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Christmas Greetings

The old greetings and songs of the Christmas Season hold a new significance for all of us in this—our first postwar Christmas.

So it is with genuine pleasure that we extend to all members of the Surface Lines family sincere best wishes for the happiest of holiday seasons.

JOHN E. SULLIVAN, *Chairman*
Joint Board of Management and Operation



EVER THE TWAIN SHALL MEET: Thermit Weld is used to join rail ends together to form a continuous rail. Molds composed of sand and fire-clay are placed around the rail ends, which are then heated to a cherry-red heat by an electrically operated pre-heater. While this is in progress a crucible containing the thermit mixture is placed over the mold and the mixture ignited as soon as pre-heating is complete. This

mixture generates a temperature of some 6500 degrees, and the melted steel is allowed to run into the mold, forming the welded joint. Excess metal and slag are then chipped off and the head of the rail ground smooth with an electrically operated grinder. The entire operation is done without interference with regular car operation.

It'll Be SMOOTH *Riding*

THE 1275 NEW STREETCARS and buses which the Surface Lines has included in its improvement plan will be the smoothest, fastest, and most up-to-date equipment available. But no amount of new streetcars will be able to provide a smooth ride for the public unless the track upon which they run is smooth and in good condition.

And that's where the Track Division comes in.

Part of the Department of Way and Structures, the Track Division force consists of some 1250 employees, and has as its responsibility the maintenance of approximately 1,000 miles of street railway tracks on Chicago streets. For convenience and efficiency, the city has been divided into four districts, namely—

Northern Division, Central Division, Western Division and Southern Division.

Right now the Track Division is concentrating on making any needed repairs or renewals on the Clark-Wentworth line, which will be one of the first lines to receive new streetcars. This involves replacement of worn rail, resurfacing of paving, and grinding of corrugation. Although Clark-Wentworth is one of the city's most heavily traveled lines, the straight track work is being done during the day without interruption to or re-routing of traffic. Only the special track work layouts involving curves and through-switches have to be done at night or require re-routing.



THE BREAKAWAY: Pneumatic paving breakers are used to dig out paving blocks and break up the concrete paving foundation, thus exposing the rail, fastenings and ties. After base of the rail has been exposed, the ties are tested (and replaced if necessary), rails renewed, surfaced and aligned, and new fastenings installed. The concrete paving foundation is then replaced and the track is ready for paving.



THE SMOOTHING: In paving the track, a bed is laid consisting of a layer of torpedo sand about 1 1/2" deep, and the paving blocks are then laid on this bed. Paving block is then covered with a thick grout (mixture of cement and sand) which is thoroughly broomed into the openings between the blocks and into the space under the head of the rail, and allowed to set.



STREET CLEANERS: Removal of excavated material is handled with an electrically operated bucket loader, a great improvement over the old hand-shoveling method. All but the very

largest pieces of concrete are scooped up and loaded on the trucks by this machine.

"You'd Almost Think He Was In a Movie"

A COMPLIMENT PAID under difficult circumstances is a compliment indeed. Therefore *Conductor Mathew J. Blackall* (77th) should greatly treasure the praise given him by Miss Mary Spitler, 11332 South St. Louis. "I am writing this on a streetcar," she wrote. "I have been watching Conductor 13014. You would be proud to see him now. You'd almost think he was in a movie showing the work of a conductor. He handles money so skillfully and seems to be able to do a number of things at once, without half trying. He seems to be seeing everything, too. He makes a good impression, and looks as though he's proud of his job."

DURING the past few weeks 77th station has received a large number of commendations, but once again they were topped by the bunch at Kedzie. And unique among the trainmen receiving letters of praise was Kedzie's *Joe Smith*, who was the subject of three letters. "I would suggest you have other conductors follow his example," wrote Roy T. Clomski, 4838 Henderson. "There were a number of people from out of town who all remarked that it was safe to ride with such a conductor as they were sure they would not miss their stop. . . . It was a pleasure to hear him announce each street, as well as its number." John Novak of Novak's Phar-

macy, 1820 S. Ashland, claimed that Joe should receive a medal for calling streets audibly; while Mr. and Mrs. I. Garrett, 5025 Henderson, praised his kind attention to their elderly mother.

"LIKE BROTHER, like brother," was the new version of the old saying, insofar as Devon station was concerned. Brothers *Andrew* and *Michael Philbin*, both conductors at Devon for the past twenty years, were commended by two different individuals for their "pleasant, courteous manner."

BREATHES THERE a trainman who has not had the problem of getting the crowds to move to the opposite end of the car? Mrs. Thelma A. Farison, 6565 Yale, feels that *Conductor Joseph W. Walinchius* (77th) has a good solution for the problem. "The car was crowded, especially the front part, as usual. When we stopped for the light at 22nd, the conductor said in a courteous voice, 'Ladies and gentlemen, you will have more riding comfort if you'll step to the rear of the car where there is plenty of room. Kindly step back, if you please.' His opening words got the attention of everyone in the car, and his courtesy got instant and full cooperation."

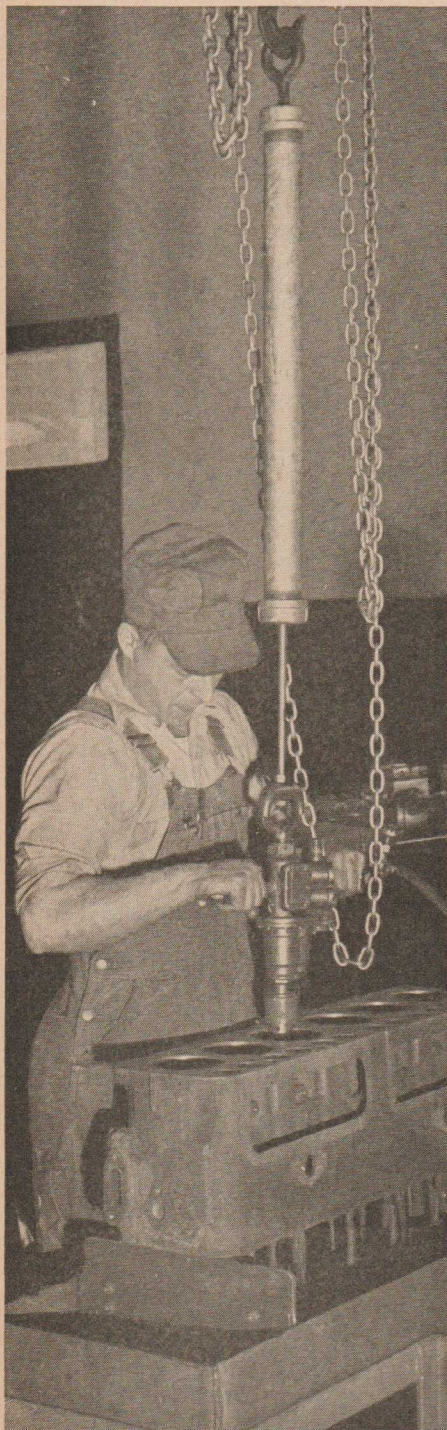
OUR MANNER does affect others, perhaps more than we know. A smile given to another, is passed on, and on, until finally it may come back to you. "In this day of bustle and rudeness," according to L. Malcher, 3 E. Ontario, "it seems like a miracle to find a person with good manners and helpful consideration. Your conductor 834 (*George Withers*, Cottage Grove) was Prince Charming himself with his 'Thank you' when we paid the fare."

Werner F. Stokell (Lawrence) was the subject of an enthusiastic letter from Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Karth, 4848 Winnemac. "We've been riding with him a number of times. In all instances it was a pleasure not only to enjoy a smooth ride, but to observe his unfailing courtesy in calling stops regularly, answering all questions pleasantly, and generally giving the public excellent service without being particularly conscious of the fact that he was doing so."



LONG LIVE THE TRACK!

ONE OF THE GREATEST causes of track deterioration is corrugation in the head of the rail. In the removal of corrugation, the Track Division is proud of its rail-grinder. Developed by the Track Division on an entirely new theory, it has proven extremely satisfactory in removing corrugation and extending the life of the track. Operating the machine is *Cornelius McGinley* while *William McCann* holds the power pole.



This new method of suspending a cylinder hone was devised—and is demonstrated—by Walter Olenick. As a result of this suggestion the job is done much easier, safer, and efficiently.

More "Do-Re-Mi" For Suggestion Winners

WALTER OLENICK (West Shops, Bus Overhaul) has some extra money for his Christmas shopping as a result of suggestions which he submitted in the Shops Department Suggestion Program. Forty dollars is his because he designed a bracket and adaptor for the connecting-rod boring machine so that it could be used to bore the mounting and bearing for compressor crankshafts.

He got an additional twenty dollars for suggesting a new method of suspending a cylinder hone. This was an ideal suggestion in that it made the job easier and more safe for the operator, and resulted in a more efficient operation. By means of a spring-loaded air-cushion cylinder, which Olenick designed and built, the cylinder hone is conveniently suspended over the cylinder block, ready for use. Previously

the tools were held by the operator in a horizontal position, which was likely to result in unequal pressure on the walls of the cylinder.

