

Surface Service Magazine

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Seasons Greetings

The management extends to the Surface Lines family its best wishes for the happiest possible Christmas and New Year and takes this opportunity to express also its appreciation for the loyal, coöperative spirit shown under trying war-time conditions.

This normally happy season is tempered by the uncertainties and worries of war. Fourteen hundred fellow employes now with the armed forces are missing from our ranks, and hundreds more have gone from the families of Surface Lines men and women.

It is our hope that peace will soon return, and those who have left us will come safely home.

Joint Board of Management and Operation
by Walter A. Shaw, Chairman

Help Our Street Cars Go Rolling Along



Over hill, over dale
Riding on C. S. L. rail
Help our street cars go rolling along!
To and fro, day and night
Backing up the boys who fight
Help our street cars go rolling along!

CHORUS:
For it's Hi! Hi! Hee!
An essential industry,
Call out the cross streets loud and strong.
In rain or snow, folks must always know
That our street cars go rolling along.
(Keep 'em rolling.)
*Help our street cars go rolling along!**

BACKED UP BY hundreds of Surface Lines employes who are making it their business to get employment introduction cards into the hands of as many likely prospects as possible, the Be A Trolley Pilot drive, launched last month, is bringing a gratifying increase in the number of job applicants at our Clark and Division Street employment office.

However, with war-time riding and the departure of more than 1,400 of our men for the fighting forces, we must have still more employes to help operate and maintain our 3,500 street cars, buses and trolley buses.

For several weeks before the Be A Trolley Pilot drive began the Surface Lines was losing employes to the fighting forces and for other reasons faster than new ones were being employed.

To offset this condition, the employment drive was started in the hope that, with the active support of employes, this trend could be quickly reversed. Supplies of introductory employment cards are now available at all depots, shops and offices.

To keep all our vehicles rolling and performing their essential war task and to give our 2,500,000 daily riders the service to which they are entitled, we must keep up the flow of job applicants to our employment office.

If the campaign is to be successful, the employment introduction cards with which most employes have been furnished must carry much of the load of bringing in applicants.

Because employes are acquainted with the physical, mental and moral qualifications for a job with our organization, it is natural that applicants whom they recommend are more acceptable than those brought in by the general help wanted appeals.

Commented General Manager Fred Nolan on the importance of the drive: "I certainly hope each employe does his best in passing along the employment introduction cards and in otherwise encouraging his friends to help us fill our vital war role.

"Because the public's patronage of the Surface Lines in post-war years will depend to a considerable extent upon the type of service we render now, it is in the interests of every last one of us to help push the employment campaign to a successful conclusion."

**Any back- or front-platform trainman who fancies himself as a Caruso might inspire a few job applicants by warbling this song in his spare moments on our cars to the tune of "The Caissons Go Rolling Along."*

Keep 'em Working!



LINED UP awaiting "customers" at 92nd and Commercial are the instructors who are manning the colorful employment promotion bus.

Left to right, they are: Sid Balderman, Archer; Elbert Sayre, Cottage Grove; Herman Anders, Devon; and "Buck" Jones, Kedzie.

Employment Office
Chicago Surface Lines
1165 North Clark Street

This will introduce .....
(print name of applicant)

I have known him for ..... and think he would like working for us.
(length of time)

Because I believe he is the type of man who would bring credit to the Surface Lines, I would like you to give him every consideration.

Signed .....
(Employe making introduction to print his name, number and station or department)

DETACH AND GIVE TO YOUR CHIEF CLERK

Chief Clerk

(print station or department) (date)

I have filled out an employment introduction card for .....
(print full name of applicant)

His address is .....
(print in full)

I have given him the introduction form, and believe (do not believe) he will call at our employment office soon.
(cross out phrase which doesn't apply)

Signed .....
(Employe making introduction to print his name, number and station or department)

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WHILE THE COLORFUL orange, green, black and cream Be A Trolley Pilot bus is doing well in helping to promote applicants for the many jobs which the Surface Lines now has open, the above employment introduction card which employes are filling out for their friends is also counted upon to bring us many new workers.

If we are to keep our 3,500 street cars, buses and trolley buses rolling, we need more employes in nearly every department.

Keep the employment introduction cards working! If you haven't yet passed yours along, please try to do so. If you need more, request them from your superior.



SID POINTS OUT to a job seeker some of the many advantages, printed in the advertising card space, of working with the Surface Lines.

Color scheme of the interior of the bus uses several shades of blue.



EXPRESSING AN interest in clerical or stenographic work is this young lady to whom "Buck" talks.

Formal applications are taken on the bus, and likely looking job seekers are given special introduction cards to our Clark and Division Street employment office.



WHILE HIS co-workers pass out the Be A Trolley Pilot leaflets which were distributed last month in our vehicles, Elbert escorts another job seeker into the bus.



WHILE SID and Herman interview two job seekers, "Buck" escorts another into the bus.

