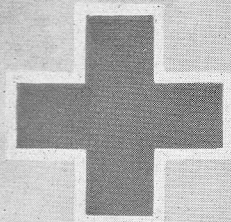


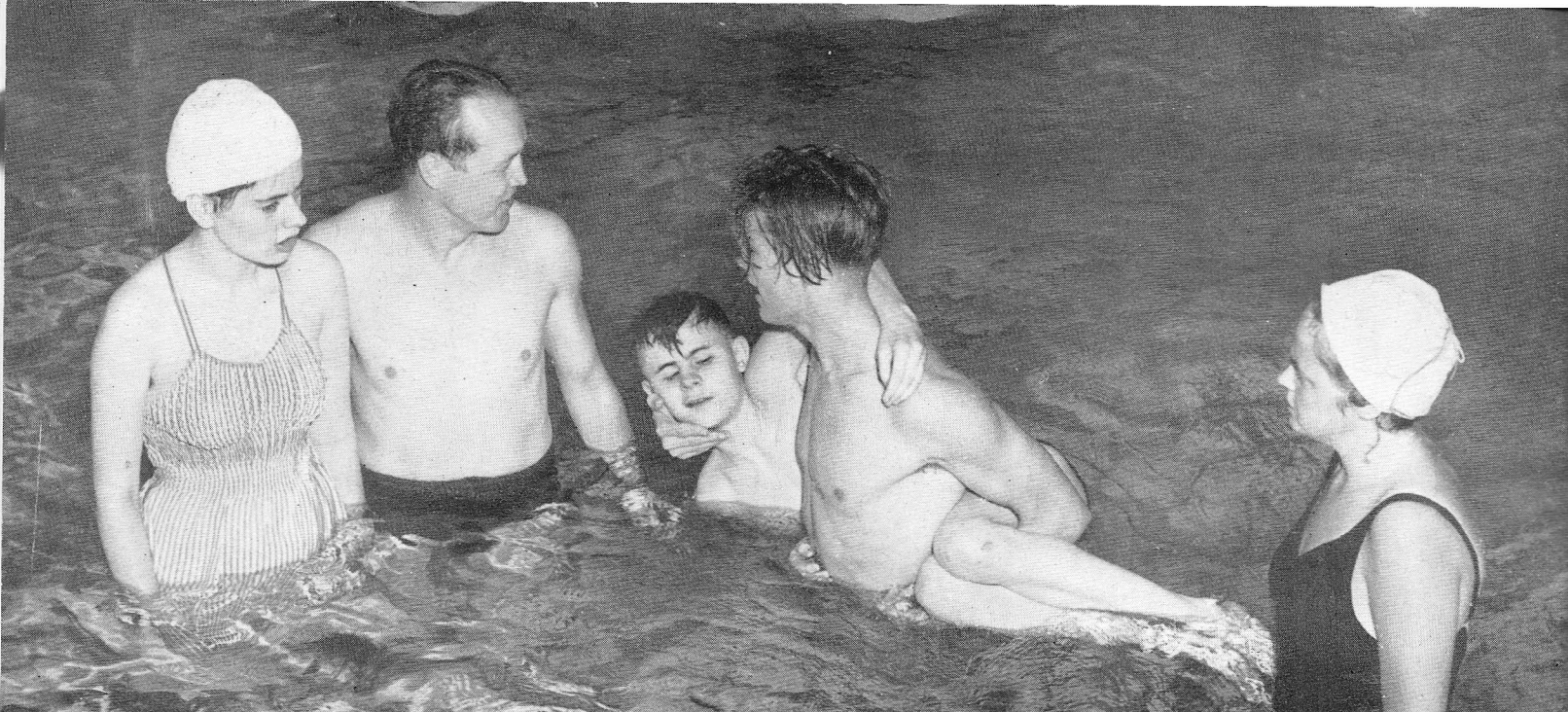
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must carry on!



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Photos—Chicago Chapter American Red Cross

As part of the convalescent swimming program of the Chicago Chapter Water Safety Department of the Red Cross, Instructor Joan Savage teaches an adult blind group. This program establishes for these handicapped individuals a feeling of confidence, and opens a field of recreation previously considered closed to them. The three main groups participating in this work are the spinal injury cases at Hines Hospital, crippled children, and blind adults.



## Why Your RED CROSS Must Carry On



A year ago the Chicago Chapter Home Service Department was carrying a case load of 33,000 servicemen and their dependents, and 7,000 veterans. As of January 1, 1946, in addition to 25,000 servicemen and their families, the Department was helping some 25,000 veterans!



Ceramics is popular with convalescing seamen taking part in the Red Cross Arts and Skills handicraft program at Great Lakes. Volunteer Barbara Bronson from the Chicago Chapter shows a seaman how to make an earthen vase .... In this program, as in many of the other Red Cross activities, volunteers are important. Nurses aides are needed as much, or more, today than they were a year ago—to work not only in civilian, but in Army and veteran hospitals.



# Passenger Objects to Being Treated Like a Wooden Nickle

**A**CCORDING to Miss Theresa Waldmann, 3314 Southport, *Motorman John Kamke* and *Conductor Nicholas Hanson* (Armitage) show an ideal consideration for their passengers. So recently she wrote in and praised their courtesy. "Why cannot we have men like them all the time?" she wrote. "Some of them just pass you by like a wooden nickle."

C. M. WEAKS of the Mechanical Machine and Tool Works, 517 N. Halsted, praised *Conductor Harold McDearmon* (77th). "He is courteous, good-natured, well-mannered, and most helpful. His conduct goes a long way to build public good will."

HERE'S A PAT on the back for *Conductor Daniel Browne* (Armitage). According to Joseph P. Schreeber, 518 N. Green: "He was very helpful and courteous, in spite of the large crowd on his car . . . And he also called the stop streets very plainly—this was kept up all the way downtown."

## Safety In Mind

THE BEST INSURANCE that a man can carry is an attitude of carefulness and consideration for others. Three trainmen were praised during the past month for their safety-mindedness.

Joseph Alther, 1146 Addison, commended *Motorman Valentine Blickhahn* (Limits) for his extreme care in passing several wide trucks parked away from the curb.

The extreme care of *Motorman Howard Morris*, (Cottage Grove) as well of his politeness and courtesy when dealing with the public, have won him many friends, including R. Hernandez (no address given), who wrote that "It is men of this type who making riding the Surface Lines a pleasure."

*Motorman Pat Kenny* was praised by Mrs. May J. Palmer, 160 W. 70th, for his care in operation of the streetcar, especially in stopping and starting.

A letter of deep appreciation was received from Mr. and Mrs. A. Rogers, 5062 Austin Avenue, for the "quick, resourceful thinking" of *Operator Wallace Clark* (Lawrence). One slippery, snowy morning, as the bus approached the stop,



According to the story that came with this picture, RAY SNELL and SAL GALLO (the bulwark of the Navy, between the Atlantic and Pacific—but currently from Kedzie) were observed on one round trip during the course of their run by a newspaper reporter who was accompanied by his photographer. The reporter was impressed with their efficiency and courtesy, had the photog take this picture.

their daughter slipped and fell from the curb. If Clark had not quickly swerved the bus from the side of the road, there might have been a fatal accident.

Because he had the thoughtfulness to warn his passengers as he let them off—"No safety island here. Watch the traffic."—*Conductor James McCabe* (Kedzie)

received high praise from Thomas M. Jordan, 4337 Wilcox Street.

## Kindness

TWO DIFFERENT passengers, Mrs. Catherine Jahns, 3417 West Palmer, and Mrs. William James, 4511 North Melvina, wrote of a good deed performed by *Operator William Clow* (Devon). Without losing any time from his schedule, he took time to escort a young blind man across a busy intersection on Kimball avenue when there were no pedestrians near to help.

Also commended for their treatment of the physically handicapped were *Conductors Sygmunt Jaross* and *Donald Sage* (Lincoln).

IT IS A LUCKY passenger that has *James Gaskin* (77th) for a conductor, is the opinion of Wilfred Lord, 7420 North Greenview, and Mrs. Margaret Kinne, 4818 Quincy. Each felt that he had received courteous attention "that stood out in today's world of selfishness."

"Five White-collar Girls" felt that *Motorman Samuel Cinquegram* (Kedzie) had provided them with similar consideration, so they chipped together on a three-cent stamp and wrote in to tell the company about it.

## Consideration

CONDUCTOR JOHN MARCH (Archer) was thanked by Mrs. J. Lynch, 2440 North Shore Avenue, for going out of his way to make change for her.

*Conductor Emil Cairo* (Lawndale) was labeled one of "the most outstanding young men" in the employ of CSL, by Albert Wagner, 5047 North Kildare, who states that Cairo is "on the beam at all times, serious in attending to his duties, tactfully handles crowds, and calls all streets distinctly."



### About Your CSL Group Insurance Benefits

1. If you are off duty and unable to work because of sickness or injury, when should disability notice be sent to the Insurance Department?

- ☐ First day you're absent.
- ☐ When you've been sick two months.
- ☐ At the end of your illness.

