James Van Patten, son of H. O. Van Patten of Division Six.

## Seven Daze

by *Ethel Greene*

**Y**OUR Roaming Reporter is glad to learn that O. C. Pruess' son, Happy, age 3 years, suffered no ill effects after having fallen out of a traveling auto.

G. R. Bell reports the wedding of his son, Don, several weeks ago.

Welcome back in our midst—T. P. Monroe who is recovering from a tonsilectomy, J. Hampton, and W. E. Hodgson.

Sorry to hear about G. Ballas' brother, Fred, who was injured in the eye while working on his car.

And looking on the brighter side—A. J. Arnone took a three weeks' vacation and leave to return to Pennsylvania where he visited his Mother.

R. L. Shull is working on his new stucco home in Westchester. Hopes to move in before the holidays.

Speaking of holidays, Christmas is almost here and if "Dear Santa" letters were being written we know the following requests would be made:

E. W. Cleversley—Please bring me a piano on which to practice.

R. F. Bennett—I'd like some new goggles so I can continue with my private flying now that I have my license.

A. Pietroforte—For my record collection of all the classics, don't forget "Mule Train."

J. Hampton—If you're about to give out records, make mine "Chloe" by Spike Jones—my love for good music, you know.

W. E. Hodgson—Santa: I ran out of bands for my racing pigeons—don't forget to bring me some.

L. D. Anderson—What I need is a good reliable alarm clock.

A. G. Schultz—A "Petty" Calendar.

W. H. Deskin and R. N. Murphy—A pair of dark glasses so we can sleep during the day—these owl runs are our favorite.

A. E. Knorr says "How about a golf ball that won't go astray?"

And to our steno, make mine a radio-phonograph so I can listen to my Hawaiian records.

Flash! Two more of our operators have received their Courtesy Badges: G. A. Moulton and A. L. White.

**T**O all employes of 16th St. Garage, may I extend my personal wish that you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Earle N. Wetzler  
Supt. of 16th Street Garage



• Left to right, sweet Bobbie McAlpin, 16 year old daughter of C. G. McAlpin of Division Six. Center, Pat Morhaim, sister of Leo of Division Five. Darlene Schneider, 16, daughter of Otto Schneider of South Park Shops.

## Car House Highlights

by H. K. Conacher

### CAR HOUSE NO. 1

Roy Melick, Storekeeper, has been doing double duty for the past two weeks, having taken over Tommy Hartley's duties. Thanks for your help, Roy.

Jack Marsden is still off on sick leave. Latest reports indicate some improvement. We all join in sending Jack our best wishes.

Grant Braaten has resigned to try his luck at farming in North Dakota. The best of luck, Grant.

Harry Wescombe, foreman on the third shift, was kept very busy during the recent fire epidemic fighting fire and administering first aid.

### CAR HOUSE NO. 3

Oscar Lund, our genial rail foreman, has decided to try store teeth. We are sorry to hear he is having such an ordeal with the old teeth, and hope he soon receives his new set.

Ellen Emery, our girl Friday in the office, is looking forward to spending the Christmas holidays with her folks at Salt Lake.

George (Bud) Magin has quite a bump on his nose. He says it was caused by his wife by accident. We wonder.

We believe it won't be long until Al Burks is driving one of the new Fords. There is a Ford in your future, Al.

We are glad to report that H. Ogden has nothing more to worry about. He has found his lost cat and he is really happy.

Ed Graham, who has waited for the cool weather to take his vacation, starts next week and will be sadly disappointed if the weather remains as is.

Most of the boys at this division are complaining about the current hot spell but, cheer up fellows, it will be a cold spell you will be complaining about before long.

### CAR HOUSE NO. 4

Willie Glover spent his vacation sitting on his front porch, twitching his toes and grinning to himself thinking about how nice it is getting paid to do the things he loves best. Willie must have enjoyed himself considerably for he was full of pep when he returned to work.

Sal Romo made two trips to Ensenada. Sal didn't say whether he forgot to bring something back with him, or wanted to take a second look.

Bill Manley with his straw hat, dangling his feet over the end of Belmont Shores pier to try his luck fishing.

Not doing so well there he ventured out on the barge. Things really began to happen. Yes indeed, the Mackerel couldn't wait for him to throw in his line.

George Smith had a week up in the mountains but it took a few days before his wife would let him go. She made George paint his car a green that she liked. George had other ideas about the color and so put his foot down. Mrs. Smith came down with her foot but on top of George's. You know, George, your wife has good taste in picking colors.

Betty Welch used up her vacation by sleeping nights instead of day time. Since she has been working nights so long Betty figured that would be change enough.

Norman White and family camped out a few days at Yosemite National Park. Norm saw a bear, when first entering the park, and only saw one more after. He was high tailing it away from him headed for the high timber. Word must have travelled fast among the wild life about the strange looking critter straying into their home grounds.

Erick Dalholm strutted out with a new Mercury sedan and couldn't stop telling everyone what a great automobile he owns. An overdrive. Lots of leg room and a place to set his oversized coffee bottle.