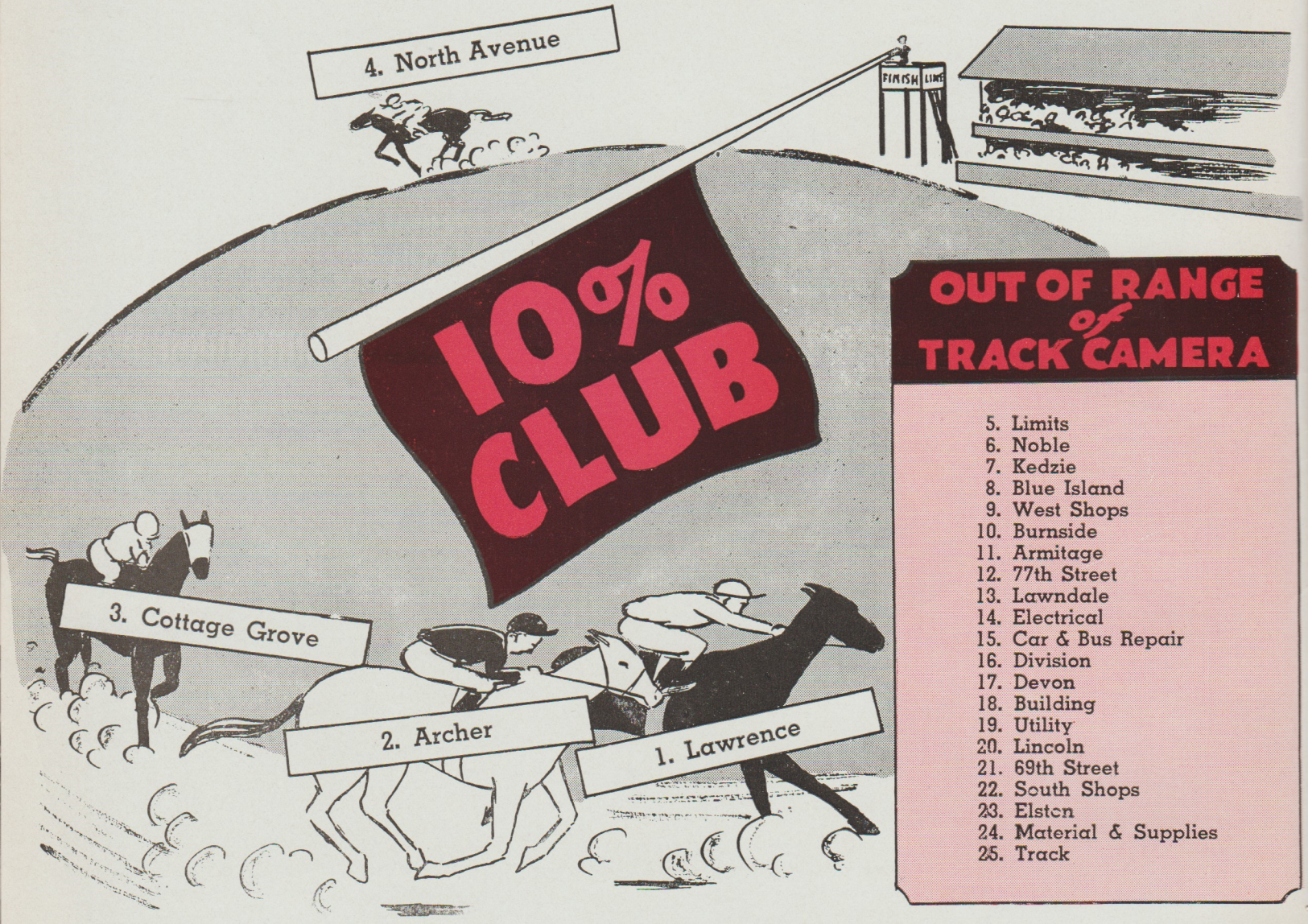
Helping to lend the appearance of an office to the interior of the vehicle is the blue carpeting down the aisle.

The employment drive, thanks particularly to employes who filled out introduction cards for their friends, enabled us to hire an increased number of new workers last month.

LAWRENCE REGAINS LEAD IN WAR BOND RACE

Lawrence Garage boys, irked at having the lead position in the war bond race snatched away by Archer during October, staged a comeback last month.

Groups which showed gains last month and the number of places which each advanced were: Lawrence, one; Car and Bus Repair, two; Division, two; and Building, one.



OUT OF RANGE of TRACK CAMERA

5. Limits
6. Noble
7. Kedzie
8. Blue Island
9. West Shops
10. Burnside
11. Armitage
12. 77th Street
13. Lawndale
14. Electrical
15. Car & Bus Repair
16. Division
17. Devon
18. Building
19. Utility
20. Lincoln
21. 69th Street
22. South Shops
23. Elston
24. Material & Supplies
25. Track

Mother of 10 Ends 1st Year in London Transport Shops

THE NOVEMBER ISSUE of *Pennyfare,* employe publication of the London Transport Company, carried the following items:

Mrs. Kathleen Green, mother of 10 and a mechanical assistant in the shops, completed her first year of service.

Operator E. Tuckey, author of a new marching song, "The Whack of Sarawak," received a letter from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt commending his efforts.

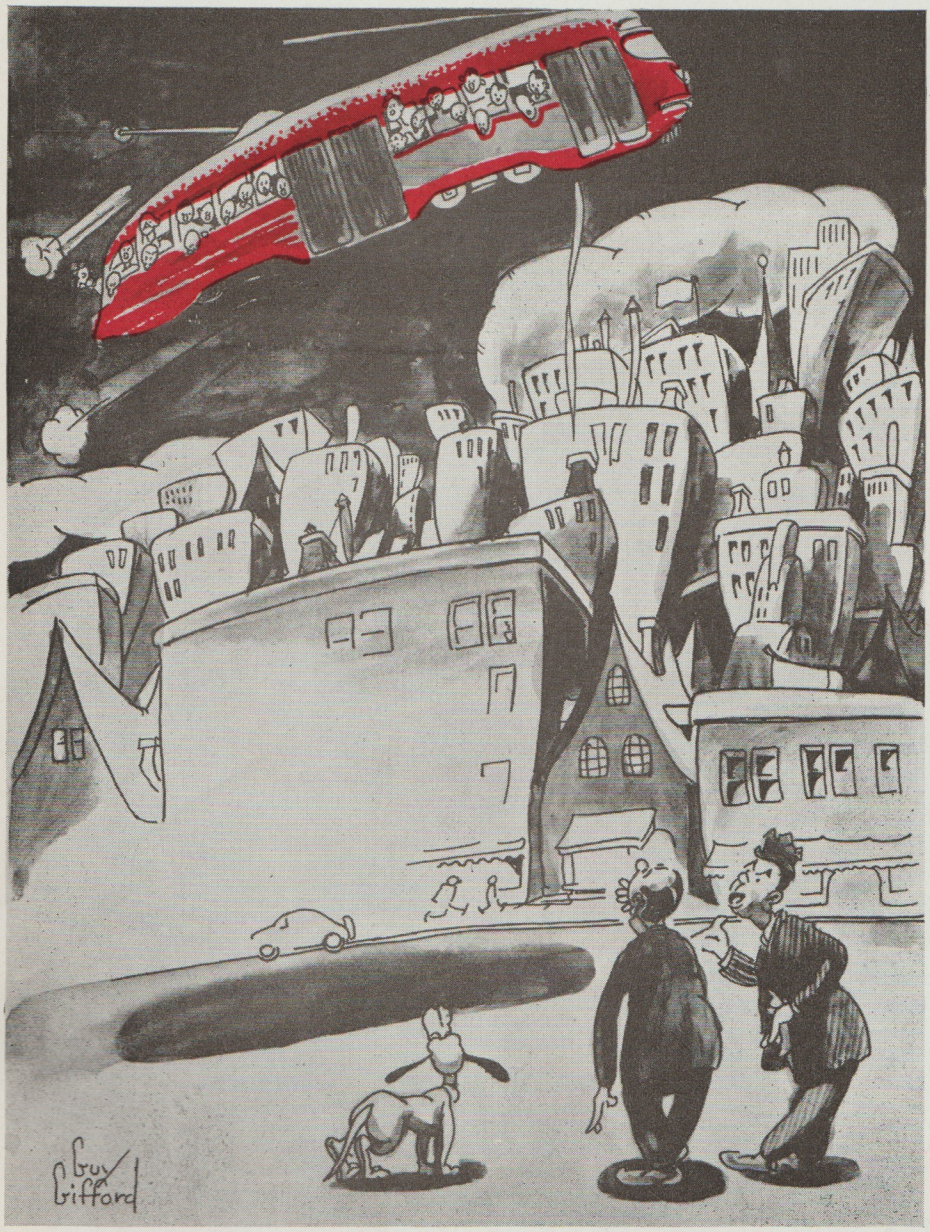
Foreman Ticket Collector A. L. Durrant, his nine-month-old daughter and his parents-in-law were killed late in October when a German bomb hit their home.