2. How many CSL employees have retired since the retirement plan was put into effect, June 1, 1941?

- ☐ Approximately 1,600.
- ☐ 5,651.
- ☐ Around 500.

3. Is it necessary to have a lawyer to settle your insurance claims with CSL?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.

4. Is the beneficiary named on your CSL group life insurance policy alive?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.

(Par for this quiz is three out of four questions. Two out of four isn't bad. But if you got only one out of four, better re-read your Group Insurance booklet before you have an accident.)

(Answers on Page 15)

### Fifteen More Suggestion Winners Announced

**E**XTRA MONEY is jingling in the pockets of fifteen more employees of the Shops and Equipment department for ideas which have clicked with the Suggestion program.

Twenty-five dollars was awarded to *Nick Kashul*, car repairman at Kedzie, for suggesting a rearrangement of work areas and the heating of these areas for greater comfort during winter months. Kashul made this suggestion some time ago, but because of shortages in equipment and material it could not be adopted. Now a review of the suggestion showed that it is possible to make the installations.

Shortage of replacement parts resulted in a suggestion from *Ray Sutherland*, machinist, Bus Overhaul, on how wheel hubs and brake drums from one type of bus could be re-machined and adapted to fit another type. Results: a number of busses on the street that would otherwise have been in an inoperable condition, and a twenty-five dollar check for Sutherland.

The second award to win a prize for *Frank Ciezadlo*, truck repairman, West Shops, involved the designing and manufacture of a device used in lining up truck frames and holding them in position for welding. Award: fifteen dollars.

*Adam Olszewski*, welder, West Shops, earned an extra fifteen dollars with a suggestion of a different method for welding during the reclaiming of journal boxes.

Joint suggestions by *George Uding* and *Walter Hallford*, bus repairmen, North Bus, involved a portable pump for washing motors, floors, and cleaning sumps in pits, and netted them each five dollars.

Five dollars apiece were also earned by *W. A. Westphal*, repairman, and *A. R. Hickey*, foreman, North Bus, for a suggestion dealing with a waste-paper receptacle on buses.

Other winners were: *William O'Brien*, machinist, West Shops; *A. R. Barr*, armature winder, West Shops; *Stephen Booc*, carpenter, West Shops; *Joseph Gamen*, foreman, 77th; *Patrick Gannon*, painter, West Shops; *John Hickey*, foreman, carpenter shops, West Shops and *H. A. Todd*, stripper and letterer, West Shops.





## "Cherchez La Femme!"

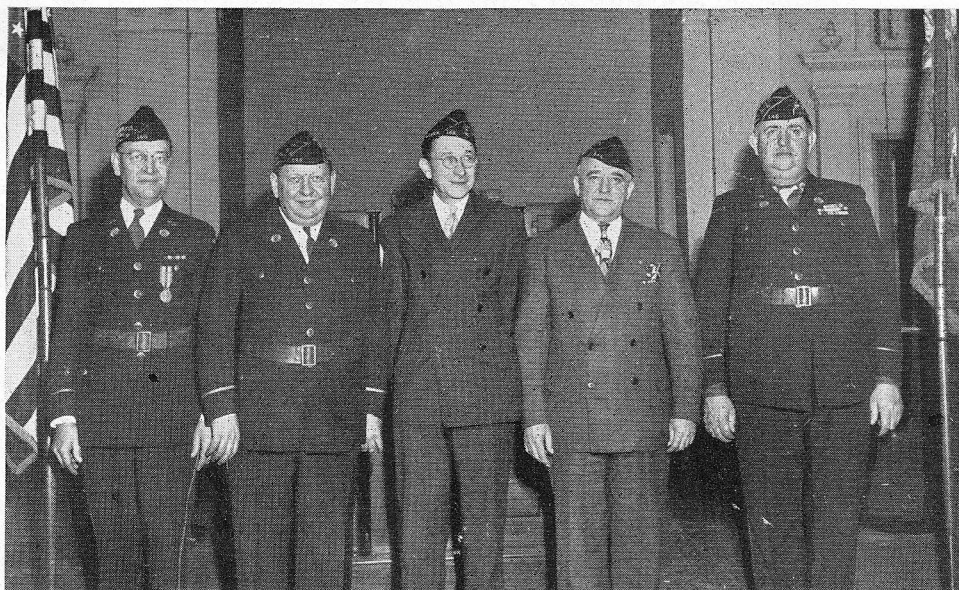
**T**HE BARRIERS are down! One of the last strongholds of masculinity has at last been invaded by the fairer members of the species. Long a sanctuary strictly for men, the Surface Lines American Legion Post has opened its doors to the women. From now on the members will have to watch their steps.

Three women veterans of World War II were included in the group of 37 initiates welcomed into the Post at a recent

meeting. It was a history-making occasion, and it is only to be hoped that there was no significance contained in the fact that it was also "past commanders" night!

The group was the largest ever to be initiated in the Past at one time, and brought the total membership of the organization to 518.

Three lines of initiates filled the hall as they were sworn in. In the front row center—the "invaders": new members Mrs. Dorothy Papke, Mrs. Harriatta Kelly, and Miss Jeanne Palmer.



Out of the eight living past commanders of the Surface Lines Post, five were present: Joe Staska (Archer), Otto Malinowski, Louis Hoffman (Armitage), Orel Secor (Utility), and Tony Hartowicz (Division). Missing, were Tom McCarthy (Track), Jack Mortell (Division), and Joe Zarat (Blue Island).



Brother Ronald is more interested in photo-flash bulbs than transportation.

## Quiz - Whiz

**A** RECENT addition to the nationally famous Quiz-Kids program is *Richard* (Butch) Goddard, quiz-wizard son of *Conductor Victor Goddard* (Devon). Four and one-half years old, Butch is the first child that young to be put under

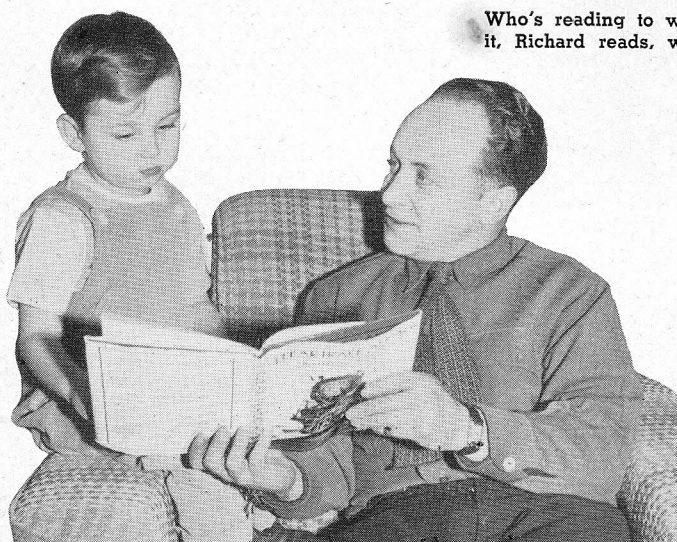
contract with the program. Reading since the ripe old age of two—and writing practically as long—he specializes in trains and transportation, his favorite book being a well-worn train schedule.

Perhaps the initiating force in this train-fascination was father Victor's coming with the Surface Lines as a conductor last year. On many a "trainman's holiday" riding the streetcars, Butch and his father visited the railroad stations and examined the streamliners.

When he read time-tables for the startled personnel at the LaSalle station, and spelled "Pennsylvania" without pausing for a breath, they took him under their wing. Result: A collection of time-tables, pictures, books, and miscellaneous transportation information that would be the envy of many an adult collector.

The inevitable publicity provided by friends and relatives brought about a guest appearance on the quiz program last fall and paved the way for his addition to the program's permanent personnel.

Who's reading to whom? You guessed it, Richard reads, while father relaxes.



# Barter and Exchange

Space will be made available each month as an accommodation to CSL employees having items which they wish to sell, buy, or exchange. Ads will be published free of charge, but none will be accepted for commercial sidelines of employees. Articles advertised or requested must be owned by, or wanted by, an employee or his immediate family. Copy

must be delivered to the magazine correspondent not later than the 25th of the month. Kindly give name, department, badge or payroll number, and home phone or address. **SURFACE SERVICE** reserves the right to reject any advertisements and assumes no responsibility for any statements made in ads.

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** Pocket watch, call John Augusteniak, Yards 9629.

**FOR SALE:** Violin, Guitar, Mandolin and Banjo. Charles DeWitt (Division) Badge No. 12493, 10121 Medill Ave., Melrose Park 2, Ill.

**FOR SALE:** One allweather uniform shortcoat, size 42, newly cleaned and pressed, worn by owner only a few times. —\$15.00. General Electric Refrigerator (Monitor Model), good condition.—\$55.00. Dave Duller (Kedzie) Badge No. 8083, 4514 S. Sawyer Avenue.

## EXCHANGE

**WILL EXCHANGE:** 12-gauge Remington Automatic shot gun for a Bell-Howell 16 millimeter movie camera. D. E. McCauley (Track Division) Badge No. 9403—Superior 1552.