And there is Wayne Fitzpatrick with his new Plymouth. You know the old story of how much it would take to fix up the old buggy, tires, paint job, etc. We bet you wanted a new car all the time didn't you, Wayne? We don't blame you at all, it certainly is a nice job.

Speaking of automobiles, anyone who owns a chassis and frame might get in touch with Al Marchbanks. He has a motor but it doesn't do him any good. Its too complicated for anyone to explain the mix-up but Al and he sometimes wonders himself if he can.

Bob White didn't get a new Mercury or a new Plymouth but did have his Zepher's face lifted and applied a new coat of paint. Bob contends that it runs like a new car since he had it done.

A. H. Brown and wife went to San Francisco and had a swell time until the money ran out; then came back home. Well, that is a good place to come back to when you get low on funds.

### CAR HOUSE NO. 5

Eddie Hess added a room to his house in anticipation of a visit from his daughter and her family from Oregon.

P. Nielson is sporting, and we do mean SPORTING,

• The family group of L. E. Barnhouse, coach operator at Division Six, are, top, left to right, Larryette Elane, Virginia, (center) Russell, (lower left to right), Robert and Lawrence, Jr.





a new 1949 Cadillac convertible.

We welcome Wm. "Bill" Spencer to our forces.

Everett Stingley has completed his next Spring's painting already—smart boy.

T. S. Hartley is pinch hitting for O. A. Keiffer who is on vacation cleaning the house for his wife.

E. R. Banks tied for the Thanksgiving turkey but lost in play off in Royal Bowling league—poor boy.

Geo. Alexander enjoyed his vacation by being "Just Around."

L. Frowner suffered third degree burns in extinguishing a cleaning fluid fire at home. He hopes for a speedy recovery.

"Bulgey" Smith has had a new set of rings and a new differential installed in his new 1949 Oldsmobile "88" this early. What will the car be like when it is three months old?

Howard Ahrens also came up with a nice "48" Olds without a by-pass. Ask P. Woods how it rides.

"Pappy" Woods starting his Thanksgiving vacation early, so he can enjoy the Pheasant hunt before he eats the turkey at his brother's place in Sacramento.

L. Wiley just returned from vacation where he spent his time buying and selling houses in Westchester.

## Why I Like My Job

**T**HE Southern California Forum recently ran a contest on "Why I Like My Job." The second award letter was submitted by Carl Ernest Holcomb of Division Two. Mr. Holcomb is a charter member of our Courtesy Club. Here is the letter he wrote:

*"I am a bus operator working out of division Number Two, operating on bus Line Four, known as the Maple and Melrose run of Los Angeles Transit Lines.*

*"My job, gives me the great opportunity to serve the public in a pleasing, kind, and understanding way that delights my heart. My motto before going to work each day, is to try and do just a little better than I did the day before. The expression of my service to the public is 'Help thy neighbor, trying to understand and give individual service to each patron that boards my bus.'*

*"It gives me great pleasure, to go beyond the service required by my employer, to say something kind and good to those whose spirits are sad, tired or sorrowful.*

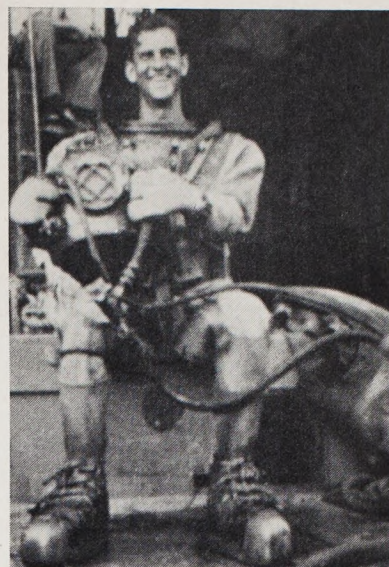
*"At the end of my day's work, I have a feeling, in my heart, 'so good,' so great, that a worldly fortune could not compensate.*

*"I am one of the first forty charter members of the Courtesy and Proficiency Club of this city. I am proud to wear an emblem on my right shoulder, that I can live up to and go beyond its meaning in reality of service. I am known as 'Uncle Harry' by my patrons."*

**N**OW that 1949 is drawing to a close, our thoughts seem to run to Santa Claus. I hope he is able to fulfill all your wishes.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

O. C. Schmokel  
Supt. Division Three Mechanical



• F. Butler, Operator at Division Two.

## Retired Employees Association

by P. C. McNaughton, Secretary

**W**E had a wonderful program for our meeting in October. The Victory P.T.A. Mother's chorus of North Hollywood, consisting of twenty voices, gave us a half hour of music, under the leadership of Mr. Ellis, choir director.

Mr. Dick McKeen, Irish tenor, gave a group of Irish songs, which are always very much enjoyed.

Miss Henrietta Banwell gave a half hour address on the work of the U.N. and told of the efforts being made in the way of re-habilitation of the devastated countries. Miss Banwell spent some time at Lake Success and could give first hand information. She told us of the different agencies and commissions and how the different organizations were divided and what had been already accomplished in making these countries self-supporting. It was information we all need to know and made us feel that the U.N. is doing a lot of valuable work aside of the financial help.