The death in action of seven more London Transport workers serving with the fighting forces was announced.

"They Seem Glad If You Catch Their Car!"

IMPRESSED WITH the friendly way in which Conductor John Sweeney and Motorman Clayton Moize, Devon, greet their riders with a smile or wave, M. E. Hayes, 221 North La Salle Street, wrote the words which serve this page as a headline.

"They start a rider's day off right," he continued, "and honestly make it a pleasure to ride on their car. If you have an honor roll, please put them on it. They certainly deserve mention."



"That's what we get for calling 'em pilots!"

Everyday friendliness and courtesy brought Conductor Frank Black, 77th Street, a similar letter of praise from Mrs. R. S. Browne, 4118 North Kedvale Avenue, who wrote: "Besides being extremely courteous, he called all the streets distinctly. Many on the car commented on how pleasant he is."

The courtesy of Conductor Martin Abt, Archer, in explaining why he could not accept a transfer so impressed W. H. Montgomery, 612 East 51st Street, that he wrote lauding him.

"Chicago conductors cannot be excelled in any city for courtesy and understanding." So wrote Mrs. K. B. Radley, 4719 Kenwood Avenue, in praising Conductor Bill McCarthy, Cottage Grove, for his friendly helpfulness.

Praises Conductor's Bravery

The bravery of Conductor Tom Wixted, Kedzie, in leaping from his car to pull a drunk from the path of a speeding truck prompted Mary C. Dwyer, 527 South Taylor Avenue, Oak Park, to write: "The man would have been instantly killed. Your conductor had a very narrow escape, and it was a miracle both were not struck."

The unfailing courtesy of Conductor Jim Durchanek, 69th Street, in the face of verbal abuse of two bad-mannered riders so impressed Leo Richard, 54 West Randolph Street, that he wrote: "He is to be commended for his never-failing good humor — even when the riders threatened to 'get' his job."

After they had gone out of their way to assist blind, crippled, elderly or bundle-carrying riders, these trainmen received letters of praise last month: Conductors Frank Bielski, John Docherty and Joe Fedigan, all of Archer; Motorman Bill Krause, Armitage; Conductors Harold Jepsen and Ray Matern, Devon; Conductor John O'Grady, Kedzie; Motorman Frank Plesko, Lawndale; Bus Operator Wallace Clark, Lawrence; Motorman Benedict Fahrow and Oliver Wikrent, North Avenue; and Motorman Clemons Nelson, 77th Street.

BEFORE THE SPHINX IN EGYPT

One of the huge Surface Lines family serving with Uncle Sam's nephews is Lieutenant Bernard Tully (center), shown here with two officer buddies in Egypt.

Son of Motorman Mike Tully and brother-in-law of Conductor Johnny Gallagher, both of 77th Street, Bernie, who left medical school to join the army air forces, is navigator on "Snow White," a Flying Fortress.



OUR CHRISTMAS CARD TO OUR RIDERS

Reproduced below in half its actual size is our Christmas and New Year card to the folks whose fares pay our wages.

Printed in the same colors in which it appears here, the poster will be displayed in our vehicles throughout the coming Holiday Season.

WE GIVE $45,000 TO COMMUNITY AND WAR FUND

Shelling out with customary generosity for a worthy cause, Surface Lines employes pledged $45,000 to the Community and War Fund drive.

Another Surface Lines contribution, this colorfully decorated "roving billboard," has been in regular operation throughout the campaign.

With the drive drawing to a successful conclusion, this vehicle will be repainted to serve as a promotion aid in our Be A Trolley Pilot campaign.





The Surface Lines Family WISHES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE HAPPIEST POSSIBLE Holiday Season..



Armitage

THIS TROLLEY PILOT has been assigned to fill the scribe's spot left vacant by Izzy Shedroff. It's going to be hard, trying to fill your shoes, Izzy, for you wear a child's six while we require a man's size 10. However, we'll try. We at Armitage wish you the best of luck in your new assignment.

Christmas is upon us now and during this hectic period we expect to carry an all-time record load. Let's be courteous and patient with our passengers, many of whom will be taking their children and the children of men in the service to see Old St. Nick. It's going to be a trying ordeal, but we have done it before and we can do it again.

We of Armitage extend our condolences to the family of Motorman George Hanson, who passed away so unexpectedly on November 21. George was one of our old-timers, having joined the Surface Lines in August, 1914.

Regarding an article in a recent issue of the *Union Leader* concerning Conductor Bruno Mix's awe-inspiring trip to the Hobby Show, it may be said that, arm in arm with Brother Mix, was that writer of tall tales, Conductor John B. Hale.

Among others seen at this biggest of all hobby shows were Brothers Mokate, Skie, Zimmerman, Glonke, Broach and our worthy Janitor Moss.

Unlike Brothers McHale and Mix, the others were all carefully convoyed by their wives. Each paid a visit to the booth of your new scribe. Thanks a lot, fellows!

One of our rude trainmen started a rumor around the barn that he had seen Conductor Lester Filskove with his head in a barrel yelling "grandpa." We hardly believed this and investigated the rumor, finding that the broad smile on the face of Conductor Filskove is caused by the fact he is double-barrelled grandfather—twins having been born to his offspring. The parents and Lester are all doing fine.