## WANTED

**WANTED:** Typewriter for the C. J. Burke Post No. 177, V.F.W., will pay cash. Contact John P. Gillespie, at Boulevard 2290.

**WANTED:** Portable or regular typewriter, must be in good condition. A. J. Keiner, 6004 Patterson, Palisade 1788.

Indiana, but quickly decided the rural life was not for him.

On July 7, 1900, he was hired by the Chicago Union Traction company to take care of generators and motors in the Western avenue power house, and in August, 1901, he was put in charge of all electrical maintenance work. At the time of unification Mr. Richter became superintendent of electrical installation, the position which he held to March 1, the date of his retirement. His son, George Richter, is employed in the Electrical Department as a maintenance and repair electrician.

## Change to Bus Service on 111th Street Praised

**T**HE CHANGE from streetcars to motor bus service on 111th street is "very much appreciated and enjoyed" by CSL riders, according to a letter received recently from Gerald M. Smith of the Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing company. Mr. Smith is the assistant personnel director of Pullman-Standard and reports that he has heard many comments praising the improved service.

The 111th and 115th Street lines were among the first lines converted last fall as part of CSL's improvement plan. The change from streetcar to bus made possible greater frequency of operation on these lines and shortened the running time.

## 69th Still "Low Man" on Courtesy Poll

**F**OR THE THIRD successive month the 69th Street Station has held the favored first position in the Transportation Department's Courtesy Campaign. Leading position is held by the station having the fewest complaints received during the year, in proportion to the total traffic carried.

Still in their same positions are Blue Island, Limits, and Lincoln. In January, however, Lawndale replaced Division for the fifth position.

The contest has only two more months to run, being completed in April. Leaders for the year May, 1944, through April, 1945, were Blue Island, Lawndale, Lincoln, 69th, and Burnside, in that order.

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## Electrical Department Says Farewell to Henry Richter

**O**N THE LAST DAY of February, a group of Electrical Department men got together to say farewell to Henry Richter, superintendent of electrical installation, who retired as of that date. Seventy-seven years of age, Mr. Richter had almost 46 years of service to his credit.



Henry Richter  
No Farmer

A native of Germany, Mr. Richter came to this country in 1894 and worked for an electrical concern installing generators and switchboards in various cities in the East and Middle West. In 1899 he resigned his position and took a fling at farming in



## Armitage

By Ted Shumon

**H**I YA, GANG. Have you paid your income tax? We're sure glad that's over, and by the way if you have anything left over, how about a couple of bucks to the Red Cross. Their drive is on and it is a very worthy charity.

It used to be said that February was the shortest month of the year, with but 28 days. However, we find that March only has 15.

Our sympathy is extended to *Carl Maturi* in the death of his father.

*Swede Nelsen* (spelled with an E) is the proud possessor of a fish and thereby hangs a tail. It seems that *John Berck* who is basking in the warm sunshine of Miami, promised to send him one. He sure did and the Swede is figuring on throwing a fish-fry for his fellow workers.

Your scribe received a card from Berck stating that he made the drive to Miami in three days. He must have stopped along the way to play post office.

We were all glad to see *Alex McLeod* back in a CSL blue suit, after many months in Uncle Sam's shoot suit.

It was a chilly evening in an English pub, when one Britisher turned to his friend and said, "Time was when we could complain about this blasted weather, but now that the Yanks are here, we have to defend it!"

Word has been received that *Motorman Di Gaudio* is showing signs of improvement. Di Gaudio was struck by an automobile during the last week of November and has been irrational ever since. Mrs. Di Gaudio says that he is beginning to notice things but is still allowed no visitors except his wife and mother.

This column is pretty short this month, so shake a foot and bring in the news. Armitage was one of the five stations having a column in each and every issue during 1945. Let's keep it that way.

That's all for now.

## Burnside

By Furgie

**N**OW ABOUT our servicemen. Of the 68 Burnside men who took military leave, all

have returned except 15, who are still in the service. Of the 68, four were retreads that is, they were veterans of World War No. 1 who enlisted to go and do their bit to help out a second time. Strangely enough they all joined the Navy. They are all back on the job except *Conductor Martin De Nash*, who is now a lieutenant commander, out at Navy Pier. We haven't seen him for some time. We hope that if he sees this that he will come out to say Hello!

We also wish to say a word of praise for the manner in which *Traffic Officer Pat McInnery* pitches in and helps our supervisor (*Gene O'Rourke*) at such times as flooded viaducts. Team work always wins out.

Sympathy is offered to *Conductor D. J. Fox*, in the loss of his father, and *Operator S. Haglund* who lost his wife.

*Conductor M. Folliard*, who has been on the sick list the most of the winter, is reported as still not so good. *Supervisor J. J. Kane* is back on the job, however he is taking things as easy as possible.

## Cottage Grove

By Gale Hruska

**M**R. C. C. CRICKS, station superintendent, after a brief tussle with the flu is now fully recovered.

*Conductor Joe Condon* expects to be back on the job soon. Many of the brothers perhaps were unaware that Joe had sustained a bad injury to his ankle, and body bruises, from being run down by an auto while on his way to work.

*Motorman Ed Melant*, one of our newer men, celebrated his 14th wedding anniversary by treating his Missus to a downtown show and dinner, while mama-in-law was assigned chaperon duty to Ed's two young rascals.

*Conductor John Hennessey* proudly announces an increase in his family. *Johnny Jr.* born January 18, 1946, at the Holy Cross Hospital. Mother and Johnny are both doing fine, as the community of Chathamfield rejoices.

*Conductor Douglas Nelson*, ex-soldier, pinch-hitting as motorman, thinks that some of the World War Veterans driving cabs at present are former jeep drivers.

When you hear those long Allegheny whistles, no doubt it's *Steamboat Motorman Brown* reporting for duty. Sargeant Bill is a World War I vet and holds many citations for bravery, and the Purple Heart.

Quite a character is *Motorman Martin Griffin* the human encyclopedia and Daily News Almanac. We notice since *Midge Dwyer* is working with Marty, he has been enriched with much knowledge. We hope it sinks in, Midge.

We attribute *Supervisor Bill Grave's* popularity at 47th and the Grove to his alluring personality. A continuous smile and a handwave sure does wonders, Bill.

*Conductor Jim Mullen*, credit supervisory chairman of our credit union, is a real hustler. Jimmy, as he is affectionately known to us, showed an early desire to enter this interesting field so that he could be helpful to his fellowmen. As a result of his enthusiasm, he has gained considerable experience and thus becomes a valuable acquisition to the organization.

If you've never seen a dream walking, never even heard of one, then you should have seen *Conductors Dick Hannon* and *Pat McKeever* March 17. The dreams were dressed in suits made of green-waxed cellophane paper, decorated with real Irish Shamrocks. Oh, yes, and the high top hats were green, also. And was this a real dream! Why yes, *Motorman Eddy Clapp* actually dreamed it.

Signing off, right now.

## Devon

By Charles Saklem

**W**E ARE ALL so glad to see these fellow workers back from the armed services: *Motorman Bernard Nelson*, *Conductors William Lohse*, *S. Gustafson*, *H. Hildebrandt*, *Richard T. Schumser* and *Peter Kennedy*. Kennedy was in the army hospital for about a year so we're mighty glad to see him back as well as ever.

After over three years of service, *Pfc. Joseph McHale* (brother of *Conductor Gerald McHale*) was home on January 28 for a belated Christmas with his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. *Michael Lyons*, 1526 Highland Avenue. *Pfc. McHale* was in the 14th Armored Division in

France, Germany, and Austria. Michael Lyons is a retired motorman from Devon.

Retired *Motorman Snyder* passed away recently and retired *Motorman J. Fahy* lost his wife February 23. To these families we all extend our deepest sympathies.

Rather an amusing verse was handed to me by one of our steady passengers. At least somebody appreciates us. The verse goes as follows:

As I board the crowded street car  
at 2100 Clark

I push ahead with much restraint  
my little feet to park.

The young man who collects my fare  
and greets me with a smile

Makes riding on his street car,  
happy moments all the while.

Here is a mother-in-law story I thought you might enjoy. (The mother-in-law always takes a beating.) It seems this mother-in-law passed away and she was a very bossy domineering sort of mother-in-law. The family all gathered to go to the wake and just as they were standing around a terrific storm blew up. It lightened and thundered and there was terrible racket. The mild son-in-law scratched his head a little and said: "Yep, Guess she got there already."

**BARTER & EXCHANGE**—As you no doubt have noticed, we now have a space devoted to items you wish to sell, buy or exchange. If you have such an item, please make a note of it and put it in the mail box on the west side of the train room, addressed to me and it will be published free of charge. Perhaps you have something you have no use for that somebody else needs.

