

# Surface Service

JUNE, 1946



# CSL Petitions for Fare Raise

## *Additional Revenue Needed to Meet*

## *Increased Expenses*

**I**N A PETITION filed recently with the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Chicago Surface Lines asked for permission to increase its fares. The petition sought an emergency increase of one cent pending the hearing on the schedule proposing a two cent increase in the adult rate. The emergency increase would set the adult fare at nine cents and the children's rate at five cents. The permanent increase would set the fares at ten and five cents.

### Wage Increase

John E. Sullivan, Chairman of the Joint Board of Management and Operation, announced in filing the petition that the increase in fares is necessary due to the recent wage arbitration award which granted substantial increases to employees. The award, providing for an increase of twenty cents an hour for one-man car operators, and eighteen cents an hour for other employees, was approved by the Wage Stabilization Board in the latter part of May. The basic rate for one-man operators is now \$1.24 an hour, and \$1.14 an hour for two-man operators after one year of service.

The wage increases granted are in accordance with the general pattern of increases which have been approved in industry generally. However, it has been estimated that this award will increase

the labor expenditures of the Company by \$7,500,000 to \$8,000,000 a year.

Exclusive of the above, the Company, since the last one-cent increase in fare was applied for in 1941, has had labor increases which require more than \$11,000,000 additional labor expenditures annually.

Other factors cited in the petition included increased cost of materials, and a deficit during the past fiscal year in the fund set aside for damage reserve.

Attorneys for the Surface Lines were scheduled to appear before the Commerce Commission on June 11 requesting that a date be set for a hearing on the petition.

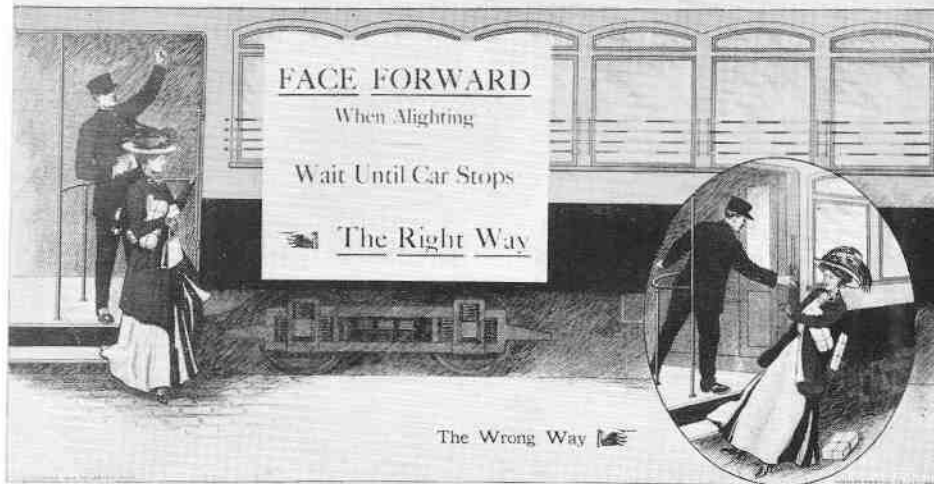
### EFFECTIVE DATE FOR New Pay Rates

Increased pay rates for employees represented by Division #241 of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America will be effective as follows:

Hourly rate employees and others on the bi-weekly pay roll will receive on the pay days June 19-20-21, the new rates for the two-week pay period starting May 26. On the same pay days retroactive pay increase for the period March 17 to May 25 will be paid.

General office employees on the semi-monthly pay roll will receive on July 1 the new rates for the pay roll period commencing June 16 as well as back pay for the period March 17 to June 15.

## No. 3. Passengers are Requested to Assist in Preventing Accidents



**FRONT COVER** — *Chicagoland* — Artist Ferd Himme catalogues a few of the pleasure opportunities offered by our city. . . . Once again summertime with its crowds of pleasure-seekers calls on CSL employees to be more attentive, more patient, and more safety-minded.