Out at Devon Repairman John C. Laing and Glenn Baker got their heads together and devised a special device for oiling the trucks of the Clark street front entrance cars. Result: ten dollars apiece.

Extra cash is also jingling in the pockets of Repairman Joe Lapinski and Bernhardt J. Piest (North), Mechanic P. Kenney (Limits), Charles Dunne (Devon, repairman), and Joseph Drigot (Cottage Grove, car cleaner).

Awards also await the persons who made suggestions 2111, 6319, 6617, and 6657. These were anonymous and the suggesters should identify themselves and claim their awards.

Verify Deaths of Three Surface Servicemen

RECENT reports have verified the deaths of three CSL employees on military leave: James Raymond Klein (Division), and George Gustavson (Track, South Division)—both of whom were previously reported missing in action—and Thomas L. Teeling (motorman, 77th).

Conductor Klein lost his life when the *USS Indianapolis* was sunk in enemy action in the Philippines (SURFACE SERVICE, September, 1945). Gustavson was reported missing in action over Austria on April 23, 1944. Their families have now been officially notified of their deaths.

Gustavson enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps on January 7, 1942 as a tail gunner on a bomber. He was 24 years of age and had been with CSL since May, 1941.

Little is known of the death of Thomas Teeling other than that it occurred at

Hines Hospital on October 18. He had been with CSL for over 19 years at the time he entered the U. S. Navy in May, 1942. He was 57 years of age at the time of his death.

The addition of these men brings to a total of 38 the list of CSL employees who lost their life while in the service of their country.

SPECIAL—As we go to press word comes that Conductor Joe Serpe, Lawndale, (SURFACE SERVICE, September, 1945) has been officially reported killed in action. This increases the number of gold stars on the CSL service flag to 39.—Editor.

Two in One



Traditionally, accidents and lightning don't strike twice in the same place. But this was proved false recently when two track men in one gang had their safety glasses shattered on the same night. . . . They were working on State street, operating air guns removing the paving blocks. At about 2:00 A.M. a piece of granite struck the lens of Carmen Cardamone's goggles, shattering the lens, but leaving his eye uninjured. Not four hours later the same thing occurred to Leonard Russo (right). Both men have worked for CSL for some time—Russo since 1930 and Cardamone since 1937—and are staunch believers in safety in general, and safety-glasses in particular. . . . And once again the statement stands that CSL employes have never lost an eye while wearing safety goggles.



Motorman Pedersen poses "Just Joe" and "Black Hawk Babe" for Photographer Fred Chouinard. The traveling compartment on the back of the car is of Pedersen's own design and is used to carry the dogs to shows and trials.

A Doggy Family

EVER SINCE he was knee-high, Roy "Bow-Wow" Pedersen (motorman Armitage) has been nuts about dogs—and beagles in particular. When he was a boy this passion didn't always make him popular with the other members of his family. But he no longer has to worry about that because he has his own place, and a wife and two children that are just as "doggy" as he. In the back yard of his charming home on Chicago's northwest side is a beautiful kennel containing 10 lively hounds—including one champion-to-be.

Backbone of the kennel is "Black Hawk Babe", who has been Pedersen's standby and foundation stock for the past six years. Seven years old, she is the mother of six of the pups scrambling around the kennel.

But pride of the family is "Just Joe," a 13-inch beagle which Pedersen purchased last spring—a dog which he claims "has a voice that sounds like a bugle, when on game, and is the best male dog to gun behind that I have owned in many years." Pedersen's interest is not in training for gunning, however, but for field trials—the dogs hunt in packs, or individually, in competition with each other.

Pedersen spotted "Just Joe" running—not too well—in a pack of from 15 to 20 dogs down South, and got the hunch that he could beat any dog in the pack, given the opportunity and training. So Joe was purchased, at about a quarter of his value.

Pedersen started working him with "Black Hawk Babe", and the results ob-

tained bore out the hunch that Joe just didn't like to be pushed around. He took first on the bench at South Jersey, and third at the Garden State Club in New Jersey. Entered in individual competition in the field trial at Fort Wayne, he came off with first; he took fourth at Kewhuskam, Wisconsin and first at the Western



The ten lively hounds consume over 100 pounds of dog food per month.

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trials at Winnemac. During his first year in field trials he has defeated sufficient dogs to roll up about one-half the 75 points required to make a champion—an accomplishment ordinarily requiring two or three years!

Of course raising championship dogs isn't all attending field trials and shows. It requires the cooperation of the entire Pedersen family to keep the establishment running smoothly. Responsibility is divided to cover the preparing of rations (over 100 pounds of dog food and horse meat are consumed each month), supervision of feeding to see that each dog gets its share, cleaning the kennels, exercising the dogs, training them, and keeping records and correspondence.

Recently Pedersen, who has been with CSL since 1934, was honored by being made Vice-President of the Chicago Beagle Club. He had charge of the provision of cups and ribbons for the field trials held early in December at Joliet.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO SURFACE SERVICEMEN



For the third successive Christmas the Surface Lines is sending a ten dollar check to all its employees who are still in military service. In the top picture the girls of the Stenographic Section of the Accounting Department—Mary Stomner, Arline Sumner, Edna Poley, and Irene Zicky—under the supervision of Chief Stenographer Mrs. Lillian Pellicore type the envelopes from payroll records which have been checked and verified by the

stations and departments. . . . The completed list was then forwarded to the Express company to make out the checks. . . . In the lower picture Eleanor A. Roche, Jeanne Butler, Anita Stecker, and Esther Lassen of the Treasury Department check the numbers and names and stuff the checks and cards into envelopes. . . . In spite of the increasing number of men being discharged, over a thousand checks were sent out this year.



"Just Joe"—Pride-of-the-kennel.



Around the Car Stations

Armitage

By Ted Shumon

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET that we start off this month's column announcing the death of two of our trainmen. *John Frerksen*, a former conductor, who retired several years ago because of ill health, drove his aged mother to Bensenville on Thanksgiving Day. On their return trip John became blinded by a snow flurry and crashed into a power pole killing himself and his 80-year-old mother instantly. He had many friends at Armitage who extend their deepest sympathy.

Last April *Joe Pollowczyk* went to the hospital and after a three-month illness returned to the job. In the latter part of October Joe was forced to leave the job again, and passed away on November 8. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

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Since last writing the following servicemen, from Armitage, have returned to their old jobs:—Chas. Dedich, Leonard Hayes, Gus Lemar, Howard Paetzke, Tom Henneberry, and Hal Lovell. Steve Nester, who rose to the rank of first sergeant is also back at his old job of car repairman. Congratulations, boys, for a job well done.

This is the time of the year that all streetcar men dread—Christmas Season, with the hordes of shoppers, many of them taking the youngsters down to see Santa Claus for the first time. Let's lean over backwards and try to be patient with them, it will soon be over. It's a big job, but we have done it before, and we can do it again.

Joe Schultz says he would like to have Santa Claus bring him a litter of "Dachshund" puppies. Sorry Joe, but he isn't that kind of a dog. *Hrdalo* wants a new corn cob pipe, or at least, needs one. A new pencil and writing paper is the order of the day for *J. B. McHale*. *George Krehl, Jr.* is hoping for a new auto. *Dog Fancier Motorman Pedersen* is wishing for some more blue ribbons. And *George "Tea" Nelson* says he would be satisfied with a large bag of potatoes. What would you do with so many, George? Your scribe likes them O'Brien style.

This department believes that *Mr. Mathley* would settle for some of those new streamlined street cars. *Mr. Mathley* also wants to thank the many trainmen, who worked off days, vacations and on many occasions doubled up, in order to keep 'em rolling. He wants you to know that your efforts were really appreciated. And to all "A Sincere Wish for Happy Seasonal Greetings."

Last month, at the annual Hobby Show, the following men visited the booth conducted by your scribe:—*Ray Wing* and wife, *Harry Eisenlohr*

and wife, *Ray Fisher* and wife, *Geo. Demco* and wife, *Gus Zimmerman* and wife, *Conductor Glonke*, *Joe Hickey*, *Bob MacMillan*, and several others whose names I cannot recall at this time. Missing, at the show this year, was that Free Frenchman, known as *Fred Chouinard*, the CSL official cameraman.

This has been a great year, V-Day, then VJ-Day. All the men from Armitage are still alive, for which we are thankful.

In closing, I want to thank all the men who helped me to keep this column in the Surface Service throughout the year, and to all of you a sincere wish for a merry Christmas and a bright, happy and prosperous New Year.

Blue Island

By C. P. Starr

BLUE ISLAND has been off print for the past few months due to no news; we are still looking for news so please bring in some so we can start the New Year with a nice long column in the magazine.

Mr. Eigelsbach, *Mr. Dorgan* and the office personnel take this opportunity to thank you, one and all, for your untiring efforts in helping us to keep the wheels rolling during the past year. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of *Supervisor John Roeser* whose wife passed away and to the family of *Conductor William (Tom) Daniels* who passed away suddenly November 12.

