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## Annual Report Released

### Slight Increase In Earnings—President Lauds Loyal Co-operation of Organization

The twenty-sixth annual report of the Chicago Surface Lines was issued on March 7. The report opened with a summary of operating results and concluded with a statement by Guy A. Richardson, president, expressing his appreciation for the loyal co-operation of the entire Surface Lines organization throughout the year.

"Despite franchise uncertainties and operating difficulties, the organization continued to concentrate its efforts on maintaining service and equipment at a high standard," he said.

The summary of the results of operation in the fiscal year ended January 31, 1940, showed that there was a small increase in earnings for the period. The system carried 679,140,613 revenue passengers, an increase of 2,881,869 over the previous year.

#### Shows Small Gain

"Surface Lines business," said the report, "took an upturn in the second quarter of the year, following an extended period of declining revenues. Between August, 1937, and April, 1939, revenues each month had been below the corresponding month of the preceding year. Beginning with last May, however, revenues in each month, with the exception of December, showed a gain over the comparable period of the previous year. Mild weather and dry streets during December encouraged the use of private automobiles, which had an adverse effect on Surface Lines patronage. Sunday and holiday riding fell off during the year, but there was a gain in week-day traffic.

"A considerable improvement in employment in the Chicago area was reported but riding did not grow correspondingly, and it was evident that private automobile use continued as a major competitive factor."

Gross earnings for the year were \$46,300,473, an increase of \$84,254 over the previous 12 months. Operating expenses and taxes totaled \$42,622,628, or a decrease of \$64,212. The balance remaining after expenses and taxes was \$3,677,845, a gain of \$148,466 over the preceding year.

#### Insurance Benefits Paid

Discussing insurance and relief activities during the year the report said, "The Surface Lines has paid premiums on life, health and disability insurance policies for employees since February 1, 1928, and during the 12-year period

employees or their beneficiaries have received \$4,872,003 in benefits.

"At the end of the year a total of \$15,615,000 life insurance was in force protecting each of the 15,615 employees with \$1,000 policies. Of that number 14,852 employees were also protected by health and disability insurance policies.

"Donations by employees to the Community Fund of Chicago amounted to \$51,381. Employee subscriptions to the Community Fund for the coming year are estimated at \$43,000.

"The relief fund contributed by employees was continued during the year and \$156,780 was disbursed to needy fellow employees.

"Since December, 1930, relief contributions by employees have reached a total of \$1,930,706. Of this sum \$1,416,962 has been applied to aid fellow employees suffering from protracted illness or other physical disability, and \$499,663 has been distributed to responsible outside agencies for general relief."

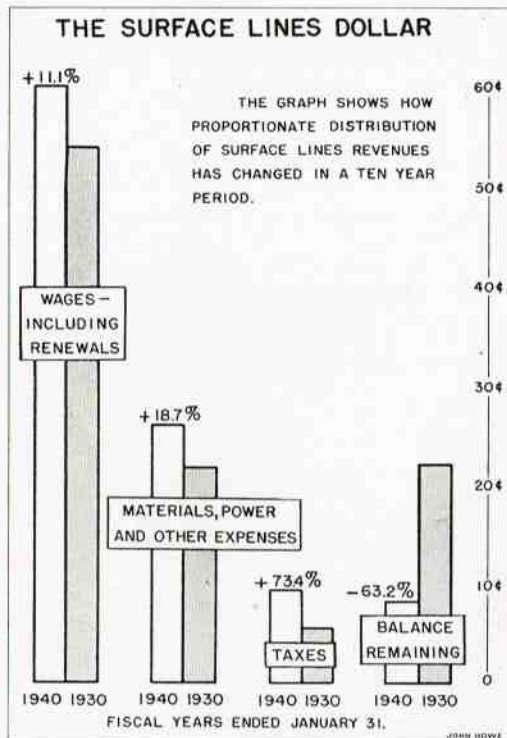
#### Men Re-hired

A total of 206 men were re-hired during the year. They were recalled from the group of 516 extra conductors and motormen laid off in the spring of 1938. Previously 77 of the 516 men had been recalled.

Federal and state social security taxes, according to the report, totaled \$1,096,769 for the year. In addition to this sum, Surface Lines employees were required to pay \$272,595 for old-age insurance.

"Approximately 60 cents of every dollar collected by the Surface Lines was disbursed as wages," the report continued. "Competent surveys show that American manufacturers, on the average, expend less than 20 per cent of their revenues in pay rolls. While social security taxes amount to about 2.4 per cent of gross revenues of the Surface Lines, these taxes take less than one per cent of the revenues of the average industrial concern."

The report contains a table of public burdens absorbed by the Surface Lines. Since February 1, 1931, these burdens, exclusive of general taxes, totaled \$29,930,934. In the last fiscal year alone the total was \$3,263,799. The most important items in the tabulation are paving costs, expense of removing snow and ice and cleaning streets, and free transportation to City employees.



### Huge Sums for Pay Rolls

The above graph, prepared from Surface Lines financial statistics, shows how revenues were distributed in the latest fiscal year compared with ten years ago. Wages last year amounted to approximately 60 cents of each dollar collected. Wages and other operating expenses and taxes combined took more than 92 cents of each dollar, leaving less than 8 cents for all other charges, including bond interest. The graph shows how the proportion of revenues going for taxes, wages, materials and power and other expenses has increased in ten years, while the balance remaining has declined.

The magnitude of the Surface Lines business is shown in a compilation of operating results for the receivership period from December 16, 1926, to January 31, 1940. In this period the receipts of the company totaled \$681,636,500. Of this amount \$375,242,100 was disbursed as pay rolls. Taxes took \$47,053,500, power purchases amounted to \$65,145,900, and materials and supplies cost \$28,974,800. Bond interest in the period amounted to \$55,308,300. Employee insurance, payments to the City of Chicago, replacements and general and miscellaneous expenses brought total expenditures to \$647,773,800. Substantially all of the balance of \$33,862,700 was applied to payments of principal on first mortgage bonds and capital additions and betterments.

A considerable portion of the report was given over to a discussion of the safety record on the system. The comment on accident prevention will be discussed at greater length in the April issue of SURFACE SERVICE MAGAZINE.

Rum-runner: "Them's the chief's orders. Slow your truck down to eight miles an hour and let the stuff age!"

## SOUND CRITICISM!

### Patron Can't Be Blamed For This "Pet Peeve"

"Times Talkies," an inquiring reporter type of column, recently asked "Have you a pet peeve? If so, what is it?"

The newspaper reported a sound criticism attributed to Gertrude Toskey, 373 North Kildare avenue. Her pet peeve, which minced no words, follows:

"Yes! I have a pet peeve! The motormen on street cars who chew big, juicy wads of tobacco and spit out the doors. To me there's nothing more vulgar or revolting to see than that. And I see it almost every day on the way to and from work. It wouldn't be so bad if they were good shots, which, no doubt, their grandfathers were. But they can't even hit the doorway half the time. Consequently there's tobacco juice all over the front platforms and doors."

The Transportation Department reports that a similar criticism could be directed at conductors on the back end of some cars.

The Rule Book under "Personal Habits," page 10, says: "The following acts are not permissible:

"(e) Smoking or chewing tobacco while on duty, or on the company's premises, except in places designated for that purpose, and,

"(g) Spitting on the floor or any other part of the car or bus or from the car or bus while it is in service."

## THE FRONT COVER

The front cover of this issue, appropriately enough, honors the "Grand Old Man" of the Transportation Department, Stationmaster Edward L. Maguire of Blue Island, the oldest active man in point of service in the transportation ranks.

Mr. Maguire's service dates back to March 15, 1880, so this month he completes 60 full years of active service with the Chicago Surface Lines and predecessor companies.

There is a lot one could write about the "Grand Old Man" but it was all summed up rather well several years ago by a radio announcer who conducted an interview with Maguire with this word picture of his subject:

"Mr. Maguire would be a perfect example of growing old gracefully except for the fact that to all appearances, he has not yet started to age. His hair and mustache are snow white, but his face is ruddy and his eyes are blue and bright. He stands his full five feet, six inches, and walks with the vigorous swing of a man of 25 or 30 . . . and at 81 he holds down a real, man-sized job. He was appointed to his present position in 1920, and he carries on today, the oldest active man in the transportation service, in charge of transportation in his Blue Island division."