Joe Murphy, who is doing his stuff for Uncle Sam at Camp Carson, Colorado, paid us a visit recently and was looking swell. Watch your step, Joe, we hear there is a WAC outfit at Camp Carson also.

A card from Howard Christensen shows he is learning his "squads east and north" at the Coast Guard Training Station at Manhattan Beach, in Brooklyn, New York. Look out, Howard, your physical director there is Lieutenant Commander Jack Dempsey and he hits for keeps. Ask Firpo!

Your scribe's son, home on a furlough last month from gunnery school, was telling about the equipment issued to all flyers, including gunners, when they finish their course. Believe it or not, the heavily-lined flying suits, a pair of 50-caliber guns, sighting equipment, barracks jacket and various other items are valued by your Uncle Sam at $900. Figure out the thousands and thousands of planes, each carrying from five to 15 men and each man carrying $900 worth of equipment. Let's buckle down, men, and buy more bonds. It's better to buy them than to wear them.

Well, men, this is about as far as this car goes, so we will have to give you a transfer. But in closing, we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Victorious New Year.—Ted Shumon.

Blue Island

MR. EIGELSBACH, Mr. Kramer and the office personnel join in wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Brighter and Happier New Year. May your loved ones in service come safely back home to you during the coming year!

The following have recent additions in their family: Clerk Joseph LeFebyre, a boy born November 22; Operator Peter Schumacher, a boy born October 23; and Conductor Willard Brockman, a girl born October 26. Congratulations!

Our sympathy is extended to Motorman Joseph Sykora in the loss of his wife, and to Supervisor Otto Brueback in the loss of his mother.

Motorman Michael Griffin, Morris Finklestein No. 2, and Carmen Castaldo entered the armed services lately. Good luck, boys!

Conductor Charles Pasternak underwent an operation at the Mercy Hospital; we hope for his speedy recovery.—C. P. Starr.

Burnside

DECEMBER AND another year is drawing to a close. Let's look back over the last year and, if we have a slight feeling of pride in our achievements, we may well be excused.

We have done a mighty big job under a heavy handicap, and we know we have done it well. With the scarcity of equipment and the manpower shortage, there have been very few runs off the street.

That means there has been wonderful coöperation between the men and the management. That is enough to make all of us glow with pride.

But there is a bigger job still ahead of us. The war is not won yet, and the much-needed equipment is not forthcoming; likewise the winter with its snow and icy streets is upon us.

Here is where the real test will come. We must redouble our efforts, being ever on the alert to prevent accidents and other things that will cause interruptions in service so that there may be a steady flow of manpower to the defense plants and a steady flow of munitions to those boys over there who are doing their utmost to bring peace again to the earth and goodwill to mankind.

We have noticed lately that Supervisor Singleman is a dog fancier. We were quite astonished to note the fearless manner with which he handles the ferocious canine, the latest to be added to his kennel. The dog weighs all of 2 pounds, but Wilbur leads it about with only a baseball bat for protection. Lots of nerve, we call it!

Supervisor Rudy Miller, in trying to save up for the good wife's Christmas present, secreted a considerable amount of foldin' money in a schedule guide book. Another supervisor used the book while Rudy was off duty and promptly turned the greenbacks in to the Lost and Found Department. Bet it will be a long time before Rudy holds out on the little woman again!

Conductor "Danny" Fox who has been on the sick list all summer has returned to work as relief flagman. Welcome back, "Danny." Hope you will soon be able to get back on the platform again.

Out Hegewisch way, noted as the home of Battling Nelson of pugilistic fame, there is another champion, namely, "Sunny Jim" Burgeson, who issues herewith a challenge to all gum chewers. He will hold a gum chewing contest any time, day or night, loser to pay for the P. K.'s.

Seaman 2/c George Anderson dropped in to say hello to the gang while home on furlough recently. At that time he was stationed at Camp Scott, Farragut, Idaho, but he expected to be transferred on his return. George was looking fine and is anxious to get the war over and get back on the job again. Good luck, sailor; we all say amen to that.

We were all saddened by the untimely passing of Supervisor Roy Harrop of 69th Street depot. He was known as a regular fellow throughout the entire C. S. L. Having worked the "tunnel car" for a considerable length of time, he enjoyed a very wide acquaintance and was well liked by all who knew him. To his bereaved family we offer our sincerest sympathy.

In closing we want to wish every member of the C. S. L. family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To the 1,375 service men and women from our midst we add, a speedy return to peace and home. And to speed the homecoming we suggest, Don't buy bon bons; buy bomb bonds, to bomb bum bums.—Furgie.

Cottage Grove

HAVING BEEN appointed correspondent for our depot, we will endeavor to do our best in bringing you all the news of our brother trainmen and their families. It's hard for a fellow to get around and get all

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the news himself so if any of you lads have any kind of news just leave it with the clerk and we'll be glad to use it.

News from the boys in the service is always the most welcome because it keeps us informed about the activities of our fellows. We don't have much news this time as we didn't have enough time to get around and scout up some, but here goes and hope we'll have more next issue.

Edgar H. Carroll, A. M. M. 2/c, stationed at the Glenview Naval Air Station, had a three-day pass recently and dropped in to say hello to the fellows. He is a machinist, keeping the planes in the air. He looks fine, and thinks it will be over soon.

Cadet C. Cross, son of Harry C. Cross, conductor at this depot, is now attending Washington and Lee University in Virginia. He was home recently on a furlough and had an enjoyable visit. He is taking up a course in Basic Engineering. At this university is the burial place of General Robert E. Lee, confederate general of the Civil War. It is a tradition that anyone passing his monument salutes.

Jerry O'Connor says if the motorman is a trolley pilot, the conductor must be the "bumbadier." Leave it to Jerry to figure out a good answer to anyone's queries.

Conductor Lodvich has been saying he is going to join the British Army the first of the month, but he didn't say what month!

Being the Christmas issue, we take the opportunity to wish everyone of you a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring new cheer to all of us and our families—especially to the boys who are not with us this Christmas and New Year's.—C. A. Camiskey.

Division

CONDUCTOR HARRY COX sure started something when he bought his wife a corsage for the American Legion Dance. Motorman "Chet" Koprowski was razzed all night by his wife for not getting her one.