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

*"THE LADY will kindly refrain" from causing accidents is the gist of this relic of the early 1900's. Printed in several colors, the card appeared in cars to warn of dangerous habits still indulged in by today's riders. With continued alertness on the part of trainmen, the number of alighting and boarding accidents can be further reduced.*



*Five of the 20 new buses take time to "look pretty" for Photographer Fred Chouinard before going to work.*

**M**ONTHS OF WAITING were brought to an end recently when 20 large 45-passenger diesel buses, manufactured by General Motors, arrived to become part of CSL's fleet. The largest motor buses owned by the Company, they were put into immediate service on existing routes to relieve current equipment shortages.

This delivery brings to 30 the number of buses received on orders entered last year. Orders for a total of 465 buses and 600 streetcars were placed by the Surface Lines in 1945.

#### **Special Features**

Among the many features of these new "big babies" is the automatic gear shift, which permits a smooth, easy acceleration and enables the operator to

## **"The Big Babies" Arrive**

### ***20 New Buses Are Added to CSL's Fleet***

have greater freedom in dealing with the public. One safety feature prevents the bus from moving when the rear door is open. Sensitized door edges open the rear door immediately in case anyone is caught between the edges.

The windshield is placed at a 24-degree angle to reduce the glare and reflection in the operator's eyes, and a guard rail prevents passengers from obstructing the view out of the right windshield.

The color design of these buses is the same as that being used on all new CSL equipment. The body is a mercury green, with a croydon cream top. The belt line is done in swamp holly orange, while the trim is a forest green.

Deliveries of new buses are scheduled next month and the first of the new streetcars are expected during the summer. Most of the new equipment is scheduled for delivery in 1946.



*"The Champs"*

## 1946 Bowling Honors Go to 77th

**I**N TWO POST-SEASON games, 77th captured from Limits the 1946 CSL City-Wide Bowling championship. On the winning team were (above) Pete Flaherty, Alex Schnieder, Art Katter, Walter Harrison, and James O'Shaughnessy . . . . First game in the playoff (on 77th's home alley) resulted in scores of 2498 and 2492, in favor of 77th. The second game, on neutral alleys, brought the total count to 4976 and 4815 . . . . For one year 77th will have custody of the CSL championship trophy, which was recently presented to officers of the leagues (below) George Wyers, bus instructor, president of the northside league; Harry Griebel, Noble, secretary-treasurer of northside; Ass't. Supt. of Transportation Tom O'Connor (acting for Superintendent Wm. A. Hall); Walter Kamien, Archer, secretary-treasurer of south division; and Emil F. Gross, 69th, southside president.



# CSL SALESMEN

*These Employes, through Courteous Actions during this last month, promoted a Friendly Feeling toward Themselves and the Company*

## CONDUCTOR LE ROY LANZ—Archer

Reported Alice Hayde of the Burroughs School, 3542 S. Washtenaw: "His efficiency, courtesy and promptness in returning my suitcase were marvelous. My carelessness caused him extra work and loss of time. May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of his kindness and help, and to congratulate you on having such excellent employes in the Chicago Surface Lines."

## LOADER JOHN HOFFMAN—Archer

From E. Harris, 1903 W. Pershing Rd.: "He serves your company with courtesy, good nature and excellent manners during the early morning hours."

## CONDUCTOR NEIL F. WARREN—Devon

By taking time during the rush hour to properly direct an elderly blind man, Warren merited a commendation from J. F. Murphy (no address given). "It is these small acts of kindness in a bustling city that still makes life worth living."

## CONDUCTOR STEPHEN S. REPASKI—Kedzie

"This gentleman provided such a lift and inspiration," wrote Mrs. Rita Leonards, 932 N. Latrobe, "he is kind, considerate, and jovial. Not only is he a good conductor who calls the streets loudly and clearly, but he also brings a smile to all."