# Courtesy Record Improves!

## Complaint List Finally Shows Decrease—More Commendatory Letters Received

For the first time in many months, the courtesy record of Surface Lines trainmen shows evidence of improvement. Although the drop in complaints shown in the February figures is slight, it is nevertheless in contrast to the many increases that have shown up in preceding months. During the month just past there were 546 complaints as against 572 during the same month of 1939. In a comparison of the same periods there were 46 commendations this year as against 40 during February, 1939.

In spite of the reduction in the total number of complaints, there were more complaints for passing up passengers than during February, 1939. There was also an increase in the complaints concerning transfers. Decreases were registered in the discourtesy and service classifications.

### Like Neat Appearance

Running through the list of commendations for February it was clearly seen that passengers appreciate being served by neat, clean appearing trainmen. "It is unfortunate," said one patron, "that I can't conscientiously commend your men on their appearance. So few of them seem to realize the importance of being neatly dressed, clean shaven, and, above all, clean!"

One of those who did earn praise was Conductor Hagen Paulsen, badge No. 7830 of North Avenue, whose neat appearance was praised by J. H. Reynerton, 1525 North Keeler avenue.

The helping hand that Motorman Paul Martensen, badge No. 1471 of Cottage Grove, extended to a blind man was observed by C. B. Watson, 6130 Cottage Grove avenue, who commended his actions.

Two Cottage Grove conductors, John E. Peterson, badge No. 4272, and Charles R. Hernon, badge No. 8380, were praised for the courtesy and care they showed passengers. The commendation was sent by G. W. Lambert, 649 East 41st street, who said he knew good conductors when he saw them, for he has traveled all over this continent.

Courtesies shown by Operator Arthur H. Feltz, badge No. 12104 of Seventy-seventh, won an appreciative letter from Mrs. Walter Bloch, 7018 Cregier avenue.

For calling streets well, Conductor Edward F. McCabe, badge No. 11916 of Seventy-seventh, won the praise of Irene J. Wood, 7404 Ingleside avenue.

Motorman Joseph Miller, badge No. 1727 of Seventy-seventh, was praised in a letter from Charles F. Duffett, 6921 Prairie avenue.

### Purse Returned

Fred Kloese sent thanks and a \$2 reward to Conductor Joseph J. Powicki, badge No. 13728 of Sixty-ninth, who found and returned a purse lost by Mr. Kloese's daughter, Marjorie.

Motorman Frank H. Reif, badge No. 2783 of Archer, was commended for the helpfulness he extended to an elderly passenger. The praise was contained in a letter from F. J. Flinkman, 1551 North Pulaski Road.

Two Lawndale conductors were commended for courteous acts in a letter sent by Robert Anderson, 30 North Karlov avenue, whose praise was for Albert Kozak, badge No. 7348, and Thomas Cummane, badge No. 4882.

"I could not help but notice the courteous and efficient way he serves your company and the public," said Hattie A. Meyers, 368 North Hamlin avenue, in her letter commending Conductor Harold V. Quirk,

badge No. 9490 of Kedzie.

### Little Courtesies Important

"Little courtesies mean so much," said Mrs. Frank O'Brien, 3912 North Clark street, in speaking favorably of the actions of Motorman Samuel Younglove, badge No. 1749 of Division.

Conductor Emmet P. Kane, badge No. 4760 of Elston, was lauded for the assistance he gave a small child, in a commendation from J. F. Hohenadel, 1926 Webster avenue.

"He went out of his way to help the patrons, willingly giving information and showing unusual care, I thought, in seeing that each passenger was safely on or off before giving the starting signal." Such was the appraisal of Ida J. Saltnes, 4656 Beacon street, in commending Conductor James C. Stafford, badge No. 8792 of Devon.

Conductor Joseph P. J. Ryan, badge No. 9368 of Burnside, was commended for the return of a purse belonging to Miss Clara Carlson, 4901

### TROLLEY SPARKS



"Y'know, Mike, sometimes I think you miss a lot in life by being a welder!"

Greenwood avenue.

For assisting a blind man to the sidewalk Conductor Michael J. Regan, badge No. 870 of Sixty-ninth, was praised by Naomi Schrage, 2435 Walnut street, Blue Island, who observed his courtesy.

Jean C. Docherty, 11330 Wentworth avenue, wrote with praise for Conductor Anthony J. Bruchauer, badge No. 2836 of Seventy-seventh, who held his car to allow her to board.

Conductor William H. Coleman, badge No. 11584 of Devon, was termed "courteous and solicitous" in a commendation from A. O. Cedergren, 6231 North Maplewood avenue.

Numerous commendable qualities were credited to Conductor Carl M. Timm, badge No. 12596 of Devon, in a letter from Margaret Kelly, 841 Barry avenue.

#### Fare Repaid

In a similar case Mrs. Mae Ignatius, 1021 North Ridgeway avenue, returned a fare advanced her by Conductor Joseph N. Coury, badge No. 6170 of Kedzie.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baier, 5520 Broadway, wrote to commend the many helpful courtesies extended her by Conductor Michael Sheridan, badge No. 6826 of Devon.

Sincere appreciation for help given by Conductor Nicholas Werkmeister, badge No. 6964 of North Avenue, was expressed by Mrs. Richard Vander Ley, 10562 Edbrooke avenue.

An implied tribute to the importance of street cars and the Chicago Surface Lines was contained in the commendation of Gene Peisner, 12607 Greenwood, Blue Island, Illinois, who said, "Your conductor No. 7002 (James F. Garry of Division) was very kind and exceedingly helpful when he allowed me to ride the usual and necessary street car after I had left home without any money." Mr. Peisner enclosed the fare to repay Conductor Garry.

#### "Helpful and Considerate"

"It is a pleasure to observe one who is interested in being helpful and considerate to the passengers in this busy city of ours," said Mrs. H. A. Pfiffner, 2130 North Oakley avenue, in a commendation directed to the credit of Conductor Joseph P. O'Donnell, badge No. 7890 of Kedzie.

An out-of-town visitor, Miss V. Chepuran, Argo, Illinois, was impressed by courtesies extended and wrote with praise for the commendable actions of Conductor George W. Nelson, badge No. 7960 of Sixty-ninth.

A mother's thanks for care shown her small daughters was sent to Motorman Walter E. Yost, badge No. 9017, and Conductor Bernard E. Ekstrom, badge No. 6116, both of Archer, by Mrs. Helen Derenski, 3540 Lake Park avenue. She remarked that she had feared to send her children to school, but that she no longer worries since observing the care that is shown the youngsters each time they travel on the street car.

"His courtesy to each passenger was marked," said Marie Spears, 1140 North LaSalle street, in a commendation for Conductor Harold V. Quirk, badge No. 9490 of Kedzie.

A good crew "made sightseeing in Chicago a real pleasure," said Mr. and Mrs. Henry Erzigkeit, 409 Second street, S. W., Canton, Ohio, in praising Conductor Judson Dilworth, badge No. 9598, and Motorman Otto H. R. Hildebrandt, both of Devon.



Mr. and Mrs. William Rees

### GOLDEN WEDDING

#### Celebrate 50 Years of Married Life

Fifty years of married life ought to prove something. Motorman and Mrs. William S. Rees, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary March 2, say that it does. For one thing, says the Seventy-seventh depot motorman, it proves there is no finer institution than marriage, and, on his record he has post-graduate authority for saying so.

It all started quite simply. The boy from Gnadenuhthen, Ohio, met the girl from Higginsville, Missouri. They agreed and have been doing so over a long span of years. Seven children, 10 grand-children and one great grandchild helped them commemorate the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

In their own right the heirs of Motorman and Mrs. Rees seem to have profited by the example of their parents. All seven children are married and two daughters are soon to celebrate silver wedding anniversaries of their own.

"Gold or silver or tin or brass," said Mr. Rees, "it all adds up to the same thing. Marriage is only what you make it. If you make up your mind to get along, the years will take care of themselves."

In 45 years of service Motorman Rees has managed to accumulate a wealth of modest philosophy about work and about life as well. "The right way is the easiest and the best way," he said. "A good deal of friction and trouble is eliminated by patience and common sense."

Celebrating his 74th birthday on the same day as his wedding anniversary, Motorman Rees has reason to believe his record proves there is no complicated formula about it all. For long life, for happy marriage, for work—he believes there should be "Moderation in everything."

Ad in English newspaper: "He's probably dead now, but if not, I should like the motorcyclist who cut in between my car and a coach near Pothill on Sunday to know that his survival owes nothing to my good wishes."

The aviator instructor, having delivered a lecture on parachute work, concluded: "And if it doesn't open—well, gentlemen, that's what is known as jumping to a conclusion."

