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Cook County Council
of the American Legion
Department of Illinois



An Expression of Appreciation to the
Chicago Surface Lines

Whereas, Chicago is renowned throughout the country for its hospitality to men and women in the Armed Forces, and
Whereas, Chicago is one of the few cities in the United States where servicemen and women are furnished with free rides on local transportation lines, and

Whereas, the Chicago Surface Lines has made a very substantial contribution to the morale of the Armed Forces through its generous policy of providing free rides to men and women in the Armed Forces, and

Whereas, the Chicago Surface Lines, since it adopted this policy on February 22, 1942, has given more than sixty million free rides to servicemen and women of the United States and the other United Nations,

Resolved, ^{therefore be it} by the Cook County Council, The American Legion, in meeting assembled at Chicago, Illinois, this 3rd day of October, 1945, that the Chicago Surface Lines be commended for their action and in recognition of their meritorious policy, be it further Resolved, that this commendation be suitably engrossed for presentation to the Chicago Surface Lines.



Wm G Burns
COMMANDER
Walter J. Swanwick
ASST. CLERK



R. J. McKinney, assistant superintendent of transportation, receives the free-ride commendation from Commander Wm. G. Burns of the Cook County Council of the American Legion. J. Earle Dustin, commander of the Surface Lines Post keeps a watchful eye on the whole proceedings. Text of the citation is reproduced on the opposite page.

CSL Receives Citation From Legion For Free-Rides Policy

THE CHICAGO SURFACE LINES' wartime policy of providing free rides for men and women in the uniform of the United Nations has earned an expression of appreciation from the Cook County Council of the American Legion. In a ceremony held recently in the City Council Chambers, Assistant Superintendent of Transportation R. J. McKinney accepted, in behalf of the Surface Lines, a framed commendation from the Council. Commander Wm. G. Burns of the Cook County Council made the presentation.

Aided Morale

The free-ride policy was inaugurated on February 22, 1942, and during the past four years CSL has provided over 73,000,000 free rides to members of the armed forces. According to the citation this has "made a very substantial contribu-

tion to the morale of the Armed Forces" and has added to Chicago's renown as a center of hospitality for service men and women.

Even though the war is over, the policy has been continued and as yet no termination date has been announced.

The framed citation is approximately seventeen by twenty-two inches and is illuminated with gold leaf and oils. It is to hang in the main office of the Company at 231 South LaSalle.

FRONT COVER: In connection with the Park District's Easter flower show, the photographer of the Chicago Park District asked Carol Schultze (Public Relations) and Doris Brown (Accounting) to pose among the lilies.

REAR COVER: One of the series of advertisements appearing currently in Chicago newspapers.

Why Give TO THE RED CROSS

(The Red Cross Drive for funds is over, but the need lingers on and contributions are still being accepted at the Red Cross Headquarters.)

I HAVE CONTRIBUTED to the Red Cross because I know full well its real greatness and helpfulness. I served two years and nine months in the armed forces, eight and one-half months of which were spent in a Nazi prisoner of war camp.

The Red Cross did, and still does, carry on its job of providing entertainment and sleeping quarters for the servicemen—making him feel as much at home as possible when away from home. It has really done a wonderful job in this respect, and I know there are thousands of others that feel the same way as I do. The service centers that the Red Cross operated at home and overseas were often the only place one had to go. You were always certain of a friendly welcome and a good time.

There was nowhere that was too tough for the Red Cross to reach and to help you. They always tried to keep you supplied with cigarettes and candy while at the front. And they were sure to be on hand to meet a hospital train from the front with cigarettes, a pleasant smile, and something hot to drink. When I went to

Conductor August Teutsch (Devon), author of this article was in the Canadian Army and was captured by the Nazis in Italy. Taken to Camp Stalag 7A, he was later transferred to Munich.



the hospital they always had someone to help the badly wounded to write home if they were unable to help themselves, which was something that meant a lot to the men and their families.

But the greatest help of all that I received from the Red Cross was as a prisoner of war. When I had been taken prisoner, they notified my family as quickly as possible regarding my condition. They supplied me with practically all the food I ever had. I know that if it had not been for the Red Cross—and the help of those that made it possible—I, and thou-

sands of others like me, would not be alive today. The little food I received from the Nazis was not enough to keep up my strength or to maintain good health. The prisoner of war parcels I received were responsible for keeping me alive and allowing me to return in as good health as I did.

I know I will never be able to repay the Red Cross for the help they have given me. I am very grateful to them and know that I owe my life to their untiring work. That is why I am glad to help them at this time. — August Teutsch (Devon)

The Best Advertisement The Surface Lines Can Produce

TRAINMEN should never underestimate the power which they wield in influencing the attitude of the public toward CSL. According to Charles A. Brady, Jr., 8440 Indiana Ave., conductors of the caliber of *Ronald D. Roy* (Lincoln) "are the best advertisement the Chicago Surface Lines can produce. . . . He displayed great kindness in helping people on and off his car, good will in volunteering information, and general friendliness to everyone."

An employe need not go out of his way to create a favorable impression. *Operator Ernest Buergermeier* (Archer) was the subject of an enthusiastic letter of commendation from Thomas G. Swetz, 5304 South Sawyer Ave., for "the timing in the use of the car's brakes and throttle, the expedient manner in which he made change and handled transfers . . . and his all-around superior performance."

Troubles

MRS. T. M. MORRISON, 558 Wellington Ave., appreciates the tribulations with which trainmen are sometimes confronted. *Conductor Edw. Heffernan* (Cottage Grove) aroused her admiration for his extreme courtesy in the case of an elderly woman who repeatedly questioned him regarding her destination and her transfer. "I don't think Conductor 988 knows what anger is."

Another Cottage Grover who was praised for his manner of dealing with the public is *Conductor William Walsh*. According to George W. Boehm, Pacific Fruit Express, 11 South LaSalle, "This gentleman positively has the complete cooperation of all passengers and has everybody smiling."

Safety-Minded

"BLIND CASES" — accidents which the trainman has failed to report — have decreased in number during the past year, according to statistics released by the Accident Prevention department. Part of this is due to the care exercised by motormen such as *Ira Van Buskirk* (Devon). Percy Sawyer, 334 Dickens Avenue, reported that when a passenger fell over a seated passenger, "no real injury occurred, but glasses were pressed against the passenger's face and might have resulted in injury not appreciated at the time." Buskirk took the names and addresses of the colliders and witnesses, thus protecting the Company's interests.

Lost, But Found

WHEN THREE SMALL GIRLS, not yet in their teens, boarded *Conductor Ingvald Lorentsen's* (Noble) car recently and announced their intention of getting off

"somewhere" in the loop, he questioned them further and found that they were lost. With the assistance of Miss Barbara Smith, who is employed in the Department of Accident Investigation and happened to be riding the car at the time, the three girls were safely returned to their home.

Clean-Up

Ensign Earl MacArthur, Bensenville, Illinois, tells of *Conductor J. Healy* (77th) who came to the rescue of another of our passengers who was in need of assistance. As a little old lady attempted to board the streetcar, her shopping bag broke, spilling its contents over the pavement. Healy "got off the car, helped pick up her possessions, helped her onto the car, and then signaled the motorman to go ahead."

Supt. Thomas Fahey Succumbs to Long Illness

AFTER SIX MONTHS of fighting a losing battle to regain his health, Superintendent Thomas Fahey of Kedzie died on March 20, 1946. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, and a son, and will be long remembered by the men with whom he worked for so many years.

Mr. Fahey was born October 16, 1880, in Westport, County Mayo, Ireland. By May of 1907 he had made his way to Chicago, changed his mind about making a career of the building business, and broke in as a conductor at Kedzie. Just ten years later he became the youngest supervisor in the service at that time.

In June, 1926, he was appointed assistant division superintendent at Kedzie. During this time he had his mornings off, and as the parks were nearby, he took up golf — a game at which he soon became expert. Very fond of flowers, he raised them at home and always saw that there was a garden in front of the station.

He was promoted to the position of division superintendent at Kedzie in August, 1932. This was the position which he held at the time of his death.



"Dipsy-Do-Diddling"

LEFT — Prize hen proudly poses with flight trophy won in 1941.

ONE HOT SUMMER DAY when Arthur Doyle (information, General Office) was only fifteen years old, a homing pigeon dropped exhausted into his front yard. Identified by newspaper stories and the band on its leg, the pigeon was

found to be one that was shipwrecked and lost at sea. Although given the opportunity to make its way home, the bird chose to stay with the Doyles.

That was the beginning of Art Doyle's "Dipsy-Do-Diddle" loft. (In explaining the name he says, "We called it that in fun, and suddenly found that we were stuck with it.") Since that time he has rarely owned less than fifty or sixty pigeons at a time.

One of the founders of the American Racing Pigeon Union's West Chicago Club, Doyle took an active part in the early affairs of the organization. He helped to initiate legislation to prevent the harming of homing pigeons or the removal of their identification bands. During the World War I he sold birds to the government. In World War II he provided them on a "lend-lease" basis.