## CONDUCTOR VICTOR LE BEAU, Jr.—Lawndale

"He is a shining example of manhood. He went out of his way to help an old lady on the car—with a most pleasant smile, which today goes a long way."—Mrs. F. Rueter, 4235 Wrightwood.

## CONDUCTOR FRANCIS J. MITCHELL—77th

Harold Marks, 631 W. Barry, advises that Mitchell is the kind of person who makes everyday a "Courtesy Day," and doesn't wait for one particular week out of the 52.

## OPERATOR GEORGE H. SCHLETZ—77th

Two commendations were received during the month, one anonymous and one from O. V. Swanson, 439 W. 110th Place, advising that Schletz is "most courteous to passengers."

## CONDUCTOR CHARLES HERRINGTON—69th

"By mistake I gave him an old transfer that was in my pocket. He pointed out the error very courteously and told me to look through my pockets, as he was sure I had misplaced the right one. I finally found it, but his pleasant manner made a very good impression on me, and I thought it only right that I show my appreciation by sending this letter."—John T. Dovlon, 5722 S. Honore.

## CONDUCTOR KARL A. POMNITZ—Lincoln

E. C. Schellenger, 2228 N. Central Park, states, "The conductor saw an old lady on the sidewalk, attempting to hurry to board the car. He stopped the car, got off, and helped her from the sidewalk into the street and onto the platform."

## CONDUCTOR BURTON FRANCE—Limits

"A small boy was in tears because his brother had become confused and had alighted at 67th. The conductor cheered him up with precise and encouraging instructions as to how to go back to 67th street and look for his brother". . . He went to great inconvenience to assist a very old lady and gentleman from the car at their stops. . . "In my estimation he performed service above and beyond the requirements of his job, in a cheerful, patient, and aggressive manner."—Anthony J. O'Leary, 7319 Greenwood.

## CONDUCTOR EWALD R. ANDERSON—Lincoln

"His witty repartee and congenial mood will long linger in my memories of lovely people I've met. . . . The car was jammed and almost anyone else might have been cross, but not this conductor," wrote Mrs. Honori G. Chabob, 8941 Burlington Blvd., Brookfield, Illinois.

## MOTORMAN ROBERT McFADDEN—Kedzie

"It might have been a terrible accident," reported Martha Hansen and Jennie Hanos of General Outdoor Advertising Company, Harrison and Loomis. "A truck made a left turn in front of him. He quickly applied the air brakes, and as he came to a stop, the back end of the truck just slid by. From where we sat it looked as though it might have been planned as they do in the movies."



*Cartoons vs. Crime*

**A**LMOST EVERY PARENT has at some time experienced some anxiety over the effect on children of hair-raising radio serials—or lamented the poor selection of movies which appear at children's matinees. But few parents decide to do something about it, as did Operator Joseph Levy (Lawrence).

Starting out on his own, Levy went to his neighborhood theatre to discuss the problem. The result: a series of Saturday morning cartoons especially programmed for children—an idea which rapidly spread through all the nearby neighborhoods.

ONE MAN'S DRIVE FOR

## A Children's Hour



*Performers and Prizes*



Later, with the cooperation of the Park District, and aided by publicity given in the daily papers, Levy got the use of the Eugene Field Park House. Through the schools he located children with ability to sing, dance, and entertain and organized programs produced by the children themselves. With prizes for best performances donated by local merchants, the shows are carried on each Saturday afternoon—much to the delight of the two or three hundred children who crowd into the auditorium for each performance.

*Sponsor and Audience*

SURFACE SERVICE

# Play (Soft) Ball

## Schedule Announced for CSL League!

ON JUNE 2, the CSL softball season was to have been inaugurated with a game between the West Shops and the Claims Department teams played at Hines Hospital. However, bad weather canceled the affair and the first games took place on June 5.

