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Industry*
**VITAL
TO
VICTORY**

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Your Sticker is in this issue



Motorman Ed Joy, 77th Street, places his Vital to Victory sticker on a window of his home at 7645 Stewart Avenue.

Assisting is five-year-old Ed- die, Jr.



Using one of the back-gummed stickers soon to be distributed to all locations, Audrey Johnson, Department of Accident Investigation, places it on the outside of an office door.



Having moistened the face of his sticker with a wet cloth, Chauffeur Howard Paulson, Utility Department, places it on an auto.

Launch 10% Club Bond Contest Among 17 Depots

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT employees at all 17 depots this month opened their own campaign, under the sponsorship of the United States Treasury Department to make it "10% Every Payday."

While the campaign, whose purpose is to bring each location into the 10% Club of war bond buyers, has the endorsement of Surface Lines management and the officials of Division 241, the whole movement will be carried on by employees themselves.

Minutemen Sworn In

To lead off the campaign and carry it to its goal, the Treasury Department has sworn in a small group of Minutemen at each station. Under the Minutemen's leadership a contest has been launched to see which station can reach the highest mark by August 1. The standings of the various depots will be announced from time to time.

Young as the contest between the depots is, rivalry already flames. Each depot's employees seem certain that *their* group will soon have the highest percentage of total payroll being invested in war bonds, that *their* group

will spring into the lead like a fleet Derby winner making their 16 rivals look like retired plow horses.

Mum on "Military Secrets"

When most of the volunteer employees spark plugs who will promote the drive at each station were sworn in as Minutemen by Treasury Department representatives at a mass ceremony in Street Car Men's Hall on June 7, each station's representatives were mum about the carefully worked out "military secrets" with which they hope to beat the other 16 groups into the 10% Club.

When asked what sort of promotion would be carried on at the individual stations, the Treasury Department representatives replied that will be up to the Minutemen at each station.

"We will help out each depot's Minutemen in any way we can," they explained; "but they, not we, have the say about what will and will not be done."

Some of the Minutemen already have asked for help in obtaining colorful speakers and large war bond posters for their trainrooms. The Treasury

men reported they are endeavoring to meet those requests and will continue trying to assist in every possible way.

Each Minuteman has been issued a certificate signed by Norman B. Collins, state administrator, Illinois War Savings Staff, United States Treasury Department.

Minutemen Take Oath

On being sworn in, each Minuteman took this oath:

"Because I believe in the principles of freedom and personal liberty,

"Because I believe in this Country and for what it stands,

"And because I believe it is the duty of every citizen to do his full share to keep our country free,

"I take this oath as a Minuteman of the United States Treasury War Savings Staff to promote the sale of war bonds to the best of my ability, so help me God."

Plans are now being formulated to extend the campaign and contest to include all other departments and locations of the Surface Lines.

Listing of Minutemen

Following is a list of the men sworn in as Minutemen at each of our 17 stations:

ARCHER

Hugh McGarry, John Heavey, Walter Zellis, Frank A. Raines, Leslie Filiatreau, Emanuel Traznick, Frank L. Block, Joseph A. Albinski, Thomas J. Coughlin and George A. Rozak.

ARMITAGE

Edward Lawrence, William Kelleher, Sam Abbinatti, Edward Arnold, Phillip Huebsch, John McHall and Ole Olsen.

BLUE ISLAND

Frank Ryan, Thomas O'Brien, Michael
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Here's How Depots Lined Up at Post

HERE IS HOW the employees at each of our 17 stations lined up at the post as their 10% Club war bond race got under way this month.

Contesting depots are arranged by the percentage of their total payroll which is being invested in war bonds.

Those with the highest percentage, of course, are listed first:

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| 1. Lawrence | 7. Limits | 13. Lincoln |
| 2. North Avenue | 8. Division | 14. 77th Street |
| 3. 69th Street | 9. Burnside | 15. Noble |
| 4. Kedzie | 10. Armitage | 16. Elston |
| 5. Archer | 11. Cottage Grove | 17. Devon |
| 6. Lawndale | 12. Blue Island | |

General Manager Nolan Reports for Work

FRED A. NOLAN, former general manager of the Detroit Street Railways, last month joined the Chicago Surface Lines in a similar capacity.

He took over his new position with the Surface Lines following long experience in the local transportation field while associated with the Detroit system.

Appointed general manager of the Surface Lines by the Joint Board of Management and Operation, Mr. Nolan, who is 49 years old, stated that his first task will be to become thoroughly familiar with our system, including the physical properties and the operating personnel.

Began as Stock Clerk

Mr. Nolan joined the Detroit Railways, which last year carried approximately 400,000,000 riders, in 1920. First he worked as a stock clerk, then in various other jobs and departments. He rose rapidly to become assistant general manager in 1927. Seven years later he was named General Manager, the position he held until he resigned to join us.

Born into a railroad family, he got his own first working experience with the steam roads, working for the Pere Marquette and Detroit Terminal rail-



Fred A. Nolan

roads before entering the local transportation field.

His late father was a superintendent for the Michigan Central, Detroit Terminal and Pere Marquette railroads and his grandfather was a railroad engineer during the Civil War. A brother is now general manager of the Detroit Terminal Railroad.

Mr. Nolan is a native of Detroit, where he attended local schools and the University of Detroit.

Soldier in New Guinea Gets Magazine 5 Months Late

ACCORDING TO a letter to his former co-workers, Corporal Joe Traxler, former Armitage conductor, is

receiving *Surface Service* all right at his army post in New Guinea.

Writing March 19 from the South Pacific island, he reported he had just received the October issue—five months to the day after it was mailed!

Women Employees to Get Military Furloughs

WOMEN EMPLOYEES of the Surface Lines who enter the WAACS, WAVES, SPARS or Marines will receive the same military furloughs given men employees entering the fighting forces.

Approved by the Joint Board of Management and Operation, this practice was adopted at the suggestion of military and naval authorities in Chicago.

The Surface Lines has previously cooperated in promoting enlistments in women's military services by painting two of our cars as "roving billboards" for the WAVES, SPARS and WAACS. Those cars were pictured in the May *SURFACE SERVICE*.

Fighting London Trainmen First to Reach Tripoli

FIRST UNIT of the hard-hitting British Eighth Army to enter Tripoli, according to *Pennyfare*, employe publication of the London Transport workers, was an artillery unit composed chiefly of former London trainmen.

Front Cover

TIIFYING THE shoulder-to-shoulder manner in which various crafts of Surface Lines workers are cooperating to see that wartime Chicago has the best possible transit service are the front cover's seven representative employees.

Left to right, those representatives are: Bus Repairman Harold Piontke, North Avenue; Bus Operator James Hill, North Avenue; Foreman George Chuck, Track Department; Lineman Carl Schumaker, Electrical Department; Motorman Chester Vaillancourt, North Avenue; Clerk Jeanette Kanies, Department of Accident Investigation; and Conductor Carl Helgersen, North Avenue.

Camera News



Thanks to his dog, Skipper, whose barking awakened him, Boatswain's Mate 2/c Roscoe Babbitt, former North Avenue bus operator, was the second man at his post one night last month when an unidentified plane flew along his Pacific Coast district.

Shown before his home with his wife and Skipper, Roscoe reports the dog, which began yipping the moment the searchlights went on, is regarded as a hero.

"It looks" he wrote, "like I gave him the right name, for he surely was quick to get on the job."

A member of a naval construction battalion, Roscoe reports he is stationed at Port Hueneme, California; but, in off-duty hours, lives in a near-by town.



All out for the war effort are Supervisor Lou Bartelheim (right), Central division, and his two sons.

Augie (left) is now a junior supervisor at 69th Street; and Art, a former 77th Street motorman, is an infantry private at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida.



When Technical Sergeant Fred Schroeder, who is serving with the army air forces in California, visited his former 77th Street co-workers recently, he acted as drillmaster for a few of the boys.