Less active now (he was a conductor at Armitage from 1907 to 1944), Doyle specializes in breeding pigeons rather than entering competitions. His prize hen—an American Trenton Bright-eye—took first in a greater-Chicago flight against some 5,000 birds in 1941. His prize Red Checker cock has held first place for two years as a show pigeon, and in 1945 won the grand championship.

Pigeons are a wonderful hobby, Doyle feels, providing both companionship and activity. His only regret is that he can't devote more time to them.

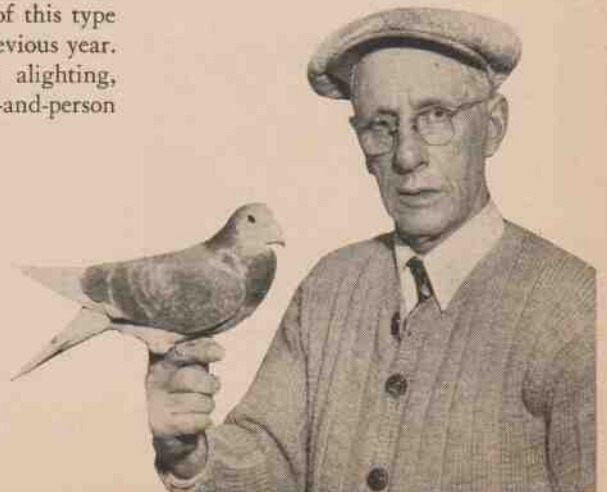
1945 Transportation Accidents Lowest Number on Record

THE TOTAL NUMBER of reported accidents in the Transportation department during 1945 was the lowest of any year since records have been maintained, according to a report recently made by the Accident Prevention department. The year's decrease of 2.6 per cent from the previous year was attained in spite of an increase in accidents during the last four months of 1945.

The increase in the number of automobiles on the streets following V-J day resulted in an increase of one per cent in collision accidents. However, 65 per cent of the trainmen had no avoidable accidents charged to them during the year, which roughly corresponds to the percentage for 1944.

During the year special consideration was given to rear-step accidents. This campaign resulted in 300 less of this type of accidents than during the previous year. There was also a decrease in alighting, boarding, fall-in-car, and car-and-person accidents.

RIGHT — Doyle poses with his two-time winner show bird, which was bred from the Belgian Sion strain.



PHOTOQUIZ

Prepared by the Editors of LOOK Magazine for this Publication



1 A delectable eyeful is:
(a) Olivia De Havilland (c) Paulette Goddard
(b) Lana Turner (d) Jeanne Crain



2 Looking straight into the camera is a:
(a) praying mantis (c) beetle
(b) grasshopper (d) mosquito



3 New jobs mean more when you:
(a) watch the clock (c) borrow from everyone
(b) report on time (d) sign for payroll savings



4 Remember this movie scene from:
(a) Love Letters (c) Spellbound
(b) Citizen Kane (d) Suspicion



5 Plan to own a business by:
(a) renting a loft (c) saving U. S. Bonds
(b) reading want ads (d) studying Esperanto



6 A mechanical device that can record:
(a) time of day (c) tide
(b) temperature (d) attendance



7 Millions will rejoice in 1956 because:
(a) they'll cash 10-yr.-old bonds (c) it's leap yr.
(b) sports will be telecast (d) they're happy



8 Beginning one of his wing-footed runs is:
(a) Felix Blanchard (c) Glenn Davis
(b) Herman Wedemeyer (d) Harry Gilmer



9 This Williamsburg antique is known as:
(a) a stockade (c) a clink
(b) a pillory (d) a wristlock



10 Build your own emergency fund by:
(a) flood insurance (c) mortgaging property
(b) saving Savings Bonds (d) collecting dimes



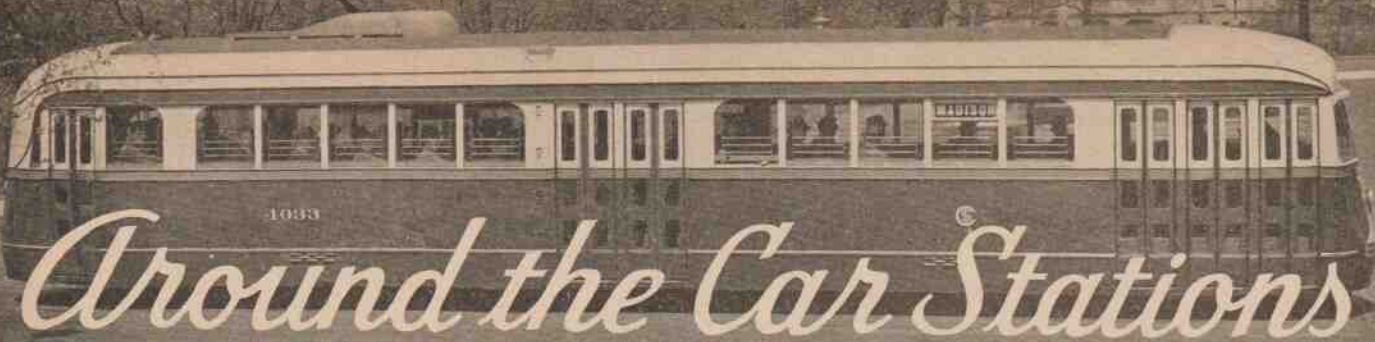
11 She made the boys whistle back in the:
(a) Prehistoric Age (c) Medieval Period
(b) Glacier Period (d) Gibson Girl Era



12 She's called radio's "Queen of Comedy":
(a) Joan Davis (c) Cass Daley
(b) Judy Canova (d) Marion Hutton

PHOTOQUIZ ANSWERS

1—(a) Olivia De Havilland. 2—(a) praying mantis. 3—(d) sign for payroll savings. 4—(b) Citizen Kane. 5—(c) saving U. S. Bonds. 6—(d) attendance. 7—(a) they'll cash 10-yr.-old bonds. 8—(c) Glenn Davis. 9—(b) a pillory. 10—(b) saving Savings Bonds. 11—(a) Joan Davis. 12—(a) Joan Davis.



Around the Car Stations

Armitage

By Ted Shumon

*Snow has went, Spring are here,
It happens that way every year;
The grasses grow thru vernal thaws
More greener than it used to was;
So leave us lift our voice and sing
Like we was glad that it are Spring.*

STANLEY DABE, the "Old Salt Himself," is back on the job again after serving many months in Uncle Sam's navy.

"Tiny" Johnson is back again on the wreck wagon.

About the 9th of March *Motorman White* was pretty badly banged up by a hit-and-run auto, but we are glad to say he is just as good as new again after a two-week spell in the hospital.

We of Armitage offer our sincere sympathy to our clerk, *Frank Fournier* in the loss of his mother, to *Frank Zywczyk* in the loss of his father, and to *Conductor George Thomson* in the loss of his mother.

Several of the men were talking about the soft jobs they would like to have, one wanted to be "Pork Inspector" in Jerusalem, another thought he would like to be a "Skinner" on a banana plantation, your scribe would be satisfied with the "diaper concession" on the good ship *Queen Mary*.

We all know that *Johnnie Gebel* likes chewing gum, but this department has been informed that a treat of this juicy tidbit recently cost him about twenty dollars.

Armitage is fast becoming a headquarters for father and son combinations. At present we have *Motorman Bill Doll* and son *Herbie*, *Motorman Bruno Matuzak* and son *Bruno, Jr.*, *Motorman Walter Wentzel* and son *Walter, Jr.*, *Motorman John Kuchenny* and son *Richard*, *Conductor Bob MacMillan* and son *Melvin*, *Conductor Pat McGuire* and son *Pat, Jr.*, and your scribe and son *Pat*.

Have any of you fellows noticed the pretty gray hair of our chief clerk. However, don't let that hair fool you. Just because there is snow on the roof is no sign there is no fire in the house.

We have been told that "Tiny" Johnson, who was in a fire repair outfit in Europe, is claiming to have repaired half of the tires used by the entire army during their European campaign.

Dame Fortune must be hanging around Armitage, and we don't mean her daughter, Miss Fortune. On Saturday night March 23, *Motorman Frank Sabatka*, who was showing his wife a good time at a certain northside dance, walked away with the prize ham. However, that is nothing, for just a week before at a St. Patrick cele-

bration, our genial dean of supervisors, *John Carlin*, won a 1946 Chevrolet. Now John is like the man who stole the ounce of radium. He's got it and don't know what to do with it. All your scribe has to say is, "Dame Fortune has been following me all my life, but so far, has never caught up with me."

Just received a last minute word that *Richard Redding* has been discharged and is back on the job again.

The magazine, this month, is being dedicated to "SAFETY." If you have any plans for tomorrow, be safe today. The late *Irving Cobb*, better known as the "Duke of Padukah", once said, "The most beautiful bed in the finest hospital in the world, is the one that is permanently empty." He wasn't fooling either. It is far better to be late for supper, tonight, in this world, than to be on time for breakfast, tomorrow, in the next world.

Our genial motorman, *Henry Hill*, must be a very worldly man, there is so much more of him at the equator than there is at the north and south poles.

Do you remember, "Way Back When" a haircut and a shave cost a total of two bits?