# Ten Years of Trolley Buses

## Trolley Buses Prove Worth On Routes of Intermediate Density

Next April 17 will mark the tenth anniversary of trolley bus operation in Chicago. Since the first 79 buses were purchased in 1930 the results have been so uniformly satisfactory that the system has almost doubled in size, with 152 trolley buses now operating over approximately 50 single-way miles.

Had there been any doubt of the trolley buses' worth, some figures for the calendar year of 1939 might dispell such impressions. During 1939 the trolley buses of the system operated over approximately 4,500,000 revenue miles and carried 17,484,551 revenue passengers, 2.58 per cent of the total revenue passengers of the Surface Lines.

In commenting on trolley bus operation Staff Engineer E. J. McIlraith said, "The outstanding feature during our 10 year experience with trolley buses is their superior performance over any type of local transportation vehicle other than street cars running on steel rails."

### "Very Pleasing"

"This," said Mr. McIlraith, "applies to starting, stopping, heating, lighting, ventilation, comfort for passengers, ease of maintenance, and cost of operation when considered in relation to density. That has been our experience notwithstanding the great advances that have been made in modernization of every type of transit equipment. The result confirms our original view in 1930, and that, of course, is very pleasing. Similar experiences elsewhere no doubt account for the rising popularity of trolley buses."

In a speech before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers a few years ago Mr. McIlraith said: "There is no single (transportation) unit that should be universally used, even in a single city, except, perhaps, in cities of very small size."

### Each Has Its Place

Surface Lines officials have always expressed the conviction that each type of transit vehicle has its place in an integrated surface system. In order of their importance the preference is for:

1. Street cars
2. Trolley buses
3. Gasoline buses

The trolley bus, as indicated by its position

on the above list, is the preferred type for handling traffic of intermediate density. Engineers can show conclusive figures to prove no surface vehicle can compare with the efficiency of the street cars in heavily traveled areas. There is a point at which the traffic lightens enough so that the trolley bus is the most efficient vehicle both from the standpoint of the company and the riding public. This is an area which engineers refer to as being of intermediate density, not heavy enough to warrant tracks and street cars but still too heavy to be properly and efficiently served by gasoline buses. The gas buses, as is apparent, are regarded primarily as feeders for the heavier trunk lines and for travel in sparsely populated areas.

The first of the Chicago trolley buses were placed in service on Diversey avenue on April 17, 1930. At present there are five other trolley bus lines in the city, four of which were started in 1930 and the other in 1931. All of them operate in the northwest section of the city, an area that was built up extensively in the 1920's.

### Central Avenue Busiest

Of the trolley lines of the system, the Central avenue route is most interesting to visiting transit executives. That line, approximately 15 miles long, is seven miles from the central business district. The line carries more than 50,000 passengers a day and during rush hours the buses are spaced from 30 to 45 seconds apart.

The same type of maintenance personnel that takes care of the Madison street P. C. C. cars and other street cars is used to keep the trolley buses in condition.

"Maintenance of a trolley bus," according to Mr. McIlraith, "is fairly simple, very much like that of the P. C. C. cars. We haven't had to bring in and train any new mechanics. It has been more a matter of organizing and adapting the routine. Some men specialize on

motors, others on bodies, seats, doors, brakes, etc. As a result they have given us efficiency and economy."

There's the record of 10 years of trolley bus service in Chicago—and a hint of more trolley bus operation in years to come.

10 Years of Surface Lines Trolley Bus Traffic

Year	Trolley Bus		Total		Per cent Trolley Bus Revenue to Passengers of System
	Passengers Including Transfers	Trolley Bus Revenue Passengers	Total Revenue Passengers of System	Per cent Trolley Bus Revenue Passengers to Total	
1930	12,922,000*	6,460,500*	821,166,771	0.78	
1931	26,410,000	13,205,000	739,903,324	1.78	
1932	26,666,000	13,333,000	641,101,119	2.06	
1933	27,711,000	13,855,500	645,576,749	2.14	
1934	30,396,000	15,198,000	676,906,698	2.24	
1935	32,850,000	16,425,000	667,822,313†	2.46	
1936	39,189,000	19,594,500	720,221,414†	2.72	
1937**	38,252,000	19,126,000	723,866,572†	2.64	
1938	34,892,000	17,446,000	678,677,016†	2.57	
1939	34,969,000	17,484,500	676,334,797†	2.58	

\* April 17 to Dec. 31, 1930.

† Includes interline transfers between elevated and surface.

\*\* Kimball avenue trolley bus replaced by gas bus June 30, 1937, when route was extended to Logan Square.

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## EXPLANATION

It is customary in publishing a monthly magazine to number each issue in consecutive order through 12. A new volume is then begun. This issue is No. 12 of Volume 16. It is significant that issue No. 12 of every volume—the last issue—pays tribute to the veterans of the system who have served for 40 years or more.

If pressed for an explanation we could say—with truth and with pleasure—that we saved the best for the last!

## FOR SELFISH REASONS

"I took good care of him because I didn't want to write out any accident reports!"

A conductor was talking and his statement made us pause. His comment had been made as an explanation for the unusual care he shows most of his passengers.

"Old or infirm, drunk or sober, I take good care of 'em," he said. "I don't want to put in my time writing accident reports."

Men have various reasons for various actions. Some "take good care of 'em" because they realize the enormous economic waste involved in every accident. They practice accident prevention in a sincere desire to avoid that waste and to avoid hurting people. Others practice accident prevention because they don't want to be bothered by having to write accidents reports.

Whatever their reasons, both are conscious of the hazards of operation. Their awareness of these hazards tends to prevent accidents—to reduce the total of even the minor

misshaps.

The conductor, motorman or operator may avoid accidents for purely humanitarian reasons. Or, just as logically, he may avoid accidents for purely selfish reasons—like our friend who "doesn't want to write out any accident reports."

The results are the same—accidents are reduced!

## EFFICIENCY PLUS

Because the Transportation Department is numerically larger and because the men in this division are the ones who actually bring in the revenue, we are sometimes inclined to consider them all-important.

Just for a change we want to suggest a few cheers and a "hats off" for the Track Department. Granted the men on the cars and buses have their difficulties, we're continually amazed that the track men can operate efficiently under the difficult conditions in which they have to work.

Take all the traffic trials that beset the transportation men and then reflect that the track men have a lot of these trials—plus street cars!

We recall a recent time when the track men were out in force on north State street—about the "hottest" stretch of track in the city. Street cars went rolling along there in almost never-ending lines. Even during the off-peak hours there were surprisingly short intervals between the cars. The track men, it seemed, would just get a good start on their work when they'd have to step aside to let another street car go by. In spite of interruptions by street cars and automobiles they somehow managed to do a mighty efficient job in a surprisingly short space of time.

That's typical of them wherever they operate. They duck out from in front of street cars, dodge trucks and trailers, bicyclists, and even horse-drawn vehicles. They toil through the blistering heat of summer days and through the dark hours of cold winter nights so the street cars can operate smoothly, swiftly and economically over well-laid tracks.

Shouldn't they get cheers for efficiency plus?



# Honor Veterans in Service

Records Show 531 Employees Have Served 40 Years or More—  
3,916 With More Than 25 Years Service

Though Death made its inroads in the Veterans' Honor Roll of employees who have served with the Chicago Surface Lines or predecessor companies for 40 years or more, there were enough "young fellows" coming up to add 25 new names to the list. The total of 531 employees in service 40 years or more establishes a new high mark.

The March issue of SURFACE SERVICE MAGAZINE, traditionally set aside as the Veterans' Honor Roll Issue, features nine of the employees who are the oldest in point of active service on the front and inside cover. Although there are others who have longer service records, they are no longer active.

Considering all employees, active and inactive, Daniel F. Mackey, Financial Department, continues to lead the lists as the oldest employe in point of service. Mr. Mackey, though no longer working, began his street car career in 1872 and has thus been in service for 67 years.

## Van Horn "Oldest Active"

Closely following Mackey in point of service is L. G. ("Gus") Van Horn, also of the Financial Department, who started his work in 1874. On the basis of active service, Mr. Van Horn rates at the top of the list for he reports regularly at his job at the South Shops to complete his 66th working year.

Stationmaster Edward L. Maguire, the "Grand Old Man" of Blue Island depot is the oldest active employe in point of service in the Transportation Department, although Ola A. Ohlson, inactive for several years, leads that department from a seniority standpoint. Mr. Maguire began his service in 1880, so outranks all active Transportation Department employes.