Contributor of many photos to *Surface Service* before leaving for military service, Fred was married during his furlough here, then took his bride back to California with him. Motorman Johnny Grobel, 77th Street, snapped this photo.

Colors of Surface Lines Post No. 146 of the American Legion were carried last month in the Memorial Day and the I Am an American Day parades and in the Second War Loan parade on April 21. Left to right, are Victor Haupt, Lawndale, and Orel Secor, Utility Department.



CHICAGO SURFACE LINES



Phooey!

ON ROCKING CHAIRS

RETIRING TO ROCKING chairs may be okay for old gaffers. But today there's a war on, and Uncle Sam needs the help of every young sprout in the land.

Those are the sentiments of the four motormen pictured on these pages—Bill Priebe, 69th Street; Bill Waggoner, Devon; and Frank Hoffmeister and George Studt, Elston.

Young sprouts all (each retired at 65 years of age within the last two years), they have reported for physical exams, temporarily given up their pensions, and patriotically returned to work for the duration.

Because trainmen with their "know how" and experience can't be picked from bushes to replace men leaving for the fighting forces, SURFACE SERVICE joins those who know them in saying: "Welcome back, boys. Our service is vital to Chicago's war effort, and we certainly can use your help!"

Latest war news and our service flag typify the reasons of Motorman Bill Priebe, 69th Street, for giving up his pension and returning to work for the duration after retiring last January with nearly 42 years of service.

Motorman of a day car on Ashland Avenue, he has among his daily riders thousands of vital stock yards workers through whose labors many members of our fighting forces are fed.



Motorman Frank Hoffmeister (left) and George Studt (second from left), Elston, who returned from retirement to lend a hand for the duration, wait to say good-bye to a conductor who left us this month for military service.

Frank, who joined the Surface Lines in 1917 and retired in 1942, now has a swing run on Elston Avenue. Each day he pilots many of the workers in war plants along his route to and from their jobs.

George retired last November after 26 years of service, but now is working a night car on Irving Park and carrying many night-shift war plant workers.

Talking with Chief Clerk Roger Ward (behind window) is Conductor George Guenther, who left June 1 for the army.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

"You take care of the soldiering, Herb; and I'll fill in on the cars until you get back."

So Motorman Bill Waggoner, Devon, who retired with nearly 35 years of service 18 months ago, tells Private Herb Horn, former Devon motorman who was home on furlough last month from an armored division at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Like the three other "retired" motormen on the opposite page, Bill has patriotically put himself back in harness for the duration.

Pilot of a day car on Lawrence Avenue, he has among his daily riders many of an aircraft appliance plant's workers.

Title PLAY-OFFS



WHEN DEVON and Archer battled out the six-game title play-offs last month for the 1943 bowling crown, the North Side champs trounced the South Side title-holders by more than 500 pins.

Members of both the champion and runner-up crews are pictured on this page.

Champions for 1943 are these Devon bowlers who defeated the Archer delegation in the title play-offs last month by more than 500 pins.
Left to right, they are: Ben Dahl, Jesse Zimmerman, Bill Carr, Captain Frank Lasky, Vic Micetic and Mike Rieth.



Frank Lasky, captain of the Devon champions, isn't modeling for a toothpaste firm. He's just showing confidence in his crew.



Walt Zelis, captain of the runner-up Archer crew, has always sworn that it takes a little "lip English" to roll a strike. Here he is practicing what he preaches.

South Side title-holders and runners-up for the 1943 bowling crown are these Archer keglers.

Left to right, they are: Joe Malewski, Walt Blyth, Cal Claussen, Lyman Goss and Captain Walt Zelis.

"We'd Like to Have Him With Us!"

PLEASED BY the courtesy and helpfulness of Conductor Jerome Pierczynski, Archer, who paid his fare when unable to make change for a large bill, Dispatcher Joseph F. Gerl, American Trailways Bus Company, wrote: "We would be very glad to have more men like him working for us."

Praise Up, Complaints Down

Similar acts of kindness and courtesy on the part of many other trainmen have increased the total number of commendations during the last two months and sharply and gratifyingly decreased the number of complaints.

Because they went out of their way to help blind, crippled or bundle-carrying passengers board and alight from their cars, these trainmen prompted letters of praise last month: Motorman Bob McVea, Blue Island; Conductors Charley Eckel, Bill Graves and Joe Kavanagh, all of Cottage Grove; Conductor Art Wagner, Devon; Conductor Bill Kenny, Kedzie; Conductor Harold Childers, Limits; Conductor Jerry Dubin, North Avenue; and Conductor August Bergeson and Motorman Paul Budvitis, both of 77th Street.

Lauds Conductor's Courage

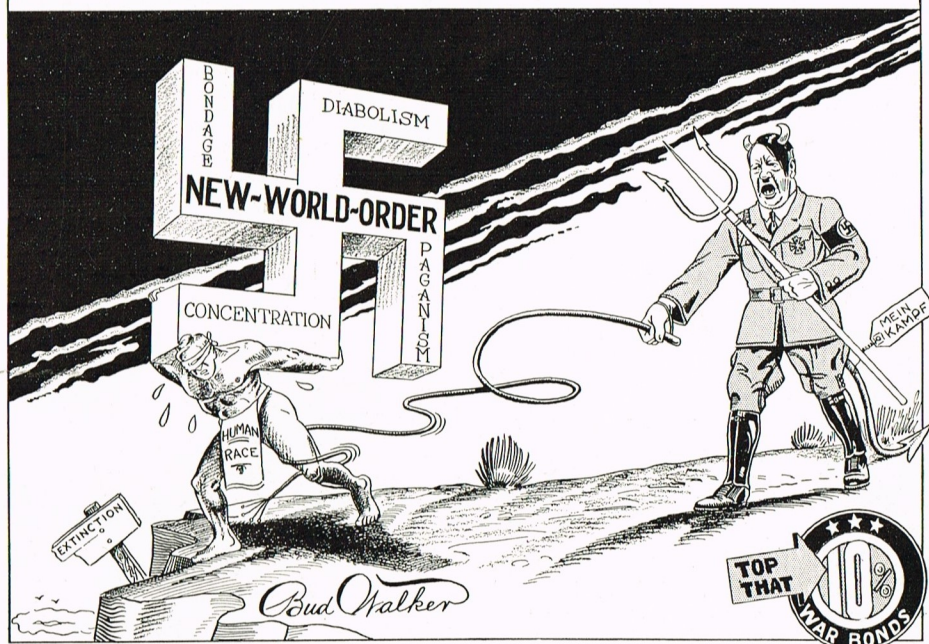
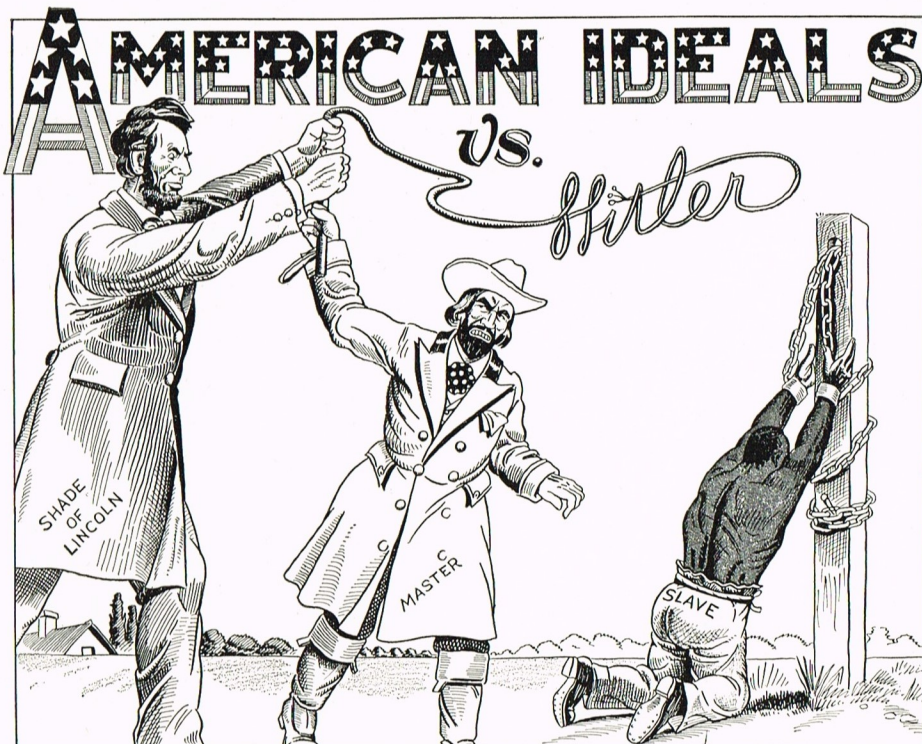
Gratified by the calm firmness displayed by Conductor Ed Fischer, Division, when he put a violent drunk who was causing other riders to flee from their places off his car, Adam Pissecki, 2209 Cortez Street, wrote: "I want to commend your conductor's conduct and courage."