Games are scheduled for Wednesday and Sunday mornings through September 4. Through the cooperation of the American Legion Surface Lines Post, the Sunday games are played at Hines Hospital for the benefit of the veterans. Wednesday games are played at the home diamonds of the teams. Sunday games are scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. and the Wednesday games at 11:00 A.M. All CSL employees are invited to attend.

Fifteen teams are in the League and the winners of the north division will play the winners of the south at the close of the season, remainder of the teams will play a round-robin. President of the League is Walter Zelis, Archer, and secretary is LaVerne Staton, Division.

The season's schedule of games is as follows:

### NORTH SECTION

<i>June 5</i>	<i>June 12</i>
North, at Elston Limits, at Devon Lincoln, at Armitage Lawrence, at Division	Devon, at North Elston, at Limits Division, at Lincoln Armitage, at Lawrence
<i>June 19</i>	<i>June 26</i>
North, at Armitage Limits, at Division Lawrence, at Elston Lincoln, at Devon	Division, at North Elston, at Lincoln Devon, at Lawrence
<i>July 3</i>	<i>July 10</i>
North, at Limits Lawrence, at Lincoln Elston, at Devon Armitage, at Division	Lincoln, at North Limits, at Lawrence Armitage, at Elston Division, at Devon
<i>July 17</i>	<i>July 24</i>
North, at Lawrence Division, at Elston Devon, at Armitage Lincoln, at Limits	Elston, at North Devon, at Limits Armitage, at Lincoln Division, at Lawrence

<i>July 31</i>	<i>August 7</i>
North, at Devon Limits, at Elston Lincoln, at Division Lawrence, at Armitage	Armitage, at North Division, at Limits Elston, at Lawrence Devon, at Lincoln
<i>August 14</i>	<i>August 21</i>
North, at Division Lincoln, at Elston Limits, at Armitage	Limits, at North Lincoln, at Lawrence Devon, at Elston Division, at Armitage
<i>August 28</i>	<i>September 4</i>
Lawrence, at Limits Elston, at Armitage Devon, at Division	Lawrence, at North Armitage, at Devon Limits, at Lincoln

### SOUTH SECTION

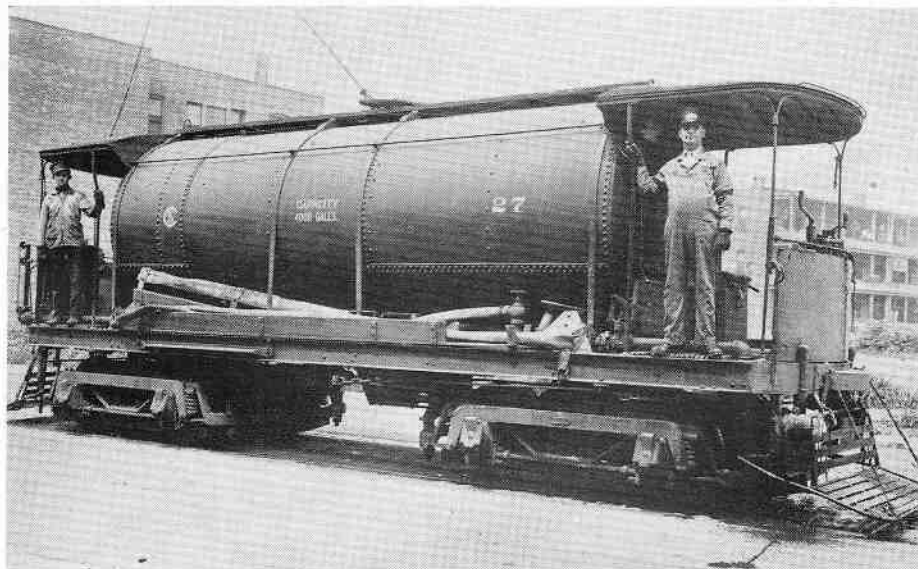
<i>June 5</i>	<i>June 12</i>
Lawndale, at 69th Archer, at Blue Island	Blue Island, at Kedzie Claim Dept., at Archer
<i>June 19</i>	<i>June 26</i>
Lawndale, at Claims Kedzie, at 69th	Bl. Island, at Lawndale 69th, at Archer Claim Dept., at Kedzie