## 3,916 Served More Than 25 Years

Surface Lines records show that as of February 1, 1940, aside from the Veterans' Honor Roll listed below, there are 586 employes who have had from 35 to 40 years' continuous service. Other groupings show that 1,387 have served between 30 and 35 years, 1,412 from 25 to 30 years and a grand total of 3,916 employes who have served continuously for more than 25 years.

Following is the complete Veterans' Honor Roll of those in service 40 years or more, arranged on the basis of seniority in the various departments, and the date when their service began. In cases where a number of employes entered the service in the same year, the names are arranged alphabetically for that year.

### FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

Mackey, D. F.	1872	Jacobson August	1895
Van Horn, L. G.	1874	Byrne, H. K.	1897
Beatty, J. J.	1889	Abbott, William	1898
Ball, E. W.	1891	Orde, M. B.	1899
Morton, M. V.	1891		

### ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

Jones, William	1892	Sebraska, William	1895
Rowe, Frank	1892	Barrett, Daniel	1897
Stiglich, John	1892	Ohman, Oscar	1897
Griffin, Patrick	1893	White, William	1898
Schwertfeger, Charles	1895	Sorenson, Arnt	1899

### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Pouland, Frank	1879	Chambers, C. C.	1893
Mercier, George	1881	Milos, Jarob	1893
Urry, William	1881	Nelson, Theodore	1893
Stiglich, Frank	1881	Iostrom, John	1894
O'Connell, Michael	1885	Casey, John	1895
O'Donnell, William	1885	Lirney, Joseph	1896
Cox, Matthew	1886	Derich, Larry	1895
Johnson, Charles	1885	Peterson, Frank	1895
McQuinn, Michael	1887	Ciancola, Emil D.	1897
Milos, John	1887	Kokovich, Samuel	1897
Osmundson, John	1888	Anger, F. W.	1898
Dunn, James	1889	Gerk, John	1898
Blakely, Thomas	1890	Marino, Louis	1898
Harrington, W. J.	1890	Ruzich, Leo	1898
Smith, Edward	1890	Hoare, Patrick	1899
Nelson, Matt	1891	Janke, Nathaniel	1899
Sepich, Joseph	1891	Markovich, Andrew	1899
Dillon, Dennis	1892		

### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Triplitt, C. J.	1893	Morgan, E. H.	1897
Vaughan, Mary	1895		

### LEGAL AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Rood, Charles	1881	Vong, Gust	1893
Wilson, Andrew J.	1890	Holton, W. O.	1897
Guilliams, C. W.	1892	Stenning, C. E.	1897
Schafrank, Frank J.	1892	Bodenstedt, Carl	1899
Henderson, W. J.	1893		

### SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT

Anderson, John	1882	Oschatz, Bernard	1893
Carlson, Frank	1882	Goering, William	1894
Hansen, Hakon	1882	Grassick, J. D.	1894
Quinn, Thomas	1882	Hahn, Christ	1894
Martin, Fred	1884	Bolton, J. L.	1895
Folkoske, Matt	1885	Boshold, August	1895
Guy, James	1886	Gaida, Herman	1895
Kaufmann, Jacob	1886	Abel, Frank	1896
Lund, August	1886	Farrow, William	1896
LaPierre, Elmer	1887	Forty, Joseph	1896
Rowley, John	1889	McMahon, John	1896
Anderson, Edwin	1890	Wolf, Fred	1896
Meyers, F. W.	1891	Keyser, Samuel	1897
Flynn, Bernard	1892	Carlson, John	1898
O'Shea, William	1892	Johnson, Harry	1898
Peterson, Albert	1892	Olsen, Emanuel	1898
Chamberlin, George	1893	Erdmann, Carl	1899
Colson, Elmer	1893	Huth, William	1899
Conrad, Louis	1893	Sake, John	1899
Meyer, Simon	1893		

### TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Ohlson, Ola A.	1879	Reynolds, Patrick	1887
Maguire, Edward L.	1880	Ahern, E. W.	1888
Moriarty, John	1881	Berg, William	1888
Foley, Patrick H.	1882	Bradley, Patrick	1888
McCann, Patrick	1882	Cadogan, A. E.	1888
Johnston, John	1883	Fosson, Henry	1888
Keenney, Terence	1883	Freed, August	1888
Zimmerman, George	1883	Goodinson, W. H.	1888
Hennessey, Michael	1884	Griffin, James	1888
Horrigan, James J.	1884	Handley, John P.	1888
McCarthy, James T.	1884	Keester, James H.	1888
Cronin, Benjamin	1885	Linden, Joseph	1888
Enerson, John B.	1885	Nelson, Nels	1888
Fuller, Varion J.	1885	Pohlman, W. M.	1888
McGinity, Peter	1885	Powell, Walter	1888
Murphy, Patrick	1885	Rotchford, James S.	1888
Sorenson, Sam	1885	Shaw, John	1888
Storey, W. J.	1885	Smith, John H.	1888
Watson, William	1885	Bostak, Sam M.	1889
Watson, William J.	1885	Brennan, John	1889
Zeches, Peter	1885	Crowley, Dennis	1889
Boos, Claude	1886	Dougherty, James	1889
Eichhorn, H. H.	1886	Durkin, Thomas	1889
Hansen, Max B.	1886	Enright, Dennis	1889
Hennessey, David	1886	Grady, John	1889
O'Brien, Michael	1886	Pinchings, Richard	1889
Smith, Nigh L.	1886	King, Thomas	1889
Coleman, Patrick	1887	Krygsman, Harry	1889
Croat, Michael M.	1887	Longtin, Samuel	1889
Lyster, George	1887	Noble, Walter H.	1889
Matthews, Lee M.	1887	Olson, August	1889
Miles, Michael	1887	Ray, Michael	1889
Nelson, Peter	1887	Roville, Fred	1889
Quinn, Michael B.	1887		

Rump, William.....1889  
 Sheridan, James.....1889

## 1890

Andreasen, Frands.....1890  
 Benson, August.....1890  
 Briese, Gustav.....1890  
 Carney, John.....1890  
 Collins, William.....1890  
 Dahlen, Gustaf W.....1890  
 Delea, John.....1890  
 Doyle, John J.....1890  
 Hellmers, William J.....1890  
 Johnson, Olaf.....1890  
 Lane, James.....1890  
 Lantz, Edward M.....1890  
 Lawrence, Martin.....1890  
 Lusk, Edwin J.....1890  
 Lysaght, Patrick.....1890  
 Mackain, Frank.....1890  
 Maloney, W. J.....1890  
 McGuinness, Peter.....1890  
 McKeil, Charles H.....1890  
 Schultz, Henry C.....1890  
 Snyder, William H.....1890  
 Strobeck, Charles A.....1890  
 Suhr, Herman W.....1890  
 Sutherland, James E.....1890  
 Walsh, Maurice.....1890

## 1891

Allen, Edward.....1891  
 Burchill, John.....1891  
 Christensen, K. E.....1891  
 Gerard, Eli S.....1891  
 Gloede, Albert H.....1891  
 Hankins, Edward H.....1891  
 Hinkle, Fred.....1891  
 Hunt, Timothy.....1891  
 Kavanaugh, Thomas.....1891  
 Kehoe, James.....1891  
 Kinney, Edwin L.....1891  
 Kleppin, John F.....1891  
 Larson, Gustav.....1891  
 Madsen, Adolph H.....1891  
 McCurdy, James.....1891  
 McMahon, John M.....1891  
 Montgomery, James.....1891  
 Moore, Myron F.....1891  
 O'Connell, James.....1891  
 Ohlsen, Peter.....1891  
 Remer, Charles O.....1891  
 Waters, Patrick F.....1891  
 Williamson, August.....1891

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Bartholmey, Harry.....1892  
 Bowles, D. F.....1892  
 Callahan, John.....1892  
 Campbell, Thaddeus.....1892  
 Cassidy, Thomas.....1892  
 Cloonan, Bernard.....1892  
 Clutts, John W.....1892  
 Henderson, Charles E.....1892  
 Johnson, Gust.....1892  
 Kirkwood, Edward R.....1892  
 Koth, Godfrey.....1892  
 Krygsman, John.....1892  
 Kuntz, Fred E.....1892  
 LaSalle, Leon L.....1892  
 Lavelle, Patrick.....1892  
 Longquist, Carl O.....1892  
 McCutcheon, James.....1892  
 Neitzel, Herman.....1892  
 Olson, John.....1892  
 Pauley, Henry.....1892  
 Purdon, Henry M.....1892  
 Reed, James W.....1892  
 Reid, David J.....1892  
 Roll, Bernard O.....1892  
 Ross, Andrew.....1892  
 Ryder, Edward.....1892  
 Sherman, James.....1892  
 Simon, John.....1892  
 Sims, George.....1892  
 Snider, John.....1892  
 Vorkahl, Henry C.....1892