It rained for our November meeting but we were happily surprised to see forty-two present.

Miss Marcia Hoffman, vocal teacher with a marvelous voice, sang a group of six songs, in what our speaker called, an "Angelic voice."

Dr. Kavork Kassarjian, brilliant orator and philosopher, with a half dozen University degrees, gave a half hour talk on "Treatment for your needs," and "Science of mind in Shakespeare's 'Hamlet,'" and held the audience spell-bound.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Berry, "The Berrys from Honolulu" gave us several numbers of Hawaiian music, both vocal and instrumental. We had community singing and a lot of sunshine inside, if the rain did dampen the parched ground and brought a much needed blessing.

Then Dr. Kassarjian, who possesses a splendid tenor voice, sang two numbers to finish a perfect day.

"Look, dear, how picturesque! The Joneses are bringing in an old Yule log."

"Yule log, my eye! That's Jones."

# Cooking Through A Hat

(Continued from Page 11)

## Salad Dressings:

There are two basic salad dressings, French and Mayonnaise. Practically all others require one of these as a foundation.

Brown Derby Old-Fashioned French Dressing, 1½ qts.

This is the French Dressing which became so popular among the stars that the Brown Derby was prevailed upon to bottle it for home use. The cup of water is optional, depending upon the degree of oiliness desired in this dressing.

1 cup water	1 tbs. Worcestershire Sauce
1 cup red wine vinegar	1 tsp. English mustard
1 tsp. sugar	1 bead garlic, chopped
Juice of ½ lemon	1 cup olive oil
2½ tbs. salt	3 cups salad oil
1 tbs. ground black pepper	

Blend together all ingredients except oils. Then add olive and salad oils and mix well again. Chill. Shake before serving. This dressing keeps well in the refrigerator. Can be made and stored in a 2 qt. Mason jar.

Brown Derby Mayonnaise, 1 qt.

6 egg yolks	4 tbs. mild vinegar
2 tsp. salt	3 cups salad oil
1 tsp. English mustard	Juice of 1 lemon
1 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce	2 tbs. boiling water

Beat egg yolks with electric beater or French whip. Add salt, mustard, Worcestershire Sauce, and 2 tbs. vinegar. Mix well. Add oil in fine stream, whipping fast to absorb oil. Stop adding oil if it is not absorbed. As mixture becomes thick add remaining vinegar and lemon juice. Continue whipping until all oil, vinegar, and lemon have been used. If mixed correctly all ingredients should be absorbed. Finally whip in the boiling water. Keep in a cool place, but not under 45°. Never allow to freeze.

Brown Derby Mixed Green Salad, (serves 4)

½ head romaine cut in 1-in. pieces	½ head chicory
½ head (medium size) lettuce, pulled	2 tomatoes, peeled and quartered
½ bunch watercress	½ cup chopped celery
	½ cup Old-fashioned French Dressing

Toss the greens in a large, cold salad bowl and mix lightly. Garnish with the tomatoes. Sprinkle chopped celery on top. Just before serving add French Dressing and toss lightly.

## Desserts

Brown Derby \$10,000 Apple Pie, 1 8-in. pie

2 cups apples, thinly sliced	2 cups Brown Derby Pastry for Fruit Pies
¾ Cup Apple Pie Seasoning	2 tbs. melted butter
Equal amounts white and brown sugar,	2 tbs. water (if apples are dry)
1 level tbs. flour	
1/8 tsp. cinnamon, 1/16 tsp. nutmeg,	
few grains of salt.	

Mix apples and seasoning together. Line an 8-in. pan with the pastry, fluting at edges as for custard pie. Brush bottom and sides with melted butter. Add apple mixture and dot with melted butter. If apples are dry, add enough water to moisten. Cover with pastry top and decorate as with other fruit pies, but bake in preheated oven longer



• Robert M. Fav-  
inger, Division  
Eight, and his  
lovely wife, Ruby,  
are very proud of  
their beautiful  
daughter, Sonja,  
10, who had a  
happy birthday  
party on Novem-  
ber 18.

—20 minutes at 450°, then 40 minutes (or until apples are tender) at 350°. Cool free from draft.

Brown Derby Pastry for Covered Fruit Pies, 1 8-in. piecrust

2 cups all-purpose flour	2/3 cup pure-blend shortening
1 tsp. salt	4-6 tbs. water

Sift flour and salt into mixing bowl. Divide shortening into 2 portions. Cut half of it into the flour until it is extremely fine. Cut the second half of the shortening into the mixture until the lumps of shortening are the size of a giant pea. Place the mixture in the refrigerator and chill thoroughly. Remove from refrigerator and blend in with fork just enough water (4 to 6 tbs.) to hold dough together. Care must be taken not to have the dough too wet. Roll this out on canvas-covered board with covered rolling pin.