We welcome back all of the boys who returned from the armed services and hope they will enjoy working with us again. We also welcome the new conductors and motormen who joined our family and hope they too will enjoy working here.

Cottage Grove

By Gale Hruska

SO MANY of our returning men, honorably discharged from the armed forces, are holders of many decorations and memories of many exciting moments. From now on, we can expect them back in ever increasing numbers.

Recent welcome additions are: *Rex Little*, *Tom Dixon*, *Clarence Million*, *J. P. Cosgrove*, *B. F. Craig*, *W. B. O'Brien*, *Pete Papich*, *W. G. Mattis*, *A. Sergey*, *Al Jenky*, *T. Mahoney*, *John McCullough*, *George Menogue*, and *Harry Gottsch*. Apologies to those whom I have not contacted.

The following Grove men have retired after many years of faithful service: *Motorman Gustavson*, *Motorman John Millar*, *Motorman Elmer*

Paice, *Motorman Patrick Kenny*, *Conductors Jeff Cook* and *Isaac Jones*. These men have earned a much-needed rest and it is our wish that the future will comfort them with pure and genuine happiness.

We are saddened by the deaths of *Mrs. Wessel*, sister to *Martin Hennessy* and *Mrs. Mary Jamison*, sister to the *Johnston* brothers. We also lost one of our popular conductors, *G. J. Brown* who died Wednesday, November 21. *Motorman E. J. Pelletier* also suffered a deep shock when his father passed away November 4.

Another sad report to announce: *Bill Ellerton*, our congenial motorman, suffered a stroke October 5. Bill had signed off sick the previous day. Our latest report is "much improvement." Bill still has three boys in the service.

Congratulations to *L. L. Johnson* who became a proud father for the second time and happily announced the birth of *Bonnie Lynn*, born October 24 at Lying-In hospital. Both baby and mama doing fine.

Mr. Crick, station master; *Mr. Bartelheim*, assistant; the office force, Union board members *McCune* and *Bittner* and all of the personnel of our Credit Union and your Scribe, wish all the men of this depot and their families a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Devon

By Charles Saklem

WE AT DEVON wish a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to all our buddies in the service. Although many of them have returned and will be with us for the holidays, there are still many who will not be in the States. It won't be long before you are all back with us.

Had a letter from *Edwin Plath* recently from Korea. He says he has covered a lot of ground since leaving us and goes on to mention a few: Pearl Harbor, Eniwetok, Wannis, Leyte, Okinawa, Guam, Saipan and then Korea. Guess his wanderlust will be pretty well satisfied by the time he gets back. Can you imagine him as a baker? Well, that's what he is doing now. We join with him in the hope that the men there will have no ill effects from his efforts. He has taken a trip to the capital city of Korea, Kijjo, which is a very modern city with streetcars, hotels, steel bridges, etc. He said he got very itchy fingers to run one of the streetcars there which were very crowded—and coming from a man who ran the Chicago cars, they certainly must have been. He claimed the people there not only hung on by the numbers on the side but also by the paint, and were packed in like cattle. He's had a little trouble with his leg and hip but is back on duty again.

He wished me to extend greetings to the boys and mentions *Tex Abernathy* and *Eddie Rowland*. He met a Devon connie at Saipan by the name of *Gustafson*. A small world, isn't it?

Also had a letter from *Joseph A. Kinderman* (of the repair department) now stationed at the Navy repair base in San Francisco. He hopes to get home again soon. We will all be glad to see the boys back, and here's a hearty welcome to these boys: *Herbert Foster* of the navy, and *E. Dappen* and *Joe Wallace* of the army.

Walter Prieve was discharged from the army on November 1. He was in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and also spent four months in Norway. While in Norway he took a seven day furlough to visit his relatives in Sweden. He was able to find 23 of them and spent a very enjoyable leave.

Jim S. Florian is home on a furlough from the army now. He was a member of the Mars Task Force in Burma and will be discharged sometime in 1946.

Our daughter, *Lt. Marjorie H. Saklem*, was also home on furlough for the holiday.

Retired Conductor *John S. Rasmussen* and Motorman *Ralph M. Strohecker* passed away last month. Retired Repairman *George Peterson* passed away on November 12.

I am looking for the addresses of a number of boys who are still in the service. If you have any of them please let me know so that they will be able to get their Christmas check from CSL.

Division Station

By Fred Shippy

MR. MATHLEY, superintendent, 9th Division, is very happy to see the faces of the boys that have been in different places, return to the "Surface" from the "Service" and desires to wish all of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Happy birthday *R. Warnstedt*, 5; *Dickie Pearson*, 4; *Janet Mae Devitt*, 10; *Joyce Carol Gloppe*, 8; *Carolyn Kane*, 2 and *Karen Lee Hansen*, 1. May you have a very happy day and celebrate many more.

Congratulations to Conductor and Mrs. *Edward Fischer* on their 18th anniversary. To Conductor and Mrs. *Herb Bruckhauser* on their 11th. We hope you celebrate many more.

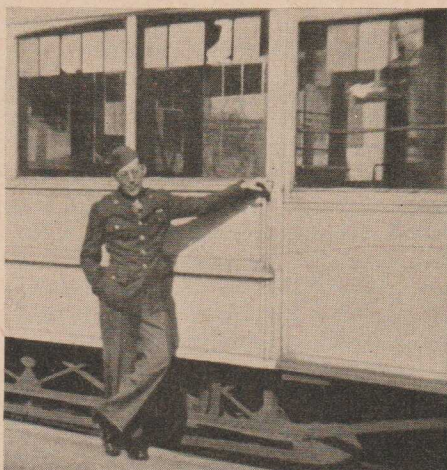
Conductor *John N. Fitzgerald* passed away after suffering for sometime and it was quite a shock to his many friends.

A few words about the Victory Bonds. This is the last bond that is going to be sold and is to be used for the following purposes: To bring the boys home, to take care of their hospitalization, and to enable them to pick up where they left off. See *Jack Mortell* and he will be pleased to take your cash. You will not miss the few dollars that a bond costs. You will also have it when you need it.

Our office looks very nice in its new colors, and is a very fine paint job. Sort of pleasing to the eyes, and easy to look at.

Ed Fischer is going to wash the clock's face on his birthday (Christmas). Do a good job of it, Eddy.

A merry Christmas to you all and in the meantime buy, buy all the bonds you can.



Just a streetcar man's holiday! *Eliot Hirsch* finds Germany's cars irresistible while he's sweating it out. (Incidentally, it's now Staff Sgt. Hirsch.)

Kedzie

By Joe Smith

WE OF KEDZIE wish each of you individually (would that each of us could do it personally.), a most joyous and merry Christmas and a happy New Year full of the good things that are nearest your hearts.

With 28 combat missions, and two mercy missions, over and into Japan during hostilities, and with decorations including the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation, Asiatic Battle Ribbons with three battle stars, one Jap zero to his personal credit out of three for his B-29 crew, *Kevin Herbert*, son of *Bill Herbert*, is at home and is going back to Loyola to graduate as a Bachelor of Arts and continue on to either Harvard or Chicago University for his Master's degree.

In the family of Motorman *Scherenberg*, who resides in Berkeley, Ill., two of his boys are home: *T/Cpl. Carl H.* was in the army three and a half years and spent 26 months in the South Pacific. *Pfc. Stan E.* spent three years overseas serving with the 295th M.P. Co. in England, later joining Gen'l Patton's Yankee Div., and taking part in the Ardennes and Rhineland Campaigns, for which he received the Purple Heart and three battle stars on the European Theatre campaign ribbons. There are two other *Scherenbergs* still in the service overseas and on the seas; *Corp. Sherman T.*, four years of army service and *S. 2/c Marvin B.*, who enlisted in December, 1944.

Transportation seems to run in the *Rizzo* family: *Tech. G/5 Anthony J. Rizzo*, son of *Tony Rizzo*, is a dispatcher of the army So. Pacific Command car detachment on New Caledonia which has completed one year of safe operation in which a soldier bus service carried 1,612,000 passengers 565,480 miles.

Motorman *Orrie Van Ort's* son, *Richard*, Navy aviation MM 1/c, was home on furlough from South Pacific after 28 months of active duty overseas.

Richard Pechaus, son of *Bill*, was in Germany the last time *Bill* heard from him. *Dick* journeyed to Brussels, spent his money and wrote to Pa for fifty dollars and said not to write any more because he'd be home soon. He added a postscript saying not to quit writing until after the remittance of the fifty dollars.

While *George Gustafson* and his family were having Thanksgiving dinner with his brother-in-law he was called to his home and found it destroyed by fire when he arrived. All of the family's clothing and their dog went up with the fire. *George's* badge and uniform were also destroyed.

Bill Keough is walking around like a lame gander due to a game leg he contracted while stepping over a period of time.

Steve Evanoff and *Walt Blank'schen* are back on the job after a short illness.