<i>July 3</i>	<i>July 10</i>
Lawndale, at Archer 69th, at Blue Island	Archer, at Kedzie Claim Dept., at 69th
<i>July 17</i>	<i>July 24</i>
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<i>August 28</i>	<i>September 4</i>
*W. Shops, at Law'd'e Kedzie, at Archer 69th, at Claims	Kedzie, at Lawndale Claims, at B. Island *W. Shops, at Archer

\*Games to be played on Sundays, August 25 and September 1.

### HINES HOSPITAL

*June 2*—West Shops vs. Claim Dept.  
*June 9*—69th vs. West Shops  
*June 16*—West Shops vs. Blue Island  
*June 23*—Armitage vs. Limits  
*June 30*—Kedzie vs. West Shops  
*July 7*—Lawndale vs. West Shops  
*July 14*—Archer vs. West Shops  
*July 21*—Claim Dept. vs. West Shops  
*July 28*—West Shops vs. 69th  
*Aug. 4*—Blue Island vs. West Shops  
*Aug. 11*—Devon vs. Lawrence  
*Aug. 18*—West Shops vs. Kedzie  
*Aug. 25*—North vs. Lincoln  
*Sept. 1*—Elston vs. Division



### THEY WORKED THE SUNNY HOURS

In the early 1900's it was CSL's job to water the streets. This was a seven-day week job, and lasted all summer. Bill Toomey (Kedzie) was assigned to the water car and held the run all summer for two summers. He reports that it was a cinch on rainy days. . . . These old cars have since been converted to snowplows.

# Around the Car Stations



us twice a week in the capacity of relief day receiver. Welcome home, Nick. . . *Art Payne* replaces *Harry Gennett* as relief clerk.

*Charlie Kaper*, formerly afternoon clerk at this station will be back with us twice a week in the capacity of relief night receiver. . . We also wish to welcome all the new trainmen who came with us recently and wish them the best of luck in their new jobs and hope they will enjoy working with us.

Operator *Steve Barton's* daughter, *Gloria*, graduated June 10 from St. Mary of Perpetual Help high school. His son, *Donald*, graduated June 9 from St. Barbara's grammar school, and *Mr. and Mrs. Barton* celebrate their 19th Wedding Anniversary on June 22. An eventful month for this family.

*Raeb* stretched a three-base hit into a home run and played bang up at short. *Colucci* was all over center-field and made some nice catches. *Staton and Daszkowski* pitched for Division. *Ed. Fisher* was one of the umpires. *Fred Manzel* and a few of the extra men were out rooting for us. *Clark* was busy coaching at first base and keeping score. Result: Division 13; *Kedzie*, 10. (Thank *Charlie Clark* for write up.)

(May 31st): Division, 20; *Elston*, 10; do not know how the game was played. But let the *Wise-Crackers* from *Armitage*, including *Ted Shumon* take notice. *Ray Larsen* has quit the *Cubs*, no bet. It's time you smartened up, *Ray*. Ask *Earl Nelson* to pick a winner for you, I hear he is good at it.

*J. Witek's* daughter is going to graduate from grammar school on the 12th of June and *Ray Brzeczek* and his wife are going to celebrate their 5th Anniversary. *Cond. and Mrs. Ed. Wagner* have a brand new baby, *Bruce Edw.*, seven pounds, fourteen ounces, born on the 26th of May.

Another old timer has joined the used-to-be. *John Beyer*, who spent many years in the service as motorman, receiver, supervisor or what have you, is going to take his well-earned rest.