The dance was such a big occasion for Motorman Ray Smith's girl friend Charlotte that she "just had to have all the conductors' and motormen's autographs" on the back of her program.

We're wondering if Conductor Kraus (Meier) ever did find that!

A great big orchid to Bud Walker of Archer Depot and his boy, Ed, who were the hit of the evening. Bud's impersonations of F. D. R., Amos 'n' Andy, Wallace Beery and a dive bomber were very good. Ed was a modest chap who admitted being in Panama, Hawaii, and "a few supply bases." At this time, he was on leave from the Maritime Service.

Although he didn't dance, Conductor Charlie Dietz put in his first public appearance since his C. C. D. from the army. As in former years, Motorman George Miller and the Mrs. were struttin' their stuff, trying to outdo Conductor Elmer Smith and his better half.

Conductor Art Sepke still doesn't like to be "treated white," nor do Mike Verdouche, Art Eberlein, Alvin Sachs and Captain Claussen.

Although the women sang some very stirring selections the effect was lost by having the "mike" go dead. Of course, the orchestra didn't mind the rest meanwhile!

Motorman John Kruk has a son, Lieutenant Edmund, with the Ordnance Division at Alliance, Nebraska. He finished his officer's training last April. Another son, Chester, although only 29, is Chief Engineer at Consolidated Air Craft in San Diego, California. Already he has improved several bomber parts for Uncle Sam!

Ted Meier, George Wdowik, George Schwab, Ed Puntel and Harry Hodges dropped into the depot last month during their furloughs and many a yarn was spun while the rest of us stood agog. Jim Cepican, our former stock clerk, is now at sea aboard one of our new Liberty ships.

Our latest blood donor—for the fourth time—is Motorman Walter Irwin, who requested that we print the address of the Red Cross Blood Bank. Well, fellows, it's 5 North Wabash, and anyone can call Wabash 7850 for an early appointment.

Conductor Otto Warnstedt's wife underwent a serious operation recently and is coming along nicely.

What conductor rode from Augusta and Western to 33rd and Wallace just to buy his granddaughter a birthday cake?

Leo Gackowski, brother of Conductor Al, is in British Guinea with the motor and air transport.

We have a new nominee for the Hall of "Finding Fame." Motorman John Baret found a pussy cat in a small shoe box which he promptly turned in.

That good looking fellow with the big smile you see around the car house is Jim Madar, our new repairman, formerly of North Avenue. Welcome to Division, Jim!

Motorman Ray Brzeczck and Conductor Patrick Barnes had their pictures in all the papers last month when a knife-wielder ran through their car threatening crew and passengers alike. Two squads of police caught him, and were forced to shoot in self defense.

"Galloping Swede" Edstrand, former motorman of Western Avenue, also had his profile in the tabloids when he was sworn in at the detective bureau, before being taken in as a policeman.

Private Jack, son of Conductor Jack Walsh, visited home during his Thanksgiving furlough.

Richard Pearson, two-year-old son of Conductor William, and Janet Mae, Motorman Bill Devitt's girl, will celebrate birthdays this month.

Bobby is the latest addition at Conductor Art Hedman's home, and Harold Thomas is the new boss at the home of Conductor Harold Hansen. Conductor Russell Stromsta was presented with a playmate for his other boy November 21.

Conductor "Gabe" Lipsitz will celebrate his eighth wedding anniversary December 28 and Motorman Bill Devitt had his December 2.

Motorman Ray Breseman is back to work after a throat operation.

Motormen Engleman and Atwood are sprouting mustaches, we think!

Motorman Charlie Vahl passed away November 9. He was one of our best-liked men and many old-timers, followers and leaders alike, attended his funeral.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to John O'Donell, Repair Department, who lost his loving wife, and to James Burke, who lost his father.

That's all for this year, fellows. Thanks for the coöperation in the past, and may we hear from you again in '44.

Merry Christmas to all!—Russ Warnstedt.

Elston

ANOTHER YEAR is near an end with Elston finishing in last place in bond purchases. Why not start the new year right by investing 10% or more each payday in war bonds? It should help those close to us enjoy next Christmas at home with us.

Uncle Sam recently called Motormen Ray Meifess and J. Komomick to the marines;

Conductors R. Uhlman and S. Polniaszik to the navy; and C. Mendriski to the army.

The first Christmas card from our men in the armed services was received from Lawrence Gerharz. It will hang with others near the Christmas tree arranged by Chief Clerk Roger Ward.

Superintendents Balfanz and Eggert wish to be remembered to all the boys in service, and from all of us to all of you a Merry Christmas and, with the help of God, a short end to the war.

Motorman Henry W. Lund, who has been sick, was in last payday. We hope he will be back with us soon.

Motorman H. Kleyer, well known to all of us, will retire next month.

Our sympathy goes out to Motorman Harry F. Soreghen, whose father, Daniel, passed away October 26. The old gentleman drove horse cars on Sedgewick Street when they ran from Center Street to Clark and Randolph years ago.

Our condolences also to Conductor Fred Wenzel, whose father also passed on last month.—Emmett Kane.

Kedzie

THE FIGHTING FORCES have taken eight more of our men. These men are serving with the army: R. Newman, G. Enders, C. Donnelly and R. O'Meara; and these with the navy: J. Mannilla, A. Mussman, W. Phillips and H. Rasmussen.

We regret losing you, boys, but wish you the best of luck, health and happiness during your stay in the service. Your departures bring to 85 the number of Kedzie men in service.

We extend our profound consolation to Mr. and Mrs. George Mayworn, in the sudden death of their fond daughter.

Our admirable veteran motorman, Bill Langford, with 38 years of service, reported sick October 10, illness unknown, and died November 23. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his bereaved family.

R. J. Snell, who reported sick October 23, underwent an operation for appendicitis. He returned to work November 22. We are happy to have you back with us again!

F. Holub, who underwent a gall bladder operation some time ago, is still laid up at home. We all wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

The members of Surface Lines Post No. 146 of The American Legion mourn the loss of our staunch member, Arnold Klaesi, D. S. C. veteran, cited for his many valiant acts of heroism during World War No. 1. Conscientious, energetic and dynamic in the performance of his duties in the various offices held by him during his career, his absence will be greatly noted. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved family and relatives.