A hearty welcome to *Joe Boyle*, *Mike Dorgan*, and *Charley Carden* who are back on the job after long service in the navy.

The first Christmas present we have heard of is one delivered to *Tom Wixted* from the Isle of Luzon, presented to him by his former army outfit. *Tom* was standing at the window of his residence when he saw several G.I.'s leading and pushing an unwilling goat in his general direction. To *Tom's* surprise the goat was brought to his door. When he opened the door, the goat headed into the house and *Tom* after it! Grazing land being limited in his neighborhood, *Tom* presented the goat to his motorman, *Meister*, who stuck his neck out by saying he wouldn't mind having *Tom's* goat.

Jim Daly and *Ed Cain* tell of the inebriated gent (who knew how to get into a Madison car, even though all the doors were closed), who was not fussy where he went to bed. When *Jim* and *Ed* returned from their fallback, the gent's haberdashery (save his underwear which he still wore), was folded neatly and hung over the seats in the car, while the owner reclined in undisturbed slumber upon the long seat.

While making a report, *Bill Brennan* and his motorman *W. Jeziorski* came upon the question: "Wot wuz tha cauz?" *Bill*, replying to his motorman, who read it out loud, answered: "Inebriated gentleman relinquished his equilibrium." "What's That?" bellows *Jeziorski*.

"A drunk lost his balance," replies *Bill*.

"Let's write it that way," says *Jeziorski*.

Somebody new has been added to our clerical personnel. We welcome *Jim Keenon* to the nite staff and assure him of our cooperation. *Jim* is an old hand in CSL and has served in a number of positions.

You really are trying hard not to break the baby's piggy bank. Well, sir, *Tim Heffernan*, *Paul Rosenstrater* and the rest of the outfit back there will lead you away from that idea. They'll help you even when you think you're beyond

help. They'll make real thrifty people out of you, too, if you're not careful.

Sympathy is extended to the family of *Motorman Philip Conley*, retired; to *Ed Kelly*, whose brother died; to *W. Gers* whose father is at eternal rest; and to the family of former *Motorman Toby Wohl*.

Congratulations to the *Soedroffs*; *Barney* is the papa of a baby girl delivered to his home recently. Mom and babe are fine.

Happy birthday to *Diana Sode*, 3 year old daughter of *Mike*; To *Bill Halla*, also. Me, too.

Paddy O'Rourke of the repair department celebrated his 39th wedding anniversary on November 24 with a great par-r-ty, and he made the announcement that Mrs. O'Rourke was the finest lady he had ever known. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Guarino are also long timers in the anniversary class. Twenty-five years ago they married-up. Nice going, kids, keep it up.

Here's personally wishing you all a *happy Christmas and a merry New Year*.

Lawndale

By Bill Feiler

ON THE DOTTED LINE: Two more motormen have returned from service recently: *Big Len Wahlstrom* and *Charlie Doherty*. Len saw service with the infantry in Europe, while Charlie was with the fleet in the Pacific . . . *Receiver Ray Simon* has a knack of getting rid of pennies. Anyone with change coming gets it all in one cent pieces . . . *Conductor Jim Edwards* has bought a house way out in Schiller Park now that gas is off the ration lists . . . *Motorman Fred Nottoli* called his son, who had just arrived in Washington with the third fleet, on a ship-to-shore long distance hook-up. He gave the operator the number and in three minutes flat was talking to his son! . . . *Conductor Paddy Hester* took a day off October 14. First one this year . . . *Motorman Mike Stopka* fell off a roof he was repairing. No particular damage except to Mike's pants and dignity . . . *Bus Operator Halford* was seen laying in a year's supply of gum at the gum machine . . . *Harold Evans* is disconsolate since *Willie McMahon* left him to pick a bus run. Says he is unable to find nearly the amount of junk in the streets that he found when he worked with Willie . . . *Johnny Jerman* is sporting the cutest little cookie duster in the depot. He has to hunt around for it every few days, so that he can find it and trim it . . . *Motorman Tom Fee*, *Mike Fogarty* and *Pat Doherty* are all hospitalized. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, boys! . . . *Greg Brest* has left the transportation end of the business and is now a mechanic at the West Shops . . . *Chuck Brisolarà* absentmindedly relieved the wrong crew on a recent Sunday, much to the consternation of *Harry Hecker* who should have been relieved . . . Some of the bus drivers report that they picked bus runs for the sole and simple reason that they like to see *Supervisor Otto Brubach's* happy face 14 times a day . . . The grapevine passed the word on a recent Sunday that gloves were avail-

able on Maxwell Street for 25c a pair. A swarm of motormen, led by *Jimmy Adel* and *Ed Tierney*, descended on the street and cleaned the dealers out . . . *Conductor Larry Scott* has the most changeable face in the depot. He keeps raising a mustache and shaving it off until the casual onlooker is quite perplexed. Please make up your mind, Larry . . . The back pay checks, which will be distributed on the pay-day before Christmas, are going to revive the faith of a lot of the men in Santa Claus . . . Your reporter wishes everyone, from *Superintendent Tom Eigelsbach* to the rawest recruit on the job, the merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year of all their lives for this holiday season.

REUNION IN GERMANY



After not seeing each other for over a period of three years, *Pfc. Richard Schultze* and his brother, *Sgt. Fred Schultze* met at Augsburg, Germany. Fred obtained a jeep and drove several hundred miles trying to find Dick, only to discover that Dick's outfit had been moved to a camp just 45 miles away. Fred, a Quartermaster Truck Driver with the 1st Army, started his European journey at the Normandy Beachhead shortly after D-Day. Dick was with the 103rd Infantry and won the Combat Infantry Badge in action in the Alsace-Lorraine region. When the 103rd broke up to come back to the states, Dick was transferred to the 9th Division Rest Center in Kochel, Germany where he expects to be at least until the first of the year. Before his induction, Dick was employed in the Material and Supplies Department at West Shops. Fred expects to be home and discharged by Christmas. →

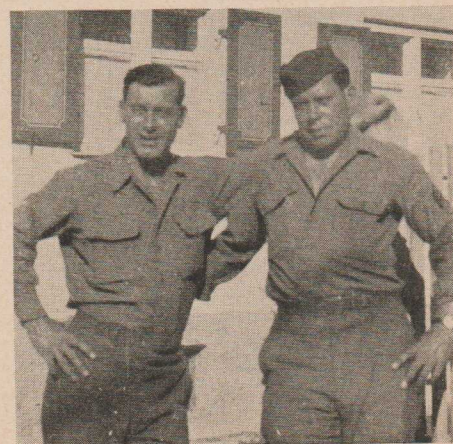
Lawrence Garage By Micky Loftus

PINKIE MORAN, our former scribe, has joined the supervisory force and we, as a body of men, wish him *Bon Voyage*. The boys will sure miss him when the ball season rolls around.

Eddie Schmidt's daughter did the middle aisle to the altar on November 17. That puts Eddie in the father-in-law class. Among the more prominent guests was *Eddie Mathias*, that genial personality from Lawrence.

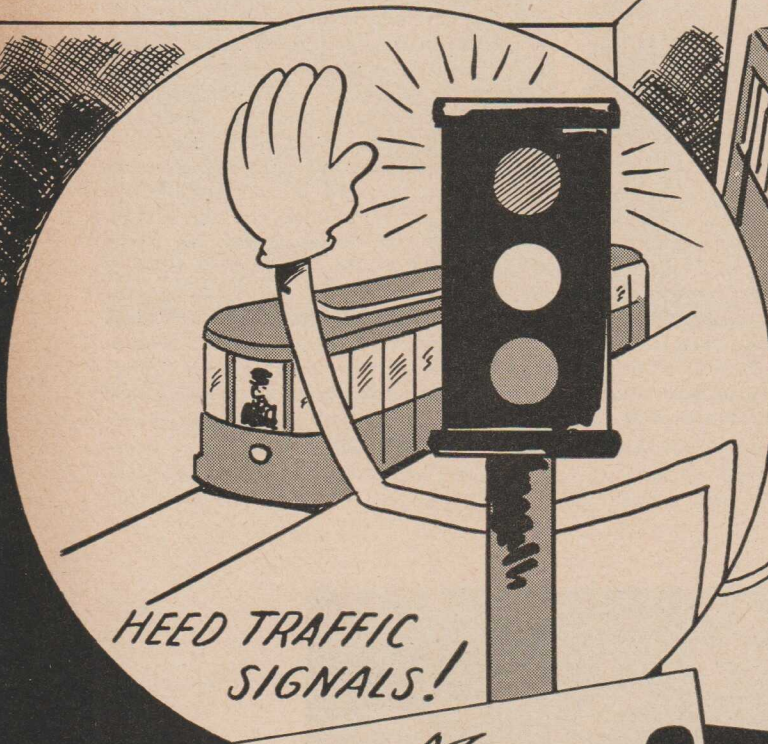
Al Seghars is going to buy a trailer to carry his side-kick, *Harry Gubbins*, home. It seems every

←This picture of *M/Sgt. Edward J. Micetic* (Track, northern division) was taken at Eagle's Nest, Berchtesgaden, Germany, when he drove 400 miles to visit with his brother *T/Sgt. John L. Micetic* (right). Ed and John spent their last furloughs together in the States in June, 1944. Ed, while overseas, was attached to the 9th Army Rest Camp in Holland where he served as head of maintenance and construction. He received the award of the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy between March 5, 1945 and May 8, 1945. John has been attached to the 12th Armored Division of the 17th Armored Infantry Battalion since it was activated in July, 1942, at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, all of which time he has served in the capacity of personnel adviser. Both of the boys have since returned to the States where they are awaiting discharges, as reported by their father, *Andrew L. Micetic*, general foreman of the northern division, track, for the past 40 years. Another brother, *Victor*, has been employed as motorman at Devon for 10 years.

