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## ADVERTISING ON TRANSFERS AND ZONE CHECKS

Advertising displayed on the inside of transit vehicles addresses itself to a captive audience, held by the necessity of their travel. This applies also to the promotional use of space on means of passenger identification, such as transfers and zone checks. During the idle time while they are in the hands of passengers they can be looked over and read. On transfers, necessary information about the conditions of transfer use as well as about transfer points may be gleaned from them. Advertising messages on these means of identification have a reasonable chance of being absorbed.

It is not surprising, therefore, that advertising on transfers and also on certain types of zone checks has been in use for many years. When checking into this we have been surprised at the fact that, in quite a few cases, advertisers have continued the use of these media over long periods of time. Our readers may be interested in knowing a little more about this, so we have assembled some samples and information on the subject for this issue of our Globe Trotter.

#### **ADVERTISERS**

Who is most interested in advertising on transfers etc? We find quite logically that the

advertisers usually are local businesses. High among them appear Commercial and Savings Banks, as well as Savings and Loan Associations. Then we see Insurance Companies and Agencies, Drug Stores, Service Stations, Car Rental Services, Travel Agencies, Breweries and others.

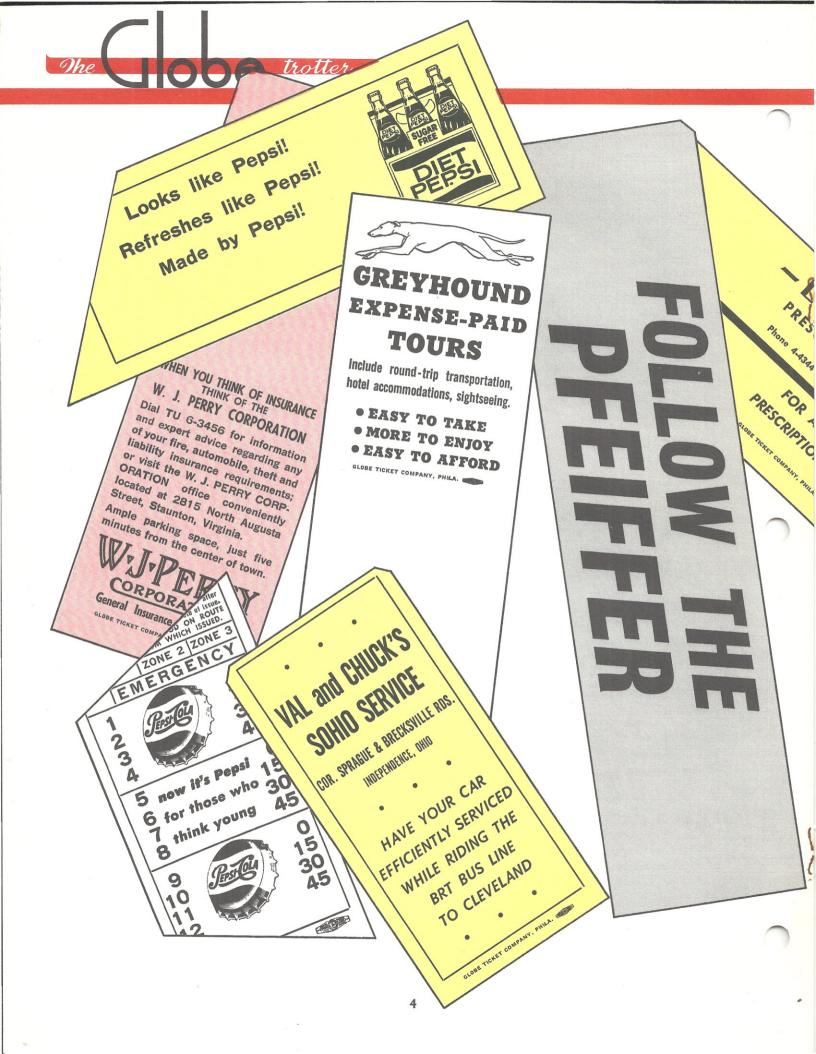
One might deduct from this that almost any type of business that deals with the local public may be found as advertiser.