## 1893

Aye, Alexander.....1893  
 Bessette, W. A.....1893  
 Boyer, C. M.....1893  
 Broderson, Fred.....1893

Callard, C. H.....1893  
 Carroll, John C.....1893  
 Copithorn, John D.....1893  
 Corrigan, Thomas.....1893  
 Cotton, Leslie E.....1893  
 Cronin, John A.....1893  
 Cunningham, Hugh.....1893  
 Curran, Patrick.....1893  
 Dewick, Charles B.....1893  
 Duggan, Martin.....1893  
 Dunkle, John.....1893  
 Erickson, Fred.....1893  
 Fuchs, James.....1893  
 Geller, Martin.....1893  
 Gildea, Daniel.....1893  
 Johnson, William.....1893  
 Goorsky, John.....1893  
 Graham, Alexander R.....1893  
 Grice, Isaac.....1893  
 Haggerty, Patrick.....1893  
 Halvorsen, Andrew.....1893  
 Hays, Robert L.....1893  
 Hempy, Elmer E.....1893  
 Jones, William F.....1893  
 Kleidon, John.....1893  
 Larson, Ben.....1893  
 Larson, Swan.....1893  
 Lester, William.....1893  
 Lundberg, Henry.....1893  
 McGourty, Thomas.....1893  
 Naylor, Harry C.....1893  
 Noonan, James.....1893  
 O'Heron, John.....1893  
 Pearson, John.....1893  
 Roeser, John M.....1893  
 Ross, Orrin N.....1893  
 Routzong, G. A.....1893  
 Sutton, John R.....1893  
 Taylor, Frank H.....1893  
 Vincent, William G.....1893  
 Weber, Michael.....1893  
 Webster, Silas A.....1893  
 Welvaret, Jacob.....1893  
 Whitney, William B.....1893  
 Zinkan, William.....1893

## 1894

Bordwell, A. A.....1894  
 Borne, James E.....1894  
 Buller, H. O.....1894  
 Durr, Henry.....1894  
 Edman, James L.....1894  
 Greene, Perl A.....1894  
 Kennedy, James.....1894  
 Martin, Gerald.....1894  
 McCauley, John P.....1894  
 McCormick, M. F.....1894  
 Michaelis, William.....1894  
 Mix, Gus.....1894  
 O'Connor, Jeremiah.....1894  
 Rasmussen, John S.....1894  
 Shank, Luther R.....1894  
 Straus, John.....1894  
 Ure, John.....1894  
 Wisniewski, Michael.....1894

## 1895

Alstad, August.....1895  
 Anderson, Axel.....1895  
 Aubry, O. J.....1895  
 Balder, J. A.....1895  
 Balkiewicz, Peter.....1895  
 Barbour, S. L.....1895  
 Bell, Thomas.....1895  
 Bossi, J. H.....1895  
 Briner, W. H.....1895  
 Burr, James.....1895  
 Cavanaugh, John.....1895  
 Corbet, W. S.....1895  
 Czirlanis, Anton.....1895  
 Danielson, Ferdinand.....1895  
 Davis, Harry E.....1895  
 Doolan, John.....1895  
 Durr, Patrick.....1895  
 Durst, Fred.....1895  
 Ewers, William T.....1895  
 Fanning, John.....1895  
 Fichter, Joseph.....1895  
 Fitzell, Peter W.....1895  
 Ford, John J.....1895  
 Hahn, Paul R.....1895  
 Hartle, Grant R.....1895  
 Hayes, Fred W.....1895  
 Hoellen, George N.....1895  
 Johnson, John M.....1895  
 Kane, Patrick.....1895  
 Klenz, Charles.....1895  
 Krueger, Fred.....1895

Lemker, Charles.....1895  
 Lockwood, Robert.....1895  
 McAuliffe, Timothy F.....1895  
 McCourt, James.....1895  
 Meersman, August.....1895  
 Moran Patrick J.....1895  
 Murray, John.....1895  
 Patno, Archie.....1895  
 Peterson, Alfred.....1895  
 Pritchard, John.....1895  
 Ptacek, Frank J.....1895  
 Pulaski, Gustav.....1895  
 Radke, Daniel E.....1895  
 Roach, William.....1895  
 Sinkler, James.....1895  
 Skehan, Martin J.....1895  
 Spethman, Henry.....1895  
 Spivey, Harry T.....1895  
 Sturm, John.....1895  
 Tobin, John T.....1895  
 Venzke, Herman.....1895  
 Vesev, William A.....1895  
 Wall, Joseph R.....1895

## 1896

Awbrey, C. I.....1896  
 Bell, George.....1896  
 Bening, Frederick.....1896  
 Berg, Fred.....1896  
 Broderius, Fred.....1896  
 Broughton, W. S.....1896  
 Byfield, William.....1896  
 Colegrove, Rawson O.....1896  
 Dahl, Otto.....1896  
 Daly, Daniel.....1896  
 Gleeson, Michael C.....1896  
 Greenan, Thomas.....1896  
 Greenwald, John.....1896  
 Hastie, Thomas.....1896  
 Heilbuth, Fred.....1896  
 Johnson, Frank N.....1896  
 Klein, John.....1896  
 Larson, Peter H.....1896  
 Loyce, Frederick.....1896  
 Mavis, August H.....1896  
 Moe, Ole P.....1896  
 Nash, Thomas.....1896  
 Palmer, Frank E.....1896  
 Porter, William H.....1896  
 Raidiger, Adam L.....1896  
 Roney, John D.....1896  
 Scanlon, Martin.....1896  
 Schroeder, Martin L.....1896  
 Summers, M. F.....1896  
 Swallow, Ernest A.....1896  
 Thompson, Charles.....1896  
 Viland, Amandius R.....1896  
 White, Frank.....1896

## 1897

Bolan, Thomas.....1897  
 Boomgarn, Alfred H.....1897  
 Burkhardt, Adolph.....1897  
 Falsburt, George J.....1897  
 Foote, Frank M.....1897  
 Golden, Thomas.....1897  
 Helmlinger, Philip.....1897  
 Henen, Joseph.....1897  
 Hight, William.....1897  
 Jacobson, Ever.....1897  
 Linden, William.....1897  
 \*Lynch, Joseph.....1897  
 Malottke, Herman.....1897  
 Manthie, William T.....1897  
 McDonough, Henry.....1897  
 Meyer, Edward J.....1897  
 Nebels, Nick.....1897  
 Nelson, Charles J.....1897  
 Pearson, Olaf M.....1897  
 Rasmussen, Samuel.....1897  
 Schenk, Joseph H.....1897  
 Schmidt, Leo.....1897  
 Stoldt, Louis.....1897  
 Toale, James.....1897  
 Ward, John.....1897  
 Waters, James.....1897  
 Woodbury, Arthur L.....1897

## 1898

Bebber, Frank M.....1898  
 Callahan, T. A.....1898  
 Cricks, Claude C.....1898  
 Donnelly, Mathew.....1898  
 \*Erickson, Charles.....1898  
 Fitzpatrick, Timothy.....1898  
 Flaherty, Morgan.....1898

Gloss, Philip L.....1898  
 Harrington, William.....1898  
 Jacobson, John A.....1898  
 Jenks, James B.....1898  
 Johnson, William.....1898  
 Johnston, Richard.....1898  
 Kappen, Fred C.....1898  
 Kennelly, William L.....1898  
 Kunow, Otto.....1898  
 Langohr, Oscar.....1898  
 Larson, William C.....1898  
 Matzen, John.....1898  
 McMorrow, Edward P.....1898  
 Mopert, Martin.....1898  
 Nelson, John.....1898  
 O'Neill, Dennis.....1898  
 Paturalski, Felix.....1898  
 Pearson, Oscar E.....1898  
 Penwitz, Charles.....1898  
 Peterson, Gustave W.....1898  
 Post, Reinhart A.....1898  
 Rhind, James.....1898  
 Rowan, Patrick.....1898  
 Ryves, Jeremiah Q.....1898  
 Savage, William.....1898  
 Schoff, Arthur.....1898  
 Sheehan, Thomas.....1898  
 Suhr, John.....1898  
 Sullivan, John.....1898  
 Tamillo, Joseph.....1898  
 Van Reekum, John.....1898  
 Westphal, Albert.....1898