Sour Cream Raisin Pie, (serves 8)

4 oz. raisins, bleached or dark according to preference	1 tbs. vinegar
	1 tsp. vanilla
	1 tsp. salt
5 oz. brown sugar	½ tsp. cinnamon
1 egg	1 prebaked pie shell
1½ pt. sour cream	

Soak raisins overnight in cold water. Mix brown sugar, egg, sour cream, vinegar, vanilla, salt, and cinnamon. Last, add the thoroughly drained raisins. Fill into prebaked pie shell. Bake at 300° for 35 to 40 minutes

Peach Melba A'La Derby, (serves 1)

1 scoop ice cream	1 heaping tbs. whipped cream
½ peach, in syrup	1 tbs. shaved walnuts
1 tbs. raspberry syrup	

Place ice cream in chilled champagne glass. Cover with peach. Cover peach with raspberry syrup. Garnish with whipped cream. Sprinkle with walnuts. Serve.

IT is again my privilege to wish the men of Department 20 and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have made much progress in the past year and it is with the greatest of confidence that we greet the year of 1950. Again I wish to say, Good Wishes and be of Good Cheer.

Norman Lane  
Supt. Automotive Division,  
South Park Shops



• Jeanette Kovalsky, 7, is lovely granddaughter of C. N. Stevens, Division Three, and his charming wife, Faye LaVon.

## Blow-Bys

by Tom Smalley and Johnny Boyce

**H**ERE it is time for Santa to come down the chimney again. Do you have your Christmas shopping all done? I haven't either.

Most of the fellows are sticking close to home over the holidays.

Ore Porter is going to Yarrington, Nevada, to do some duck hunting. So maybe we will have a duck dinner. Eh, Ore?

Nat Duron has invited quite a few of his friends to his home to enjoy a turkey dinner and to see the new television set that Nat gave his wife, Rose, on her birthday.

John and Charlotte Paul are going to Reno, Nevada.

Chick Jackson is planning on taking Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kelly for a cruise on the Betty Joe in the near future. Chick said something about proving to Pat that Frigid Rock is covered with snow the year round.

Ed Serabia and Joe Castro bought a model A Ford from Honest Leland Lee. Ed and Joe tell me that the special gift offered by Lee has not been delivered as yet. Well, maybe you will get it with the final payment, fellows.

Jim Homar and Claude Nickels have been doing a lot of fishing lately but haven't said much about it. What's the matter? Not much luck, boys?

I wonder who the well dressed gent is who has been remodeling and cleaning out the tool room for the past several months?

Bill Van Dorn, our regular tool room man, tells me that the man is getting the tool room ready for a rush business in 1950. Bill is afraid that if he keeps up at the present rate there won't be anything left in the tool room.

**I** WOULD like to extend to everyone my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

L. C. Thompson,  
Supt. of Way and Structures

If any of you are interested in buying a piece of property in Inglewood please contact Tony Nunes. Tony is the sole agent for the Bob Frampton subdivision located in that city.

Art Gerrard is taking his new duties in the typical Gerrard style. Art is now leadman over all electrical wiring and small electric and air units.

Walter Alport is a happy man these days. Al's wife, Helen, has fully recovered from a major operation.

Howard Ray is the proud owner of a new house in Whittier. Rumor has it that Howard either had to get a larger house or sleep on the floor due to the rapid growth of his new son.

Homer Porcher and Mike Heman engaged in a beard growing contest which Homer won by default when Mike shaved off his beard after being declared the best looking Airdale at the dog show.

The contest for the best head of curly hair is still on. So far the top three contestants are Pat (Wrong Number) Kelly. Red (Four Alarm) Crawford and Tom (Cisco Kid) Rocha.

John Boyce just received a nice card from Pat Piscasso. He is in Ottumwa, Iowa. Pat was transferred from Dept. 20 to Safety Dept.

The help of Ted Chastine is greatly appreciated by the office force when Ted comes over from Div. 7 to lend a knowing hand with the bookkeeping.

Stew and Bonnie Hubbard wish to make a belated announcement of a new arrival at their home, Bonnie Lou, 7 lbs., 4 ozs.

Thats all for now. Merry Christmas!

### WET PAINT

Harold Cass wishes to take this opportunity to wish all of the men of Dept. 11 and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Joe Metoyer and Joe Wyndon are going to the Sacramento Valley to do a little pheasant hunting. The boys in Dept. 11 are expecting pheasant for Thanksgiving dinner.

Some of the boys tell me that Camillo Caringella is boasting of the 35 lb. white sea bass that he caught while fishing off the coast of Santa Barbara, but the same boys inform me that they suspect that he was made a present of the fish by his son, Joe Caringella, who is a commercial fisherman.

The expert help of Billy Coxon from Div. 5 is greatly appreciated by the boys in Dept. 11. Billy is helping out on a big head sign deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Thompson were seen at regular monthly entertainment program gazing at their daughter, Marjorie, with pardonable pride as she stopped the show with her mastery of the steel guitar.

Nick Lacasello, formerly of Dept. 12, is now working in Dept. 11. Nick helped R. Sanchez and the rest of the gang get 2 street cars and 1 coach painted up in the traditional candy cane regalia for the Holidays.