The hosiery shortage has taught *Al Brouch* a lesson. He is now saving Bobby Socks, for his second childhood.

Burnside

By "Furgie"

APRIL: The budding season. With the advent of spring all nature takes on new life. New hues appear on bush and tree, and the landscape which has been so drab and barren throughout the winter months bursts into new color and loveliness. People who have been pent up in their homes for many weeks, again appear at their old haunts—in the parks, along the beaches, and in every place of amusement and recreation. This spring with gas rationing off, many decrepit cars are cluttering the streets. These form an accident hazard, as do the children playing in the street, and pedestrians who are so absorbed in enjoying the fine spring weather that they fail to take proper precautions. And with all this we must still furnish the best service possible and avoid insofar as we can, accidents which bring loss and sadness, pain and disaster to those with whom we share the streets. We must be ever cautious so that we may retain the fine accident prevention standing we now enjoy.

It is with sadness that we note the passing of two of our old-timers *Ex-motorman Martin Duggan* and *Flagman William Haskins*. Both of these men had spent the major portion of their lives in the service of the Chicago Surface Lines.

Their many friends join with us in extending to the bereaved families, our sincerest sympathy and condolences.

When *Operator Thurman Rodey* had a box of rubber nipples returned to him from the Lost and Found Department, he started looking around for a place to place them where they would be appreciated. Now *Receiver "Augie" Sahr* is definitely not a drinking man, but he explained that when you take it out of a nipple it is not drinking but eating! Augie got the nipples.

Cottage Grove

By Gale Hruska

WHEN OUR Hot Stove League at Cottage Grove disbands, it's a positive indication that Spring is here. Members *Joe Kuhlein*, *E. W. Faye*, *J. C. Roscan*, *Charley Stroff* and *R. S. Quant* say the great days of memorable event discussions are now shelved till next winter. Sure it won't be long until the fruit trees will be snapping into bloom all over again and star flowers carpeting the woods. And of course, children and mothers will be riding our cars to the parks and beaches. Isn't it wonderful to have a part in their happiness through our type of business?

P. B. DeNash, *C. P. Tollstadius*, *R. J. Flanagan*, *M. S. Fitts*, *H. Hewitt* and *H. Becker* are six gentlemen whose philosophy of life enables them to live happily by themselves as well as with others. These fine fellows are very interesting characters and an asset to Cottage Grove.

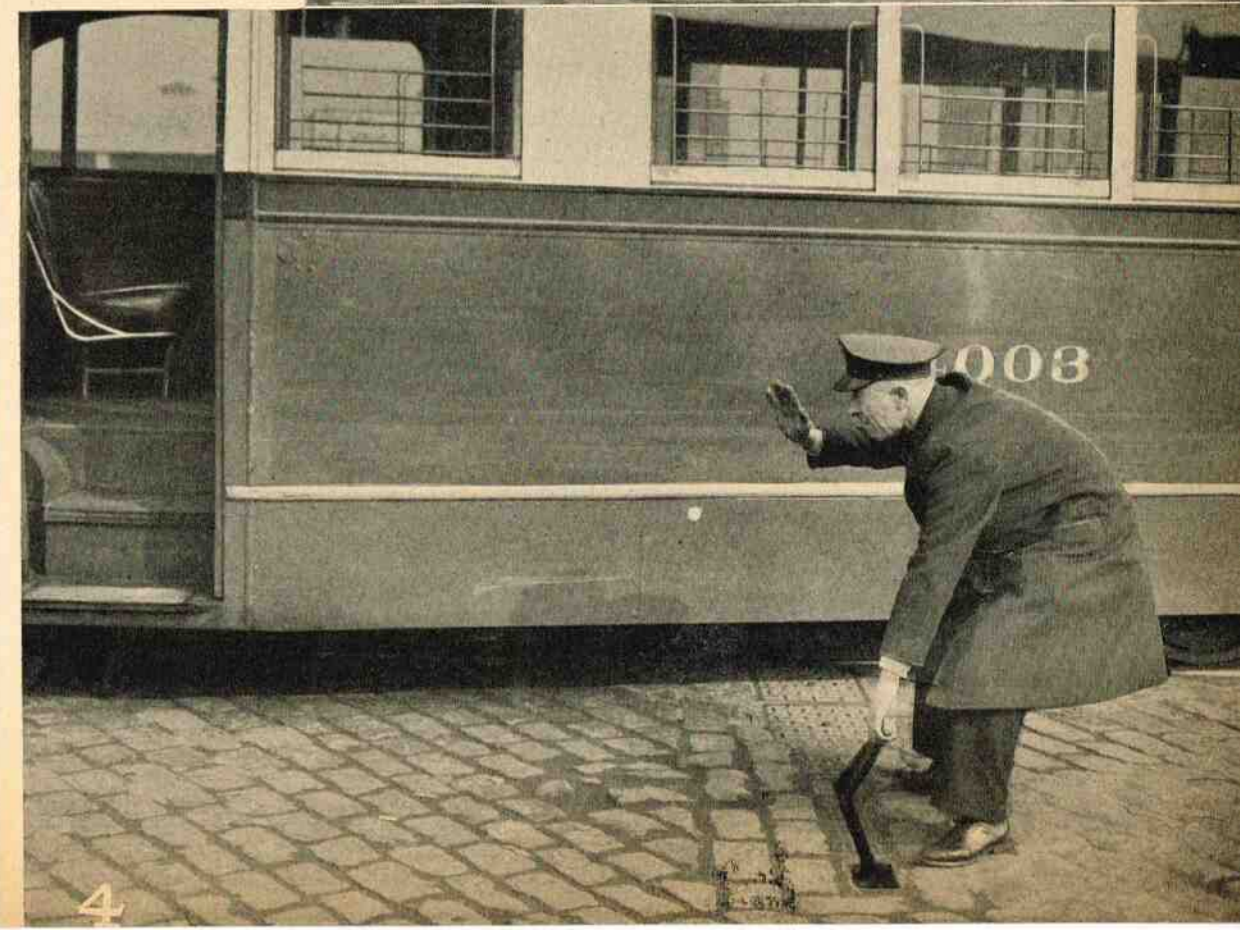
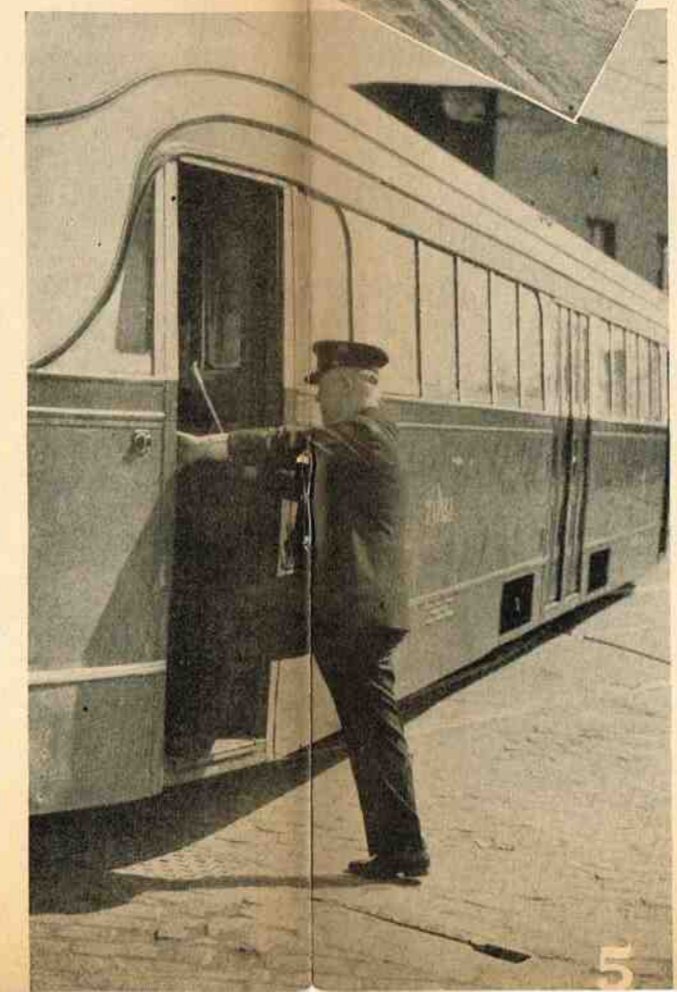
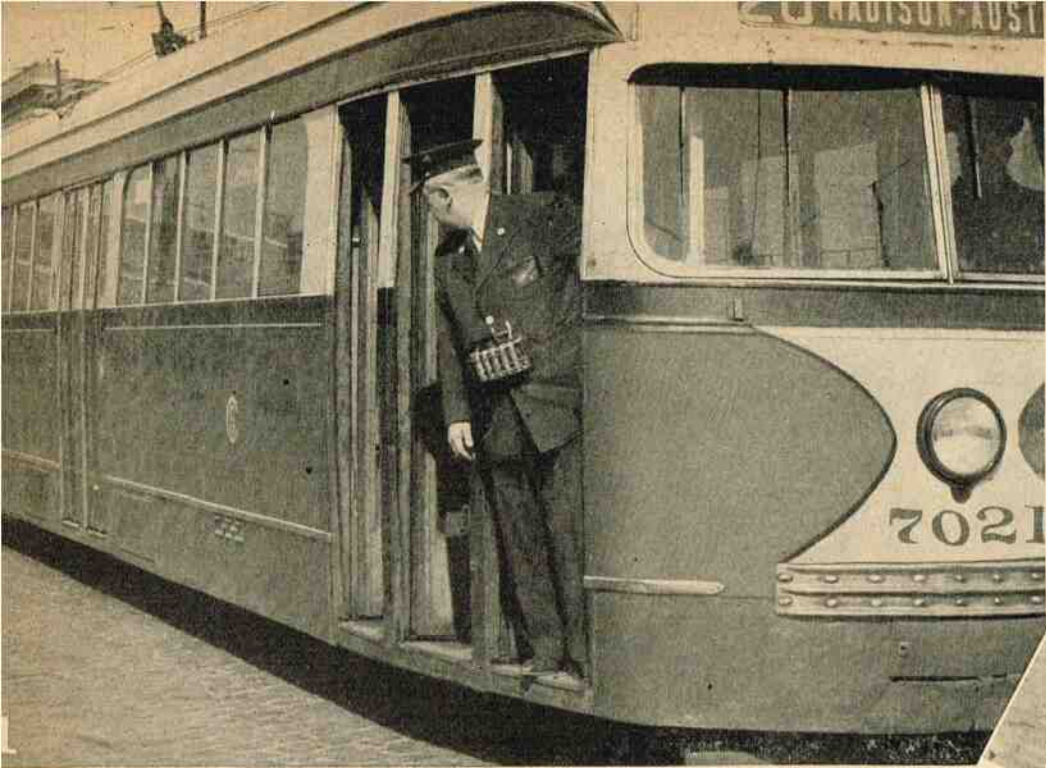
Motorman John Blaney, who underwent an operation at the German Deaconess Hospital recently, is now back on the job, as are former neighbor *Motorman A. H. Kunde* and *Supervisor John Seery*, a couple of recent convalescents. Familiar faces are always welcome, brothers.