## Division

By Fred Shippy

**H**APPY BIRTHDAY, to the children: *Dickie Drost*, 9; *Bobby Fischer*, 9; *Larry Bruckhauser*, 6; *David Ever*, 4; *Patricia Mohawk*, 7; *Gloria Wronski*, 13; *Sandra Crum*, 3; and *Ruth Ann Kouba*, 3. May your way be bright and sunny for many years to come. Be sure and make Pop, pop with the ice cream and candy.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** *Mr and Mrs. Ted Fijak*, 8th, and *Mr. and Mrs. Vito Riscossa*, 9th, anniversary. May you celebrate many more and enjoy good health for many years to come.... *Mr. and Mrs. George Schelkopf* on the arrival of a grandson weighing 8 lbs 5 ozs. George, you are now in the grandpa class. Do we smoke, or do we all have to smoke the pipe?

*Miss Shirley Kraus* who graduated from grammar school on the 31st day of January, as the youngest graduate in her class. Pop and Ma gave her a party. Twenty-two guests attended and all had a good time.

It is with regret we announce the passing of *Charlie Trager*, *R. Redner*, *W. Youells* (retired motormen) *Harry Nicholson* and *George Isaacs*. May we extend our deepest sympathy to their bereaved families.

Welcome back to all the servicemen, many of whom have returned. The latest is *Leo Woznicki*, who served 39 months and made lots and lots of mileage.

**JUST FOR FUN:** Ask *Bill Kearns* who the party was that bought fresh eggs and let them sit on the window four days and then took them home. Who was that fellow, Bill?

Our famous fisherman *Frank Letza* says the season is just around the corner and if there are any big ones he can get them, Ha, Ha. He says the fish that *Art Lamberti* gets at Montrose beach, he uses for bait. Frank, can you enlighten us and tell us where the big ones are? And by the way, are you learning how to play pinochle, or do you always play like that?

*Art Lamberti* tells us his son is stationed in Berlin, Germany. He left New York the 19th of December, spent his Christmas on the Atlantic. He is with the engineers and likes it very much. Nineteen, he says he has had more mileage and seen more scenery than his dad ever will. Also saw a lot of water.



**Motorman Johnny Tiano, now stationed off Japan, sent this picture to Al Maro (Kedzie). Al didn't have too much news about Johnny because the letter was addressed to Al's sister and she wouldn't let anyone read it.**

*William Buenger* (Fountain Willie) received some deer meat from up north. He promised some to *Hickory Peterson*. He brought some tied in a neat package, waited for Hickory and as usual Hickory was late. Getting tired of waiting, he tied it on his run number on the rack. A cat around the depot, very hungry, enjoyed Hickory's deer meat and slept for two days after.

Bowlers, Bowlers, Bowlers. Where are they? *Eddie Fischer*, *Gutter Ball Andy* and the rest. Give me a tip so I can tell the boys how you are doing.

Boys you can still buy bonds on the payroll deduction plan. It is a good way to save your money. Money always comes in handy. Why not lay some away while you have a chance. You know you get "4 for 3."

## Kedzie

By Joe Smith

**A**T THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Credit Union of Kedzie, the results of the election of officers were as follows: *Mike Urganus*, president; *Bill Larsen*, vice-president; *Ted Heffernan*, treasurer; *Paul Rosenstrater*, asst. treasurer. Board of Directors: *Ray McDonald*; *Ernie Haggstrom*; *Bob Stack*; *Joe Klima*, and *Al Reid*. On the Credit Committee: *Bill Brennan* is chairman, *Guy Shirer* and *Ed Riley* are committeemen. The Supervisory Committee has *Jim Kivilin* as chairman, *Sam Soll* and *Dave Kissane* as committeemen. *Ben Tausch* holds the office of clerk.

The offices of the Credit Union are at the far end of the recreation room and there's always someone back there to help you between the hours of 10 and 11 A.M. and 1 and 2 P.M. every day, and on Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

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During the years of conflict, *SURFACE SERVICE* traveled to many countries. Comes post-war years and the magazine is still traveling to County Galway, Ireland, to regale the people of *Mike O'Connor* about the birthday of his little one. Mike's sister, *Mary Nolan*, wife of *Conductor Tom Nolan*, reads the magazine every month. When she found the item about Mike's family she sent the copy to Ireland.

In a line of women that had formed in front of a hosiery store waiting for nylon hose, *Bill Finn* was fifth in line. The women are having a bad time of it with hose, Bill, stay out of those lines. . . . Incidentally, when Bill visits relatives in Joliet he never forgets to send a post card to *Bill Brennan* saying: "Having a good time, wish you were here."

Apologies to *Stratzki* and *Hanuska*, the pants were on the wrong man. *Louis Hanuska* wore the pants that shrank, causing *Geo. Berresheim* to call him skinnypants." Now that the pants are on the right man, everything should be OK.

Apologies to *Stan Misk*, his name was misspelled. The spelling was spelled before you arrived. Next time you arrive we'll get it direct.

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*Paddy O'Rourke* of the Repair Dept. is another Grandpa, in that *Patsy Ann* had a new sister, *Dolores*. At Dolores' christening on Sunday, February 17, Paddy had his basement decorated. There were Irish reels and lots to eat, and Paddy had moving pictures taken of the event. Congratulations to Paddy and the mama and papa.

*John (Frenchy) Lambert*, retired, showed up in the station for a visit after six months in Florida. The Lamberts enjoyed their vacation, but Mrs. Lambert got used to the balmy climate and has been ill since shortly after their return.

*Motorman Dick Mette* recently went to New York to meet the *Queen Mary* to bring his wife and baby back to Chicago. After Dick's discharge from the Navy they were separated for almost a year. Mrs. Mette comes from England and is of Irish parents.

# March Wind

**T**HE IDES OF MARCH, according to ancient Roman history, fell on the fifteenth day of the third month of the year. At that time the tax that had been levied on the populace had been paid (wonder if that is where the income tax collector got his idea), and every thing being hotsy-totsy, the Feast of Spring began. . . . To celebrate this holiday it was the custom to hold the annual games, or "circus." There were fights between gladiators, fights between unarmed slaves and ferocious starved lions, and such other nice little games as the crowned heads thought might be interesting to watch. . . . By way of diversion they had chariot races, and we are reliably informed that the bookies of those days, grew rich and corpulent. . . . Many of those games are still in vogue, albeit somewhat modernized. Particularly the chariot race. . . . Almost every day one sees a chariot of ancient vintage make a deliberate attempt to occupy the space already being used by another vehicle. . . . The outcome is always the same: One of them comes out second best. . . . This happens every day along our right-of-way. However, our motorman and operators have become so accident-prevention minded that they have hung up a fine record, and have been acclaimed as being among the safest drivers in the transportation world. . . . So here's to our 'Wreckless' trainmen. If we keep up this record, we need have no fear for the future of our jobs. So let's all keep bearing down on accident prevention, for "Accidents don't happen—they are caused."

-- Furgie

Motorman Jim Richardson's aunt, Capt. Opal E. Anderson, was the first woman to get a transport pilot's license. After she received her license, she engaged in ferrying planes back and forth from England to the numerous European war theaters. She is now managing an airport in California and, according to Jim, she finds it very quiet compared to her war-time occupation.

Paddy Sugrue's little daughter Mary Ann, 8 years old, took first place in a WLS Times Quiz-down between six students from her school, St. Mels, and six from Visitation School. Mary Ann is to be given an audition for the famous Quiz Kids program.

Pete Guarino brought his knowledge of first-aid and artificial respiration to bear on an ex-sailor who fainted in his car recently. Pete had the gentleman all fixed up by the time the fire department arrived with the inhalator apparatus.

Alex Bambacino, our janitor, is back on the job after a five-month engagement with the doctor. Glad to see you back, Alex.

Two of the Dressler boys are back home and were the reason for Art celebrating a second Christmas. Tom, the air photog, is back with his old firm, while Warren — the submerging Dressler — brought his wife and baby to live with Grandma and Grandpa while he is at Great Lakes awaiting discharge and a belated come-

upance in rating. Ray, the marine, is still in Ching Wan Too, China, and will probably be home in April.

Bob Klein, just out of the Army and son of former Motorman Frank Klein, is carrying on in his father's tracks.

Back on the job after lengthy service in the armed forces are Buck Sgt. Dick Hester, Army; Joe Bolich, Navy, of the Repair Department; George Kolin and Andy Mussman, Navy. Welcome home, fellows.

The sons of Mike Dougherty and also the sons of Paddy O'Rourke are back from the European war theater.

We extend anniversary congratulations to Tom and Mrs. Burns on their ninth; to Joe and Mrs. Budnick on their twentieth.

Birthday greetings to Joe, Mrs. and Robert Budnick; to Patsy Nolan, six years old on March 3, daughter of Tom Nolan and niece of Mike O'Connor; to Frank Brennock's dad, Patrick, who will celebrate his birthday on March 2, and to Red Cornelius O'Connor, March 4th.

Inasmuch as I have been in the kennels for the past month on account of I was married on the sixth day of February and forgot to mention it, I take this opportunity to square myself and be taken into the house again. Congratulations, Ruthy. Hope your disappointment becomes less

and less acute as the years go on, because I'm kind of permanent.

Congratulations to Harry Bennett who has become a great-uncle by adoption. His son Ed adopted a boy.

We are all hoping for the quick recovery of Jim Dowd's wife who is suffering with a strep infection of the ear, and also the recovery of his eight-year-old son who is ill with infected tonsils.