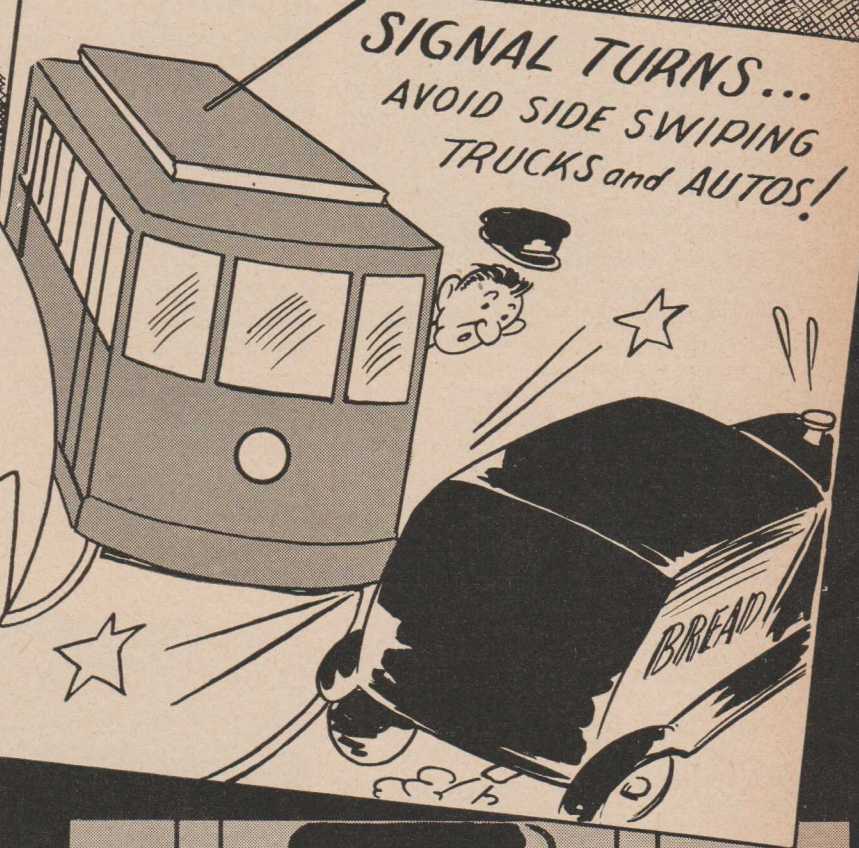




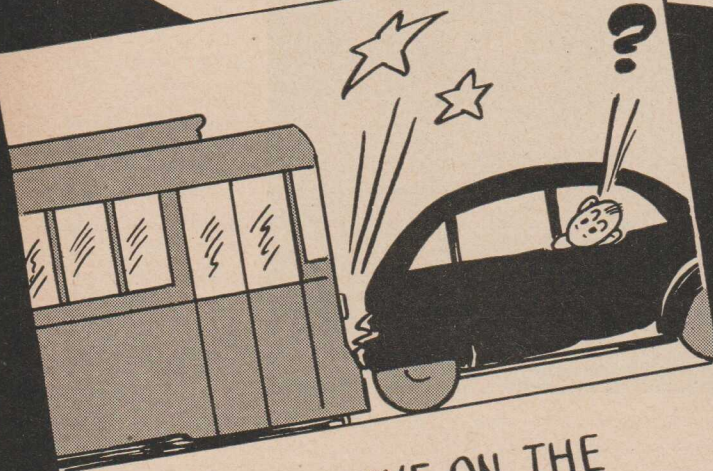
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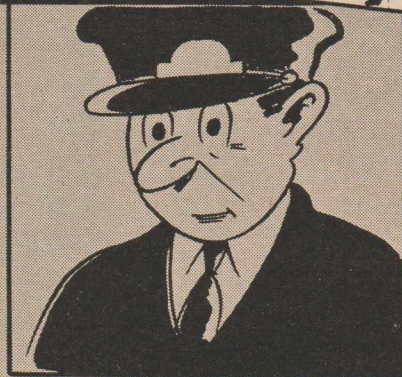
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time the little "fat boy" rides in Al's car a spring breaks. Maybe we might suggest a diet as being more economical to both parties.

If any of the returning veterans have a flying suit or two for sale, there are two very good prospects on Harlem Avenue. Just look up *Tom Kane* or *Jack Werdell*. It seems that it gets a bit chilly out northwest.

The first of the new bus fleet arrived. They are white painted gray. Odd, isn't it? The boys already have nicknamed them flat tops.

That boy who sports those blue shorts with the creative ties to match, in smart taste with that snappy tweed top coat, is none other than our genial board member, *George Stillwell*. The secret, we are told, is found in Esquire ads.

We had the pleasure of welcoming back to Lawrence three of our boys recently discharged from the armed forces: *George Wickman* and *Clyde Brennwald* can tell some tall stories about those South Sea Islands. Our third man, *Joe Bellamy*, was in the army. Haven't heard much from him. Come on, Joe, let's give these navy men some competition.

I wonder, and maybe you do too, who that firm believer is in that famous phrase, "It takes 16 muscles to smile and 66 to frown." Now most of you boys should know. At any rate, why overwork yourselves, boys? Let's all smile more often.

Lee Borgstrom has been sporting a big broad smile lately. Just found out his son was home on an unexpected furlough. Glad to hear it, Lee.

Al Prester, the flying bus driver, had his share of thrills when his nephew chartered a plane to take his big "Unk" for a ride over the windy city. After a few loops, barrel-rolls, and a dive, brother Al was glad to settle for driving a bus.

Congratulations are in order on the arrival of a "bundle from heaven" for the *Mike Mineris*. It's a girl and both mother and baby are doing fine. Keep up the good work, Mike.

If anyone sees a stray goose roaming around, kindly notify *Jim Muszynski*. It seems Jim had a goose over at the garage and by some strange coincidence it came to life and took off.

I wonder who suggested giving *Ed Stenzel* a set of military hair brushes for Christmas? Maybe it would be a good idea at that. It would help keep those curly locks out of his eyes.

Fellows go back some time and really have a good look at *Lee Demzien* and "Howsa-bus" *Tony* and see if they don't look like *Abbott & Costello*. Those fellows you see running around the garage in the early morning hours dressed in white uniforms are not hospital internes, they are *Mike Cunningham's* bus technicians, always willing to help a cripple.

A hearty welcome to you new men; *Granatelli*, *Kurgan*, *Pityer*, *Joseph*, *Person*, *Kane*, *Bucolic*, *Leischner*, *Hosie*, *Melaski* and *Wirgan*.

The bond drive is still in full swing. So let's get all we can with our back pay checks. The war may be over but our country and fighting men still need our help. Buy until it hurts.

Noble

By C. F. Greer

ARMITAGE AVENUE is getting some new wrinkles added to its fame. It seems that when the new operators get a run on Armitage avenue and if things get slow, they just accidentally miss the electric switch at Clark and Wells and make a trip downtown. If the operator that started that additional trip had selected the right switch everything would have been OK. But it seems he found a switch that even the wreck wagon crews couldn't find. Don't get discouraged, boys, for experience is the best teacher.

J. Schultz No. 2 and *Don Lane* (Armitage Glamour boy) were seen with a chicken coop on the front end of their car. What is the reason, boys? Is it for extra passengers or are you looking for stray chickens?

Conductor R. F. Lemke has returned from military service. Roy served 26 months in the navy and saw plenty action. *Tom Keegan* is also back with us along with *Conductors H. Thelin* and *I. Lorentsen* and *Motorman John Henrich*. These boys have just finished a job that we can all be proud of. It is boys like these that made the hearts of every American thrill on the day of victory. Now that these boys have put us on top as a fighting force, let us on the home front finish the job

and the best way we can do that is to buy Victory Bonds. This is the last chance you will have to buy a portion of this great country, so don't let it slip by you. We welcome all the boys back to Noble depot with all sincerity.

Sympathy to *Motorman F. Hann* in the loss of his sister. Also to *Conductor J. Quick*, whose father passed away. *Relief Clerk W. Lyons* reports his wife is in the hospital for a major operation. We hope the operation is successful and that she will soon be back home.