Joyful at regaining the large diamond ring he had lost on one of our cars and pleased by the honesty of Motorman Bill Quigley, 69th Street, who found it and turned it in at his station, Robert M. Ferguson, Jackson Heights, New York, wrote: "I thought the ring was gone for good. You can imagine how grateful I was when I

learned it had been found. All of your men with whom I came in con-

tact treated me with a courtesy far beyond the line of duty."

Impressed by the "willingness, kindness and accommodating manner" of Conductor Jerry Gleason, 77th Street, Ben Miller, 7552 Colfax Avenue, a rider for the last 40 years, wrote: "He is a perfect gentleman—in talk and in actions."



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Arthur Bowes, Shops Foreman, Retires

MORE THAN 120 Shops and Equipment employees, most of them machinists at West Shops, and their wives attended a dinner at Klas' Restaurant May 20 to honor Arthur Bowes who retired this month as foreman of the Machine Shop at West Shops.



ARTHUR BOWES

Mr. Bowes has spent all his working life with machinery. Born in England in 1876, he became an apprentice when only 15 years old in the shops of Sir Robert Hatfield in Sheffield. In the first World War, which came during his 28 years at that plant, its war contracts kept 48,000 employees busy.

Soon after migrating to the United States in 1919, he joined the Surface Lines as a machinist. Ten years later he was promoted to foreman of the Machine Shop.

Co-workers of Mr. Bowes, who plans to make his home with his wife in St. Petersburg, Florida, presented him a

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Laban, John Vuytech and Morris Finklestein.

BURNSIDE

James Barber, Nicholas Schuberth, Edward Butler, Joseph Magrain and Theodore Appel.

COTTAGE GROVE

James Phillips, John P. McCune, Michael J. Hanley, Millard E. Ensworth, Walter Eckel, Frank M. Sullivan, James T. Mullen, Leonard R. Grant, Philip Grasz and Elbert W. Sayre.

DEVON

John Devane, Louis Christensen, George Storm, George Land, Edwin May, Louis Platt, Edward Lukes, Henry Hoffstadt, Earl Foster and Charles O'Grady.

DIVISION

John Fitzgerald, Fred Shippy, Lester Starkey, Andrew Lowery, Louis Felcman, Russell Warnstedt and Donald J. Lloyd.

ELSTON

Robert Versema, LeRoy D. Wegner and Charles Burns.

KEDZIE

Robert Stack, Edward J. Leahy, William Reichhold, Rudolph C. Schultz, Raymond McDonald, Maurice Roche, John Furlanetto, John J. Griffin, Martin Huska and Joseph Peckek.

LAWNDALE

Michael Hanley, Joseph McHale, Carl Neisner, Benjamin Ponzo, Michael Burke and Charles Jelinek.

LAWRENCE GARAGE

George G. Stillwell, John H. Lane and John Werdell.

LIMITS

Patrick J. O'Connor, Raymond J. Dowdle, Henry G. Richter, Frank P. Quinn, Walter Schwarzer, Frederick Hennessy and Ray Pelland.

LINCOLN

Michael Peterson, John McGarry, Edward Hutten, Joseph Schaller, Walter Johnson and George Mindak.

NOBLE

Walter Pickarz, Clifford Enger and Jacob Kalasa.

Hamilton wrist watch and a book bearing the signatures of all those attending the dinner. Sharing the spotlight with her husband during the evening was Mrs. Bowes, who was presented a bouquet of red roses.

NORTH AVENUE

Benjamin Mathy, August Johnson, Nicholas Foley, George Greco, Eddie Winters, Carl Helgeson, Edward Carroll, Emil Miller, Paul Simons, James Sprague, Christ Helm, John Lange, Edward Blaskey, Sidney Gorman, Elmer Good and James Hill.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH

John Mahon, John Farrell, No. 1, Arthur Feltz, William Gill, Earl Bedore, Thomas Nolan, Albert Kuelbs, Frederick Holzhauser, Harry Barry, John Cassidy, James Behen, Randolph Ellerbeck, George H. Grassel, Rudolph A. Nelson and Mathew A. Lafferty.

SIXTY-NINTH

John Maloney, George Boedeker, Earl Phillips, Anthony Egan, John Gillespie, Oscar Pecht, Francis Regan, Emil Priscal, Louis Brichta, Frank Brueck and Michael Regan.

London Woman "Connie" Calms Children During Raid

CONDUCTORS WHO believe they are holding down tough jobs in these war days should be interested in the experience of an English woman bus conductor described in a recent issue of *Pennyfare*, employe publication of London Transport Company.

"A daylight raid," the story begins. "A bomb explodes and four children in the bus turn to the conductor.

"Quickly she shepherds them to a street shelter. When the planes are out of sight, she puts them back on the bus which goes on its way.

"Down the street she sees a sight from which she wants to screen the children—a fiercely burning gas main.

"Putting all four under a seat, she begins a story: 'Once upon a time . . .'

"When the mother of one child met the bus as the children trooped out, she was surprised to find them calm.

"Learning what had happened, she wrote the London Transport.

"'Oh,' said the conductor, Mrs. M. J. Morgan, Athol Street Garage, 'it was nothing!'"



AROUND the CAR STATIONS

Archer

ALL OF YOU have seen the barometer on the back cover in this magazine showing the standings of the different departments and stations in the 10% Club of war bond buyers. Archer is down pretty low on the list. Let's all invest 10% or more of our earnings in bonds and put Archer on top of the list where it belongs.

Well, our bowling team met the enemy and were defeated. The boys tried hard but went down after a close hard battle—a mere 598 pins separating the winner and loser. Walter Zelis tells me that he has started practicing for next year and he is sure that he can bring that score down.

Our service honor roll is growing bigger every day. Bill Lytle, Tony Bober, Ed Carlson, John Metke have all left to join Uncle Sam's army. Lots of luck, fellows.

Bill Matyska and Bill Savela are recent proud papas. Congratulations.

Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Clarence Drake who passed away recently. Clarence was a past commander of Surface Lines Post of the American Legion and well liked by everyone.—Combine.

Armitage

NEW ARRIVALS have gladdened the homes of Dannie Loftus and Max Niemaskik. This is the first for Max, the second for Dannie. Congratulations, boys; and thanks for the cigars!

Ed Sigvedsen and Joseph Murphy are Uncle Sam's latest recruits from Armitage. By the time this gets to print, Henry Dulin will also have traded his uniform for khaki. While we write of servicemen, a reminder to write them more often is timely. Were it not for correspondence, we would have missed the pleasure of reading Ray Fisher's very interesting "Letter from Africa" in the last magazine.