Don't forget we have a *Barter and Exchange* column in the magazine. Tell us what you need or what you got that you would like to buy, swap or trade, these ads bring results. Ask *Chas. DeWitt* about the swaps he made. He could almost sell even the kitchen sink.

Welcome to all the new men that have joined our ranks, and hope you enjoy working with us. If you need help, ask any of the old-timers, they will gladly help you out and show you how to do it.

I never knew *Pat McCarthy* from *Armitage* had to take *Tom O'Donnell* to *Diversey* and *Milwaukee* and put him on the bus, so he doesn't get lost going home!

*Johnnie Bowe* and his motorman have a lot of new jokes and tricks up their sleeve. Have the boys find the rabbit on the transfer, *John*.

## ARMITAGE By Ted Shumon

### NORWEGIAN AMERICAN HOSPITAL, May 27, 1946:

Sorry fellows, but as this month's column is written in the hospital, it is going to be short. Your scribe spent a few days in the above named hospital during the latter part of May. The medics were trying to see what makes me tick. They are still wondering. Hospitals are all right, but they are still good places to stay out of.

Our former clerk, *Fred Halek*, paid us a visit while home on a short furlough. *Fred* was looking good. The army seems to agree with him.

Some rude trainmen accused *Al Broach* of being narrow-minded, but *Al* wants it understood that he is just as thick-headed as any one else.

The month of June has been designated as *Volunteers of America Month*. The *Volunteers* are an all-American organization and they do a lot of very good work among the unfortunates of the country. Any help you may be able to contribute, in the way of money or clothes or the like, will be greatly appreciated.

## BLUE ISLAND By C. P. Starr

WE WELCOME *Wm. P. Herbert*, station superintendent, and *John J. O'Connor*, assistant station superintendent and wish them success in their new positions. . . . Our new afternoon clerk is none other than *Harry Gennett*, formerly relief clerk at this station . . . . Our old friend, *Nick Hodan*, will visit

## DEVON By C. Saklem

**F.** *Tyley* and *H. Boeller* are both patients at *Hines Hospital*. Run out and see them when you have time. Also, *Bro. Lawrence Hildebrant*, who is at home now. He had quite a session at the hospital too.

Have you ever seen the "Gold Dust Twins" apart? *Conductor Harvey Heintz* and *Motorman D. Burman* have worked together for a great many years and still are the best of friends. *Harvey* even goes so far as to go over to *Dave's* house to wake him up so he won't miss. That's a real pal. *Harvey* was a mighty lonesome and forlorn boy when *Burman* hurt his leg on the cars and had to be off for over a week. These two come and go together so you can wonder whether *Harvey* could find his way home alone.

Last year *Grandpa Jensen* had a *Victory garden* at *Devon and Ravenswood* and *Bill Colman* did all the hoeing and weeding for him. *Bill* has left the cars so *Grandpa* will have to do the hoeing and weeding himself unless he can get another good *Samaritan* to do it for him. (Line forms on the left, boys.)

Watch *Devon* play softball at *Chase Park* this summer. Although we lost a great many of our players to the *Fire Dept.* since their return from war service, we still have a fine team and we expect great things from them.

## DIVISION By F. Shippy

**PLAY BALL!**  
Wed., May 22, *Division vs. Kedzie*:  
*B. Karp* at bat four times, made four hits.

## KEDZIE By Joe Smith

**A** HEARTY WELCOME to *Supt. George Dorgan* who returned to *Kedzie* on *May 16*, and congratulations to *Asst. Supt. John McCarthy*. Our sincere good will and cooperation to both of you.



To *Bill Herbert*, who left Kedzie on May 15 to take up his duties as superintendent of Lawndale and Blue Island stations, we wish all kinds of good luck and success.