Lucius Sheppard says that he is just going to rest up over the Christmas holidays and I think that I will do the same.

**I** WISH to thank all of the employes of Division Two for a good job, well done, during the past year and to extend my best wishes for the New Year.

P. E. Snider  
Superintendent Division Two



• Dinner honoring Mr. Acuff following 40 years with Company. Left to right are Mrs. Wylish, Mrs. LeVitt, Mrs. Acuff, Mr. Acuff, Mr. Tengblad, Lester LeVitt, Mr. Alexander, W. A. Ullrich and Mr. Wylish.

## Electrical

by Walter Whiteside

LET'S start this column in the usual manner of wishing each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Three men on George McKinley's tower crew celebrated their birthdays during November. Gordon Hill and Barney Hornseth's birthday is the same and Mac's was a few days later.

Harry Wayne "Mac" McTaggart looked well rested and slightly plump on returning from a swell vacation in Nebraska where he shot pheasants all day and visited with his folks in the evenings. He rode the train this trip, riding from Denver on the "Vista Dome."

Everyone's ears perked up when Nels Lane started telling of his early life working in the movies. Nels spent about five years in the work, and who knows if he had continued maybe we wouldn't know him personally now, but he might have been a top male star.

Jessie Reed and spouse just purchased a new home in the deep southwest.

Mary and Mack Edwards have been singing "I'll Be Home for Christmas" for some time now, and they really will. They are leaving on the sixteenth for the deep south to spend the holidays with their folks.

The first meeting between the Way and Structures and the gang at Sixteenth bowling teams resulted in the Pepper Yard Boys going around making excuses. They lost all four points to the Beavers who had only four men present. If yours truly had been present the trouncing would have been more convincing. In fact the excuses rendered sounded of the same tune Monte Munn rings when the Rams blow a game. It must be a Pepper Yard "phobia."

A buxom blonde swaggered into the parlor of a local fortune teller to inquire into her future.

"You will," droned the mystic "very shortly meet a tall dark man who will sweep you off your feet. He will shower you with gifts and take you to breath-taking night spots and just the two of you will drink a toast to everlasting love!"

"Has he got a lot of money?" asked the girl excitedly.

"He is president of a large concern and heir to a \$800,000.87 estate!"

"Gosh," stammered the girl. "Now just tell me one more thing."

"What is it, dear?" asked the soothsayer, as he visualized many pieces of silver crossing his palm.

"How do I get rid of my husband and the three kids?"

MY sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and A Happy and Wonderful New Year goes to all.

L. E. Dye,  
Supt. of Electrical Construction.

## Funfare From Five

by Irving Scharf

HERE it is just a few days from Christmas and hardly any of us have completed our Christmas Shopping. We're all alike in that respect, waiting for the last possible moment and then getting caught in the hugest crowds ever assembled. And the funny part is that what we had in mind to get Aunt Tillie or Grandma or Uncle Fuzzy never ends up quite the same. I've talked to several of the operators out of this division and asked them what they themselves would like and believe me what a concoction of gifts I came up with, which I would like to pass on to you.

B. Seaver—A little security—preferably a \$1,000 one

D. Higginbottom—An added dollar to his allowance

D. Houghtaling—An electric food mixer that scrambles words

R. M. Clark—A contented cow that gives milk in technicolor

J. Wear—A miserable man he can wear down with kindness

A. Welton—Bifocals that can see only the good sides of people

J. A. Moore—An orphan he can make happy

W. R. Leal—A half pound sack of money (any denominations cheerfully expected)

L. Freer—A pinochle deck with larger markings

B. W. Brown—A noiseless piggy bank

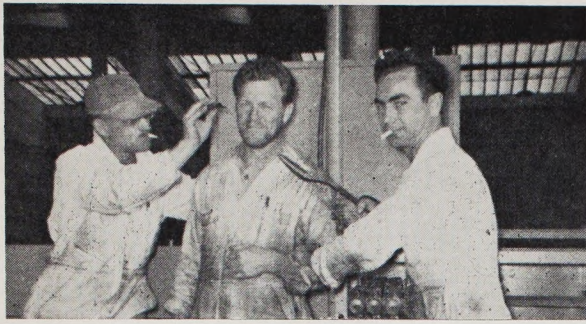
I would like to point out that other gifts range from a mink coat to a new pair of shoe laces and believe me each and every one will more than make up for the losses they took last year from the children's piggy bank.

On the serious side for a moment, let's all get to the stores and keep one thing in mind, when you're buying gifts for your friends and families buy an extra one for the poor that can't afford to buy themselves, and believe me it will gladden the hearts and souls of all cheerful contributors.

To each and every one of you and your families I extend a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. . . . See you next year.

THE Holiday Season is drawing near, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your cooperation and the good work you have done in the past year. At the same time I want to extend to each one of you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

F. L. Ervin  
Superintendent Division Five



• Homer Porcher being given a shave and haircut by Mike Keman and Stew Hubbard after winning the beard growing contest in Department 20. All men are mechanics in Dept. 20.