Among the ailing are Louis Larson, Frank Tamillo, Al Mase, Jim Dougherty, Adam Rohr, August DeMoen and Sidney Duke. We hope to see them all back at work soon, and cheerful visits might do much to bring that about. Get going, sick committee!

The back cover of the last magazine showed Armitage ringing the 10% Club war bond bell by having the greatest percentage of employees in the 10% Club. We all know top place is our rightful position.

Because a bond contest between all stations is just getting under way, we may be nudged out of top place—but not without a stiff fight!

Please lend a willing ear to all the Armitage boys who have been authorized as Minutemen by the Treasury Department and

will soon be soliciting more 10 per centers.

Let's follow the mob, for we'll all be doing it soon anyway!—Chief.

Blue Island

WEATHER FORECASTING is a military secret so please don't ask when Receiver Nick Hodan has his day off. Cheer up, Nick; the weatherman will give you a break soon!

Although many folks are riding bikes these days, Night Clerk Herb Morton has a new system. He carries his bike to save the tires. We wonder, however, what will happen when his shoulder wears out.

Chief Clerk C. P. Starr and Motormen Frank Becvar, Bob Brown and Lou Karschnik are convalescing at home following recent operations. Still laid up at Mercy Hospital is Alvin Trembacz. Why not pay them a visit, boys? It would cheer them up.

Michael C. O'Brien has retired after 47 years of service. Says he, "I drove street cars for 47 years, now I'll drive a rocking chair for 47 more!" All of us wish you the best of luck, Mike. Run No. 1 on Blue Island won't seem the same without you!

Fred Gibbons reports enjoying his recent vacation in St. Petersburg; but don't believe his stories, boys. They're just a lot of Florida hot air.

When you have anniversaries or children graduating from school, buy your loved ones a war bond.

Speaking of war bonds, Blue Island climbed a step higher toward ringing the 10% Club bell in the last magazine. Let's sign up for more bonds, boys, and knock that bell clear off its perch!

Janitor Pat Smith bought some bonds with his back pay. That's the boy, Smitty!

Until Blue Island does ring that war bond bell, let our motto be: Buy Bonds to Bomb Bums!—Steve Barton.

Burnside

PATRICK J. LOFTUS was seen recently lightly balancing himself with the aid of an umbrella while lifting switches out on the Hegwisch line. Adroit questioning brought out the fact that far-sighted Pat, sensing a shortage of Japanese aerial artists, is right on the job of getting in form to exhibit in vaudeville.

Johnny Jones, debonair street car clocker at 93rd and Cottage Grove seems to be in the market for a new watch. Every time the phone in the office rings, the clerks lay wagers that it is Johnny calling up for the time.

Former motorman Louis Priest, now of Peotone, Ill., dropped around to see the boys

recently and say hello. He lives one-half block west of the highway on the first street at the north end of town. If any of you fellows happen to be down that way, stop in to see him.

We have been wondering how many of the trainmen in Burnside have been following the "bond buying indicator" that has been seen on the back cover of the magazine for the last several months.

Now just take a look at that back page. See that station at the top of the list? Well it can be jarred down from its high perch if every man in Burnside will just get into the spirit of the day and join the 10% Club of war bond buyers. All you have to do is bring your bond authorization card to Chief Clerk Bill Frank and tell him you want to be a 10 percenter. He'll do the rest! Let's show our buddies in the service that if they can give ALL, we can give at least 10% each payday.—Furgie.

Cottage Grove

CONDUCTOR PAUL KEEGAN reports the arrival of Karen Joan on May 29. The charming Mrs. K. and daughter are reported doing very well, and Paul is on the road to recovery. Lots of luck to this happy family group.

Have any of you lads noticed his lordship's desk has been completely rejuvenated by South Shops? Quite an event in the life of the chief clerk. Also, notice that a few of his choppers are missing from the left side of his phizz.

The drive for complete enrollment in the 10% Club is now under way with full support of the management and Division 241. If you have not already pledged your amount, do so now because the Government really needs your money to keep the all-out victory drive in full swing. Also, it is pretty cheap insurance against the Axis ever getting a hold on your country, your loved ones or yourself. Let's all sign up now!

Seems that Jerry has been approached on the job of instructor of janitors. Word has gone around that he is the best in the business, but Jerry just grins, shows his full set of white molars and says, "Shucks, it's nothing."

This column is supported by its readers, and unless contributions are made it is almost impossible to keep abreast of the times. If just five or six of you fellows would donate one item a month, your scribe could make a pretty interesting bit of reading for you. Start them coming, boys!—Ostet.

Devon

YES, FOLKS, there are depots in our system and, of course, there are depots. But then there is Devon, where division championships and system championships come home to roost—softball, bowling, and gardening, etc. But we believe our most cherished honors will come when we win the 10% Club war bond drive.

How do we know we'll win, you ask? Well, past performances indicate the cooperation that is evident here at Devon, and in every way that denotes a winner.

Then there is a more direct reason. Devon has some 40 odd men in this war, and if we know the men that are still on the job our "fighting forty" won't go shell short, gun shy, or plane light.

We all know there are no Persian rugs in

foxholes, and that the mirages in the desert do not hold ice water and that a slit trench does not offer any protection from the weather.

To you new men who recently joined us, we were the first in getting that Minuteman flag out there on the staff under Old Glory. Those forty odd fighting men of ours helped out there. So how about you fellows taking up where they left off, and pitching with us? You won't regret it when those lads get back and you meet them. They are all real guys!

For a good story some day, corner Motorman Louis Roos and have him tell you that yarn about the rear admiral, the tetanus shot and the half a dollar.

Consolidating wit and humor is an asset of Captain Frank Laske who piloted home our bowling championship this year. Vic Micetic helped out by keeping the team spirit right up to par.

Ben Dahl, who when he sets out to get some pins gets 'em, averaged a 192 in the six-game series. Huge Bill Carr, whom the pin boys leave the pit for, chalked up a 557 count. Down-Stater Tom Zimmerman crashed home with a big 624 series, and Mike Reich also came in with some of that old Devon bowling spirit and held up his end very well.

Congratulations, boys; we're proud of you!

To Captain Zelis and the Archer bowling team, our congratulations for a real display of sportsmanship!

Paul Dzieliński wrote recently to say how much he enjoys his duty on a destroyer, also how eager he is each month to receive his copy of *SURFACE SERVICE*.

If any of you know new addresses of our fighting men, please get them started our way so we can arrange to have *SURFACE SERVICE* started their way.—Ed May.

Division

Sergeant Charles Schoewer
With the Army Air Forces
"Somewhere in the Pacific"

HYA CHARLEY:

We thought it was about time to let you know what's been going on at the barn since you left.

Twenty-four of your friends so far have joined up with Uncle Sam. Our four latest recruits were Conductors Ray Klein, Dan Brophy and Bill White and Motorman Irv Green.

Say, Charley, do you remember Tom Sweeney, that gray-haired conductor? Well, two of his sons are with the air forces the same as you. One of them, Private Danny, flew in for his furlough recently from Alliance, Nebraska and made it in four and one-half hours. That's some flying!

Conductor Karsten Olsen's son, Eugene, also in uniform, recently married a nurse of the air command at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Karsten's other son works in a shipyard.

Motorman Pete Millock's son, Chester, is a private in the air forces overseas; and Motorman Clayton Peck's son, Elmer, though not quite 19 years old, is in the medical corps at Camp Grant. "Whistle" Peck recently celebrated his 31st wedding anniversary.

Only a few people around here know that Bill Sturm, nephew of Conductor John Bowerman, was a gunner on the *Saratoga* at Pearl Harbor.

Motorman Jacob Pankow's daughter, Rose, became engaged to Mike Smidarski while he

was home on furlough recently. They intend to be married as soon as victory is ours.