Motorman C. E. Fester was operated upon for appendicitis at the Chicago Memorial Hospital, and no sooner was the operation performed when C. E. challenged the Doc and his internes to a pinochle game!

Dan Mahoney takes this means of saying goodbye to the boys in accepting his well-earned pension. We in turn congratulate Dan and wish him continued health and happiness. Dan says his five dominant interests in his life were as follows: Family, job, home, church and friends. A well recommended creed, indeed, Dan.

Motorman Elmer Peterson's grandfather's proud boast was that he had the longest, glossiest, most-envied handle-bar moustache. Well, Chester, a modest young man, according to the family, thinks otherwise, but is hesitant on the handle-bars. Oh come on Pete, let's see more of the stuff for better comparison.

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The procedure of lifting a lever switch handle is relatively simple and is done many times during the day on some of our lines. However, if the procedure described below is not followed the trainman may be injured, the equipment damaged, or a collision result.

Safety at the Switch

1. Observe Traffic

Look to the rear. *To prevent autos striking you, stay on the car until you are sure traffic will stop.*

2. Alight From Car

Wait until car stops before getting off. *You may lose your balance and fall down.*

Place right foot on street first *in order to avoid tripping over your own feet.*

Observe condition of the street. *Loose stones or wet or uneven surfaces may cause you to fall.*

3. Lift Lever Handle

Stand back of the switch handle, facing the rear of the car, with feet at right angles to the switch. *This enables you to watch approaching traffic and prevents the handle falling on your toes.*

Take a firm grip on handle with LEFT HAND, which prevents handle being jerked out of your grip.

4. Drop the Lever Handle

After the rear truck of the streetcar has passed the switch handle, drop the lever handle into place. *The white dot on the side of the PCC car indicates the position of the rear wheel. When it is past the tongue of the switch the wheels will not split the switch.*

Turn on the right foot toward the approaching rear door. *This leaves the left foot free for boarding. If you step forward, the switch handle could fall on your toes.*

5. Board the Moving Car

The motorman should travel at SLOW SPEED to reduce the hazard of the conductor's falling and missing the grab handle.

The conductor grasps the grab handle on the car with the RIGHT HAND, placing the LEFT FOOT on the step, and swings up into the car. *This enables him to maintain his balance and absorb the impact with his leg muscles, preventing undue strain on stomach muscles (cause of hernia).*

Procedure developed by the Transportation and Accident Prevention Departments. Pictures 1, 2, and 5 posed by Conductor Wm. Kenna and Motorman John Naughton. Pictures 3 and 4 by Conductor Burton Nash and Motorman Salvatore Gallo. (Kedzie)

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Motorman Matt Donnelly paid Martin Hennesey a visit and permitted Matt to gaze into the crystal ball. A rare treat. Matt says he saw the future Stoney Island Chicago Surface Line streetcar and describes it as follows: The ceiling was colored with blue, there was a trellis of roses on the front platform, and a cuspidor for the motorman. The conductor's platform had venetian blinds. C. A. Shaeffer was the motorman, and the mayor and chief of police of Ashtabula, Ohio, T. F. of the General Office, was the sole passenger. Too much imagination in Spring will get one in a jam . . . So, see you later.

Devon

By Charles Saklem

LAST MONTH Brother Albert Nagle was seriously ill and in need of blood transfusions. Hope by this issue that he is out of danger and well on the road to recovery. He was at the Grant Hospital.

Brother Lawrence Hildebrand was operated on at the Belmont Hospital. Hope you are as good as new and will soon be back on the job.

The little Quiz Kid as pictured in the March issue of this magazine, Richard (Butch) Goddard, four and one-half-year-old son of Conductor Victor Goddard of Devon, will soon be again appearing on Joe Kelly's Quiz Kid program on WENR at 6:30 every Sunday. The little wizard has been ill with scarlet fever and of necessity has had to miss a number of the programs. We are eagerly awaiting the time when he is back on the program.

Retired repairman Dominick Wizoti passed away March 19. We at Devon express our sympathies to the family.

Fred J. Koch, who recently was discharged from the Navy, is taking a trip to Canada before settling down to work. Have a good time, Fred.

Our editor has asked us to stress Safety for this issue. I have been deeply interested in safety and traffic laws long before I came to Chicago . . . When a machine is parked with the rear end sticking way out in the street, it is necessary for passing cars to swing out and cut off the street car. Be sure you have your car under control at all times for such an emergency . . . Since the first of the year, the repair department has been pitting all cars every other night. Mark up your cars for poor brakes. Remember, the repairs are not mind readers and it isn't a bit funny to make a relief on the street and have poor or no brakes when you need them the most.

Division

By Fred Shippy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Let's put the twins first this time, Tom and Camille Radicke, 7; Barbara and Billie Davidson, 15; Johnnie Mohawk, 9; Rita Kouba, 4; Ted Fijak, Jr., 7; Bobbie Nelson, 3; Diane Kay Hanson, 3; and Mary Ann Kopke, 2. We wish you all a happy birthday and I am sure Pop will pop with the ice cream and candy and a surprise.

Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Goodin on the 10th and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nelson,

9th. May your path be always bright with happiness and good luck as you go through life together.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ruth Kraus, wife of Walter, who spent twenty-five days in the hospital. Take it easy Mrs. Kraus. Walter will be glad to do all the house work for you so you will get well quicker.

JUST FOR FUN: I understand that Johnnie Bowe went down to Hot Springs for thirty days to take singing lessons so he can compete with Charley and Mrs. Christensen over WGN. Better take it easy Johnny, they took second prize on the Mr. and Mrs. program. So I guess you had better stick to baseball. The Wise-Crackers (Armitage) meet the Old-Fogies (Division) this year, and get their annual trimmin'.

There is a conductor from that great depot Noble that rides the Diversey bus. They call him C-Note with the dead cigar. Know him? Ask John Harder.

I hope Charlie Clark gets well quick. The bowlers are mis-behavin' while you are away. Charlie Dietz runs up to 360, Radicke is going wild and Gutter-ball Andy swiped one on Ed Fisher. You know what you did, Andy, Ed is still crying. Hopes his arm gets a little bit longer so he can reach further than you.

Ed Fisher got a swell check from his fair riders on Clybourn for service rendered. Pays to wait, doesn't it, Ed?

Patsy Fiorita has a puzzle. See if you can solve it for us.

May we extend our deepest sympathy to the Fournier family in the loss of their dear mother.

Now is the time to join the soft-ball team. See Red Staton.

Kedzie

By Joe Smith

ON MARCH 20 everyone who had ever known him was saddened by the death of Supt. Thomas Fahey. We extend our deepest sympathy to this family and to his brother, Bill Fahey. Tom Fahey was one of the world's finest.

Gene Gibbons says Gus Winterns sits up three times a day . . . Mike Lynch is at home, sick . . . Tom Kiely is at Hines Hospital, Ward C, Rm. 208. Tom wants visitors . . . John Hamerton is also at Hines, Ward 3E, Rm. 350 . . . Owen McCabe is still in Loretto Hospital coming out of a stroke . . . Chester Abbott is still battling a stroke at St. Anthony's Hospital . . . Lester Simpson of the Repair Department is on the sick list.