To the family of Ed Koilarz we offer our deepest sympathy, as do we also to Conductor John Walsh in the death of his brother-in-law, Edward McAvoy.

We are all hoping for the speedy recovery of Gus Winterns who has been at home with ailments for some time. . . . Owen McCabe is in Loretta Hospital with a serious illness. . . . Chester Abbott received the last rites at St. Anthony's Hospital during the last few days of February. Chester's condition has improved since then, but he is not yet in the clear. Ed Hurda is in the Berwyn Hospital.

Lawndale

By Bill Feiler

**S**UPERINTENDENT Tom Eigelsbach returned to work recently after a short but severe battle with the flu. Mr. Hart substituted for him.

Two more motormen returned from military leaves during the month: Art Schalk spent two and one-half years in the army, while Chester Nails was almost two years in the navy. Welcome back, boys!

Bus Operator Jack Kalka stated to Superintendent Eigelsbach that a clerk's job was such a soft touch that they ought to be ashamed to draw their pay. He claimed that he could do a clerk's whole day's work in one hour. Tom offered him the job, but he declined.

If anyone ever starts a contest to determine the most even-tempered man in the depot our choice is Les Nalevac. Always calm and pleasant, we have yet to see the occurrence that would excite him in any way.

Receiver Nick Hoden says that it has been a long time since he worked at Lawndale and there are a lot of strange faces around there now. As he was looking at us when he said that, we wonder what he meant.

Hang out the flags! Conductor Eddie Kurowski managed to land an apartment! After only an eighteen-month search, too.

Conductor Frank Volin's son, Tom, is reported to have an allergy to tomatoes. Johnny Macguire's son is down with measles.

Retired Motorman George Bring is reported vacationing in West Palm Springs, Florida. That's the life, eh George?

Clerk Eddie O'Keefe is a trial to the other members of the office force in that he absolutely insists upon two spoons of sugar in his coffee. He must think the war is over, or something.

Bob Stolling and Joe McVey have returned to work, after spending some time on the sick list.

Night Clerk Lee Cumber has been off for the past three weeks, due to illness. Hope to see you soon, Lee.

## Limits

By Ray Anderson

**F**EBRUARY has been a short month and it seems that it has been short on news, too. Come on, fellows, let's turn in some items.

*Motorman Al Lohrmann* is back on the job after serving in the South Pacific and is looking great. Welcome home, Al.

*Motorman Clarence Swanson* has just been discharged from the Army. He served eighteen months in Europe and we hope he gets back on the job soon.

*Motorman Frank O'Connor* must sure like his pipe. He dropped and broke it, so he wires it together and keeps right on smoking it!

*Conductor J. Goheen*, who was injured recently while on snow work, is recuperating at home after spending two weeks in the hospital.

*Receiver Auggie Peterson* says he feels like a new man again since he had his dogs repaired. He can even do the horse dance now.

*Clerk Bill Middleton* has taken to riding a bike to work these days. What's the matter, Bill, trying to get the girlish figure back?

The Credit Union has a new treasurer in the person of *P. J. Dowdall*. We don't have to worry about our money now. Anything that Pete can't figure out, he will talk his way out of, and when he starts talking he usually comes out on top.

Spring is in the air when the fellows start talking baseball. How about it, fellows, would you like Limits to have a team this year? All you fellows that like to play ball, see *Tommy Stiglic*. Tommy was our manager before the war, and we had a good team. Let's have another one.

*Repairman Al Gapinski* became the proud father of a bouncing boy on February 12. Wife and baby doing fine. Father is as well as can be expected. Congratulations to both of you.

## Lincoln

By Larry Hippert

**W**E ALL WISH to extend our most heartfelt sympathies to the families of *Motorman Nadler*, *Rangenier* and *Conductor Baker* in the loss of their loved ones in the past few weeks.

It was also a shock to us to hear that our old friend and former baseball manager, *Carl Reinmiller*, passed away recently. He had been on pension since October 1, 1940.

We finally received word from the Taylor Boys. *Vince* has returned to work and looks very well. *Archie* is on his way to Japan, but we all hope that by this time they will have turned him around and have him on his way back to us. Hope he will pick up *Joe Schuetz* on his way, as that just about takes care of all the returning servicemen that have left from here.

Of course, it isn't hard for any of you to have noticed that *Bill Domain* has returned to our ranks again. Here's wishing you well, Bill, and hope you won't regret changing back to our uniform.

*Conductor J. Wathier* is back from the navy and he is really proud of the 30 pounds he put on, and shows it also.

Last month we were able to tell of *Axel's* son returning from the service. So in order to keep *Axel* in the limelight, I will tell you that he has just become a father-in-law. Both the bride and groom are enjoying a very nice honeymoon.

Speaking of weddings, we have *Conductor Wilson* to congratulate, as he just jumped into the sea recently. . . . He showed us his collection of foreign currency he has been collecting. Even while he works he is ever watchful for Japanese comic money.

While *Motorman Boyer* was on his vacation he seemed to get very lonesome so he also took upon himself a wife. It was rather a surprise, *Johnnie*, wish you would have let us know sooner. Maybe we could have found a keg of nails. Anyway, the best of luck to you and the Mrs.

We are glad to see *Conductor Eli* back on the job again after his entanglement with holdup men, which could have been very serious had *Eli* not been such a lucky soul.

*Motorman Huges* was a very proud father a few weeks ago, and why not? His daughter, *Dolores*, graduated from grammar school at Lake View High.

By this time we hope *Bert Sohm* is able to be out of the hospital. If he is at home I know he would be very happy to have a few of the boys drop in and say hello.

It is a sight for sore eyes to see *Al Gibbons* and *Charlie Kerr* back on the hot corner after such a long absence, while we have *Ed Hutten* on the very cold one. Glad to have you back, boys, so please stick around.

Congratulations to *Conductor W. Sullivan* and the Mrs. on the blessed event of a baby girl born February 10, 1946.

A hearty welcome to the following new men: *Tail Gunners* — *L. Spinner*, *R. Knoerr*, *S. Jarosz*, *C. Pando*, *W. Considine*, *A. Berott*, *W. Chamberlain*, *M. Rieske*, *A. Tabel*, *R. Roy*, *E. Heft*, *S. Risz*, *T. Chiovino*, *R. Blair*, *R. Schoene*, *W. Schutz*, *F. Mueller* and *N. Kingsley*; *Pilots* — *C. Townsend*, *P. Nofitz*, *H. Enwright*, *S. Onan*, *F. Miller*, *L. Thomas*, *W. Grunlund*, *J. Goldina*, *W. Griman*, *J. Van Marter*, *B. Martino*, *R. Hearn*, *S. Ippolito*, *V. Meyers*, and *A. Bollin*.

## Noble

By C. F. Greer

**C**ONDUCTOR F. FISHER deserves condolences upon the loss of a grandchild. . . . Back to the same hospital and the same ward goes our hard-luck boy, only this time it's with a broken hip. I am speaking of *Operator E. Dillon*. By the time he gets over this, it will make over one year in the hospital with broken bones. . . . To that grand old Irishman, *John Reilly*: we are all glad to hear your wife is back from the hospital and feeling fine.

Now a welcome back to the men from the military service: *Conductors J. J. Mahoney*, *P. LiCovoli*, *E. Bacon*, *B. Thurkow* and *Motorman Harry Smith*, also *Clerk Vernon Rage* whom we mentioned quite some time ago, as convalescing in a hospital way down yonder in Tennessee. There is another old-timer we welcome back to our office force — *Jack Cleary*.

*Chief Clerk Nicholas Grimaldi* had a surprise visit from his son, *Louis*, who was on a troop train which stopped opposite the Grimaldi home. *Louis* hopped off and surprised mom and dad by appearing suddenly and unexpected. Needless to say, it was a very pleasant surprise, as it had been close to three years since they had seen him. Like thousands of other American families, this one has paid the price of war and an everlasting mark left upon it. *Nicholas Grimaldi, Jr.*, was killed in the Battle of Bougainville in 1944, so in his honor the AMVETS Post No. 42 at 755 No. Rockwell street was formed January 21, 1946.

Let us extend a welcome hand to the new men who have joined our Depot and help them whenever an opportunity avails. We have two this month: *Conductor L. Hoffman*, son of *Operator Joe Hoffman*, who died two and one-half years ago, and *Conductor J. Grzelak*. These men are also vets with two and one-half years overseas.

Most of us seem to think that all the supervisors on the corners are interested in is whether you are ahead of schedule, so listen to this and you'll know different. Here is the commendation *Supervisor W. Steinbeiss* sent in to the front office. *Operator F. Norlock*, Badge No. 5132, Run No. 161. "I wish to thank this operator for aiding the service by filling in due to a fire at Sawyer and Armitage. This is twice this operator has helped maintain service, and believe he deserves a word of praise."

*Robert Kubycheck* was going home on *Operator Pawlak's* car. They are both great hunters and were planning on a little rabbit hunting for the next day, being the last of the season. As the car arrived at Orchard street, where Robert gets off, they spotted a package in the middle of the street. Agreeing to go 50-50 on whatever was in it, Kubycheck opened the package while Pawlak and the passengers on the car looked on. Believe it or not, what Robert pulled out of that package would have made any magician envious — it looked like a rabbit, but it was a big rat!