Well, Charley, we've started our vacation season. Motorman Ed Raabe stayed out at Fox Lake, but it rained most of the time. Motorman Pat Brown went down to Florida.

Motorman Tom Thompson still is having hard luck with our candy bar machines. He puts in two nickles for one bar every time. He and his "connie," Patterson, had quite a time with a rat that sneaked into their car during the recent rainy spell. It seems they threw everything but their weight at it.

Conductor Dominic Napoleon's wife gave birth to baby Francis just in time May 20. Dom should be deferred at least until August 1. Too bad you weren't here for one of the good cigars he passed out!

Motorman L. P. Goodwin (guess he started since you left, Charley) and his wife both have birthdays this month. Harry Ginter had a wedding anniversary last month. Your other friends, Charley Dietz, Fred Gunderson, Al Hengst, Tom Mace and your scribe also will celebrate anniversaries this month; and Norbert Altenbach and Karen Eve Gilso will be one year older.

By the way, Charley, the mother of Conductor C. Kemp passed away last month; and Conductor Charles Ness lost his father.

We have a hospitalization plan for all employees now, Charley; and all of us are, of course, buying war bonds.

Speaking of bonds, we are just getting started on a contest with the men at the 16 other depots to see which will be the first group to enter the 10% Club. As Ben Franklin said, "We deserve liberty only so long as we are willing to sacrifice something for it."

Seven of us have been designated as 10% bond salesmen: Les Starkey, Red Lowry, Fitz Fitzgerald, "D. J." Lloyd, Moneybags Shippy, Louie Felcman and your scribe.

Well, Charley, we hope this finds you in good health; and all of us wish you the best of luck. Keep 'Em Flying!—R. T. W.

Elston

OUR DRIVE to put Elston above all other depots in the 10% Club war bond contest is just getting under way. You who are ready to increase your bond savings to 10% or more should advise Stationmaster Balfanz or Chief Clerk Roger Ward, then add your names to the new bulletin hanging in the trainroom. There's no reason why Elston shouldn't top all other depots, so let's make that list grow like a mushroom.

Thanks to the many donors, our servicemen's honor roll is now completed and looks fine!

Private Walt Moran writes from Fort Bliss, Texas, that his best friend at present is his horse Rainy. Walt, if you haven't guessed it, is in the horse cavalry.

A V-Mail letter from Sergeant E. Stobart reports he is feeling fine and wishes to greet all the boys. One of the first Elston men to enter service, he is stationed in the British Isles.

Uncle Sam will gain this month and we shall lose Conductors George Guenther and Sam Criscione. At this writing, both are expecting immediate calls into military service.

War has taught us to be more conservative and still enjoy our days off say Motorman Dominic Obert and his son-in-law, Pat Lynn, Division.

They have been pooling their gas recently

for occasional one-day trips with their families. On their last jaunt they followed the Fox River south to Wedron, then to Sulphur Springs, then lunched at St. Joseph. They drove on to Ottawa, to Marseilles, to Morris, to Cool City where they inspected the coal mines, then headed toward home.

Such trips, Dominic claims, ease the nerves and make a street car look good to you on your return.

Remember, boys, say it with war bonds!—Emmett Kane.

North Avenue

IT IS HARD to see why anybody in a country like this invests in anything else but war bonds that will equip our armed forces for victory. They not only are the best investment in the world. In times like these, they are the only investment in the world.

The stress of war gradually is welding the efforts of the United States into a great common enterprise; and war bonds are the senior security of that enterprise—preferred stock in the United States of America, Inc. Everything else—stocks and bonds and deeds to real estate—are junior securities, no matter how long they may have been blue-chip issues on Wall Street. They are so junior that if defeat should impair the value of war bonds, nothing else would be worth anything.

To supply our fighting forces means diverting to the military a tremendous proportion of the national production. And those military supplies must be paid for with money. It has been said that Hitler has shown the world that money is only a way of counting. But it remains the most convenient way of counting, and our Government has got to have it to provide our armed forces with what we need to win.

Here at North Avenue we have made a good showing in buying bonds. We have kept North Avenue close to the lead. Let's continue to do our part! We have the spirit! Lend every dollar we can possibly spare to our country!

Our congratulations to Conductor C. Griffin who was presented a fine baby girl May 20. The little lady was named Dianne.

Wedding bells rang out last month for Conductor D. Mathieson and the girl of his choice, Mildred Cottle. Hearty congratulations to you both from all of us. Conductor Mathieson is now serving in the navy at Glenview, Illinois.

Motorman Robert McCarten left us last month to join Uncle Sam's fighting forces. His address is Co. H, 29th Tng. Bn., Bks. 2640 M.P.R.T.C., Ft. Custer, Michigan. Drop him a line, boys!

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Motorman K. Lussem, in the loss of his mother last month.

We have a note from Andy Devine, retired, who is now living in Kankakee. Andy says he is keeping himself in good health and fighting trim by working in his large victory garden and spending the rest of his time fishing.

Amid all the appeals for help with various war projects, including Red Cross, war bonds, and air raid precautions, we venture to plead for the spirit of good humor in meeting the unaccustomed restrictions and inconveniences of these times.

Very few of us are able to do as much for our country in these exhausting hours as we would like; but all of us can do something

to increase the stock of good humor and kindness for which there is such great need.

Our "man of few words" Harold ("Lock-jaw") King has been a busy farmer for the last month, digging up dirt for his Oak Park victory garden and digging up some dirt about the boys here at North Avenue for our column. He says:

Operator Pat McCarthy reports he is going to wear his old army uniform the next time he is invited to the Deegans for dinner. Pat was over there last Sunday for dinner, and a can of beans was opened.

Benny Keifer is cutting in on Operator Braman, and is getting all the students for the buses on their qualifying days.

Joe Loftus would like to rent an upper plate from one of the boys for 10 days during his vacation.

Supervisor Jacoby was seen in the Repair Department last week looking for a pair of left-handed pliers. Mike Harrington says that he thinks Jacoby is going to try and straighten his creeping bent.

Gus Wopinski is now one of the big property owners and tax payers of the Northwest Side. He is now a neighbor of Al Thorp and Operator Freeman. Gus says the Northwest Side was in need of good material for the office of alderman, and he is thinking of running in the next election.

Curley Spears is the best instructor for bus students, so he told King. Curley tells 'em when they get a transfer two days old to apologize and tell the riders they are sorry the bus was late.

King says that Robert ("Cantor") Campbell should be named "Submarine" as he very seldom comes up for air. Campbell is still the best singer here. He can even outsing Charlie Conrad.

Al Limberger, Louie Hoy's conductor, says he will continue to work on Pulaski Road as long as the cheese rolls last.

Discourteous employees are in the minority, but their conduct is likely to be remembered long after courteous treatment has been forgotten. After the war, our business is going to be faced with the hardest competition ever known. Good or ill will of the public created now will be a great asset or liability then.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of William Wendt who died on May 25.

We hope to have a better column for the next issue so don't forget to drop your news items in the news box.—W. G. Echols.

Noble

EMPLOYEES AT ALL 17 depots soon will be getting their own 10% Club war bond drives under way. Because boys from our depot are fighting for our freedom all over the face of the earth, let's get together and pledge ourselves to see that Noble is the top-notch ringer of the 10% Club bell shown each month on the back cover.

Don't let any extra money burn a hole in your trousers. Invest it in war bonds, then our fighting forces will get the equipment they need to burn the hole in the Axis' trousers.

Frank Fisher is reported to be hunting for a bride. If any of you have an unmarried daughter on your hands, better tell him about it.

That fair-haired, rosy-cheeked lad roaming around the depot of late is none other than John Henrich. The army, we hear, recently

asked him to sit tight for awhile until an opening for a major occurred.

Recently released from military service and looking as if they have benefited physically are Conductors L. Halvorson and Paul Ferrigan. Welcome home, boys!

Welcome also to the new conductors and motormen who joined us last month. We hope all of you enjoy working with us.