Back from the armed forces and heartily welcome are: Joe McNallis, J. P. Clarke, Bill Phillipps, Ray Wagner, Carl Haesinjaeger, John Tiano and Bob Orsi. Sure glad to see you around again.

A native Frenchman visiting this city boarded a Madison car and young Bill Staunton refused his fare telling him to give it to the captain in the middle of the car. The Frenchman advanced on Bill Gers and as he reached him he put both hands on Bill's shoulders with the usual French incantations planting a smacking kiss on both the blushing Gers' cheeks!

FATHER AND SON



This is the best way to show why Conductor Frank Rochlitz has been strutting around Lincoln station recently. He has been instructing his son Raymond as a conductor. Raymond just returned from Europe, where he served with the 3rd Army, taking part in the battle of the Bulge. While capturing a German officer he was shot in the hand, but succeeded in coming out the victor. Later he wound up in a prison camp. Now he's out to hang up a record like his father's—who has been with CSL for some 29 years.

In keeping with this month's topic "Safety", we hear Jocko Griffin carries a rabbit's foot. C. Popps says he's had it since Ed (Gimme-a-gas-ticket) Kelly puts a horseshoe under his seat.

Conductor Joe Diaz has snapshots by the hundreds of all types of cars and buses, snow and work cars in CSL's system. He has them before, in the process of, and after repair. Joe is also the possessor of a complete set of Electrical Railway Journals from 1905 to 1935, of which there are only a few sets. It's likely that Joe's middle initial is "T" for transportation.

On vacation and having a time: Tony Rizzo, at home . . . Sol Gallo, whereabouts unknown, (would the picture in March issue be responsible?) . . . Jim Lynam, at home . . . Bill Haumesser, at home . . . Bill Kenna, at home.

Bill Herbert and John McCarthy appreciated the cooperation on the evening of Cardinal Stritch's reception at the Stadium.

Motorman Bob Klein resewed the buttons on his vest because Mrs. Klein was busy entertaining their new baby daughter, Diane, born March 5. Congrats.

Happy Birthday to Leo Sharpe's boys Jim 7, and Bill 5. Also to Mrs. Art Dressler and Tom Dressler, wife and son of Art Dressler.

In the following deaths: Frank Braband's mother . . . Jim Kivilin's mother . . . George Sullivan's father . . . wife of Harold Berghaus . . . Peter Genusso's mother-in-law . . . Thomas, Y3c U.S. Navy, son of Motorman Frank McEntegart, we offer our sympathy.

Clerk Jim Keenon (all-star basketball player of St. Patrick's Academy, 1935) welcomed his brother, Jerry, home from the air forces recently. According to Jim, Jerry has his eye on transportation . . . Bill Elke has a vocabulary with which to solve X-word puzzles . . . Supervisor Ed Gleason sent a soap salesman to clean Walt Daly's walls, it turned out that the salesman only wanted to sell soap.

Lawrence

By Mickey Loftus

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD who that man was who came into the depot the other morning puffing on a big cheroot, with a box of two-bit cigars tucked under his arm, to pass around to all the boys. Yes sir, it was none other than the new grandpa, Eddie Mathias.

John Simko, the ex-navy man, hasn't worn his white apron since Al Johnson came into the trainroom, not too refreshed after the previous evening of bowling and asked John for a pound of pork chops. Al thought it was a butcher standing behind the counter.

The Hot Stove League of Lawrence will be in session in the near future to discuss the coming softball season. This looks like a very promising year, with all the new talent around. Of course North Avenue, our traditional rivals, will be heard about, and very likely from. Attention Mr. Harold (Dykes) King.

Honor was again bestowed upon Lawrence Garage for recognition of sincere efforts by the Treasury Department of our government. George Stillwell and Mr. E. G. Nassar were recipients of silver medals for their work in the promotion of bond drives at this depot.

Art (Duke) Baehrend's daughter presented pop with a new son-in-law. Following a beautiful church wedding a reception was held for two hundred guests at the Pump Room of the Ambassador East Hotel. We are all waiting to see the wedding pictures of Art dressed in tails, wing collar, ascot tie, and the ever present boutonniere.

George Stephans has painted his car a new color—a fiery red. George, it is rumored, around, is a captain of the volunteer fire fighters of DesPlaines . . . Hugo Johnson had better get his spring planting in early, so he will be available when the captain calls his fellow townsmen.

The Frank Allens left the doors swinging wide

open recently anticipating the arrival of Frank, Jr. After an absence of 42 months, the folks didn't want anything to slow the boy down when he got home.

With all the gossip about everybody going to buy new cars, Howard Jensen, the little man of action got the jump on everybody. Howard finally parted with that dashing coupe of 1926 vintage. The family wanted something more modern so he threw discretion to the winds, and bought a sleeky 1927 Tudor Sedan to show them he was keeping abreast of the time.

Larry Mount, the mayor of Oriole Park, is in the market for a pair of roller skates, supposedly for his son, but word reached me that the boy had to do his skating while pop was working. Larry's other favorite pastime is collecting stamps.

Ben Munkowski, the big red-headed gentleman, bivouaced in the park the other evening. Ben's room was being redecorated and the paint odor didn't agree with him so Ben chose the starry sky for a blanket.

Several members of our depot are going to attend the dance sponsored by the Rod-and-Gun Club on April 27. James Muginiski extends an invitation to all, young and old, to step out this night and blow their tops.

Limits

By Ray Anderson

WITH THE MONTH of March gone and the income tax blues over, some of the boys are able to smile again, but not the boys on the bowling team. We are three games behind North Avenue No. 2 and only four games to play. We sure don't want Limits to end up in second place. Let's give the boys our moral support and cheer them on to win their remaining games.

In case you don't know our team, here they are: Capt. Becofski, R. Mikulic, A. Godelman, T. Wadarshi and Smiley Kerrigan.

With the bowling season waning, softball season is coming on and Tommy Stiglic is still looking for players. So come on, players, and get signed up.

Instructor Larry Stevens finally got his new choppers and now he can take tooth picks and not kid anybody.

Motorman Frank Wenderski was sporting a couple of nice black eyes around the depot and was very proud of them. All he could say was "you ought to see the other guy." There are stories floating around about how he got them and here are the two best, take your choice: Conductor Ed Wilburcheid has taken to raising frogs and Frank was helping him when a frog turned around and kicked him in the eye with his hind leg . . . The second one is that Frank was in a sound sleep and was dreaming of making an extra trip. In his rush to change ends he bumped into the bedpost.

Conductor D. Strauss had an experience the other night when his neighbor's home caught on fire and partially spread to his. From the reports I get he missed his calling. He should have been a fireman.

Supervisor Ed Nolan lost a couple of teeth,

and the way I hear it, he found them stuck in that little whistle that he's always blowing around the Broadway loop.

Pete Keane, transfer collector at Milwaukee & Halsted, is raising a nice big mustache. Who are you hiding from, Pete?

Conductor Buddy Fick and the Dark Horse are out looking for magazines and playing cards. No they are not selling them, they are for the boys at Hines Hospital, so see what you can do, boys.

Motorman John Pahl was passing out cigars the other day and the reason was, a new baby girl born March 8. Congratulations to both of you.

We have some more boys back from Uncle Sam and it is always a pleasure to welcome these fellows. Conductor E. Wolfe is back in harness and says he feels fine. Motorman E. Heffron and E. Jones are happy to pilot a streetcar again.

We have some new men on the job in the last month and we want to make them feel like old timers. We have one rear gunner, C. Shipp, and three pilots, M. Kleiss, A. Rasmus and H. Midhart. Anything you want to know fellows, just ask any of the boys in the trainroom and they will be glad to help you.

We wish to extend our sympathies to the family of Motorman Hunt, who passed away on March 18.

Lincoln

By Larry Hippert

IN THE PAST MONTH we had two more babies to add to our list: that of Motormen G. Krinke and R. Coughlin, but am very sorry to have to report that Coughlin's baby did not live. But in both cases the mothers are fine and Krinke is as proud as can be. Incidentally, the cigars were good. George. Do you intend to make a pilot out of him?

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Motorman Griffiths and family, whose father died on the 28th of February.

On the brighter side of things we have heard that George Ersch has taken upon himself a wife. We would have liked to have known about it sooner but for reasons unknown it was one of those mysteries. Best of luck, George and Mrs. Ersch.

We have had quite a few of our boys in the hospital the past few weeks and hope by the time this is out they will all be out and feeling well, if not already back to work. Supervisor Elmer Larson was in St. Luke's with a very serious operation. All your friends wish you a very speedy recovery Elmer. Hurry back to the old corner. McGinley is still in Alexian Brothers hospital and is reported to be holding his own, but would like to see some of his pals.

We are all happy to have Supervisor Hannebohm, Motormen O'Donnell and McHale, and Conductor Van Dee back on the job after having been in the hospital for several months. Hannebohm lost quite a bit of weight but really looks good. McHale buried his brother while he was off. He was a trainman at 69th.