## North

By Walter Lindberg

**O**UR first date of importance, at least to *Conductor Ray Niewierowski*, is the coming of another little exemption. Ray also has a daughter who will, I am sure, take good care of *Allen*, for that is his name.

It seems baseball is the main topic of conversation at the *Schneider* household these days. *Walter William, Jr.*, will be a great catcher if his dad has anything to do with the future of his son who, by the way, is a year old, and if next year you want to send a card the date is February 7. Three years from now little Walter will don his brand new chest protector, shin guards, mask and baseball shoes that *Walter, Sr.*, had especially made for the future member of the Cubs or Sox, whichever the case may be.

*Operator Harry Freeman*, we know, is a happy grandfather these days, all because his daughter and son-in-law, *Conductor T. M. Ziliak*, became parents February 4. Happy, too, are the men who donated their blood so that *Mrs. Ziliak* would

again be able to be about and able to enjoy her new addition. All our thanks and good wishes go to these men.

Every day we are welcoming home the men who left us to go off to the wars. I might add that it is a pleasure to see these men who, by the way, look pretty good for themselves. We were all pleased to see *George Haak*, one of the better motormen, return from the Navy. He was away about two and one-half years and has many stories to tell of his travels, which included Tokyo. . . . Home, too, is *Ed. Hoehn*, another motorman who makes conductors happy by his inimitable operation of the common streetcar. The Marine Corps was sorry to see him leave (even though he wasn't).

*Robert Garrou* returned February 20 from the Air Forces. I don't know how his hair looked when he left, but it is certainly curly now. . . . The Army told *Ernest Muchow* that his services were no longer required, and he replied with the oldie, "You can't fire me, I quit."

*Nick Defina* has promised me faithfully that he will dig up whatever news he can and will leave it with my secretary who is none other than *George Mazzuca*, the man who at present is piloting to and from Clark street on North avenue. George says it will be a pleasure.

Our depot at present looks as though they used it for the testing grounds for the atomic bomb, but they tell me that a few weeks from

now it will look like a different place. The only exercise we get in the gymnasium now is writing our trip sheets and preparing for our day.

As it must to all of us, death came to *Gilbert Gabrielson's* father last January 31. Sharing the tragedy of losing a loved one was *George Deasey*, who also lost his father. To these men we offer our sincere condolences. . . . We were also very sorry to hear that *Motorman Matt Balle* lost his mother-in-law. . . . *Peter Johnson* was preparing to live out his days at leisure when he was taken ill. He had applied for his well-earned pension for February 1. He died February 6. To his family we can only say that we are deeply sorry. . . . The brother-in-law of *Conductor E. Storke* and the uncle of *Conductor Jerry Istvanek* passed away.

To the *Shulstads* we offer congratulations on their anniversary, even though Mr. Shulstad was downright defiant when we asked, "How many?" Could it be that he ran out of toes and fingers?

The grandson of *Harvey Johnston* was exactly three years old February 13. No more, no less. . . . *Harry Simons'* son is fourteen years old. Harry will be able to have those man-to-man talks now. . . . *Motorman Arthur Stern* has a daughter now, and I suppose he'll tell you he planned it that way. . . . *Bridget Aileen* is the good old Irish name of the new daughter the *Charlie Conroys* are showing off these days. For the Conroys, too, is an anniversary, February 8.

## 77th Street By Dorothy Musial

**H**ELLO EVERYBODY — Well, at long last your scribe has come out of hibernation. . . . With the March winds blowing and April showers on the way, we will try to give you some news of 77th Street Depot. . . . The club room is painted a lovely shade of blue to welcome the Spring. The floors are painted red and every nook and corner is polished up. Take a walk up there and you'd be surprised at the change. The new colors seem to inspire the boys, for we've been told almost every trainman is an expert at billiards. . . . Since the first of the year, *L. Barbour* and *J. J. Doolan* have taken their pensions. Good luck, "Old-timers" — you have well earned your rest. . . . To the families whose hearts were filled with sorrow at the loss of their loved ones, we offer our sincere sympathy. . . . We welcome the boys who returned from military service. . . . Of course, we want to congratulate all those who became proud fathers since our last column. . . . Congratulations are extended to "*Grandpa*" *Gylling*, chief instructor. It was a baby girl that gave him the proud title of "Grandpa". . . . Our new switchboard is well under way and will be in operation before this column reaches the press. It will be a combination of South Shops and Transportation. . . . We were sorry to hear of *Mr. Bessette's* unfortunate accident, but are happy to hear the doctor's reports are favorable. . . . *Mr. J. J. O'Connor* is "pinch-hitting" for *Mr. Bessette* and is doing a swell job. *Mr. T. Screen* is now acting assistant superintendent. . . . Don't fail to read

the new "Barter & Exchange" column in this issue of the SURFACE SERVICE. Perhaps you will find something you've wanted to buy, or can sell some item you don't need any more. . . . Until next month — let us remember — the cleverest man is one who always does what he thinks is right.

## 69th Street By "Chuck" Herrington

**F**OR THE FIRST MONTH writing this column, not much has been brought to my attention. There has been a box placed in the trainroom for anything interesting that happens, and it will help a lot if we all make use of it. This is our column, and it is up to us to pass the happenings on to the rest of the gang. Don't be a hoarder.

*Charlie Price's* wife gave birth to a nine pound baby boy, the 22nd of February. Little *Timothy* looks just like his father, but *Hughie Gibbons* says he will outgrow it. . . . *John Cavanaugh* tells me that they are opening a good barber shop across from the station. Speaking of hair cuts, I was sweating one out last week, and *Vince Rutkowski* was in the chair. When he got out, Jerry the Barber asked him for \$1.65. Vince put up a beef, but Jerry told him in his case, he charged by the square foot. I can understand now why he is having a hard job getting a new hat. . . . Our boy, *Art Lipphardt* is anxiously awaiting a new Hudson. . . . With the meat shortage, they tell me *Motorman Jack Hornung* has bought a pig and is going to fatten it up for

slaughter. *Don Doyle* informs me that he has made a new resolution to spend his time keeping his wife from getting lonesome.

*Bob Lyons*, and *Ed Weston* are back on one-man cars, after close to three years in the service. *Jim Pirtle*, *W. A. Weinman*, *W. C. Erickson*, and *R. Domke* came back in the last month. Boy, the ducks are really beginning to fly around 69th. . . . *Clerk F. P. Rooney* is back, and is holding down the relief here and at Burnside.

## Accident Investigation By Audrey

**S**TORK — SPECIAL DELIVERIES. Born to: *Mr. and Mrs. John DuPere*, a daughter, *Susan Ann*, February 8 at the Lewis Memorial, weighing eight and one-half pounds.

*Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Morton*, a son, *Bob, Jr.*, born February 17 at the West Suburban Hospital, weighing seven pounds. *Mr. M. V. Morton*, Treasury Department, is the proud grandfather.

Our deepest sympathy to *Clifford J. Wurtele*, night clerk, on the loss of his father.

*Joe Guest*, locator, has been on the sick list for quite some time. How about a few friends dropping in to pass the time of day with Joe and letting him know we are hoping he will be back on the job soon?

The welcome mat is out to the following ex-servicemen: *Witness Assignment Clerk Eddie O'Connell*, *Investigator Sol J. Garro*, *Statementman Joseph Lubawy* and *Clerk William R. Peterson*. It's grand to have you fellows home again.

Our congratulations to *Statementman Nick Deutsch* and *Mrs. Deutsch* who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary recently.

New Angle for Anglers! The D.A.I., under the guidance of *Mr. V. D. Thornton*, blind-case clerk, has organized a fly-tying and plug-making class to be followed up by lessons in fly-casting and bait-casting. The class is held at Greenbriar Park Field House, 2650 Peterson Road, which is a park district handicraft field house. *Mr. Thornton's* brother is the instructor of these classes. Anyone interested should call our *Mr. Thornton* — State 9250.

## Accounting By Thomas F. Coan

**O**UR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to *Helen Lowe* in the loss of her mother, who passed away on Thursday, February 21, 1946.

To *Homer McElroy* and *Walter Jandt*, who received new assignments, and *Jean Butler*, transferred from Treasury Department, we wish all kinds of good luck.

*Howard Dahl*, who left CSL Friday, February 15, was remembered with a farewell gift from his associates.

With the best wishes of the department, we are looking forward to the rapid recovery and welcome return of *Catherine Rust* who is ill at home.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to *Loretta Marie Klonowski* and *Lt. (j.g.) Richard T. Sochowski*, USNR, who were married on Saturday, March 2, at St. Joseph Church; also, *Danica Govedarica* and *Wm. Grkovich*, who were



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WHADDA YA MEAN, GIVING  
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EXCHANGE!



married on Sunday, February 3, at Holy Resurrection Church. The two brides were remembered with gifts from members of the department.