Our assistant boss, *Mr. Thompson*, and the new No. 5 clerk, *Mr. Kettering*, get along very nicely together and seem to understand each other perfectly. You can tell this by the following incident that took place between them. *Mr. Kettering* was busy and forgot to close and lock the outside doors at eight P.M. *Mr. Thompson* said "Kettering, if you don't lock those doors I'm going to get another clerk." After thinking it over for a while, *Mr. Kettering* turned to the boss and said, "That will be swell I will have a helper now." Better luck next time, *Mr. Thompson*. We have now discovered what was wrong with *Mr. Kettering*. He was the proud father of a baby girl recently!

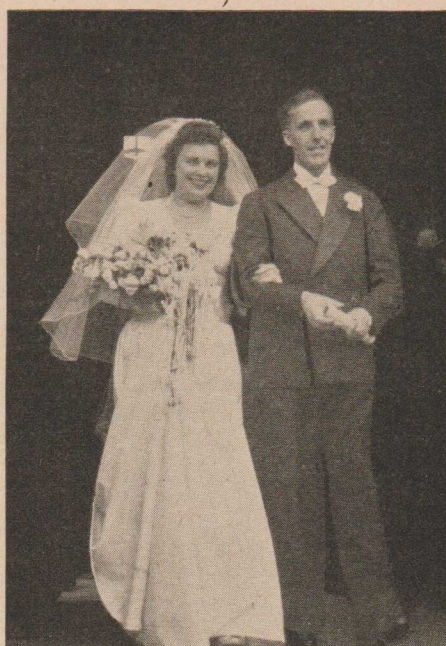
Conductor Joe Rohr must have a new doll on the string. He was seen at the clerk's window turning in his money and sporting a "purty" flower. How about it, Joe, let us in on the ground floor.



It was one of those breaks for which a photographer yearns a lifetime, when *Motorman Steve Trizner* (Burnside) snapped the above picture. The mattress factory across from the station had caught fire. Inveterate camera fan that he was, Steve had to take pictures. Someone yelled: "There she goes!" and the camera clicked. Result: A photo of the atomic-bomb-like explosion as the gasses generated by the fire shot into the air.



It was a gala day when Mr. and Mrs. Philias Bessette (Archer, retired) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Taking part in the celebration was 77th's superintendent W. A. Bessette and his wife.



CSL WEDDINGS (OLD AND NEW)

The Accounting Department presented Rosemary Eme with crystal stemware, and wishes for a long life of happiness when she became the bride recently of Patrick Kenny, Treasury.



About 100 persons attended the Golden Wedding anniversary of Motorman and Mrs. Max Gradows (North, retired). Among CSL folk present were Motorman Frank Zimmer, and George Seeber (retired).

Pfc. Vernon Rage, 65th Infantry, 3rd Army, Memphis, Tennessee, is at the Kennedy General Hospital for the past seven months. He was wounded when crossing the Danube River, April 27. He expects to be back to work by the first of the year.

Please keep this column up by dropping various news items in the news box provided for that purpose in the train room. And a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all of you.

North

By Florence Blaa

BIG GAME HUNTERS, Harry Simon and Gerald Buckley didn't have much to report on the hunting season opening. 'Muscles' tried stalking Gerald or was it *vice versa*? Anyway, results were still discouraging—how about a little advance target practice?

From what we hear, Supervisor 'Airedale' Wyers, 'Sevenup' Strzyzewski and Frank Buetow, Motorman Mazzuca and Conductor Hickox were in their stride this season.

Janitor Paul Heidenreich's foster son, Howard, of the navy, is a long way from home. Last heard from he was in Borneo.

Conductors Pat Casserly, a grandfather for the fifth time, and Emil Miller, a first-timer grandpa, are to be congratulated.

Tom Hoey of Car Repair and Clerk John Farris, with baby Marilyn, performed a great engineering project in the rain—turning an umbrella outside

in—the least they could have done, was to see that the baby had some shelter.

Delayed information on Conductors Janowski and Uher, each of whom became fathers for the second and third times, respectively. Our congratulations and best wishes to all parents.

Motorman Vodvarka's son Donald, a 17-year-old, has enlisted in Uncle Sam's navy and entered 'boot camp' last month. It was an ambition he had looked forward to for a long time.

Our congratulations to Operator and Mrs. Frank Jacobson on their 16th anniversary November 27, and to Clerk Ella Vrzak of Bus Repair who has a birthday, November 30.

Erwin, Jr., son of Conductor Storke is scheduled to appear in a television show, showing the work of high school students who have made Christmas tree ornaments for service men of Vaughan General and Great Lakes Hospitals, Radar School and the USO. He is a junior, majoring in art and intends to enter that field upon graduation.

Conductor J. Jiambalvo had much rejoicing in his home, last month. His two sons, two daughters and a grandson were on military leave at the same time.

Operators Weber and Moran vacationing at Lac de Flambeau, didn't have much patience on a fishing expedition. We haven't heard what else was tackled.

A belated welcome home to Veteran Tony Arneri, relief receiver and open arms extended to Motormen H. McGregor, H. Lang and M.

Carmen; also to Receiver Arthur Olsen and Conductors S. Rigenstrup, E. Johnson, J. Mann, F. Ziembra, P. Hans, R. Babbitt, R. Ruhlow, Wm. Weidenhamer, A. Nehls and T. Hanrahan. We are all very glad to see these familiar faces on the job again.

Augie Johnson's son, an air cadet, has been honorably discharged—home again to pick up where he left off.

Motorman Dave Simpson and the Mrs. announce the arrival of Gail Lynn, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, who arrived on Thanksgiving Day. Our best wishes to you both.

Supervisor Riddle has been on the sick list, for some time. We sincerely hope that he is improving.

A nice big thank you for a job well done, to our Minute Men; Chairman Paul Simon, Co-chairman Harold King, Joe Hill, Emil Miller, George Graco, Chris Helm, Edw. Blaskey, Ben Mathy, Augie Johnson, Eddie Carroll and Eddie Winters. Remember, one doesn't actually buy bonds, one simply takes them. Your E-bonds are nothing except certificates showing that you have made a deposit in the U. S. Treasury. It is a patriotic act and that should be inducement for any American. You know what your money is needed for!

Another year draws to a close—your Station superintendent, Mr. Brookman, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Chief Clerk Murbarger the office 'gang' and myself, wish all of you—a very, very merry Christmas and a prosperous, happy New Year!

Investigation

By Audrey Johnson

WE WELCOME into our midst *Statementman Earl S. Gray.*

Fred Max is back on the job as a statementman after his discharge from service in Hawaii. Nice having you back, Fred.

Resting up after their recent discharge are three more fellows who will return to work soon: *Bill Peterson* was in service four years and two months—no furloughs. In fact we never did get to see Bill in his uniform. We know he's mighty happy to be back from the Pacific . . . *Bill Callahan* and *John O'Neill* are back from India and the Pacific, respectively. We're looking forward to your return to "600."

Art Phillips, A.M.M.I.C., stopped in while on furlough to let us in on the news that he's a proud daddy. Congratulations Art, and the "Mrs." It's nice it was a girl.

Accounting

By Thomas F. Coan

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for *Otto Stack*, for a proud man was he on Wednesday, November 14, when he made the announcement that he was a grandfather.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to *Naomi Bohlin* in the loss of her brother, who passed away on Wednesday, November 21, and also to *Catherine McAllister* in the loss of her brother who passed away on Sunday, November 4.

We extend sincere welcome and best wishes for success to *Margaret Gaynor, Ethel Falk, Patricia Gallagher, Edith Heiken* and *Edward J. Higgins.*

Lucille Sobek, who left service, was remembered with a farewell gift from her associates.

To *Irene Zicky* and *Lucille Matson*, who received new assignments, we wish all kinds of good luck.

"Many happy returns of the day" were extended to *Agnes Samek, Isabell Glass, Frank Robinett, Valeria Johnson, Florence Olsen* and *William Ternes* during the past month.

Word has been received from *Raymond Backlund*, who is in Leyte awaiting transportation home, that he was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

We are all glad to see *Robert Joost* and *Walter Oquist* back on the job after their honorable discharge from the armed forces.

We wish to extend congratulations to *John Pope* on his recent announcement of his engagement to *Miss Lulu Dicasola.*

Edward Francoeur, son of our *L. J. Francoeur* played an important role in assisting St. Ignatius football team in winning the North Section Championship of the Catholic High School League.

Wishing all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Electrical

By Billy Schenck

THERE ARE many more of our boys that have returned to our employ again who have served our country very well. We extend the hand



of welcome to *John Becker, Bruce Dinter, Edward Keating, Fred Hunche, Fred Hince, Donald Stohle* and *Thomas Tapling.*

October 9 was a real fine day for *George Richter*, maintenance electrician, because his wife presented him with an 8 pound baby girl which now makes the *George Richter* family five in number: Mr. and Mrs. G. Richter, two boys and one girl.

The testimonial dinner for *Mr. J. W. Jones* was held at the Bismark, November 27. It proved to be a big success.