Just in case you boys have missed Conductor Chuck Wiltgen, we have heard he looks very

good in his newly acquired city policeman uniform. Best of luck, Chuck. Don't forget to drop in and see us once in a while.

Conductor Clarke had a distant look in his eyes around the end of March. The reason was his son had just entered the army and was destined to be in at least a year. We hope, with him, that it won't seem too long.

Just in case you have been wondering why Schoeffen, Gehrke, Freese, Slominski and Ersch looked so tired one day last month, it was learned that they, along with their wives, went roller skating St. Pat's night. Why doesn't someone tell these kids that they aren't getting any younger?

Mr. and Mrs. Gehrke celebrated their 10th Wedding Anniversary a few weeks ago. Some of the boys from the depot had a hand in the celebration held at their home. A good time was recorded. Here's hoping that this couple will have many more such anniversaries.

Conductor Heft is one of those secretive type of boys also. He landed up to the window the other day and said he would like to have his withholding tax altered. When he was asked why, he told that he was married March 23 and felt he was entitled to some compensation. Best of luck to the newlyweds.

Will someone please come to the aid of Motorman Al Neuhaus. He seems to be pestered no end with field mice. All his tricks and traps are worthless.

This is just one of Conductor Erickson's ways of becoming unpopular on his run. It seems a lady boarded his car a couple of weeks ago and he, being of the observing type, noticed a black smudge on her forehead. So very confidentially he told her that a piece of soot must have fallen on her. But she soon informed him that it was Ash Wednesday.

Some of you may recall Frank Von Statten, who was a part-time trainman at our depot all during the war, and did a fine job of helping out. Well the navy found a way to reward him for his patriotism by sending him and his wife an invitation to attend the commissioning of the USS Kearsarge, a 45,000 ton aircraft carrier. Sorry to hear that Frank was unable to attend, but the Mrs. was on hand to represent the family and was glad to find out that her son Richard was assigned to such a fine ship. Hope Dick has a very enjoyable cruise.

Don't forget the Barter and Exchange column, boys. If you want to buy or sell anything just let us know and we will be glad to put the ad in its proper place.

So far the assistance to this column has been fine, so don't let up.

Last but not least it has just been learned that our old friend, Joe Schuetz, is in an army hospital in California and I know he would be very glad to hear from some of his old friends so let's get busy and drop him a few lines—P.F.C. Joe Schuetz 36682662, Station Hospital, Ward 7, Fort Baker, California.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Luka on the increase in their family, which was a girl.



With some folks it's dogs and with others it's pigeons, but with Motorman Patsy Florita (Division) it's pigs. It was a swell hobby until the relatives got together and ate up his little 280 pound playmate.

Noble

By Charles F. Greer

A VERY QUIET MONTH for us this month. How come, boys? No tips on anything, or is it spring fever?

One question has been asked me by Cowboy Gorski on behalf of the new men. He wanted to know why no news of their progress was being reported. The above is part of the answer to that question, Cowboy. I only come in contact with a few of the new men and most of them are doing very well. Some get more experience than others, due to their initiative, which determines 75% of your progress. I'll drop a hint right here. They say it's a wise man that can profit by the experience of others. It seems that most of us have to learn the hard way.

This being Safety Month for the SURFACE SERVICE is plenty of food for thought. But let us not forget that every month is Safety Month for the men who operate the cars and buses. So let us all live up to that standard and again bring home that most treasured of awards for being the most safely operated public transportation in the country. We can do it.

One of our old Clerks, Bill Leahy, that boy with a vivid imagination, has returned after doing his bit in Uncle Sam's Air Force. We are all glad to see you back, Bill.

Let us all extend a welcome hand to the following new men: Conductors J. Stoklas, W. Pacini and R. Radaszewski. Also Motorman J. Matuszewski.

We extend sincere condolence to Conductor Mike Sereda, whose brother passed away on March 25, 1946. Also to the family of Emil Landis. Conductor Emil Landis passed away on March 27, 1946. Conductor Landis started work for CSL in July, 1913.

North

By Walter Lindberg

"HASTE MAKES WASTE" is about as good a slogan for those who would be safety-minded as was ever written. We in the transportation business should at all times keep safety uppermost in our minds while on duty and it wouldn't hurt while we are off duty. The above is not meant to be a miniature lecture just a reminder to this writer and all the men who work with me.

English Brides are the current topic of conversation these warm days and not to be outdone we have in our midst a man who by now is a very contented husband. His bride came to America on March 26 on the good ship E. B. Alexandria. Mr. and Mrs. John Aichinger we wish you a whole carload (a 5900, too) of good luck. We would also like to welcome your little son, three years old, you told me, into our town. Mrs. Aichinger, by the way, is just a little different as she was born in County Farmanauh in Northern Ireland.

Three little girls will soon be asking daddy for a new hat, etc., when they become a little older, of course, and daddy will wonder what they did with the last one. Andy Dianovsky will have to work plenty hard to keep his daughters in the best. Sunday, March 3, Andy became the father of another girl, bringing the total to the above-mentioned three. Eddie Cantor, here comes Andy.

Miss Maureen Connor is now quite a singing star they tell me. The full story was carried in the local newspapers. Ed Connor is her proud father.

There seems to be a race here at North avenue to see who can become parents of the most girls. Now we have William Egan announcing the coming of his little daughter. Doesn't anyone ever have a boy?

Every day brings some new men to our depot. They're a scared lot when they first arrive but after a few days of instruction on the job they begin to loosen up and began talking about their "fall-back" and the slow "horse" they had the day before. Your scribe has the pleasure of riding with a few of these men on their first days and they leave no doubt in our minds that they intend to become real trainmen. Frank Kolecz, Valentine Grasz are two of the new men I mean, and judging from their last names they will learn the business from A to Z.

We all read the Barter and Exchange column but alas and alack there are no vacancies (that's a flat, son). This new column can lead to complications if it is not edited carefully. For instance right after a general pick I might receive a note asking me to place this ad. "Will exchange my run for any run less than six trips and will throw in my motorman", then, "For Sale, my place in line on payday", a man

could realize a small fortune this way. So please watch it Mr. Editor.

Our assistant superintendent, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, is in the hospital. We hope it isn't too serious and that he will be back again by the time this column hits the stations.

To the men who are going to make our depot their headquarters from now on we say if there is anything you don't know about anything just ask Clerk Dillon and he will be glad to straighten you out.

Accident Investigation By Audrey

SIX HUNDRED" is happy to welcome ex-servicemen Investigator Eddie Hays, Clerk Ed Karlocki and Statementman Francis Wandrocke; also Clerk Agnes Ericson, transferred from Material & Supplies, and typists Eleanor Contorno and Charlotte King.

Attorney James A. Mahoney is back on the job again after his sojourn in the hospital. We like that streamlined figger, Jim.

Our sympathy is expressed to Pat Hayes, retired inquest man, whose wife passed away.

Kathleen Callahan, born March 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Callahan, had her mom and dad worried for a bit but Kathy is crying well these days, according to reports from her dad; so everyone is happy. Congratulations, Bill and Madeline.

The 100% femininity of the clerks in the Accident Prevention Department has been invaded by the return from the service of Frank J. Cunningham. Why blush so much, Frank?

Miss Lorraine Bennett of the A.P.D. has been transferred to the Employment Department, Clark and Division. Good luck on the new job, Lorraine.

Lois Swan of the APD is enjoying a vacation with friend hubby, now a full-fledged M. D., who is to be addressed as Lieutenant. Friend wife is bubbling over with pride.

Just to cinch the fact that we aren't slighting the A.P.D. in our column, we want to wish Alison Balis lots of happiness now that her Sergeant is home from China. We know you've got a great gal, George. We're going to miss Alison since she has traded her white collar job for that of housewife.

Accounting By Thomas F. Coan

WE ARE GLAD to see Eliot Hirsch back after receiving his honorable discharge from the armed forces.

Best wishes for happy birthday were extended to Katherine English, Martha Neffas, Irene Zicky, Lorraine Koerber, Flora Pourtura, Marge Schleider, Roy Wilson and Joseph McCloyey during the month of March.

We wish to extend congratulations to Miss Evelyn Murphy on the recent announcement of her engagement to Mr. John Healy.

The department is happy to welcome the following new clerks: Adeline Ambolo, Mrs. Josephine Boedecker and Mrs. Josephine Tollar.

Miss Dorothy Johnson, who left service, was remembered with a farewell gift from her associates.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bernice Coyne in the loss of her mother, who passed away on Tuesday, March 19.

With the best wishes of the department, we are looking forward to the speedy recovery of Jean Butler who is ill at home.

Electrical By Billy Schenck

CLARENCE MALOTTKE, line foreman, has undergone a minor operation at the West Suburban hospital. He is expected to be back at work by the time you see this issue.

A welcome return from our armed forces is extended to Robert Jacobson and Paul Siegmeyer to the line department, and to Frank Parise to the clerical force at Grand and Leavitt. These greetings are extended to all our returned boys, even though you may not see your name in print.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Nels A. Bergstrom of the line department at Grand & Leavitt who died March 7, 1946, after a short period of illness.