## "Snafu from Two"

by "Bruggie" Brugmann

**W**E regret the passing of Mrs. Haden, age 98, mother of Operator W. Haynes. Haynes traveled to Bowling Green, Kentucky, and back by plane.

Guess it is still open season for the stork—a son, Ronald, for Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Uhlir. This explains that light in Uhlir's eyes. A daughter, Phyllis Ann, for Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Johnson. Of course, Johnny can't stretch his chest much further. A son, Danny, is the new addition for Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Diehl.

Operators R. S. Davies, E. DuPuis and F. Engstrom are on the sick list. They would appreciate a little visit from any of you. I. Middleton has returned to work after being on the sick list for some time. DuPuis wishes to thank you for the fine gift you presented him.

King Riley motored to San Francisco for a couple of days and spent the rest of the time washing windows, so he says. Must have a large amount of windows in the Riley home. C. E. (Pop) Ecton spent a quiet two weeks at Big Bear. I. Aikens spent his vacation hard at work on the Aikens Manor, building a large addition to the house. Operator Isreal took a little tour by way of Kansas City, Chicago. C. Holcomb decided he needed a new roof, that is house roof, so he went to work on it. J. Kresge motored to San Francisco and returned by way of Reno. Jim says he came out all right in Reno. H. Botkin motored to Yosemite, Salt Lake and the Carlsbad Caverns. Other operators on vacation were A. Dalbey, T. Cooper, M. Mariscal, R. Richardson, D. J. Lewis, C. Anderson, H. Collins, M. S. Buck, L. Meloserdoff, R. V. Gray, T. Perkins, A. Nunn, B. Hobbs, McCullough, J. Wayne, J. Buckley, R. Williamson, J. Brewer, F. Mays, C. Knittle, A. Rohrbeck, A. Threatts, C. A. Bruner, D. Sturgeon, R. D. Hudson, O. Wickeren, S. B. Dean, T. McCutcheon, W. Kennedy, H. Van Riper, C. Brezniak, M. E. Hayden, G. Springer, R. Johnson, D. Teeter, W. Brawley, A. Clinton, W. Marticorena, R. Casillas, R. H. Jones, S. Hogan, A. Walker, J. Hudson, A. Brooks, R. Brundage,

**I**T is again my privilege to extend my best personal wishes to all employees of the Automotive Departments and their loved ones, and to wish them a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Fred Yenour  
Asst. Supt. of Auto. Equip.

A. Wilson, W. Gordon, D. Reed, G. Aliff, J. Kondor, C. Holliday, F. Tapia, L. Giboo, E. Thomas, E. Coleman, P. Thompson, D. Whitney, E. Garcia, W. Williams, L. Hudson, E. Morris, J. Dickson, F. Bracamonte, M. Wille, U. V. Adams, M. Thompson, C. Sudduth, H. Blair, J. Denchfield, E. A. Ragan, E. Garcia, E. Pena, T. Walls, O. Lipnisky.

Anyone interested in the art of deep sea diving should contact operator F. Butler of Division 2. Frank has been a deep sea diver with the navy and has a real good plan in the way of a diving club to offer you. The club program will fit into your spare time hours and offers a good hobby to anyone interested. For further information contact E. W. Bartley, C. L. Holliday or F. Butler all of Division 2.

Instructor Malin and operator P. L. V. Robert were really out after those deer. They drove to Lewiston, Idaho, and then took off via the airway to a spot where the deer really are. They did all right bagging a deer, 6 point elk, and cow elk. The only hard part of the trip was a couple of miles walk to where the deer are.

Anyone interested in tree trimming please contact L. M. Hamilton, he is an expert. Maybe we could get him a hedge trimmer for Christmas.

After years and years of 4 plus service Jim Kresge is the proud owner of a courtesy award. Look him over, maybe he might have a few pointers to offer.

Mr. Snider wishes to thank you for giving that 8 Ball a ride, we are more than glad to return it to its present resting place.

We are glad to welcome D. Kohl as Ass't Superintendent of Div. 2, having been at Div. 1 for 29 years and having had the opportunity of meeting a number of you at Div. 1.

Mr. Snider and the rest of the office employees wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Let's have some more pictures fellows.

## How to Keep from Getting Old

Never fasten ladders,  
It's fun to see them slide.  
Never wear your goggles,  
Remember you have pride.  
Never put on gloves,  
They're cumbersome as hell;  
Be careless as you can,  
None will ever tell.  
Never read the safety rules,  
All they are is bluff  
By guys who draw a salary  
For handing out that stuff.  
Abide by all the rules above,  
Don't do as you are told,  
And I'll guarantee you, brother,  
That you never will grow old.

The drunk was crawling around on his hands and knees at 3 a.m. A cop ambled along and asked him what he was looking for.

"Lookin' for a pal of mine," drooled the drunk.  
The cop scowled, "Look here," he advised, "why don't you stand up and look for him?"

The stew shook his head. "I'm afraid I'll miss him that way. He's much shorter than I am!"