## 1899

Babbe, John.....1899  
 Bedart, Edward.....1899  
 Burke, William.....1899  
 Camalick, Tony.....1899  
 Carroll, William D.....1899  
 Carson, Theron D.....1899  
 Cleary, Michael.....1899  
 Conroy, Dennis.....1899  
 DeJuren, John.....1899  
 Doherty, Thomas.....1899  
 Downey, Clinton A.....1899  
 Egan, John.....1899  
 Ellithorpe, Jay W.....1899  
 Erickson, Nels A.....1899  
 Fell, William R.....1899  
 Frey, Peter H.....1899  
 Gleaman, Gust.....1899  
 Gorman, James P.....1899  
 Gunther, Herman.....1899  
 Hamm, John A.....1899  
 Hanley Bernard.....1899  
 Hansen, Hans P.....1899  
 Harropp, Joseph.....1899  
 Harvey, W. J.....1899  
 Holland, George A.....1899  
 Hurley, Daniel.....1899  
 Johnson, Oscar A.....1899  
 Johnson, Walter M.....1899  
 Kempe, Fred W.....1899  
 Kennealy, Michael.....1899  
 Larsen, Andrew F.....1899  
 Lonnergren, Edward.....1899  
 Lynch, Patrick O.....1899  
 Lyons, Michael.....1899  
 Manske, Robert E.....1899  
 McCormick, Timothy.....1899  
 McGrath, Hugh.....1899  
 Miller, Frank M.....1899  
 Narjes, Fred H.....1899  
 Nelson, Emil.....1899  
 Nielson, Ole.....1899  
 Noelle, Edward F.....1899  
 O'Brien, John.....1899  
 O'Connell, Jeremiah.....1899  
 Park, Abraham F.....1899  
 Rees, William S.....1899  
 Rich, Llewellyn E.....1899  
 Roeser, Joseph M.....1899  
 Russell, Hugh.....1899  
 Shea, John J.....1899  
 Suffel, John.....1899  
 Tickner, Berton K.....1899  
 Tomblin, Louis.....1899  
 Varley, Victor.....1899  
 Young, Herbert M.....1899

## 1900

Duffy, James.....1900  
 Kloss, Peter J.....1900  
 Sommer, Frederick.....1900

\*Died since February 1, 1940.

# John Rietz Dies Suddenly

## Heart Attack Takes Bonding Foreman—Was South Side Civic Leader

John G. Rietz, a veteran employe of the Chicago Surface Lines, died of a heart attack Tuesday evening, February 27, in the office of a doctor to whom he had gone for treatment of a minor foot ailment. His sudden death was a great shock to the many employes who knew him during the nearly 40 years he served with the Surface lines and predecessor companies. At the time of his death he was a bonding foreman in the Electrical Department.



John G. Rietz

Mr. Rietz was born in Chicago on January 11, 1879, and was thus 61 years old at his death. He began his street railway service on April 28, 1900, as a clerk in the storeroom of the Track Department of the Chicago City Railway Company. After six years at 39th and Wallace, he was transferred to the Purchasing Department, in charge of disposing of obsolete power-plant machinery and cable car equipment. In 1910 he had

charge of the supply cars in the Calumet district, under the supervision of T. J. Blakely.

Mr. Rietz was transferred to the Electrical Department in 1912 and was placed in charge of the rail bonding on the Central and South divisions of the city.

### Was Civic Leader

For many years Mr. Rietz was prominent in civic activities on the south side. One of the outstanding benefits he helped to establish was the installation of safety islands on principal thoroughfares of the south side. As chairman of a delegation from improvement associations of that vicinity he helped secure the first \$500,000 city appropriation for that work.

Perhaps the greatest honor that came to John Rietz was one that made him District Governor of Northern Illinois of the Lions International in May, 1937. Though it was but one of many honors it was probably the office which brought him the widest recognition for his civic activities.

The June, 1937, issue of SURFACE SERVICE MAGAZINE in the story of this appointment said, "Mr. Rietz is reputed to be friendly with more people and more organizations than anyone in the Surface Lines. Sometimes he'll tell you of the innumerable meetings he attends and bewails the fact that he never has a moment at home. That is only in passing. John Rietz would count the day lost if he missed a noon luncheon meeting and at least one evening meeting."

### Honored by Clubs

A month prior to his death, the Chatham Lions club, of which Mr. Rietz was a charter member, honored him by a testimonial dinner at which he was named "president emeritus for

life." He was also a Master Key member of the International Association of Lions Clubs, an honor given "For distinguished service in the upbuilding of the Association."

He was a member of the City Club, the Grand Crossing Chatham Chamber of Commerce and was formerly treasurer of the South Side Federation of Improvement Associations. He was past president of the South Park Manor Improvement club, past deputy governor, past governor and past member of the board of directors of District I-A of Lions International. He also held membership in the Mizpah lodge No. 768, A. F. of A. M.; Valley of Chicago, Ancient Accepted Order of the Scottish Rite and Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and an honorary member of Eaton-Priddy post No. 111 of the American Legion.

### On Speakers' Group

Mr. Rietz was one of the original members of the Public Speakers' Bureau, now the Public Relations Committee, and as such gave valuable service to the Surface Lines. In a two-year period he secured 188 engagements at which Surface Lines activities were explained to the public in various civic meetings.

Mr. Rietz, who lived at 7936 Indiana avenue, is survived by his widow, Dora; a son, John, also employed by the Surface Lines; two daughters, Dorothy and Mildred, and a brother, Edward.

More than 400 people attended the funeral ceremonies which were held Friday, March 1, in the Elim Evangelical church. Interment was in the Cedar Woods Masonic cemetery.

## THE PERILS OF WAR

### Traffic Trials Increase In War Time

War and the threat of bombing raids has resulted in special instructions to drivers of vehicles in all of Great Britain. The new rules apply to all vehicles, including public carriers, other than those on official duty.

When an air raid signal is given, the driver of a motor vehicle must park at the side of the road, or in a garage, or in a parking lot of open space off the highway. If he is in a narrow, busy street he should turn off into a side street. At night headlights must be switched off, but side and tail lights should be left alight.

No driver should resume his journey until he hears the "Raiders Passed" signal, or, if there has been a gas warning, until the "All Clear" signal has been given. The driver of a vehicle carrying gasoline, explosives, or other dangerous or inflammable goods should, if possible, park in an open space away from the road.

Makes you glad you're driving a street car or a bus in the peaceful United States, doesn't it?

## GEORGE WEIDENFELLER DIES

### Veteran of Schedule Department Succumbs After Long Illness

George Weidenfeller, for many years a member of the Schedule Department, died February 23 after a long illness. Mr. Weidenfeller, who was 71 years old at his death, had spent the better part of 51 years in the traction industry.



George Weidenfeller

He first began his street railway career as a register clerk for the West Chicago Street Railway company in 1889. In 1900 the late J. M. Roach appointed him superintendent of the Cicero and Previso division of the Consolidated Traction company. In 1900 the name of that company was changed to the County Traction company, with headquarters at Lake street and Cuyler avenue, Oak Park. Two years later Mr. Weidenfeller was placed in

charge of the Evanston division of the County Traction company.

In 1913 Mr. Weidenfeller worked in the employment department of the Chicago Railways company. From 1914 to 1918 he was division superintendent at the Noble street depot.

In 1918 Mr. Weidenfeller took his invalid wife to Colorado, where it was hoped her health would improve. Mrs. Weidenfeller died there in 1920. Two years later, Mr. Weidenfeller returned to the Chicago Surface Lines and went to work in the Schedule and Traffic Department, where he was employed until his death.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Marie Wall and Mrs. Claire Shook; two sons, Albert and John, and a sister, Katherine. Funeral services were held Monday, February 26, at Saint Catherine of Sienna church. Burial was at Mount Carmel cemetery.

## LEGIONNAIRES TAKE TITLE

### Surface Lines Rifle Team Wins State Honors

The rifle team of Surface Lines Post No. 146 of the American Legion was recently announced as the winner of the Gen. Abel Davis trophy, emblematic of the championship of the Department of Illinois. As champions, the Surface Lines team will be the official representatives of the State of Illinois in the McNutt Trophy shoot for the national championship.

According to Commander Disseldorp of the Post, the team is in rare form and is confident of taking top honors as they compete against teams from other states in the union.

The five high teams in the state meet and their scores follow: Surface Lines, 4277; Des-Plaines, 4173; Lincoln Park, 4090; Castle, 4084, and North Shore, 4028.