Among the promotional messages that we have come across, some promote specific serv-









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The Bank With the Clock Where All the Buses Stop

- Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

AUTO BANK 60 Car Parking for Customer Convenience

Be Economical Pay Your Bills the Handy Check Way

OPEN YOUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT TODAY Save For The Future

All Types Of Loans AMERICAN NATIONAL'S INSTALLMENT LOAN DEPT.

Protect Your Valuables For a Penny a Day RENT A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

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Eau Claire's Most Convenient Bank

NATIONAL CITY BANK

Complete Banking Services At These Convenient Offices

A Front St. Opposite Triangle BEREA

Southland Shopping Center SOUTHLAND

Downtown Cleveland 623 Euclid Avenue MAIN OFFICE

Just Inside Terminal Tower TERMINAL SQUARE

There's An Office Near You GLOBE TICKET COMPANY, PHILA.

GLOBE TICKET COMPANY, PHILA.

Phone 353-4292 DECATUR TRANSFER & STORAGE, INC. Your ALLIED Agent

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Phone 353-9601 Rent A Truck or Car

Phone 353-8484 For Parcel Pick-Up and Bus Package Delivery BY YELLOW CAB

> GO BY BUS and Leave the Driving to Us LOCAL AND CHARTER SERVICE



ices, others are obviously designed as institutional approaches, essentially to keep the advertiser's name before the public.

But, when discussing advertising with transit companies we have often been told: "If the advertising on our transfers and zone checks has value for others, it should have at least as much value in the promotion of our transit business." And we find suitable space on transfers and other means of identification used by transit systems themselves, for various messages. They may promote public transit riding in general, through slogans, such as: Ride The Buses, Shop By Bus, Go By Bus, The Safest Way, or special services may be promoted, such as Chartered Service, Sunday or Special Tours, Race Track Service and so on. Again, special rules may be brought to the attention of passengers, such as "No Smoking" and others.

The decision by a transit company to use available space on its transfers and zone checks for its own promotional purposes is made easy by the fact that, in the case of transfers particularly, the reverse side often already carries some printing, mostly in the form of transfer rules and conditions. Added promotional matter then creates no additional expense, beyond a one-time expenditure for

printing plates. Even where previously no printing appeared on the back of the form, the additional cost of printing on this side amounts only to a few cents for each one thousand messages thus placed into the hands of the riding public.

We have also come across instances where products or services were advertised on transfers for the benefit of other businesses owned by transit companies or themselves controlling transit systems.

#### **HOW LONG?**

Looking into continuity of the advertising arrangements we were told in one instance that advertisers seem to change rather often, making it necessary to find new ones. But, in the majority of cases the agreements appear to extend over medium and long periods of time, from 4 years to 6, 10 and 15 years.

#### COST TO ADVERTISERS

There seems to be a good deal of variation in the price charged to advertisers for the use of space on transfers and other identification forms. In some cases we find 50% of the entire transfer cost being paid by the advertiser. In



one case, in a small to medium sized city, the advertiser contributes \$15.00 per month which, we are told, covers about 75% of the total transfer cost. In other instances again we find the advertiser paying the full cost of the transfers.

#### WHERE ON TRANSFER OR ZONE CHECK?

Occasionally we find advertising messages on the face of the transfer, but such promotions appear more commonly on the back, either by themselves or in company with transfer conditions.

Where transfers with time tear-off are used, the length of the transfer and the space on the back varies, of course, depending on the length of the tear-off. This is counteracted, as a rule, by the use of the permanent portion of the back alone, where that is not taken up by other printing, or by repetitive or spot messages, of which one or several at least will always remain visible, regardless of the length of the time tear-off. Such messages may appear somewhat like this:

CITY NATIONAL BANK

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or like this, with the name of the bank appearing on that portion of the transfer not torn off by time cutting:

FOR INSURED SAVINGS

FOR HIGH INTEREST

FOR AUTO LOANS

FOR MORTGAGES

CITY NATIONAL BANK

The manner in which transfers and certain types of zone checks are printed makes it easy to change the advertising message, when needed.

#### **REACTIONS**

The reactions of advertisers to their use of these media run the gamut from "doubtful" to "satisfactory", to "very happy" and even "extremely favorable". Perhaps the value to be placed on this means of promotion can be gauged from the trend of these reactions plus consideration of the continuity of its use by individual advertisers.







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restaurants



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