We are glad to see *John Rietz* back after receiving his honorable discharge from the armed forces.

The department is happy to welcome the following new clerks: *Doris Siegel*, *Etta Cohen*, *Eleanore Kozel*, *Elizabeth Van DeCastello*, *Thomas Cronin*, *Leonard Nielson* and *Patrick J. Kenny*.

Best wishes for happy birthdays were extended to *Johann Britivich*, *Frank Hodapp*, *Betty Suhr* and *Homer McElroy* during the month of February, 1946.

## Electrical

By Billy Schenck

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to *Miss Eileen Cheney* whose birthday, February 18, was celebrated with a box of chocolates which she passed around at Grand and Leavitt.

Congratulations to *Miss Bernice Franek* who has been seen with a beautiful diamond ring on the left hand. The lucky boy is *Robert Kucera*,

now in service of Uncle Sam. The wedding bells will ring out sometime in May this year.

*Phil O'Grady*, maintenance electrician, has been off for a few weeks nursing an injured eye caused from a fall against his automobile, breaking his eye-glasses and cutting his eye.

## General Office By Brenda & Cobina

**I**T has been brought to our attention that February is the natal month for many great men. To the two great men of the past, we thank them for our half-day holidays. To the great men of the present, we wish to wish a happy birthday to "*Abraham Lincoln*" *Underwood* and "*George Washington*" *Burke*. Also *E. Judge Cummings* (or is it "Life-begins-at-forty Cummings?") who picked the insignificant 25th for his birthday. These great men are all from Purchasing Dept.

A welcome is extended to *Irene Gushas*, who transferred from SR-53 of South Shops to the

Purchasing Department, and to *Jimmy Blaa*, recently discharged from the Navy and back at work in the Transportation Department.

Sympathy is extended to *Mr. W. S. Allen* (Legal) in the death of his father.

By the time this magazine is published, two of our girls will have assumed the new title of "Mrs." *Met Rebig* (Switchboard) was presented with a lovely silk comforter from her co-workers in the Transportation Department. *Viola Pichler* (Legal) received a floral breakfast set at a dinner party given in her honor at the Monte Cristo.

To *Mary Kanahan* (Purchasing) — Was that movie "Lost Week-end" that made you lose your balance going down the stairs? ? ? ? ? In true Brenda and Cobina fashion, we have first dibs on the the first men offered on easy terms SURFACE SERVICE' new Barter and Exchange Column.

## Material & Supplies By Lois Marsh

**W**E WELCOME back Joe Swanston, John Vojtas, Norm Palicki and Al Mittel who are back on the job after serving with Uncle Sam.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to J. Guinter, West Shops, in the loss of his mother, who passed away a few weeks ago. Sympathy is also extended to Robert Walker, South Shops, in the very sudden loss of his wife.

We welcome to our South Shops, Arthur O' Hara. Hope you'll enjoy working with us, Art.

Your scribe would like to take this opportunity to apologize to "Legs" Buckley. You're right Buck, the cigar is priced at seven and a half cents and not five cents.

Phyllis Gasser, West Shops, and Roger Jacobsen decided to take the "fatal step" on January 10. Congratulations to the new Jacobsens' and may you have many, many years of wedded bliss together.

Ray Saiger has been transferred from South to West Shops. Good luck in your new position, Ray.

Capt. Bill Kriel dropped into the West Shops office to see his friends the other day, and they say that Bill is looking very well for himself.

We hear that Austin Craycraft is still recuperating from that emergency appendectomy he had last month. Also on the sick list at South Shops is Otto Hoger who is rapidly recovering from a major operation. On West Shops sick list is Bill Christman who also is making a rapid recovery from his appendectomy. Your friends are all looking forward to your quick return boys.

Birthday greetings to: "Doc" Gasper, Louis Henry, Ed Donahue, Otto Hoger, Joe Swanston, Frank Friedl, Michael Korzeniowski, Joe Mulhern, Ellen Caldwell, Thyra Foster and Margaret Miller. May each of you have many more "Happy Birthdays."

Automobiles are hard to get, but Howard George couldn't wait for reconversion to get his. He was satisfied with his choice of a Buick but it seems as tho Mr. Paschen wasn't, because as it turned out, the Buick was his. Don't worry Mr. George, accidents happen to the best of us.

## Schedule & Traffic By L. C. Dutton

**C**ONGRATULATIONS are extended to the Andrew DeGrazias, who proudly announce the arrival of eight and one-half pound Marie Ann on February 6. Thanks for the cigars and candy—Andy.

We convey the expression of sympathy of the entire department to Norman Johnson whose mother passed away recently.

This month we welcome back to the department three men who have been in Uncle Sam's service. Charles Keiser, who left the CSL to act as transportation specialist with the ODT, and eventually was commissioned as Lt. Keiser, U. S. N. R. in charge of bus transportation for all naval districts, has returned to the CSL as special engineer.

Five years ago Clayton Steele joined the Army as Lt. Steele, a reserve officer. He now returns to us after much service with the signal corps in the Pacific war area as a colonel with "Eagles." Engineering duties in the General Office will occupy Mr. Steele's attention.

Sgt. Phil Leahy, that tall lanky artilleryman, has finally left his big guns to resume civilian clothes and his duties as traffic clerk with this department.

## South Shops By Justine Mazeikis

**C**ALLING all ye lads and lassies, groove inhabitants and long hairs. I endeavor to take this pencil in hand to convey these my choice scandal spoils:

James Lamont of the Motor Repair, after successfully defeating the Nazis and Japs, fell an easy victim to cupid shortly after his discharge. On February 2, he departed from the ranks of single blessedness when he led Miss Marge Stockin to the altar. The occasion was marked by a celebration at the Southmoor Hotel and a honeymoon in Excelsior Springs, Mo.

To Heinze Doering who left us to become Mr. Horning's assistant at the West Shops, and to Joe Kiselus who was promoted to leader in the Foundry, we offer our congratulations.

Sophie Misiunas is a new candidate for tulles and orange blossom glamour. Soph is displaying a lovely diamond and her friends are offering best wishes upon her engagement to Eddie Fortuna.

Birthday greetings to: A. C. Lindquist, Frank DeWitt and Matilda Misiunas.

Lo and behold! We still can't believe it—did it actually happen or were we seeing things?—Mr. Clark sitting at a typewriter, typing, and accurately at that!

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are being sent to Mrs. O. Klose who underwent a serious operation.

The Proud Fathers Club welcomed Roy Bovingdon into their fold when little Bonnie Lynne was born at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of Vincent Zekas and Howard Langdoc in their bereavement.

Glad to see Howard West and Jim Hansen back and in the pink again after being off for several weeks on account of illness.

Modern Sleeping Beauty—While we sat spell-bound listening to the beautiful music of Franz Schubert in "Blossom Time", our Anne Yercich made herself quite comfortable and slept through the second act.

Just one look at John Taylor's smiling face is enough to tell us that his son was finally discharged from the Army.

We hoist a flag of welcome for Al Samoska, our returned serviceman. Al served in the navy for twenty-three months as a machinist mate third class. He saw action in the Atlantic and Pacific by participating in five major campaigns for which he was awarded three battle stars.

With the close of the bowling season a few weeks away, all the teams are racing for the

top spot. Material and Supplies holds first place with the Utility close at its heels.

When ya gotta do it, ya gotta do it—a sign reading SILENCE will have to be posted for Jack Kennedy's benefit. You see, Jack claims that he can't bowl when there's a lot of noise.

Mr. Sherrard, we know how well you can bowl on other alleys, but Please apply some of that skill in the South Shop League.

Now, Mr. Gavert, could the reason for the 112 game be that you're trying to hold down your teams average so they'd receive a higher handicap???

Rivalry is running high in the Machine Shop. A match is in the offing between Kennedy and Burns, with no holds banned.

Several of the boys have received prize winning checks from the C. B. A. Tournament with Max Kuchan leading the way with a fine 708 series helped along by a 265 game which consisted of eleven strikes.

## Way & Structures By Betty Lhotak

**T**RACK DIVISION: We welcome back into our midst John Bilich, Fred Galich, George Fleischman, Vincenzo Divita, and Joe Kovarik. Our hats are off to all these boys for a job well done.

Walter Bemis and Ray Solberg decided that the sparkling ice water in the cooler, did not contain enough "kick" in it for them. They have taken to drinking that "liquid of life"—milk!

Andy Yurich welcomed his new daughter, Jeannie Ann, into the family on January 11, 1946. Mrs. Yurich is fine and the baby seems to be happy with her selection of a mom and dad. Congratulations.

George Johnson received a plastic automatic envelope moistener from an anonymous sympathizer who felt sorry that he had to seal so many envelopes with his tongue each day. That is really a useful gift for George.

L. Bravantano has returned from military duty and has resumed his former duties. Welcome back, Louie!

John Boesen, material clerk in the Northern Division, was married March 2 to Emily G. Lechert. To the new Mr. and Mrs. we extend our wishes for a long life of happiness together.

Gligor Bjelogrich, track foreman in the Northern Division, has finally decided to buy a new pipe, after using the same one for twenty years. Gligor will present his favorite time-tested pipe to John Boesen, material clerk, as a wedding gift.