Your credit union is in a splendid financial position to extend loans during this holiday season to make your Christmas more cheerful for your family. Consult our treasurer, William F. Reichhold, for a loan. Convenient terms can be arranged at a rate two per cent cheaper than the rates of any loan office.

We often wonder if the stork in our depot has gone on the retirement roll.

Observer Leo Sharpe and Pilot Charlie McCarthy teamed to work a P. M. run on Madison Street, manipulating a streamlined car. During a brief period of working together, Leo consistently complained of Charlie's rough operation; so Charlie took off one Sunday evening to give Leo the smoothest ride he ever had, which resulted in carrying an excessive load and arriving at the west terminal approximately 20 minutes late. Leo asked Charlie the reason for this tardiness and hauling such loads. Charlie replied it was a result of the smooth operation. Leo responded: "If I am to carry everybody on Madison Street, I'll take the rough operation, and gladly swing and sway with Charlie McCarthy!"

Our hat is off to the men of our depot for their liberal contributions on November 24 so we can send each of our men in service a carton of cigarettes. The boys who assisted in raising this fund did a splendid job, and we know our boys will appreciate the smokes.

Superintendent Fahey and Assistant Superintendent Clinton Sonders wish to express their appreciation for your coöperation during these trying times, particularly during this period of man shortage.

We wish for all a Cheery, Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, and may that new year around the corner hold happy days for you.—R. C. Schultz.

Lincoln

SEVERAL BOYS in service wrote last month and would like to hear from us back home. Don't forget the most important thing they receive is mail, and they always look forward to it. If you want any of their addresses, see us and we will give them to you.

Hank Broadwell writes he is at Camp Beale, California, and is working in the dental lab making false teeth. He states that was his racket before going into the army. He writes, "I have very nice hours and no detail work to do. The set-up would be fine if it were not far from dear old Chi!"

Haddon Phillips writes he is still in San Francisco, California, and hopes he will be able to visit us one of these days. He is now a sergeant and is attached to the Fourth Air Force.

Sverre Johnson writes he likes army life, but would rather be back in good old Chicago, racing up and down Fullerton Avenue.

Bill Greenholt writes he is at Great Lakes and is very busy learning to man the boats.

Alex Schmidt, who was hurt in an accident a couple of months ago, paid us a visit the other day. He is still pretty lame, and it will be some time before he will be able to work again.

John Biritz's wife returned home the other day after shopping and went into the parlor to turn on the radio. To her surprise the radio and several other valuables were missing. Burglars had ransacked the place.

Our star reporter, George ("Pudgy") Mindak reports the following:

Lee ("Pappy") Burch has a new set of chawers and is having a tough time breaking them in with chawing terbacker. He formerly could hit a garboon at 25 yards but the first day he tried it with his new chawers he nearly lost chawers, terbacker and all.

We notice that Larry ("Wooddale") Wagenknecht has a new part-time racket. He sells papers on the side.

Walter ("Gabby") Johnson went out the other day to buy an alarm clock. After several futile attempts to purchase one, he finally landed in a hardware store. He was seen walking out of the place with a step-ladder. Well, after all, that is something that will get him up.

The Neilsen brothers made their regular trip to South Dakota, and came home with a nice bag of pheasants. We sure like pheasant, Mart.

If you need any money for the holidays, see your credit union.

A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.—Ed Hutten.

Noble

LATE IN November Mr. Hall and Mr. Pasche paid us a visit for their interesting safety and operating talks.

Sorry to disappoint so many trainmen, but Mr. Jordan just couldn't fill the quota on the turkeys this year.

Roy Schneider had the bottom seat of his trousers fall out Sunday night and had to pull into the depot. The squad car was sent out with a needle and thread, for Noble hasn't any facilities for this type of accident.

Frank Fischer has been looking for a nice son-in-law for his daughter. Well, Frank, you can just as well stop looking. Since we have had a peek at your charming daughter, we will put our bid in.

Mr. Jordan had a busy time recently when he discovered a lost boy at the corner of Ashland and Cortland.

He took the lad into the depot and bought him some gum and candy. So impressed was the boy that when his mother showed up he wanted Mr. Jordan to come home with him.

The Proud Father Club has brought in two new members. Louis Blestch had a nine-pound baby boy, and John Clark an eight-pound baby girl. Congratulations to the proud parents!

Jacob Kolasa and Mrs. Kolasa celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 27. Noble depot was well represented at the celebration. Jacob looked just as he did 25 years ago and Mrs. Kolaska was blushing as was the bridesmaid, her sister. Everyone enjoyed themselves at the affair, and the music was grand.

The boys in the armed services have been waiting for a few letters that you trainmen promised them. If you do not know their addresses, kindly see Chief Clerk Nicholas Grimaldi, and he will be glad to give them to you.

Uncle Sam has extended his long arm into Noble and picked a few of our choicest stock for the duration. Norman Lovely had been taken into the navy and Micheal Schramm into the army. Harry Smith will also be leaving us December 18.

Thomas and Mrs. Weever celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on December 3. We all wish you many happy years ahead.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Harold Bennett and family in the loss of their beloved mother.

Andrew Schoffen was called recently to pay his respects to his mother-in-law who had passed away at Stoughton, Michigan.

Mrs. Stanley Zmich and Mrs. Dobrovich have our sympathy upon the loss of their

beloved husbands.

An apology is extended to Albert and Mrs. Remack upon the prediction of a baby boy. May the next one be a girl.

The welcome mat was thrown out to one of our old Nobleites upon his return to work after a long lay-off because of a broken leg. —Charles Karcal.

Sixty-Ninth

MERRY CHRISTMAS to the "connies,"
And the "trolley pilots," too.
Merry Christmas, car house foreman,
And to all your busy crew.
Merry Christmas to the worried clerks
Whose troubles are so many,
And Merry Christmas to the boss
The man who hasn't any (?).
Supervisors and instructors,
We extend the same to you;
To receivers, to our janitors,
And Track Department, too.
To our lads now serving Uncle Sam
Who've answered duty's call,
And to anyone who reads this
Merry Christmas, one and all!

Motormen Francis P. Gleason and Earl W. Frier and Conductor Glen J. Horning were called to the army last month while Motormen Chester Pielusznski and James Viscariello were returned to us. Best of luck to those who have gone, and welcome home to those who came back!

With regret we record the passing of Supervisor Roy Harrop, who received fatal injuries in a fall at his home on November 14. Others who passed away during last month are Motormen Mike Hennessey, Arnold Klaesi and Ben Landaweer. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of these men.