Michael Powers of the sub-station division has been home on sick leave for some time. A speedy recovery is wished for him.

General Office By Brenda & Cobina

SPRING is busting out all over" . . . and it seems as though Spring isn't all that is busting out . . . The Insurance Department is "busting out" welcoming back Bill Ashley from the army, and a brand new employee—Annette Interdonato. Wally Sorensen did his "busting out" by taking a job closer to home, leaving CSL and the Insurance Department . . . Viola Pichler (Legal), "busting out" with a brand new name, married Robert Fredericks on March 9 . . . Kathryn Murphy (Legal), "busting out" with a brand new operation, is trying to keep from busting her stitches from the many ways her friends are finding to keep up the good Irish humor . . . The Purchasing Department is "busting out" with a brand new grandfather when Mr. E. J. Burke's son presented him with a little granddaughter. "Busting out" of Purchasing is Litta Jones, who is leaving to devote all her time to her little girl and her husband, who just returned from the service. In the meantime, Purchasing is welcoming back its favorite red-head, George Macak, from the services of Uncle Sam . . . "Busting out" with the proverbial diamond — third finger left hand — is Charline Smerz (Executive) . . . The folks we caught "busting out" with birthdays were Blanche Simundza (Real Estate) and Joe Hemzacek (Radio Room) . . . And, Brenda just "bust out" with "oooh—did you see that good-looking man pass the door, Cobina?"

Material & Supplies By Lois Marsh

THE FIRST FEW DAYS of March proved to be rather hectic for the telephone operator at South Shops. He received numerous requests to speak to a "Miss Friedl." It seems as tho there was a slight error on Frank's riding card. Somebody, I say, somebody stamped a big "For Women Employees Only" on his card and Frank received several calls for dates. OHHHHHH—Frankie!!!!!!

Our condolence to John Goets whose father passed away this month. Also to Earl Wilcox whose mother-in-law died in Danville, Illinois, and Anne Fahey in the death of her uncle.

There've been some changes made at West Shops again. Mrs. Jacobsen has moved into the M&S Office and Art Carlson is now in the new storeroom.

Birthday congratulations to the following March "lamb": E. Freeberg; D. Chapleau; R. Meisner; N. Palicki; A. Craycraft; J. Ruby and O. Schwendt.

Your scribe promised a certain gentleman that his name wouldn't appear in the column for birthdays. So, happy birthday F.C.N. May your birthdays in the future be as happy and numerous as the ones in the past.

When Antoinette Fiandaca of the Accident Prevention Department was married to Joseph Lojkovic on March 3, the girls of the DAI joined together on a gift and to wish the couple future happiness.



Congratulations to the *Harty* family on the arrival of little *Marianne Helene* on March 12, who weighed in at nine pounds two ounces. Has she taken her first step yet, Jack? (Kiddin', of course.)

The M&S Department is happy to say that all but six of the service men have returned. To help lower this list, *Bill Govedarica* returned to work at West Shops this month and has been cheering up everybody with that nice smile of his.

"Listen to the ambulance a-comin' down the street;

When we cut his legs off, didn't we do it neat;
Didn't we cut his hair short, didn't we knock 'im far

When we biffed 'im in the collar with the merry trolley car!"

I said it and I'm glad!!!!!!!!!!!!

Schedule & Traffic By L. C. Dutton

IT IS WITH REGRET that we record the death of *Harry Jennison*. Harry started work in this department in 1918. In 1941 he was pensioned to what we had all hoped would be many years of enjoyment, but ill health cut the period down and on March 23 the well-remembered Harry went to his eternal rest.

Traffic Checker Eddie Thompson seems to be keeping this news from us, but we happen to know *Chwlene Smerz*, Executive Department, and she couldn't hide that beautiful sparkler that dazzles us from the third finger on her left hand. We extend to the newly-engaged couple the usual best wishes and presume that we may soon announce their marriage.

We have three men who are becoming used to civilian clothes. *Sgt. Wally Thomas* and *Cpl. Bill Worcester* have returned to this department and resumed their duties. *Lt. Col. E. E. Olmstead* put in his appearance recently, but informed us that the West Shops would be his headquarters from now on. Best of luck to you, Evan, in your new endeavors. We will miss you in the department.

(P. S. from the Scribe's Scribe: L. C. Dutton is sure throwing out his chest these days. And well he may, with *Four Queens* and a *King*. This is my way of announcing the arrival of the Dutton's fifth child, *Mary Elizabeth*, who arrived March 4, which completes the poker winner. But what we wonder is, what chance one brother has with four sisters?)

South Shops By Justine Mazeikis

CONGRATULATIONS to *Boleslaw Dryja* and *Walter Dovick*, who became proud parents. Mothers and babies are doing splendidly, but the period of convalescence for the fathers is indefinite.

"May you have many more happy anniversaries" is our wish for Mr. and Mrs. *Diek Bulak* who celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary April 14.

Full of vim, vigor and vitality, *John Engberg* returned to work after a lengthy illness.

On March 26, *A. Lindquist* lost his daughter, but gained a son-in-law. Congratulations to the newly-weds.

We extend every wish for a speedy recovery to *Ed Malkowski* and *Jim Cervenka* who are convalescing in the Mutual and Hines Hospitals, and to *Mrs. Carl Welin* recuperating in the privacy of her own home after an operation.

Mmmmm but they were good! The boys are still smacking their lips and craving for more of those oranges that *Joe Salkos* passed around. Don't forget us in the office the next time you get a shipment from Arizona.

Ed Saunders is looking for a new piggy bank — what happened to your old one, Ed?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Anne Yereich*, *Owen Clark*, *Tony Adomatis*, *Dominick Chesna*, *Matthew Detchon*, *Mildred Gier*, *Walter Waitkus*, and *Charles Van Ness*.

"Miss you since you went away . . ." that's just the way we feel about *Mrs. Cooper* who left us to resume her duties of housewife.

Out comes our welcome mat to *Joseph and John Kehoe*, our ex-servicemen. Joe served in the Air Forces in this country and the Philippines. John was in the navy and saw action in Australia, Guam and New Guinea.

Our sincere sympathy to *Ed Malkowski*, *M. Flynn*, *M. Pacholski*, and *J. Bendik* upon the loss of a dear one.

Arthur Toerpe had a lovely vacation tending his family when his wife took a trip to Florida.

Frank Mollath's secret formula for getting strikes during a league bowling game is to blow hot air in the thumb hole, thus enlarging the size of his ball. Thanks for the formula, Frank.

Emil Krauledis gave a good demonstration of real bowling by picking up the seven, five, and ten pins during the league game for a spare.

Four teams from the South Shop Bowling League entered the handicap tournament at the Congress Arcade Alleys March 17. *Pete Mirkovich's* team, composed of *Carl Welin*, *Tony Raguzin*, *Mike Rubey*, and *Max Kuchan*, walked away with the sixth prize. Of course, the fact that the three master bowlers were on that team had nothing to do with it.

We wonder why the bus' bowling team is so quiet lately. Is it because the boys are saving all their stamina for the last two weeks of bowling??

Bowling will soon take the back seat in *Frank De Witt's* life, what with baseball and the White Sox coming to town.

Way & Structures By Betty Lhotak

TRACK DIVISION: We are glad to see *Section Foreman Louis Kochan*, of the Southern Division, back with us after a leave of absence because of his health. It looks as if that California sunshine really agreed with him.

D. E. McCauley became the proud father of a baby girl on March 13. Wife and little *Patricia Ann* are doing fine. Father is as well as can be expected. Congratulations to both of you.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of *Joseph Puzzo*, *Thomas Hayes* and *Jack Bogich* in their bereavement.

Vincent Shubat, track foreman in the Western Division, is leaving for Buffalo, New York, on April 12, to bowl in the A-B-C Bowling Tournament. Good luck to you, Vince, and bring home the big prize.

N. Doder, assistant foreman, is drinking a lot of coffee lately. We wonder if that attractive blond waitress in the coffee shop has anything to do with it?????????

Congratulations to *Bob Mijanovich* and his Mrs. who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. Bob gave his wife a new fur coat as a gift.

Michael Dabich, night watchman, is recuperating from an operation. Your friends all wish you a speedy recovery, Mike.

Richard Davis is getting a head start on his Victory Garden. He wants to get first prize again this year. He was awarded this honor last season.

We extend our sincere sympathy to *George Eshaya* in the recent loss of his daughter.

Fred Schweitzer, assistant track foreman in the Western Division, is in the American Hospital for observation. Hope to see you back on the job soon, Fred.

A division superintendent received the following note from one of his track foremen: "I'm sending you the accident report on *Casey* who struck his foot with the spike maul. Now, under

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'Remarks', do you want mine, or do you want Casey's?"

First signs of spring: Clarence Kelly dusting off his golf sticks; N. R. Alexander opening up his summer home in Bang's Lake, Illinois, with a bang; Harry Schlachter eating his own home-cooking because his wife and daughter are in Florida; Betty Lhotak flat hunting; H. Safford helping out with the house-cleaning at home; Roy Johnson shedding his heavies too soon and catching cold; Walter Klotz getting ready to plant his usual flowers and vegetables; Violet McFarlane buying a new straw hat; and our globe trotter (formerly under army supervision), Paul Minogue, saying, "I don't want to travel anywhere, anymore — wonder when I'll get my vacation?"