Batter-up!!!—and here's a tentative idea of your baseball team: *Black*, 2b; *Bozzelli*, rf or p; *Bruno*, ss or c; *Craney*, p; *Durack*, 2b; *Enders*, 2b or c; *Furlanetto*, lf; *Ginnorio*, 2b; *Huska*, 3b; *Krawitz*, cf; *Phillips*, 1b; *Raferty*, ss; *Schneider*, rf or p; *Summers*, p or f; *Verassi*, c or 1b; *Wallen*, 3b or 1b. Practice games were played with Division, Lawrence and Lawndale. All scores were close and the playing was sharp. Practice is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings behind Morretti's building. If you want to play get out there regularly and you're in. The first official game was played on June 5.

*Bert Zody* orates that *Panky* is trying to corral all the Roosevelt dimes while *Bill Brennan* has pitted himself against him. Panky wants to substitute the head of Bushman at the Lincoln Park Zoo.

According to *Bill Kenna*, *Art Guarinello* bought a motor scooter to use to and from the depot. Guarinello intends to buy a side car for family transportation later on.

*Krawitz* got back from his vacation in time to join the softball team. He says he's having the time of his life since his return to civilization from the armed forces.

*Tom Naughton*, brother of *John Naughton* and uncle to John's children, returned to work after a restful vacation in the hamlet of Cragin.

*George Berresheim* was wheeling his car past Kedzie and 45th st. when he noticed a big boy flying a kite in the vacant lot. The big boy was *Dave (Dagwood) Dulfer* who, on being questioned later said that he had started the kite for his son but the youngster had disappeared and left Dave holding the kite. Funny thing, Dave, we heard that your son was visiting his grandma.

*Chester Abbott* is on the loose again after his seige in the hospital. He has visited the depot several times and is beginning to feel like moving again.

*Bill Kenna's* son was operated on for a gland infection and was hospitalized for some time. The boy is doing all right now and the worried look is gone from Bill's usually smiling face.

*Leo Sharpe's* boys received head injuries within a few hours of each other on the same day. One was slugged with a toy gun, the other coaxed a piece of ground inhabited by a large rock to come up and hit him. Both boys were hospitalized and Leo got help from our family group insurance. Nice stuff to have around if the kids get konked or the missus gets ornery.

*E. Macken* tells us that *Dr. Valentine*, visiting physician for CSL is on the sick list. Many of the fellows at Kedzie know him and we all hope he'll be back on the job by the time this is readable.

Young *Bill Staunton* wants to know if *George Foster* is just a one-man operator at heart.

*Tony Otis* is back on the job after a long sick leave during which his youngest boy came home from the navy. Young Otis was a pharmacist's mate and sent money home for ma and pa every month. Tony put it in the bank and presented it to him when he came home. Young Otis is going to use it to study medicine.

The boys at North avenue were calling for *Florence Blaa* last month. Spoke to *Supervisor Joe Blaa* and he says she's on the mend but won't be ready for work for awhile. Speedy knitting on that leg, Florence, we're all rooting for you.

The GHS is at it again (GHS is for the *Gallo-Herrick* and *Snell* faction). On Mother's day, Gallo and Snell visited mother "*Bunny*" *Herrick* and presented him with a one-half pound box of candy and a handkerchief-sized rubber apron. Bunny's only comment was that if they weren't so tight they'd have bought a five-pound box and a housedress.

*Miles Harrington* likes his new corner. He's not in the middle of the office anymore so that everyone bumps into him on the way into the inner sanctum.