Conductor Otis Hammond retired on December 1. Enjoy your well-deserved rest, Otis, and don't forget to drop in and say "hello" once in a while.

In view of our manpower shortage, this winter may present more than its usual share of problems. That we have made a commendable showing thus far is the result of a fine spirit of coöperation, evidenced by the trainmen, as well as the supervisory, clerical and mechanical forces.

Division Superintendent Becker and Assistant Superintendent Gillespie join in expressing their appreciation for this coöperation, and in extending to one and all their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—H. E. Harris.

Seventy-Seventh

THE WISH FOR a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is extended to all men of this station by Superintendent Bessette, and his assistant, Mr. Tagler; likewise to all members of the credit union and the L. & A. Club by their respective officers.

Messages from far-away places have come from Art Bartelheim and Charlie Funk, two among the first to leave us for military service.

Likely fellows to celebrate Christmas in the armed forces are these men who were called recently: Roy Henderson, Rufus Glass, Harold Lacasse, J. P. Kelly, Geo. Walters, Bill Kalchbrenner, Elmer Landeck, S. Yates, Pat Shannon, Walter Schomberg and Elmer Friberg.

Two lucky fellows have won war bonds: Eddy Enright and Chris Smith. The third one doesn't know how lucky he is because he hasn't shown up yet. Hope he discovers it before Christmas.

During the terrific penny shortage recently a champion turned up. It was Joe Kotz who relinquished his personal fortune of 1,400 new pennies to help the cause.

The twin boys that made Otto Autenrieth a grandpappy recently will be a little young to appreciate Santa this year, but Otto will make up for it next year, you can be sure.

Another new arrival as a Christmas present came to the home of Owen Devine, their third boy.

Supervisor Johnny Franz's little nephew Terry will be noticing the Christmas tree more this year when he'll be a year old. Infant Prince in a coronation pageant recently and winner of a silver loving cup, little Terry is doing all right. Grandpa will have to do a good job of playing Santa to fool this youngster.

All of us here remember Bill Reese, kindly, genial old-timer whom we mentioned in these columns on the occasion of his golden wedding anniversary, who is now sunning himself in California. Good luck, Bill!

Sympathy is extended to Motorman John White in the recent death of his daughter. —Walt Story.



Accident Investigation and Legal

WELCOME IS extended to our newest employe, Clerk Grace Bezdon.

We are all glad to see Ernie Hoskins back feeling much better after being home sick for several months.

On the sick list for quite some time now are Investigator Thomas Quinn and Clerk Robert Chamberlain. Hope Tom and Bob will be feeling a great deal better soon.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Statementman William J. Fahy, who passed away November 27.

We had an appearance last month similar to that of a Service Men's Center, what with the many visits by those in the armed forces from this department. First there was Technical Sergeant Richard I. Nicholes, a few days later Coast Guardsman Francis Wandrocke, then Private Matt Wagner and his bride, and lastly Lieutenant Colonel Leigh H. Hunt.

Nicholes is still observing the weather near the East Coast! Wandrocke is now patrolling the waters of the Ohio; and Wagner talked mostly about his wife of two days. Colonel Hunt told us about his flight back from Sicily on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

To all the fellows from "600" now in the service, we wish a Merry Christmas and a Victorious New Year.—Audrey.

Accounting

A LETTER received from Robert Joost, who is assigned to the *U. S. S. Cole*, said everything is okay, and that his ship had been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, an honor shared by only two other ships on the East Coast.

To the proud new parents, Lieutenant and Mrs. Archie M. Stewart, we extend our best wishes on the birth of Mary Loretta November 18.

Our "welcome mat" was rolled out last month for Anna Schwall, Catherine McAlister, Mary R. Williams, Betty M. DuBois, Vera Short, Ann O'Connor, Marjorie Scheidler, Bernice S. Coyne, Natalie C. Kaczkowski, Helen Franson, Norris Morris, Margaret Timmons, Mary Amsterdam, Mary M. Lakers and Dolores J. Vitek. We are happy to have you with us, girls.

Birthday greetings were extended last month to Agnes Samek, Isabella Glass, Frank Robinett, Helen Kazragis, Val Johnson and Florence Ross.

Cupid visited us November 12 and selected Marie Kinser as his "target." Her friends are offering best wishes upon her engagement to Dr. Joseph Kiefer.

We wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—Thomas F. Coan.

Electrical

CORPORAL KENNETH WARD paid us a visit recently and introduced his bride. They were married November 20. Congratulations and best wishes!

Latest word from John Cahill reveals he is now a lieutenant (j.g.). John took part in the invasions of Sicily and Italy and came through without mishaps. However, he is now confined to the hospital with a broken arm and leg because of an accident aboard ship.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ruth Monahan, whose mother recently passed away.

Richard Simonson, Line Division, mourns

the loss of his father who died recently.

Joe Benz visited us last week, having just finished "boot training" at Farragut, Idaho, then returning for further training. Fred Hunsche, please note.—Billy.

Engineering

BUILDING: Private Peter L. Stein reports regularly from his training course at Camp Blanding, Florida. The army helped him celebrate his 19th birthday by giving him a 17-hour workout.

TRACK: Former Division Superintendent Tom McCarthy was promoted to the rank of major in the U. S. Army in charge of a prison camp.

Our latest contributions to the armed forces are Stanley Tadevich and Joseph Italia.

Sympathy is etxended to the families of M. Zozidia and T. Ratkovich, both of whom passed away recently.

UTILITY: Chauffeur Vaughn McAllister was presented a baby boy on October 3. The little fellow was named Clyde. Congratulations.

Corporal John Cottle paid us a recent visit while on furlough from Camp Pickett, Virginia.

Harold and Mrs. Feltz have each donated their third pint of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Ed Bugal, now seaman 2/c at Camp Peary, Virginia, is studying hard to become an electrician's mate. Hope you make it, Ed!

Jim McGowan won a pair of nylon hose at a block bingo party, and promptly presented them to his daughter. "They're quite a prize nowadays!" says Jim.

Both sons of Sam Follenweider are in the navy. One is in the naval aviation service and the other at deep sea diving school in Washington, D. C.

Chauffeur Irving Straubing has left us for the army. Good luck, Irv!