## "Diesel Fumes"

by Marjorie D. Hardy

IT was a satisfied group of employees who returned to work here at 16th St. Garage after Thanksgiving. Not only satisfied, but several pounds heavier. Somewhere along the line of ancient customs we heard that in China it was only considered politeness on the part of the guest to "Burp" loud and long after partaking of a delicious meal, to show the host you thoroughly enjoyed your food. Fred Bader said that he was a great believer in this custom, but we seriously wonder if he carried out his beliefs, this Thanksgiving.

With the sound of Christmas Carols filling the air these days you can be sure the Yuletide Season is approaching very rapidly. Once again we had our spies out finding what the lads and lassies desired for Christmas. The following was the result:

Mr. Cahill of the store room wanted a "belle." Not the kind that tinkles from a tree, but more of the feminine beauty type. And from what we hear, he will have his wish on or about December 18th. A little early for Christmas, but not too early for congratulations to a prospective Groom.

Walt Powell received his Christmas present a couple of months early. He had a baby boy born October 20, 1949, and he weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. at birth. He named the child Kenneth Bruce and we are happy to report both the baby and the father are doing nicely.

George Anders, Earle Wetzler, and Louie Myers would settle for a nice big Barracuda under their tree. They are the fishermen of the group and, to prove how much Mr. Wetzler enjoys the sport, he said he would rather fish than eat!

Shelby T. (for Toupee) Brown asked Santa for a black wavy wig. He has the voice of Robert Taylor, so you can't blame a guy for wanting his hair, too. (Or anybody's hair for that matter.)

Harry Koll has been a pretty sick man and not long ago he returned to work from a very serious illness. However, for Christmas he not only received his health back, but several of the nurses who attended him keep coming back to see him too. It looks as if his illness paid him dividends in more ways than one.

And so with the close of another year of writing sense and nonsense for 16th Street Garage, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping me with the column, and wish everybody a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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**A** MERRY Christmas and a Happy New Year to all employes of Divisions Five and Six. May the New Year bring you and your families prosperity and continued happiness.

P. V. Wood  
Supt. Divisions Five and Six Mechanical

## Notes from a Roving Reporter

by Ed Roche

**S-I-S-S-S! BOOM! BANG! ZEE!  
HURRAH FOR DIVISION THREE!**

That's Supt. Ted Latham and the lads and lassies of **THREE** cheering because they won the handsome Trophy for having had the smallest number of "blind" accidents on the entire system during two, the 2nd and the 3rd, successive quarters of 1949; and for having won the handsome Rail Lines Traffic Safety Plaque, and, also, the handsome Rail Lines Passenger Safety Plaque, for the 3rd quarter of 1949.

That is something to cheer about! Len Barkley, Larry Staten, Tom Hutchings, Helen Sumrow, Walt Perry, and W. T. Russell, speaking in unison, said: "All of us at **THREE** are determined to retain the Trophy, and the Plaques, and to win all other Awards it is possible for us to win."

Supt. Al Grant's boys and girls at newly-formed **SEVEN** made such a truly remarkable few "blind" accidents record during the short time they participated in the 3rd quarter, that they were awarded 9400 very valuable Safety Points for their fine service.

C. W. Wiltgen, D. H. Getchel, R. A. Brown, Lucille D. Timms and K. R. Hanson said: "We speak for all at **SEVEN** when we say 'We are keen to win 1st Place in everything.'"

Supt. A. E. "Billy" Vejar and his boys and girls at **ONE** are happy because they won the handsome Bus Lines Traffic Safety Plaque for the 3rd quarter of 1949.

Frank Banna, George Frith, S. N. Duncan, Genevieve M. Miller, H. W. Morrissey, D. J. Brahan and J. E. Northrup said: "All of us are anxious to make **ONE** the A-1 Division in everything!"

Supt. P. E. "Pete" Snider and his boys at **TWO** were behind the "8 Ball" in the 2nd quarter, but, Oh! Boy! that was a "hot potato" to them, they dropped it, but quick, and won the handsome Bus Lines Passenger Safety Plaque for the 3rd quarter of 1949.

A. W. Atwood, J. P. Canino, L. A. Choka, J. E. Kresge, J. A. Hurzeler, A. B. Rohrbeck and E. E. Sanders said: "All the gang at **TWO** is anxious to be tops in everything!"

Supt. Al Grant and his lads and lassies at **SIX** were awarded the "8 Ball" for the 3rd quarter of 1949. Al said: "Okay! Okay! But just watch us from now on; we'll show how well we can do!"

C. Levy, L. N. Lutz, D. J. Barnhart, B. Kirk, Tom Lowry, Marie P. Linn and Lois Tibio led the chorus of: "So say all of us at **SIX**!"

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**I** WOULD like to extend Holiday Greetings to each and everyone. The splendid cooperation received during the past year was very much appreciated by all.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you and your families.

R. J. Corbett  
Superintendent Division Eight

The many friends of Dispatcher Leo O'Hare are glad to learn that Leo has returned home from hospital, and all look forward to his early recovery.