We offer sincere condolences to the bereaved relatives of General Foreman Kosto Sukovich who passed away February 23. The men of the Northern Division had responded to a call a few weeks previously for blood donations with hopes of helping him gain some strength so that he would have more chance to recover. He worked for the Company since 1909.

We don't know where Charlie Pavesic gets the drag, but he showed the boys six pairs of nylon hose. Who's the lucky gal, Charlie?

Peter Doljanin, track foreman in the Southern Division, is recovering from an operation. Hope to see you back with us soon, Pete.

*This couldn't happen in Chicago:* Clancy got a job as a street car conductor. When the street car stopped at its first stop he forgot the name of the street; so he called out "Here ye are for where ye're going. All in there for here, come out!"

UTILITY DIVISION: We take pleasure in announcing the arrival of a baby girl at the home of *Motorman James Bogan* recently, best wishes to mother and daughter.

A word of thanks and appreciation to fellow workers who responded as blood donors for *Frank A. Ross*, wreck auto helper in the Utility Division who was injured recently. We are happy to say that his condition is improving.

*Chauffeur John Cuddy* and wife are touring to Florida where they will visit some relatives, and from there will travel by plane to Cuba, Happy landings!

*Motorman George Durkovic* who recently returned from military service overseas has been called to duty for the police department. Congratulations and our best wishes.

## West Shops

By Eda Laube

**B**IRTHDAY congratulations are extended to *Mr. Weir* this month.

*Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Forsythe* spent their vacation in the Sunny South. They drove down to Silver Springs and Sarasota, Florida.

*Mrs. Mildred Habeger Johnston* dropped in to see us again and is really looking swell. It sure is nice to have our former co-workers stop in for a visit. We are always glad to see them.

*Harold Rowbottom*, a former soldier, has joined the gang in the Machine Shop office. We are glad to have you working with us again.

*Mr. H. Doering* of our South Shops has been transferred to the West Shops and is now working along with *Mr. Horning*. We hope you will like this new location.

*Edward Whiston*, formerly of our Machine Shop office has been transferred to *Mr. Traiser's* office. We hope you will enjoy your new position, and want to wish you loads of luck.

Welcome to *John Burke* and *Irwin Ptashkin* who for the past few years have been assigned to the meter test car which kept them busy touring the carhouses. In their new assignment here at the West Shops, they are inspecting materials and assisting in mechanical investigations. Congratulations, we hope you like the change.

Just as we say hello to the new members of the Shops, we also have to say good-byes. We are sorry to see the following men leave us for retirement but know they deserve that well needed rest: *Alfred Jones* of 69th street carhouse started September 11, 1925. . . . *Alexander Troken* of Armitage started March 19, 1910, and *John J. Carroll* of North Bus started March 14, 1920 and have retired as of February 1, 1946. . . . *Daniel Gillespie* of Kedzie started February 21, 1911. . . . *Michael J. Kasnausky* of 77th started December 27, 1902, and *George Sheputis* of 69th started July 10, 1920. These men have retired as of March 1, 1946.

# Off The Trolley

*An observant passenger who noticed the difficulty trainmen have in making the public move to the opposite end of the car after boarding has suggested that all conductors' lunches include a garlic sandwich—just to encourage movement in the right direction.*

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CORRESPONDENT BILL FEILER (Lawn-  
dale) is responsible for the following  
poem expressing the bewilderment in  
the mind of the wife of a new trainman.

I used to understand my man  
When he talked about his work.  
But now he says things like "sedan"  
"Two round ones and a jerk."

He never has a lunch anymore  
A "fallback" is when he eats;  
His talk is full of transmans lore:  
"Switchbacks" and "double  
streets."

"Muzzle loader," "P.C.C."  
"Turtle back" and such,  
"Seated load" and "swinging load"  
And "M.O.E.C. switch."

It must be interesting,  
Of that there is no doubt,  
If I only had some way to know,  
What the heck he's talking about;

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*A trip to the zoo in the company  
of the younger offspring on one of  
these sunshiny weekends is an al-  
most unfulfilling requirement for  
most Chicago fathers. For those  
who wish to be well-informed when  
Junior says, "What's he doing, Dad-  
dy?"—we pass on this information:  
Those aren't fleas that the monkeys  
are picking off each other. It's par-  
ticles of dry skin. Actually, we un-  
derstand, monkeys never have  
fleas!*

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Sons and daughters of 77th's  
trainmen have been making the pic-  
ture sheets recently with great regu-  
larity. In a picture-spread on a

charity ball, *Ruth* and *Marilyn Geary*, charming daughters of 77th's  
*Motorman J. V. Geary*, were fea-  
tured with their escorts, one of  
whom was *Jack Millerick*, *Motorman J. J. Millerick's* son. . . . *Jeanne Wilson*, daughter of *Operator Tom Wilson*, who holds the American in-  
door record for the 100-yard breast-  
stroke and has an eye on the 1948  
Olympics, was the subject of a fea-  
ture story in the *Daily News* re-  
cently.

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*Favorite retort of Red Cross work-  
ers to critics who dismiss their Arts  
and Crafts program as a lot of  
doodling, is the story of the young  
convalescing seaman who con-  
structed a set of kitchen cabinets,  
complete with space for a built-in  
sink, under the supervision of the  
program. When it came time to be  
discharged, he hired a truck and  
carted the whole affair home as a  
surprise for his waiting wife!*

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Sunshine and balmy days remind us  
that soon it will be time to get around  
and dig in the garden—or the flower  
pot or the window box. And that the  
longest name in the floral dictionary is  
"Meet-Her-in-the-Entry-Kiss-Her-in-the-  
Buttery"—the uncommon name for one  
of the common varieties of pansy!

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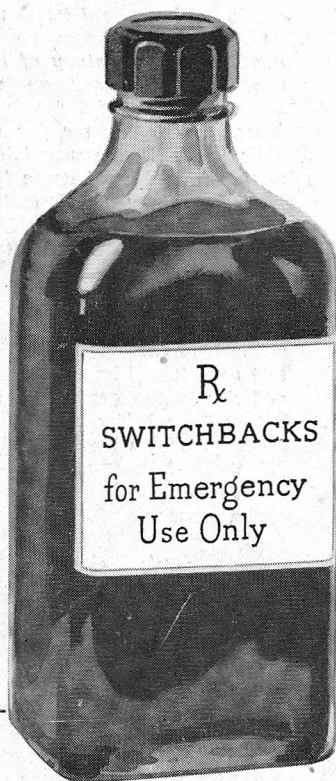
Pity the poor instructors; From  
*Conductor A. W. Bishop* (Division)  
comes the story of an incident  
which supposedly took place on the  
elevated. A guard who was break-  
ing in a new man told him, "Now  
I'm going to the other end of the  
car, and when you hear me call a  
station, you say the same thing at  
this end." The train arrived at Chi-  
cago avenue. The guard called out,  
"Chicago avenue." And the student  
yelled, "Same thing at this end!"

## ANSWERS TO "WELL WHADDAYA KNOW?":

(1) First day. Notification to the Insurance Department and your own department regarding illness is your responsibility. Failure to comply with the rules for filing claims may cause a rejection of your insurance claim. (2) Approximately 1,600. About 20 employees retire each

month. (3) No. There is no need for an employee or his beneficiary to waste money on lawyer fees. Benefits are clearly set forth in the insurance contracts and will be paid promptly upon proper filing of claim. (4) A frequent cause for delay in settlement of death claims is due to the beneficiary having died prior to the insured employee.

# Necessary Remedy for Serious Traffic Delays!



• We don't like switchbacks—any more than you do. Our motormen, conductors, supervisors, and our superintendent all realize that switchbacks short of scheduled destinations are inconveniences and annoyances to our passengers.

But at times they are necessary. Then they are used as emergency measures to keep service as regular as possible *in both directions*. If you are asked to "please take the car ahead," it is for a good reason. Perhaps there is a blockade or delay a mile or more farther on, holding up all cars in the opposite direction.

Then, even though your car was destined for the end of the line, you may be asked to transfer to another car *so the one you are on can be switched back to provide service for people waiting to go the other way*.

Remember that switchbacks are made to *unsnarl* transportation tangles . . . to restore 2-way circulation of Chicago Surface Lines service. Please understand that switchbacks are ordered only when they will do the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

**NOTE:** "Switchback" is the term used for reversing the direction of a street car before it reaches its scheduled destination.

## REASONS FOR SWITCHBACKS

**CARELESS PARKING**—When curb parking spaces are filled, autos and delivery trucks are often double parked so that passage of street cars is obstructed. Drivers can help us eliminate these delays.

**ACCIDENTS**—At times vehicular accidents and stalled autos blockade CSL traffic until the tracks can be cleared.

**SNOW**—Winter conditions increase traffic interruptions. In case of snow, a large volume of motor traffic flows to the cleared street car lanes, slowing up service and disrupting schedules.

**FIRES**—Sometimes fires obstruct CSL car tracks, cause temporary re-routing or switchbacks to keep traffic moving.

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