Erick Lausch, John Meehan and Bill Coleman went on a rabbit hunt recently, and after tramping all day, they came back with a grand total of one rabbit!

General Office

PRIVATE GEORGE MACAK, formerly of the Purchasing Department, paid us a visit on his last furlough. George is taking the army specialized training course in Denver, Colorado.

It looks like we slipped up on congratulating Frank Mathews, Transportation Department, on his recent marriage. Frank was married on September 28 to Ella May Kelly of Galesburg, Illinois.

About 25 friends of Phil Waechter attended a farewell dinner in the Chinese Room at Martin's Restaurant to express their best wishes for his good luck in Uncle Sam's Army. "Buck" Waechter was presented a military wrist watch as a remembrance from his co-workers, who hope that it will help to relieve the bugler in the morning. Phil's better half, Lola Waechter, was also a guest and helped to share the honors of the evening.

The best of wishes go to "Judge" Edward Cummings who is now presiding as acting chief clerk of the Purchasing Department.

Corrections, please! Miss Wiley, we hope that you will accept our apologies for spelling your name wrong in last month's news items!

The Purchasing Department welcomes Mary Ranahan into its family. Hope you like us, Mary!

James Blaa, of the V-12 Unit, U. S. N., at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, visited us during his leave after having completed his first semester of college work.

According to his recent letter, Staff Sergeant Larry Gurioli is now ducking bullets on maneuvers in Tennessee. Better keep your head down, Larry!

Dispatcher Clarence Melbye and Harriet Stepan were married December 1. They spent their honeymoon in the Indian Country in the vicinity of Minnetonka and Dowagiac (Avenues). Best wishes and congratulations.

Arnold Hillstrom, Q. M. 3/c, is aboard the *U. S. S. Procyon* and has a front row seat in the Mediterranean theater of war.—Carol Schultze and Eileen Gualano.

Material and Supplies

WE WANT to welcome Margaret Lux, who joined our Downtown Office force last month as typist. Hope you'll enjoy working with us, Margie!

Charles Jung, former stock clerk at South-Shops, is now serving with the army in New Orleans. He claims that the experience he received while with C. S. L. has proven very helpful since he entered the service.

Art Eggert's last letter reported that, among other things, he had been learning the Morse Code. We're wondering if he'll be able to use it when ordering supplies after he returns to South Shops. Art is with the Coast Guard at Manhattan Beach, New York, and has just finished his "boot training."

We are always glad to hear from our many employes who are in the armed forces, and take this opportunity to wish them all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year that will bring the Victory.—Mary Goulden.

Schedule and Traffic

WE WISH EVERYONE a very Merry Christmas and hope that the New Year will bring much happiness.

Rosemary Crowley recently joined our staff. Make yourself at home with us, Rosemary!

Joe Karel, U. S. Army, paid us a recent visit. Joe is in the Medical Corps practicing to be a doctor, but will settle for a job as X-ray technician.

Letters from our service men have been numerous, and they all like our chain-gang letters. In recent letters, we have heard from Bob La Voie, Gene Lukes, Walter Thomas, Al Pisors, Glenn Crump, Ed Joyce and Bernie Kincannon. Bernie is now out of the hospital, and has been appointed a director of sports. —L. C. Dutton.

South Shops

NOW THE HAPPY Yuletide Season is with us again, we wish you one and all a Merry, Merry Christmas and may 1944 bring you much joy and happiness.

Old Doc Stork paid a visit on November 6 to the home of Walter Olenick, Machine Shop, leaving a fine baby boy. Congratulations to mother and dad, with best wishes for sonny.

Congratulations are offered to Stella Kropiewnicka, Printing Department, upon her recent marriage. We wish the bride and groom a long and happy wedded life.

William Broadfield, Machine Shop, went a-hunting and says he could have used an ack-ack gun 'cause the birds were so high up in the air. 'Tis said that's just a new slant on an old alibi, Bill!

To Lydia Matheny, Office Staff, we extend our hearty congratulations upon her 25th anniversary with the Surface Lines. Lyd started here when she was but a sweet young chick, and according to the boys she still is. We wish Lyd all the luck in the future, and hope to have her here with us many more years.

Condolences are offered to Walter Betts, Paint Department, upon the recent loss of his son.

Heinz Doering's chest has expanded quite a bit recently. Junior's vocabulary has increased, the other day he called him "Pop."

Although we weren't fortunate enough to see them personally, Dick Zajac, air corps, and Bud Tiggelaar, army engineers, recently visited us. Both formerly worked in the Motor Repair Department. Both boys, we are told, looked fine. We were glad to have you with us, Dick and Bud, but next time let us see you, too.—Elsie S. Frank.

West Shops

WE WERE GLAD to see Ed Hess recently when he visited us during his furlough from Washington. The army seems to have been taking care of him in good style. He has added quite a few pounds since leaving Chicago. Good luck, Ed; and we'll be looking for a visit from you again!

Eddie Evans has added another star to our service flag by joining the marines. Our very best wishes go with him. Although we haven't as yet heard from him, he is probably very busy getting himself lined up in San Diego.

Several letters from our boys overseas arrived last month. From all reports, the boys enjoyed the gift packages sent them by their fellow-workers. Although these packages were intended for Christmas, they arrived a little early. We hope the rest of Uncle Sam's nephews receive them in as good condition!

To our office staff another name has been added, that of Jean Panek. We are glad to have you here with us, Jean; and hope you feel at home.

Now the Holiday Season is with us, we extend our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our fellow employes, with the sincere hope that the coming year will bring peace throughout this world.

To our boys in service, we extend a very special greeting, with sincere appreciation for all they are doing for us at home. May we soon have them back with us to extend our greetings to them in person.—Mildred Habeger.



Just an Ordinary Guy

By Langston Hughes

He's just an ordinary guy.
He doesn't occupy
A seat of government
Or anything like that.

He never had his name in lights.
He's never front-page news.
He stands up for his rights
But doesn't beef or sing the blues.

Listen, Hitler!
About this ordinary guy,
You may wonder why
He's taken such an
Awful hate to you.

But you'll never understand
His kind of man.
You won't need to—
You'll be dead when he gets through.

He doesn't bully or act rough.
You never hear him bluff.
But there's one thing certain, Nazi,
He won't stand for your type of stuff.

You've got the whole round world in trouble
With your boasting and your lies.
But you'll never beat us, Hitler—
Not us ordinary guys!


To Adolf
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