Uncle Sam certainly has been dipping into our "private stock" lately. Harold Bennett has entered the army, and Fred Hardt the navy. Good luck, boys. Hope they don't put you on a PT boat, Fred!

Latest reports are that Harold Larsen is somewhere in Egypt, and John Mahoney is in India. Ingvald Lorentsen is in Idaho, training for the navy on a dry-land ship. Drop us a line, boys, when you get the time!

Corporal Reggie Anderson has moved to New Jersey. His new address is 859th Signal Service Company, Newark A. A. B., Newark, New Jersey. He'd like to hear from you, boys.

In the Proud Papa Department last month was C. Enger, who boasted of the arrival of a seven-pound, five-ounce boy. Congratulations!

The boys have been wondering how the "Mayor of Dinkeyville" is faring these days. Why not pay us a visit, mayor, and relieve the suspense?

Air Raid Warden Bill Leahy is prepared to answer any questions on different types of bombs and gases. If you have any questions, hunt Bill up and wait your turn.—Charles Karcak.

Lawndale

WHEN CONDUCTOR Tom Johnson paid us a visit on May 5, he was enjoying a 10-day furlough after being promoted to chief petty officer. After his furlough, he was to report to the naval training station at Farragut, Idaho.

Chief Johnson joined the Navy April 10, 1942, and in one year made the remarkable advancement to chief petty officer. Good luck, Tom. Keep up the good work.

Motorman Art Otto, another Lawndale sailor, dropped in May 8, and spent several hours visiting with the boys. Art was on a furlough after completing his boot training at Great Lakes. He was noticeably streamlined, and reports to be feeling fine.

Motorman Joe McVey, now a machinist mate 2/c in the navy, also dropped in recently. Joe is assigned to a submarine chaser on Atlantic Patrol duty. He looks the picture of health and says he never felt better.

Ray Simon, our former chief clerk who joined the armed forces last month, is in the army air corp and is stationed at Miami Beach, Florida. Ray is living at the Flamingo Hotel, and reports army life is great.

Lawndale's latest contribution to the armed forces are Conductors Ken Akin and Jimmy Lyons. Both men are in the navy, and at present are in boot training at Great Lakes.

Mr. Stork recently visited the homes of Tom Mackall, Joe Cunneen, Al Mizia, Hank White, Willis Gardner, Les Cahill, Joe Hussey and Ollie Lipinski. Congratulations to the proud parents, and best wishes for the new arrivals.

Let's get together, boys, to put good old Lawndale on top in the 10% pay deduction for the purchase of war savings bonds.

Remember, fellows, you are just lending your money, in order that your son, brother,

friends, former co-workers and all members of the armed forces may get the needed supplies necessary for a speedy and decisive defeat of the Axis.

If we all join the 10% Club, Lawndale's name will soon be where we'd all like to see it—out in front of the 10% Club contest!

Remember, too, fellows, that your help is needed to keep Lawndale in the magazine. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.—M. J. Cusak.

Seventh-Seventh

WE HAVE ALWAYS moved in the big league in softball, bowling, billiards. Being a big station, it seemed only natural, and we have taken justifiable pride in it. We are, however, in a far more important kind of competition now, and we regret to find we are strictly second division in that.

We refer, of course, to the 10% Club war bond drive. It doesn't seem proper being way down near the bottom of the standings. The contest slogan is to buy till it hurts, and we haven't been hurting ourselves very much. To be consistent with our pride and with our tradition, we belong on top. Let's bat one thousand in this league, too! Let's ring that 10% Club bell!

Like burning the schoolhouse down to get that fellow out of first grade, they had to quit playing softball to get the old gander, Steve Sommers, to quit. His big bat was still going strong last year, and there is no doubt he could do it again this year. Oh, well, maybe he can devote a little time to Junior now.

Porky Bill Leske made short work of the billiard tournament with Cottage Grove. He took the first game 50 to 23; and the second, 50 to 20. That wasn't even a warm-up for him; but we know one fellow who can warm him up. He's Earl Bedore—if he would only take that cigar out of his mouth long enough to look down his cue.

Technical Corporal Dan McEvoy of the army air forces was in town recently. The boys say he was looking fine, but we didn't even get a candid shot of him. We hope that's the most serious thing that happens to him, and that he'll send along an action photo for the magazine.

During the recent monsoon Starter Bill Carr wasn't a bit troubled. "That rain is fine," he said. "I think I grew an inch last month!"

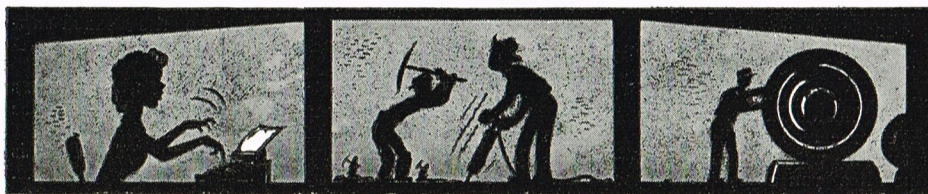
A third child, a nice new baby boy, has arrived in the Henry Hanson family. Pop says he'll be named Walter; and we say he couldn't pick a better name, and we ought to know.

After three daughters, Jim Curry is proud to announce the arrival of a son.

Another four-star father is Dave Walsh, who by this contribution to the war effort, rates high among all our liberty-loving 77th Street trainmen.

Mercy High School graduates Helen Finneran this month, and Helen is in a bit of a quandry. Daughter of J. J. Finneran, Helen has the WAAC fever. She comes by it naturally since she has two brothers who have already entered service. She's all for making it a 100% military family, but Pop thinks maybe 66% is enough for the time being.

Grandpappy Patty Byrne, "Ole Sarge" of the last war, has a son, Tom, carrying on the fighting tradition of the Byrne family. Tom is in India, the opposite end of the world



Departments and Divisions

Accounting

WHEN MARGARET BUTLER, Stenographic Division, left us last month, her co-workers presented her a pen and pencil set.

Celebrating birthdays last month were: Virginia Rzeznik, Letitia Knabe, Helen Wallace, Dorothy Pullen and Eulalia Parsons. Congratulations, girls!

Welcome and best wishes for success to these newcomers who joined us recently: Colleen Dunne, Thankful Miller, Veronica Kissane, Dorothy Pacelli and Rita Blotteaux.

Private Ed Stanton writes from Greensboro, North Carolina, that he is in the best of health and army air forces life really is swell. Ed sends his best regards to the office force, and reports he would appreciate hearing from any of you.

Sleep stole a good deal of time from her vacation, but Ardyth Meintzer, Payroll Division, had a few hours left to refresh her memory of what Chicago has to offer.

Advice to prospective selectees is cheerfully given by our expert, Henry Cullen, Time-

keeping Division, who recently returned after his honorable discharge from the army. Henry was boxing instructor at his camp in Louisiana. In an elimination tournament, he won the bantam weight championship of the 28th Division and was awarded a medal and certificate. Congratulations, Henry.—Thomas F. Coan.

Accident Investigation and Legal

FORMER CHIEF CLERK Andrew J. Wilson, who started with the Surface Lines in 1890 and retired after 51 years of service, passed away at his home on May 5. Our sympathies are extended to his family.

Frank Barker, the only one of our boys in service who wears the blue of the R.A.F., spent a few hours of his recent furlough at the office shortly before he entrained for Lachene, Quebec.

Congratulations to Investigator and Mrs. Peter W. Sepic on the birth of that strapping young man—Peter L. Sepic, by name—who weighed in at the Jackson Park Hospital on

from where Sarge did his fighting; but he says it's still done the same way.

If any of that cabbage that Mike Collins is planting grows up, he will have some corned beef and cabbage—that is, if he can get some corned beef when the cabbage grows.