General Office By "Brenda & Cobina"

WE ARE a little late in welcoming *Lawrence Alloway* into the Surface Lines Family, but we will make it a double-header—A hearty welcome to you and *Litta Jones* in the Purchasing Department.

A party was held at Martin's for our recent bride, *Blanche Kriz Simundza.* Blanche was presented with a gift of fiesta dishes.

Our bride of the month was *Alberta Freund* (Purchasing) who was married to *Louis Mukri* on Thanksgiving Day. Alberta was the guest of honor at two luncheons and received a carving set and a comforter from her co-workers.

Did you hear that one of our switchboard operators, *Stevie*, by name, has been trying to revive the Mack Sennett comedies?

Time: About five o'clock one fine day in November. . . .

Place: Archer Avenue. . . .

Plot: Boy meets coconut cream pie! ! ! ! !

We are all looking forward to *Charline Smerz'* return to work. Charline is recuperating from a recent operation and is coming along fine.

It was good to see *Larry Gurioli* (Purchasing) on his recent visit as a civilian. We hope that you will be back working with us by the time the magazine is out, Larry.

This is slightly "off Limits"—but we hear tell that a certain good-looking motorman "off Limits" has been doing some September morn bathing—in season, of course. Won't you tell us where? ? ?

EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT: Flash!!! It's girls like *Frances Scarpelli* that fellows dream about in the South Pacific—*Mary Harper*, always in for surprise packages—*Louise Skermont*, the ever popular—*Helen Doherty*, our future "Cover Girl"—*Ida Fischbach*, soon to be referred to as "The Body"—& *Mrs. Ella Bartlett*, who should be doing business as "Mr. Bartlett's Candy Kitchen" on account of that delicious candy she brought down one day.

By the way, *Georgia Callesis* has been walking around in a daze since sitting near *George Raft* and *Bill Eythe* at the Stadium the other night. Lucky girl!!!

Birthday Congratulations to *Helen Doherty, William Boggs* and *Ann Zahumensky.* Say, Ann, who is this handsome Navy brute from whom you're anticipating a visit soon?

Material & Supplies By Lois Marsh

AMONG our recent discharges were *Howard Hoger; Norb Middendorf; O. Santeson* and *Frank Friedl.* But we are sorry to hear that Frank is ill with pneumonia. Ohhh, this rugged civilian life!

The folks out at South Shops office are going to change the words of the song, "Gabriel Blow Your Horn" to "Rosemarie Blow Your Horn." Give us a toot on the tooter, *Rosemarie!!!*

Walter Miller, West Shops, is all ready to move into his new storeroom. When is the grand opening, Walter?

We express our deepest sympathy to *Ray Saiger*, South Shops, in the recent loss of his mother.

Word has been received that *Chuck Jung* has just returned from over-seas and is keeping his

fingers crossed for a discharge. Here's hopin' Chuck.

Birthday congratulations are extended this month to: *A. Housh; V. Borowski; B. Long; B. McLean; J. Marasovich and E. Wilcox.*

Congratulations to *Mr. & Mrs. Robert Karolich* who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary this past month. Not only were they given a surprise party but their sons *Ens. Wm. and A/C John* arrived just in time for the happy event. Mr. Karolich is a conductor at Burnside and Mrs. Karolich is an Ass't Stock Clerk at our South Shops.

Eldora Freeberg's new theme song is "Hips, Hips, Hooray."

Sgt. Bill Unwin dropped into the M&S office last week and is as hale and hearty as ever. Bill's Christmas present this year from Uncle Sam is a discharge—he hopes!

We are all just getting used to having our Thanksgiving pushed ahead one week but *Anne Fahey* decided to push hers ahead two weeks. But we don't blame you Anne, cause we'd all do the same thing if we knew that we'd be having our appendix out. Hurry up and get well, Anne, so you won't have to worry about your Christmas dinner.

Schedule & Traffic By L. C. Dutton

THE ARMED SERVICES have been busy sending our men back during the last month. The Navy decided they could operate without *Glenn Crump* so he has resumed his duties as schedule clerk. *Joe Karel* was released from duty in the European Theatre and has taken upon himself the duties of traffic checker.

To *Josephine Stukas* who resigned to be married, we extend our best wishes for many happy years of wedded bliss.

We extend a welcoming hand to *Mary Wiggins* who recently transferred to our department.

Frank Irvine, who has been on the sick list for some time, has the entire department pulling for his quick recovery.

Fred Excell recently paid a visit to the La Grange Police Station. The reason was all on account of a train ride that Fred's dog took on the CB&Q.

South Shops By Justine Mazeikis

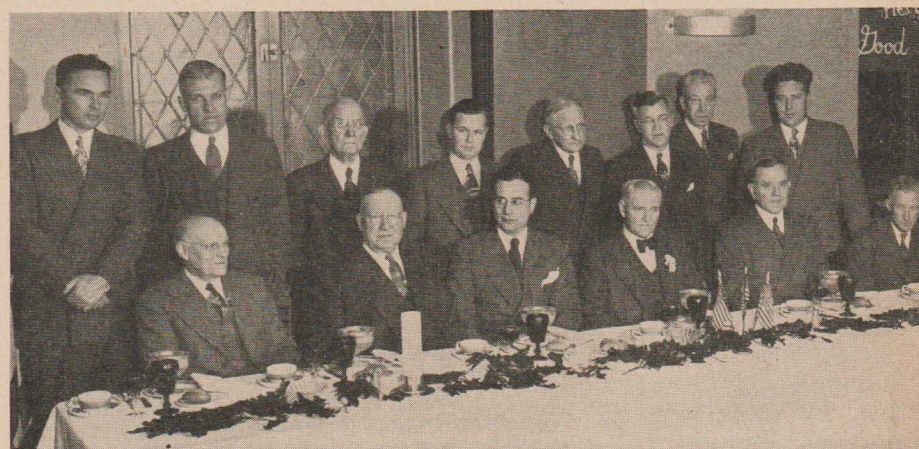
GLORY BE, how these deadlines sneak up on one. Up to a few minutes ago I was spending a very peaceful evening, in what was then a very tidy parlor (you should see it now), when it dawned on me that an article has to be written, so without further adieu I commence:

Wondering why *Mary Stark's* face has been wreathed in a smile lately? Well I'll tell you, her son, whom she had not seen for some time, received a discharge and is again one of the family.

OLD TIMERS RETIRE



Ever since March, *C. C. Chambers* (left, center) of North Division Track Department has been attempting to retire. But not until the past month have his duties permitted him to make it an actuality. The above picture was taken a few months ago when 60 men of the North Division got together for a farewell party. Born in Ireland, Chambers came to the U. S. in 1891. Two years later he came with the Chicago Union Traction Company as a laborer. By the time of unification of the lines he had worked his way up to the position of division superintendent, the position which he held at the time of his retirement.



At the age of 83, and after 53 years of service to streetcar transportation in Chicago, *John William (Billy) Jones* has retired from his duties as superintendent of substations in the Electrical Department. Born in Sweden, Billy made his way to Chicago in 1892, accumulating colorful sea adventures on the way. He was first employed by the surface lines in a machinists gang . . . Billy's family consisted of six boys and three girls; three of the boys are now employed by CSL: *John Jones* (Utility, chauffeur), *Frank Jones* (Electrical, meter tester), and *Jim Jones* (Electrical, Grand avenue substation operator) . . . The above picture was taken at a farewell dinner held for Billy last month. (Billy is seated fourth from the left.)

Fred Del Bianco promised to "love, honor and obey" in the little church around the corner on November 17. Our best wishes go out to him and his bride.

A cordial welcome back is bid to our ex-serviceman, *Anthony Rose*. Tony returned to his former position after having served for three years in Uncle Sam's Navy.

We are indeed glad to have *Joe Birmingham* back at his post in the Woodmill after a prolonged illness.

Our sympathies to *George Lindell* upon the loss of his dear mother and to *Axle Engquist* upon the loss of his mother-in-law.

The only logical explanation for *Frank DeWitt's* driving his car to work and then taking the streetcar home is force of habit.

Tsh, tsh, now you weren't serious *Mr. Buza* when you made that threat. "Baldy" is so becoming but if you insist we'll call you "Curly."

Better late than never was the motto of our vacationists last month, namely: *A. C. Lindquist*,

Marge Kuchan, Alice Cooper, J. Szymkewicz, G. Sefranik, and A. Cuziens.

KEGGLERS CHATTER KORNER: *Bill Waldman*, last year's gutterball champ, was more than happy to surrender his crown to *Louis Ruzich*. . . . *Mr. Page*, the term "follow through" in bowling does not mean that you follow the ball down the alley; you release it when you reach the foul line. . . . The girls are still at it! Knocking the pins down ferociously at the *Stevenson Bowling Alley*. Outstanding stars of the team are *Irene Gushes* of the Stores Department and *Anne Yercich*, Office. . . . By the way, *Mr. Lindquist*, the girls are still waiting for you to put in an appearance and give them a few pointers. May they expect to see you in the near future?