Surface Lines Post No. 146 will celebrate the 21st birthday of the American Legion at their next regular meeting to be held in the

Mid-City Auditorium, 3350 West Jackson boulevard, Tuesday evening, March 19. There will be moving pictures of the Chicago and Peoria conventions of 1939 and there will be refreshments. The Post extends a cordial invitation to all ex-service men.

## EMPLOYEES RELIEF FUND

### February, 1940

The Surface Lines Employees Relief Committee received 20 applications for relief during the month of February. After investigations were made, 15 of these were approved for assistance. There were 268 active cases on the relief rolls at the end of the month, 10 having been removed by death or other causes.

Including the \$10,929 spent during the month of February, a total of \$1,427,890 has been paid out of the Surface Lines Employees Relief Fund for assistance of employees since the organization of the committee.

## OBITUARY

### Deaths on the System from February 1, 1940, to February 29, 1940

**Transportation**—Archer: James P. Mooney, employed April 27, 1904, died February 19, 1940; Oscar A. Weaver, employed May 29, 1906, died February 9, 1940.

Cottage Grove: Joseph F. Beennett, employed August 29, 1911, died February 8, 1940.

Elston: Joseph Lynch, employed July 17, 1897, died February 7, 1940.

Kedzie: John J. Cahill, employed May 23, 1904, died February 15, 1940.

Lawndale: Denis J. Doherty, employed June 26, 1903, died February 10, 1940.

Limits: Alton F. Northup, employed December 12, 1927, died February 4, 1940.

Lincoln: Conrad Althaler, employed June 29, 1907, died February 28, 1940.

North: Peter Thomas Moran, employed April 5, 1909, died February 13, 1940.

Seventy-seventh: Charles McClannahan, employed September 29, 1926, died February 18, 1940; Robert C. Koch, employed July 3, 1905, died February 28, 1940.

Sixty-ninth: Charles Erickson, employed January 18, 1898, died February 2, 1940; Patrick Joseph Flynn, employed July 29, 1913, died February 8, 1940; Ernest H. Gollnick, employed October 16, 1917, died February 14, 1940; Edward VanDerGarde, employed July 18, 1902, died February 24, 1940.

**Electrical**—John G. Rietz, employed April 28, 1900, died February 27, 1940.

**General Office**—George Weidenfeller, employed May 22, 1922, died February 23, 1940.

**Shops and Equipment**—Lincoln: Robert F. Schmidt, employed September 1, 1908, died February 13, 1940.

Sixty-ninth: Christ Forte, employed April 10, 1919, died February 29, 1940.

South Shops: Sameul A. Keyser, employed February 15, 1897, died February 1, 1940.

**Track**—Nicholas Kovach, employed August 14, 1908, died February 25, 1940; Luka Milas, employed October 12, 1907, died February 13, 1940; Benny Minnici, employed June 25, 1929, died February 4, 1940.

**KEEPING 'EM ROLLING**

**Division Takes First Place  
In February Figures**

Division depot took first place in the keep 'em rolling figures for February with an average of 8,385 miles per pull-in, an increase of 14.3 per cent.

Sixty-ninth moved from fifth place to second with an average of 7,790 miles per pull-in, an increase of 20.8 per cent. A 44.4 per cent increase moved Seventy-seventh from seventh to third place.

In sharp contrast to January's records, almost every station showed an increase over the previous month's record. A 19.2 per cent decrease was chalked up against Archer depot and a 13.7 per cent decrease marred Lincoln's record.

Of the many increases registered, the 61.1 per cent of Noble depot and the 55 per cent increase credited to Armitage took top honors.

Individual records follow:

Rank	Carhouse	Zero Days	Miles Per Pull-In	Pct. Inc. or Decrease
1.	Division	8	8,385	14.3
2.	Sixty-ninth	—	7,790	20.8
3.	Seventy-seventh	—	7,772	44.4
4.	Devon	2	7,504	12.7
5.	Lawndale	3	7,501	14.6
6.	Archer	1	6,547	19.2*
7.	Armitage	1	6,452	55.0
8.	Cottage Grove	1	6,224	12.7
9.	Burnside	2	6,152	40.7
10.	Kedzie	—	5,484	21.1
11.	North	—	5,247	41.9
12.	Noble	3	4,668	61.1
13.	Elston	1	3,353	10.9
14.	Limits	—	3,045	22.1
15.	Lincoln	1	3,011	13.7*
16.	Blue Island	1	2,824	4.9

\*Denotes decrease.

**Carhouse records for the past six months:**

Carhouse	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sep.
Division	1	2	2	3	6	1
Sixty-ninth	2	5	6	11	8	7
Seventy-seventh	3	7	8	9	1	9
Devon	4	3	3	5	3	4
Lawndale	5	4	9	2	1	2
Archer	6	1	1	1	4	3
Armitage	7	11	11	4	9	13
Cottage Grove	8	6	7	6	5	6
Burnside	9	9	4	7	2	5
Kedzie	10	8	5	8	7	8
North	11	10	14	13	13	14
Noble	12	14	12	12	14	12
Elston	13	13	10	10	10	10
Limits	14	16	16	15	15	15
Lincoln	15	12	13	14	10	11
Blue Island	16	15	15	16	16	16

**TRACTION TOPICS**

The local street car system in Genoa, Italy, has recently ordered 100 street cars of modern streamlined design from the Italian Tramway Union. The cars are similar to the type operating on Madison street in Chicago in both appearance and many mechanical features. The cars are, however, the double end type.

The two modern street cars recently purchased by the Municipal Railway of San Francisco were dubbed "Magic Carpets" by newspaper reporters of that city. Ash trays are included in the cars and passengers will be allowed to smoke.

**Departments and Divisions**

**Accident Investigation and Legal**

The sympathy of the department is extended to P. N. Simmons in the recent loss of his mother, Virginia Barron Simmons. Mrs. Simmons, who was 67, was taken ill Tuesday, February 20, and died the following Sunday. She was a native of Mississippi and when death came she was at her home in Sardis, Mississippi. She is survived by her two sons, P. N. and James, and a daughter, Lena.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 26.

The department has missed the smiling faces of Dave Dullard and Frank Schaf recently. They are both confined to their homes because of illness. We wish them an early and complete recovery.

We are glad to report that Statementman Ed O'Connell is making satisfactory progress following an operation for appendicitis.

Still on the sick list we find Harvey J. Brewington, Frank Hoag and A. J. Wilson. They have been missed greatly and we hope will soon be back at their desks.

The employes at "600" wish to extend their sympathy to Attorney George Griffin in the death of his mother, Mrs. Ellen Griffin. Mrs. Griffin, who was 80 years of age at the time of her passing, was intimately acquainted with Mrs. O'Leary of Chicago fire fame and daily visited her home on DeKoven Street for the purpose of purchasing milk. She had done so on the historical night of October 9, 1871, just a half hour before the outbreak of the great Chicago fire. Funeral services for Mrs. Griffin were conducted at Anselm's Church on February 12.

The Building Department has been the recipient of many compliments and expressions of appreciation as the result of the very fine paint job recently done on the first and second floors. Mr. Anger and his painters certainly did a good job and the employes here are enjoying the results immensely.

**Bowling**

"Captain" Otto Geiger has managed to keep his "Yanks" in first place with 31 games won and 17 lost.

The "Indans" are still plugging for the honors, being only three games behind the "Yanks."

Ed Healy now holds high game with 242.

Bill Eger has bowled himself into first position in averages and still holds high series of 589.

John Williams created quite a stir on February 23 when he appeared in a maroon shirt labelled "Yanks" on the back and "John" on the pocket.

Investigator.

**Accounting**

We are pleased to hear at this time of the progress Miss Rosalie Lux of the blue transfer

division, who is recovering from an appendectomy. She was remembered with flowers and a house coat.

Mrs. Evelyn Elden of the ledger room has returned to work after an absence due to illness, looking well and happy. Glad to see you back.

As this item goes to press, we are looking forward to the speedy recovery of Timekeeper Michael Ryan, who was confined to the hospital with an attack of pneumonia, but who is now convalescing at home.

Birthday greetings were extended to Misses Mathilde Walther, Eugenia Ziemba and Sonya Anderson during the month of February.

It is with sadness that we mention the loss of Charles Koller's mother, who passed away on February 1, Joseph Kubick's mother on February 9, Clarence Grube's mother on February 8 and John Reitz's father on February 27. The employes of the accounting division extend to the members of the above families their deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harpel are receiving congratulations on the birth of a "Leap Year" boy born on Thursday, February 29. Mrs. Harpel is the former Gertrude Collins of the trip sheet analysis division.

Thomas F. Coan.