Our deep sympathy goes out to the families of these recently deceased trainmen: Motorman Martin Sorenson and J. J. McNamara and Conductor E. H. Hankins.

Our sympathy also to the following men because of recent deaths in their families: Motorman F. J. Lynch, his father; Motorman L. J. Brady, his daughter; Conductor C. T. Bassette, his father; Motorman M. J. O'Connor, his wife; Clerk Joe O'Connor, his mother; and Motorman F. Bullie, his father.—Walt Story.

Sixty-Ninth

WORD REACHES US a contest among employees at our 17 depots to increase the number of members in the 10% Club of war bond buyers is already under way. As you know, we just finished a drive here, during which 464 men increased their war bond deductions by varying amounts. It all adds up to a substantial sum monthly, and we want to thank everybody who cooperated to make this fine showing.

The need for funds, however, is so great our Government is asking every wage earner to become a 10 per center. We're sorry we

didn't put more stress on this during our recent drive, but it still isn't too late to remedy the matter. You can still increase your allotment rate at any time just as so many did last month. We still have plenty of those allotment cards left and the stationmaster or chief clerk will be happy to assist you in filling one out.

Eddie Klie, James Johnston and Melvin Harcourt went to work for Uncle Sam late last month. At present we don't know where they are located, but we wish them the best of luck and hope that they will keep us posted on their whereabouts so they may receive SURFACE SERVICE regularly.

Congratulations to Joe and Mrs. O'Connell upon the birth of a son May 25!

Although we've been working with James Patterson for years it came as a great surprise when we learned he is quite an actor and intensely interested in little theater movements. His latest appearance was with the Marlboro Players of Damen Avenue, where he starred in a production called "Who's the Doctor?" We regret that we can't present a review of this play, but our dramatic critic was out of town and could not cover the gala opening.

Thespian Jimmy played the role of Officer Dugan, a motorcycle cop who has considerable trouble with some loose nuts from an insane asylum. The part provided him ample opportunity to display his talents. The play enjoyed an extended run of two full evenings.—H. E. Harris.

May 23 at eight pounds four ounces. Also thanks for the seegars and candy, "Goldilocks!"

Our sympathy is extended to Accident Investigator John Williams and Investigator John Ploner in the recent deaths of their mother and father, respectively.—Audrey.

Electrical

GEORGE CLARK, testing engineer and Phil O'Grady, maintenance electrician have entered training school to better acquaint themselves with their already acquired coast guard duties. Best of luck to you both, boys.

We extend a hearty welcome to Rosemary Bulay, a new member of our Downtown Office force. Hope you like working with us, Rosemary!

Oscar Peterson paid us a visit while on furlough from his duties in the recent flooded area downstate.

A recent promotion elevated Walter J. Adomaitis to a sergeant. He is now serving with the finances of our war activities.

George Kelly has been transferred from the Downtown Office force to the Line Department to train him for future heavy duty with the armed forces.—Billy.

Car and Bus Repair

ARCHER: We welcome the new men who joined us recently. Hope you will enjoy working with us, boys!

We hope to see J. Connors and W. Orosz, who have been ill, back on the job soon, fully recovered.

Repairman Joe Baranauskas died April 25. One of our oldest repairmen, he always had a smile and a good word for everyone. He will be missed by all of us.

Stockroom Clerk Charlie Flackus has left us to help win the war. Good luck, Charlie; don't forget our address!

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families of F. Raver, F. Pickunas, R. Jones and S. Rogers because of recent deaths in their families.

BURNSIDE: Congratulations and best wishes are in order for Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Buckley who were recently blessed with a baby boy. Our very best wishes to the happy parents and their little son.

Our deepest sympathy to Clerk William Scott and family in the loss of his father who died Easter morning after a very unfortunate accident.

Our most sincere sympathy also to C. Evetts in the recent loss of his wife.

We were pleasantly surprised with a recent visit from Matt Schultz who has been home convalescing from a very serious operation. We're all pulling for your speedy recovery, Matt!

77th STREET: Tom McDonald is home convalescing now after a siege in the hospital. We were happy to know you are getting along fine, Tom, and hope to see you back at work soon.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Joseph Ditchie who recently passed away.

While Joe was at 69th Street at the time of his death, he had worked with us for many years.

Our sympathy also to William Fitzpatrick in the loss of his mother; to Charles Bullie on the death of his father; to Stanley Kutsher who lost his mother, and to John Kakta in the loss of his brother-in-law.

69th STREET: Pat Dineen was a recent visitor from the armed forces. He is stationed in Oregon, and we surely were glad to see him.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Joseph Ditchie and family in the loss of their husband and father who passed away suddenly. Joe Ditchie was one of our veteran repairmen, and will be missed by all who knew him.

Deepest sympathy is also extended to Frank Pickunas in the loss of his mother.

Engineering

BUILDING: John Retzler was the proud papa of a baby boy, weighing all of six pounds, seven ounces on April 30, 1943. Congratulations, John!

Fred Acker, our building inspector since 1918, passed away on May 17. We lost a faithful worker and will miss his congenial smiling face. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow.

TRACK: We enjoyed recent visits from Sergeant Joe Dugo and Frank Higgins, gunner on a Flying Fortress. Both boys, looking fine, were home on furlough.

A warm welcome goes to C. R. Kelly, who has returned to work after a long siege of illness. Clarence reports the loss of 25 pounds. Page the Lost and Found Department.

Latest additions to the armed forces include T. Burica, C. Marino, P. Zizzo, J. Mesina, J. Bilich and Material Clerk E. Quinn. Best of luck, boys!

Bob Albrecht combined his vacation with the arrival of his baby girl. Mother and baby are doing nicely and, considering the weather, Bob relates having a very wet time.

Steve Polich has received an honorable discharge from Uncle Sam and resumed his duties as foreman in the Northern Division. Welcome home, Steve.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of John Craddock, retired, who passed away recently.

UTILITY: A baby girl, Dianna Carrol, arrived recently at the home of Motorman Bill Coleman. Congratulations!

Motorman Harry Hagan picked up a few points of law during his recent jury service.

Motorman Dan Boal has left us for military service. Good luck, Dan!

According to an item in a neighborhood paper, Trolley Tender Tom Murphy was host to a group of friends on his 37th birthday. We are not sure if the year of the publication is 1908 or 1918. How about it, Tom?

We are glad to see Chauffeur Al Daker back at work after a siege of illness.

Material and Supplies

PPRIVATE BILL GOVEDARICA, formerly at Halsted Yard, visited us recently. He is serving in the air corps, and says it is a great life.

John Voytas, Grand and Leavitt, has left

us for the navy. Good luck, John; let us hear from you.

If some of our readers will send us an item once in awhile instead of squawking when we miss an issue, your scribe promises to try to see that Material and Supplies is represented more often.—R. E. Buckley.

Schedule and Traffic

JOE DIGREGORIO is boasting of his new daughter, Patricia, who weighed in at eight and one-half pounds. Thanks for the cigars, Joe!

Phil Leahy paid us a visit recently while on his way back to his army camp in Arkansas. Phil sure looks good in the uniform, but he doesn't seem to be getting fat.

Louis Kincanon who is serving Uncle Sam in the 106th Division, has had a chance to show his skill as a baseball pitcher. He pitched a shut-out game recently, allowing only six hits and striking out nine men. Keep up that good pitching, Lou!

Esther O'Brien has returned from her vacation in Mexico with a fine sun tan. She has been spouting Spanish all over the department.

The Irish have invaded our department via the son-in-law method. George Bryan announced the marriage of his daughter, Lois, to Don McGarity of the naval air force in California while Max Kipping's daughter, Betty, married William Lynch.

Charles Kreiner is laid up at home by illness. We are all pulling for a speedy recovery, Charlie!—L. C. Dutton.