My sincerest wish for you is that Christmas with its angel-song, its radiant star, its Holy Child may bring cheer to your home, brighten your life, and bless you with abiding peace of heart in the coming New Year.

Way and Structures

By Betty Lhotak

TRACK DIVISION: We are wondering just where *Andy Johnson*, general foreman of the Western Division, purchased that beautiful "awakening" green shirt he so often wears.

Don't be surprised if you hear *Ed Becker* singing "Rock-a-Bye Baby." He's just practicing serenading his new daughter, *Bernadette*, who was born November 7.

General Foreman John Ruzic, heard his son's voice again, although he is still in England. *Tech Sgt. Raymond J. Ruzic* (material clerk) was interviewed over the United States Army Radio Service in London. T/Sgt. Ray is serving with the 22nd General Hospital in England and has received a Certificate of Merit in connection with his work as chief clerk in the Personnel Section of the Hospital.

Returned from military service: *J. Dugo; G. T. Spasojevich, LeRoy Peterson, Joseph A. Mulree, Angelo C. Venticinque, M. Marley and S. Oliveri*. Glad to see you back boys.

Since *Joe Dugo* returned from military service he's walking with a spring in his step. We wonder, Joe, if the cute chick you were seen with at a certain ballroom has anything to do with it?

We extend our sympathy to the family of *V. Pellicani* in their loss and bereavement.

To *J. Kariolich* and *V. Kariolich* we extend our sympathy in their great loss of mother and father, both of whom were killed when the German Army invaded their homeland. They received word belatedly.

UTILITY DIVISION: We are happy to welcome back from military service: *Arthur Fortman, Irving Straubing, Daniel Boal, and Joseph McCaffery*.

Congratulations to *Allan Milham*, chauffeur, who just recently informed us that he is the proud father of a 10-pound baby girl.

Ed. McGinn, chauffeur at Racine and Center, reports that after a long siege of illness his wife has recovered. We are all glad to hear the good news, Eddie.

The boys in the Utility Division have a team in the bowling tournament this year, and *Captain Saunders* reports that they are doing good.

Frank Peterson, retired chauffeur from Grand & Leavitt, stopped in at the garage at noon time to see all the old gang a few weeks ago and the boys are still remarking how wonderful Frank is looking after his well-deserved rest. Say, Frank, all the boys are still trying to find out where you picked up that wonderful appetite?

William Murray, helper at Grand & Leavitt, celebrated his Silver Wedding Anniversary on November 24. Congratulations to both of you and hope you have many more to celebrate.

BUILDING DIVISION: We welcome back *P. Marren* who served in the Army in India where he was engaged in installing gasoline pipe lines.

Passing around the cigars and candy was proud *Papa John Retzler's* way of announcing the birth of his second son on November 16.

Wishing all of you the Season's heartiest greetings, and many thanks to those who have contributed to the life of this column.

CHICAGO, They Are Here!

West Shops

By Eda Laube

WE SURELY HOPE everyone is feeling fine after that luscious Thanksgiving dinner. Speaking of dinners, our good friend *Mr. George J. Clark* was honored by a dinner at the "Guyon" Restaurant by the men of the office and foreman of the shops, with *Mr. S. D. Forsythe* acting as M.C. They presented him with a lovely Elgin wrist watch. *Mr. Clark* has left the West Shops to become Assistant Superintendent to *Mr. C. D. Mack* of our South Shops. May the best of luck go with him.

We wish to add to our fold the name of *Robert Grady* who is now our new mail boy. He sure is doing a good job of it too.

Those who have satisfied our sweet tooth this month with birthday candy are *Theresa Keenor, Peggy McCarthy* and *Ed Hendricksen*. Many happy returns.

Rosemary Coleman and *Kay Finlay* are looking mighty proud these days. I guess we can't blame them either as they have become brand new aunts and of the same baby too. The proud papa is none other than *Jim Finlay* of Kedzie.

Mr. Weir is a happy man again. The "Mrs." has returned after spending two weeks in Kansas.

The boys of the Paint Shop wish to welcome back home *Casey Peskei* and *Ted Peitrus* after service with our armed forces.

Robert Jensen, who left December 7, 1941, to serve Uncle Sam is back to work in our Truck Shop as of November 26. Welcome home.

George Shea received an armful of presents, etc. from the boys in the Truck Shop on his promotion in the Truck Shop. Lucky boy.

The gang received a nice long letter from *Mrs. Betty B. Nelson* our former scribe. It seems as though married life agrees with her. She is now living in Durbin, North Dakota playing the role of housewife, and loves it.

If you are wondering why *Kay Nardiello* and *Theresa Camera* look a little tired these days, just blame it on the Army and Navy respectively. Of course we excuse them, after all, "It's been a long, long time."

George Shea of our Truck Shop would like to compliment *Mr. Tricoci*, a conductor at Lawndale on his kindness in helping the older people on the streetcars.

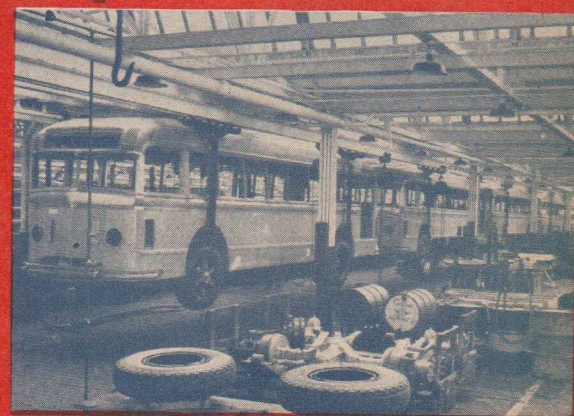
Vacationists this month include *Kay Nardiello, Theresa Camera* and *Eda Laube*.

BACK COVER—One of the series of ads appearing currently in Chicago papers.



Twenty new White buses, each seating 44 passengers, have been received and put into service. The remaining 140 buses on order are expected during the next few months.

Supporting framework of the bus is of curved metal design and is incredibly strong . . . though light in weight.

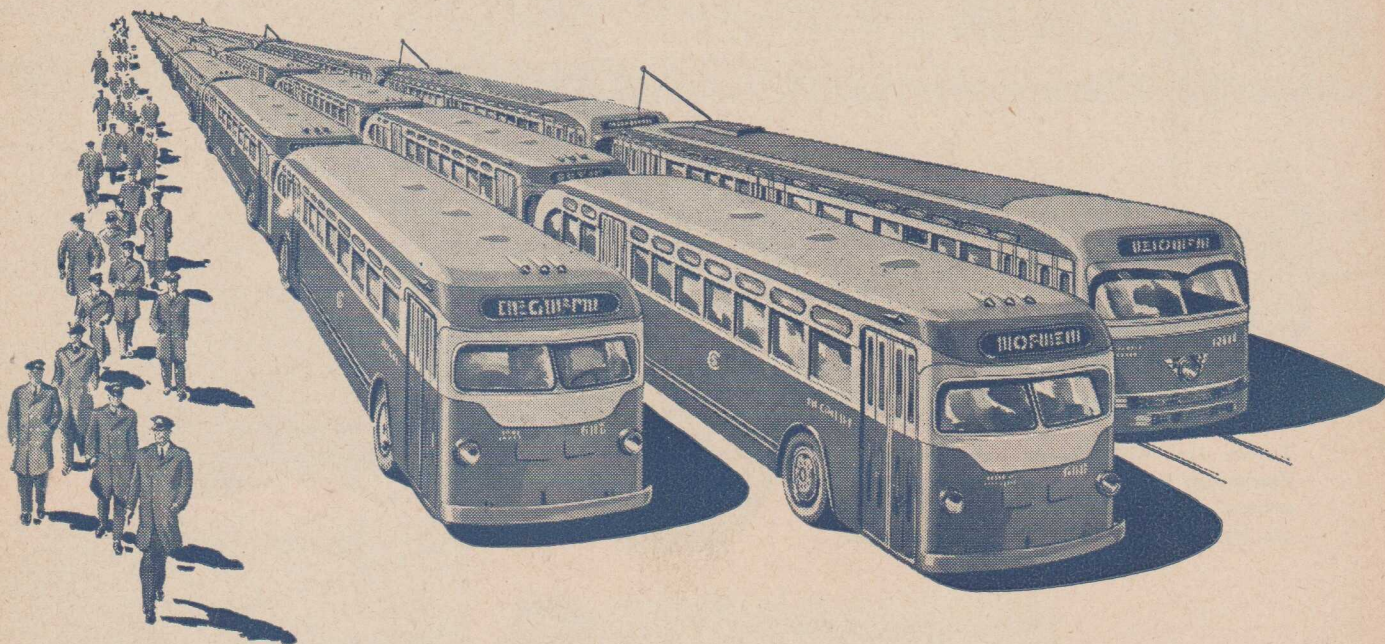


The bodies of the buses are suspended on the assembly line while the 210 H.P. motor is inserted beneath the insulated floor. Motor has 12 cylinders and a top speed of 47 M.P.H.



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