Joseph A. "Joe" Morris who gave thirty years fine platform service and is in his fifteenth year as one of Chief Supervisor Art Warren's staff of Flagmen, and his lovely wife, Katherine, recently spent a delightful vacation motoring around L. A. County.

William L. "Bill" Ross, another of Mr. Warren's staff, is bronzed and happy after a Fall vacation.

Instructor Fred Lockett and charming wife, Mary, spent a pleasant vacation motoring around L. A. County.

John Markano, a conductor at FIVE for many years, now a mechanic at 16th Street Garage, his attractive wife, Julia, and children, Joan, 15, and Richard, 12, recently motor toured to San Francisco and other northern points.

Fred Buhles, Fred Dennee and Len Shelley, three fine Old Timers, motored to Victoria, B. C., Lake Louise, Canadian Rockies, Saskatoon and Banff, Canada and return.

Jesse T. Hall, of ONE, recently enjoyed a motor trip and vacation to Santa Barbara and vicinity.

C. C. Cupp bought a new two-door Chevrolet sedan, and accompanied by his charming wife, Marie, and lovely daughter, Ada Marie, 12, motored to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station to visit their fine son, Billy, 2 CL. R.T.M., U.S.N. an Instructor at that station. They drove a total of 5600 miles, visiting Denver, St. Joseph, Edina, Kansas City, Needles, etc.

Ralph Parsons and his attractive wife, Lulu, both of FOUR, have been ill with the flu, but, fortunately, recovered in time to enjoy their Thanksgiving vacation.

A. J. "Sy" Seibert, of FIVE, missed his usual, always successful, deer hunt this Fall. At his fine mountain home ("Mountain Lodge" to high-hatters) on Sugar Loaf Mountain, near Bakersfield, "Sy" has many mounted antlers, trophies of his prowess as a huntsman, among them a 4-point, 26 inch spread, off a buck he killed near the Lodge, and one off a wild goat he killed on Catalina Island. Okay, "Sy," we'll expect that haunch of venison next Fall!

Carl Gutknecht, of SIX, who suffered a long illness, during which his charming wife, Alyce, was an excellent nurse, is now enjoying fine health.

T. J. Kelly, of FIVE, and lovely wife, Evelyn, recently spent a very enjoyable home vacation.

R. W. "Bob" Walton, also of FIVE, and his charming wife, Helen, recently enjoyed an "air vacation" via American Air Lines, flying to Chicago, to Niagara Falls, to New York City, to Washington D.C., to Los Angeles.

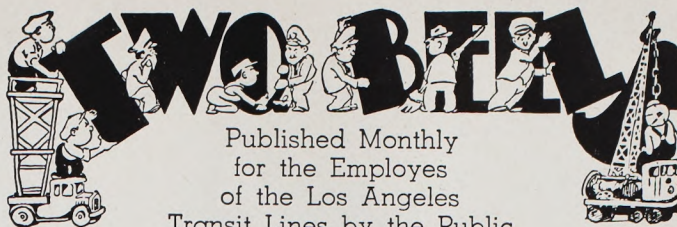
Roy "Bill" Teeter, of EIGHT, and his charming wife, Grace, enjoyed a very pleasant vacation, motoring to Sonora, Calif.; Reno, Nev.; Spokane, Wash.; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and Missoula and Anaconda, Montana, at which latter place they visited Grace's brother, Jerome Hamill, and his attractive wife, Myrtle. "Bill" said they visited or passed through practically every Western State.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**W**ITH the Holiday Season here, it is time to say a well deserved "Thank You" to all employes of Division Six for the very fine spirit of cooperation shown through a very busy 1949 during the opening and operation of our new Division Seven.

My able assistant Mr. V. J. Eulberg and office staff join in wishing you and yours the very Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year.

A. A. Grant  
Supt. Divisions Six and Seven



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## A Christmas Message From a Patron

(Editor's note: We are reprinting the following letter sent in by one of our patrons. This letter evidently was inspired by courtesy he received out on the lines, and it is only by such courtesy that this Christmas message was possible. We would like to thank all of you for making Mr. Reeves a friend of the Company.)

DEAR Sir:

This is the time of the year many people express their gratitude for all the good things they have had in the past.

Please accept my thanks for the many safe miles the Los Angeles Transit Lines has carried me in the past year.

Wishing all the Employes of the Los Angeles Transit Lines a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Very truly yours,  
Frank Reeves  
632 Manchester Terrace  
Inglewood, California



## CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS

...ess what Larry Allen Thompson and daddy, Charles  
...mpson, are discussing? Charles drives a coach at Three.  
...ow, His Honor, Mayor Fletcher Bowron, and Her Honor,  
...n Blair, of the Los Angeles Orphanage, press the button  
...ich lit the world's largest Christmas tree.  
...ht, the Marines have landed and the orphans have the  
...ation well in hand. The young lady with the coat is  
...n Whitfield of the Phil Harris radio show. This was part  
...the Pershing Square Tree Lighting ceremonies.