South Shops

WE RECEIVED letters from Stanley Malochleb and Tom O'Malley formerly of the Machine and Motor Repair Departments, respectively, last month. The boys are in Africa, so no more need be said of the wonderful job they are doing. They ask us to thank those of you who have written them and report that letters make life easier and more worthwhile. We were very glad to hear from you, boys; and you'll be hearing from some of us before very long.

Joe Hecht, foreman of our Paint Department, and John Biehl, production clerk in our office, celebrated their 35th anniversaries with the Chicago Surface Lines last month. Although the years have added a bit of maturity to the boys, they claim they feel like 35 more years.

'Stoo bad we didn't get those tomato plants last month, 'cause Mike Rubey, Machine Shop, promised to plant them for us. Perhaps Mike will bring us down a few tomatoes though when they're ripe.

Jim Lamont and Dick Zajac, signal corps and air corps ground crew, respectively, visited us recently while on furlough. Both of the boys looked fine and were in the best of spirits. Seems as if Uncle Sam's menu of training and food is agreeing with them in a big way. We were very glad to have the boys with us, and hope they'll visit us again real soon.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are offered Ed Moore, Machine Department, who underwent an operation last month. We hope to have you back with us soon, Ed.

Kathleen Golden, daughter of John Golden, Car Repair Department, is known as the Dean of the Civic Music Group singers, ac-

cording to a recent article in the *Chicago Daily News*. This group is an association of more than 30,000 child singers who attend classes in parks and institutions throughout the city, and of these, 500 appear in an annual song fest at Orchestra Hall.

Kathleen sang her first song for this group when she was three years old; and, now 17, she has a record for singing which has never been excelled by any of the thousands of children who have sung for the association. Kathleen made her 14th appearance at Orchestra Hall with the chorus of 500 other boys and girls at the annual program on May 2. She started with the group two years early, and says she thinks she'll stay around two years late, the usual age of the children being 5 to 15 years. Besides Kathleen, her two brothers, John and George, and her sister, Mary, were members of the singing group at different times.

We should like to impress the following item upon each reader. The last few months we have received letters from OUR BOYS who are out fighting OUR fight asking that we write them. We feel that all of us should find it a pleasure and a privilege to write to them. Whether we know the men personally or not, we do know that the boys—especially those overseas—appreciate hearing from us back home. Home, to them, means contact with their pre-war, work-a-day worlds.

The boys write and tell us that they are receiving the magazine, those overseas are getting it, too, and they say how welcome it is. Although they are far away as geography is calculated, show them that you are with them in spirit all the time. Get busy and write them some of those letters you have been meaning to, but just haven't got around to writing. We'll be extremely happy to give you their addresses.—Elsie S. Frank.

West Shops

THE WELCOME FLAG is hoisted for Florence Jankowski who has joined us as junior mail clerk. We are happy to have you with us, Florence, and appreciate your early-morning smile and cheery good morning as a starter for the day.

It is said we never gain anything without losing something. While we are happy to see new faces, we were sorry to see Arthur Bowes, foreman of the Machine Shop, leave us. He retired June 1 after many years of service, and will make his home in St. Petersburg, Florida. Our very best wishes go with him and his wife for their future life. Thank you for the cigars and candy, Art!

James McConville has succeeded Mr. Bowes as machine shop foreman. Our best wishes for success are extended to him.

Two of Uncle Sam's boys visited us last month. Sergeant Walter Hager was on leave from the state of Washington, and Pat Porcelius visited us from Great Lakes. It was good seeing you, boys!

Although not able to visit us in person, Ed Hess wrote some welcome letters from Fort Lewis, Washington, and WAAC Eleanore McCann from Riverside, California.

One of our earliest vacationists, Joseph Hecht, claims he had a pleasant time at his summer home at Grass Lake. He admits it was slightly "damp" but insists his vacation spirit wasn't dampened a bit.

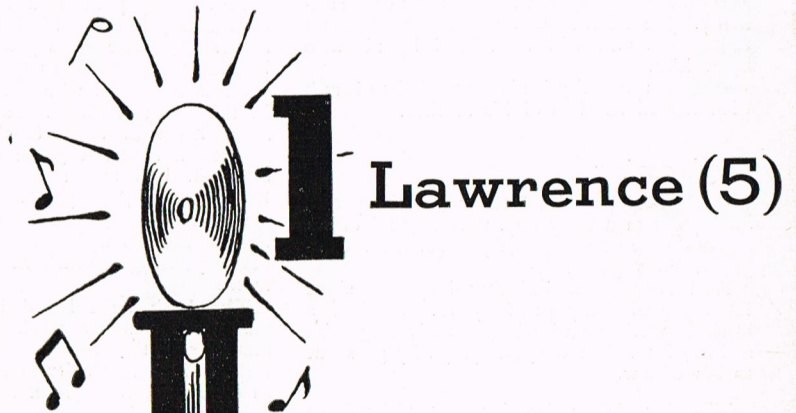
Our sincere sympathy is extended Caroline Johnson on the recent deaths of her father and aunt.—Mildred Habeger.

Has Your Group Rung the Bell?

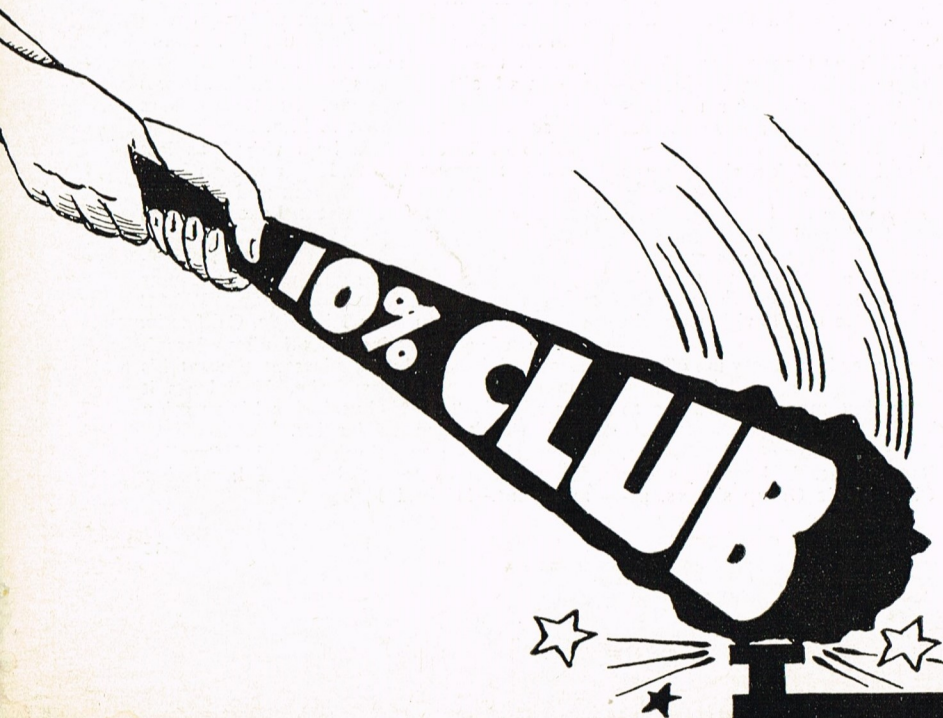
RANKED BY the percentage of their number who are investing 10% or more of their wages in war bonds through our payroll savings plan are the 25 chief groups of employees.

Numbers following the names of those 10 groups which showed progress last month indicate the number of steps toward ringing the bell each climbed.

General Warning: Employees at our 17 depots, who launched a 10% contest this month, plan to occupy the top 17 places here next month!



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4. West Shops
5. Electrical
6. Utility (4)
7. Cottage Grove (2)
8. Armitage
9. Lincoln (2)
10. Building
11. Blue Island
12. Kedzie (11)
13. Division
14. Car & Bus Repair (1)
15. Noble
16. Lawndale
17. Archer (3)
18. Burnside (1)
19. Elston
20. South Shops
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