UTILITY DIVISION: On February 21, Chauffeur Leonard Galle had a treat for the boys, a fine box of cigars. It was to celebrate the birth of his first-born, a boy. Best wishes to mother and son.

Our sympathy is extended to the Ritzman family in the recent loss of their mother.

Joseph Kelso is on the job again at Grand & Leavitt after receiving his discharge from Uncle Sam's Navy. Glad to see you back, Joe.

Happy Birthday Greetings to Mr. T. Blakely, John Coutre, R. Gilmore, E. Saunders, J. Barclay, H. Hagen and D. Gordon.

BUILDING DIVISION: Joseph A. Cuci is with us again after recently being released from military service. In the army he was assigned to the medical division and successfully passed all exams, giving him the rank of Certified Surgical Technician. He served in this capacity overseas and returned with a very fine record. Joe is the son of an old-timer working for Mr. Blakely.

West Shops

By Eda Laube

WE HOPE everyone has noticed the "BAR-TER & EXCHANGE" column in last month's magazine. If you have anything to buy, sell or want to exchange, here is a swell opportunity.

It's a good thing birthdays come only once a year for Mary Crosby. She really celebrated and, of course, we all helped her eat that swell candy she brought. Mary received some lovely gifts, too. If you would like to hear the details, just ask Burke and Ptushkin.

Josephine Klockowski and Pat Ryan also are included on the birthday list this month. Congratulations.

We sure are happy for Genevieve Shea and her family. Her brother Robert has returned home after four years of service with the marines in the South Pacific.

We wish to welcome Mr. Miles Coleman to our "Fold" at West Shops. Miles, formerly of North Bus, has returned from the navy. We hope you will enjoy working with us.

Mrs. Esther O'Brien is enjoying her vacation, south of the border, down Mexico way.

Alois Andries, car repairer at Kedzie, is taking his pension beginning April 1, 1946. Lots of luck, health and happiness to you.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Triplett family.

Off the Trolley

No matter how the weather is this month, you will be able to find a breath of true spring at the Park District's 34th Annual Easter and Spring Flower Show at the Lincoln and Garfield Park conservatories. The show lasts through Sunday, April 28, and is open daily from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. — and no charge, of course.

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An important change effective on May 1 is the new telephone number for the CSL General Office — Dearborn 6100. . . . Now, just try and forget the old number!

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Clean-Up Week used to last seven days. Now the promotion lasts two weeks with the suggestion that you "clean up, paint up, plant up, light up, the year around". . . . You hear lots of people scream about wastepaper and trash on streets and in public conveyances. But did you ever watch to see where those same people throw their gum wrappers, empty cigaret packs, and old newspapers? . . . Like a lot of other things, keeping the city clean has to start with the individuals' own personal habits.

"Courtesy is a smile in action" is the slogan for this year's courtesy campaign sponsored by the Junior Association of Commerce. . . . It's another way of pointing up that it's not what you say, but how you say it.

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Today one out of every three cars is 10 years old or older; three out of five are seven years or older. These war wearies are now going to the graveyard at the rate of 1500 a day.

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MODERN MOTHER GOOSE

Jack and Jill, dress fit to kill.
Went driving on a bender.
And fit to kill, drove off a hill—
For salvage there's one fender.

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An unusual experience was that of Motorman H. R. Fragel and Conductor J. Slattery of Lincoln. On March 28 a young woman whispered to Motorman Fragel at Jackson Boulevard that she believed that she was about to give birth to her baby. Fragel emptied the car and sped it to the stub in State street north of Lake street. Police took the expectant mother to the County Hospital.

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 employe 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

BABY PLAY PEN: Perfect condition. \$10.00. C. E. Weston (77th), Triangle 4022.

SUIT: Pre-war brown tweed, size 40, two pair pants—\$25.00. K. Vriend (77th), Aberdeen 4017.

ELECTRIC ROASTER: Westinghouse, with inset pans. Like new. What am I offered? H. I. Louis (77th), Cedarcrest 9782.

VENETIAN BLINDS: Ivory with burgundy tapes, 59 inches long, 101½ inches wide. V. Hulthen (77th), Saginaw 0967.

BABY CARRIAGE: Storkline with white tires, can be used as stroller. Hood needs recovering. Storkline six-year size maple bed and spring, side drop. Play pen, extra large, adjustable in shape. One rung broken. All for \$25.00. Jos. A. Klein (Lawrence) Badge No. 2204, 5812 Higgins Avenue, Palisade 6414.

BABY BED: Complete; four golf clubs and bag; Kodak camera. G. Labbe (North) Badge No. 13821, 3858 North Harlem.

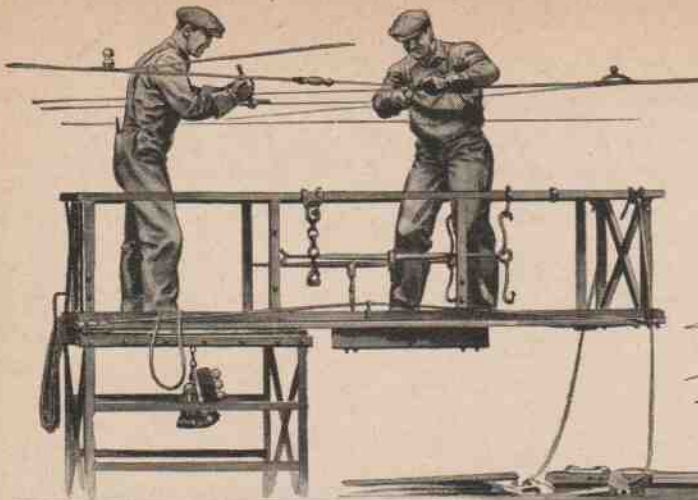
STUDIO COUCH: Good condition—\$30.00. Will take child's six-year crib, white birch, in part trade. E. Bock (North) 2357 North 73rd Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois.

GRAFLEX CAMERA: Solar enlarger, Weston light meter and tripod. Ray Anderson (Limits) Badge No. 4039, 5016 Grace street, Avenue 8721.

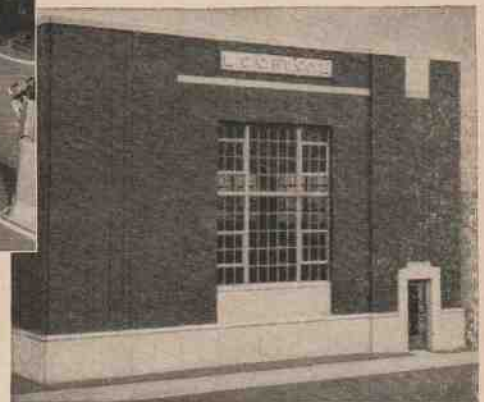
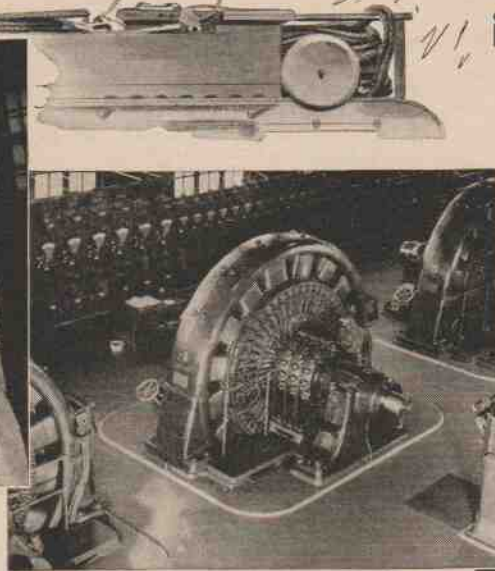
WANTED

ADDING MACHINE: U. S. Holmen (77th), Stewart 5129.

WRIST FLASHLIGHT, urgently needed for veteran who lost arm in the war. E. L. Landeck (77th), Triangle 3845.



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WORTH OF ELECTRICITY

FLOWS THROUGH CSL TROLLEY WIRES EACH YEAR

To keep your streetcars and trolley buses moving, the Chicago Surface Lines pays the state's biggest electric bill—uses more electric power than any industry or business in all of Illinois.

Last year the Surface Lines used 625,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity . . . enough to supply all the needs of more than 600,000 average Chicago homes!

To produce this huge amount of electric power more than 425,000 tons of coal were required—a 50-ton car of coal every hour in the year!

This tremendous power consumption provides important revenue for coal mines, railroads and shipping companies, and our local electric power

company. It creates many man-hours of steady employment for miners, transportation men and electrical workers.

Yes—there's life in those CSL trolley wires. A pulsing flow of live power to transport you through Chicago streets, and a steady flow of substantial income for the men who supply the materials to create and maintain this vital electrical energy.

Through the use of this power, your Chicago Surface Lines is able to provide additional jobs for more than 15,000 Chicago people, who serve you in the operation of this, the nation's greatest surface transit system.

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