### Electrical

The popular John G. Rietz, who passed away February 27, was mourned by the entire electrical force. We wish to extend our sympathy to his family.

To Frank Rowe, who has been on our sick list for some time, we want to extend a word of cheer and hope for a speedy recovery.

Harry Essington, engineer of tests and design, has been busy recently reviewing various technical publications for the Western Society of Engineers.

Kenneth Rogers, son of Rolland Rogers of the testing division, has been making a name for himself as a man who cuts fancy figures on the ice.

Stanley Jackson is himself again after a recent tonsillectomy.

Edward Dorsch has been confined in the Burnside hospital after being injured by an automobile while on duty. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Billy.

### Engineering

Art Fortmann, clerk in the utility department at Grand and Leavitt, has finally been successful in making the magazine, by dropping a piano on his foot. We wonder to whom he was demonstrating such a feat of muscular strength and we hope he weathered "Leap Day."

Messrs. N. R. Alexander of the Track and Roadway Department and B. H. Lindstrom of the Building Department are on the sick list and confined to their homes. We hope for their speedy recovery.

Fate dealt a sad blow to John J. Boesen, material clerk in the Track and Roadway Department. His wife, who was enroute to Houston, Texas, for a vacation, was killed near Bloomington, Illinois, when their automobile skidded on the icy pavement. To the bereaved family we extend our sincere sympathy.

### Schedule and Traffic

The employes of the Schedule and Traffic Department deeply regret the death of George Weidenfeller, who passed away on Friday, February 23.

Frank A. Forty, our Superintendent, is now convalescing at home after his recent appendectomy.

John Crennell is confined to his home because of illness. L. C. Dutton is also at home because of illness. We all hope they will be back with us soon.

Joseph DeGrazia returned to work after being confined to his home on account of illness.

ABC Champions—Beware!

The Schedule-Traffic Department Bowling Team, consisting of Capt. William Patrick Devereux and his four stalwarts, Pisors, Prentice, Steel and Sedlack, challenged the boys in Room 1473, captained by "Powerhouse" Guy, and his men, Donahue, Marston, Olmstead and Stahl, on February 22 at the Hamilton Club. After giving the gutters a fair workout in the first game, both teams settled down to their old stride. For future games kindly notify the respective captains, as they say their teams are open to all competition.

### Shops and Equipment

**South Shops:** Our deep sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and relatives of George Overend, machine department, who passed away on March 3, after a long illness.

We understand that Heinz Doering, clerk in the blacksmith department, will soon be stepping to the tune of Mendelssohn's, Right, Heinz?

To Paul Koch, motor repair department, we offer our sincere sympathy upon the sudden passing of his father, and to Joseph Balletto, blacksmith department, we offer our deep sympathy upon the recent passing of his mother.

**Burnside:** Chester Buckley takes pleasure in announcing the arrival of a 1928 Chevrolet. He claims it can do 20 miles per hour in high, so we suggest he remain away from Minnesota this year.

Our most eligible bachelor, Joseph Margetic, has surprised us all by purchasing a 1940 Pontiac. Just why, Joe?

**77th Street:** 'Twas overheard that Jim Hopkins, repairman, is going to adopt a baby girl. Our best wishes for the little dear, Jim.

To the following men in the bus department, we extend our deepest sympathy upon the recent loss of their fathers: Frank Fisher, William Magee and Raymond Newman.

Elsie S. Frank.

### West Shops

We wish to extend sympathy to the family of R. F. Schmidt, watchman at Lincoln, who passed away on February 13.

Ralph Martz has returned to the office after a two-week winter vacation in Chicago. Bad weather conditions canceled his plans for leaving the city.

Our most eligible bachelor, Edwin Wendt, was just a few steps ahead of pursuing damsels on that momentous February 29 of this year, and now feels free to go his merry way through the careless gardens of single blessedness, at least for four more years.

Lillian Hultquist.

### Transportation

Congratulations, Charles Eitel. Charley is the proud daddy of a baby boy, Robert C. Eitel, born January 21, at 11:08 P. M. His weight when born was 7 pounds and 8 ounces. It has been reported that the cigars and candy were enjoyed by all in the department.

P. A. Greene is back in the harness after a short illness and says he is feeling fine.

The lone survivors of the bowling team are doing mighty well. Jack Krause reports that his score in three games was 555 and Charles Batterson has improved with a score of 462 in three games.

Andy.

## Around the Car Stations

### Division

Calling all stars! Calling all stars! Conductor Staton wants to hear from all the baseball players who are potential diamond stars. A special call is sent to the new men. We want a cracker-jack baseball team to represent Division this season.

We've been wondering who sent Conductor Roy Hansen that perfumed Valentine. He won't tell us.

The girls on Division street are all a-flutter since that snappy-dressing motorman picked Relief No. 2.

Supervisor William Bolstad is back on the job after an extended illness. Glad to see you, Bill.

Motorman George Cech is the proud father of a baby girl. Congratulations and thanks for the cigars, George.

Confucius says: "He makes big mistake who borrows money from 'loan shark' instead of Division Credit Union."

"Artie-W."

### Lawndale

Once upon a time there was a Scotchman who celebrated his 19th anniversary by going to a friend's house for dinner! All kidding aside, we want to extend our best wishes for many more happy anniversaries to Mr. and Mrs. David Kay.

February was also an anniversary month for the Harry Kellers, who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on the 28th. Harry also celebrated his birthday on the 15th. Congratulations!

Motorman Cherry, whose hobby is keeping tropical fish, may be seen dashing here and there with a net these days as he tries to catch eating material for his fish.

Attention! You gay young blades had better come across with some real news or Lawndale may soon fade from the pages of this magazine. That's a hot tip from the Editor. Leave all news items with the clerk addressed to—

Spillosopher.

### Limits

At least two of the men at Limits are going to be prepared to go places when their vacations roll around this year. Supervisor Joe

Hamm is sporting a shiny new Ford coupe and Receiver Walter Berthold is zipping around in a 1940 Chrysler.

We extend our congratulations to Conductor Ray Birk and to Conductor Charles Permonier, both of whom are proud fathers of new baby girls.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Conductor Alton Northrup who passed away after a short illness.

On February 25 Conductor Henry C. Schultz completed 50 years of service with the company and he is still going strong as he works his night car every night over Halsted street. Henry is mighty proud of his record and he has a reason to be. Shine up to him sometime if you want to hear some interesting stories of the horse car and cable car days.

Our Credit Union Treasurer James J. Bartlett is ill at the Speedway hospital and would appreciate a visit from any of the men who can arrange to take a trip out there.

Sympathy is extended to Conductor Robert Norton in the recent death of his mother.

We're glad to see the bowling team holding its own. Keep going, boys, we know you can bring back the bacon.

E. A. Davis.

### Seventy-Seventh

The one about the left-handed monkey wrench was a gag. We thought Board Member George Grassell's left-handed bowling ball came under the same category, but it doesn't. George bowls from the port side, and his ball, being made to the specifications of a left-hander, responds only to southpaw technique. Otherwise, his game is strictly orthodox, and it's no gag the way the pins fly.

The king of pin-paralyzers, however, seems to be Conductor Walter Harrison, whose presence in the elite society of the "Big Five" speaks for itself. Walt is setting a hot pace in bowling, and if there is going to be any hangover, we hope the heat carries over into the softball season.

Somewhere along the course of sport events comes the trap shooting fracas. An enthusiastic group of L&A members are looking forward again to this interesting tournament. Promoter Art Feltz, whose practical enthusiasm is reflected in participation in almost all events, says watch for the date. Art bowls, too.

Keeping posted on sports is all right for some folks, but Conductor John Ferrell's efforts follow along another line. Treasurer of the credit union, John keeps posted on the financial pulse of the organization, and though not legitimately classed as a sport, he finds it some fun!

Another sportsman of talent, Motorman Frank Kugler, waited one day last month for the outcome of a very special event. It was a situation, however, where a fellow just couldn't do anything about his batting average simply because he had the "take" sign. The score—a baby girl; those plans—? Oh, well, there are always the bloomer girls.

Sympathy is extended to the following men on deaths in their families: Conductor J. P. Flynn, his father; Conductor John McGoldrick, his father, and to the families of Motorman C. W. McClannahan and Motorman R. C. Koch.

Walter F. Story.



#### "FACE LIFTING" FOR HALSTED STREET VIADUCT

Repairs on the Halsted street viaduct north of Chicago avenue have brought work for the Track Department men and operating difficulties for the Transportation Department as re-routing were necessary.  
See editorial "Efficiency Plus" on page 8.