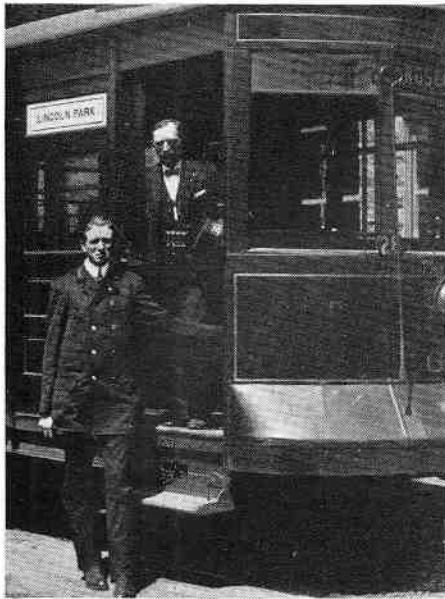
Since *Tom Cooke*, *Bob Healy*, *Red O'Connor*, *Jim Keenon*, *Bill Phillips* and *Jerry Blake* have been fenced in, they leave personal tools on the desks and nobody bothers them. Nice gadget, that fence.

*Bill Brennan*, due to his many duties hither and thither and back in the Credit Union



### POPPY DAY ON STATE STREET

*With 8,000 poppies to dispose of, 52 women from the Surface Lines Auxiliary spent long weary hours on State street selling flowers for the Veterans Poppy Day Association. Beginning their work on the eve of Poppy Day, the women patrolled their stations almost continuously for 24 hours. The Auxiliary is responsible for some 279 veterans at Hines Hospital. In the above picture Mrs. Thelma Dustin, Mrs. Mary Gurga, and Mrs. Ann Reifsteck stand by while Poppy Day Chairman Mrs. Clara Staska takes care of a customer.*



**Motorman Louis Seemann (Noble)** —(left) assures us that the long-handled instrument dangling from the front of the car is not a medieval spear, but a switch-hook which antedates our modern electric switches and could be operated through the front window.

Office, has been finding very little time for writing his column in the UL. But he's back on the beam again and will do his stuff every week now, in Kedzie Kopy.

*Conductor Einstein*, no relation to the authority on relativity and mathematical brain splitters is representative for the CSL Post of the American Legion at Kedzie. He's doing a swell job on membership and will be happy to take you to headquarters any time you want to go. He'd like to have all of you discharged veterans contact him.

To you returned veterans whose names have not been mentioned in this column, we welcome you and give you our word that during the conflict that you so gallantly fought and won, we, here at home missed you and thought of you. In our hearts, even when we were dog-tired after doubling up and filling the places you had vacated, we knew that we couldn't in any manner be as uncomfortable as you men who were lying in muddy fox-holes, eating dehydrated food, picking your way through jungles infested with disease, reptiles, and snipers that you couldn't see; braving flak and anti-aircraft fire to attain your object and blow it from the earth, being strafed by enemy aircraft or having torpedoes plunging at your ship as it patrolled the sea. Oh, no, fellows, don't get the idea we're ungrateful because we knew then and know now more than ever that if it wasn't for you men of war out there protecting us on every side we'd be huddled in bomb shelters which

would be pounded to pieces by enemy bombs. We who stayed behind salute you fellows who went into battle for us and wondered when you did if we were giving you one mite of thought. We salute you for the job you did and for keeping faith with all those other warriors remembered on Memorial Day just passed and for keeping July 4th, just ahead, unsullied as *Independence Day*. *We are heartily glad each and every one of you are back and extend to you a sincere welcome.*

If they've got a good hold on the grab-bar, and their feet are planted firmly on the platform, give him two bells.

## LAWRENCE GARAGE

*By Mickey Loftus*

**COUNT MELASKI**, the Beau Brummel from Evanston, was standing at Broadway and Lawrence on his day off groomed in his sporty plaid coat and slacks when a woman passing by mistook him for a bookie, tried to place a bet across the board.

Wednesdays at 10 A.M. is the time to go out and see one of the best teams assembled at Lawrence Garage. The results from the practice games show without a doubt that Lawrence is the team to watch. *Jim Muscinski*, the manager, has worked out a creditable team that sparkles at all positions.

*Roy Berkes*, the plough jockey from Peterson Avenue, has mastered the art of snuff chewing. All the credit for this achievement goes to his pal, *Lee Bergstrom*, who tried to teach him how to bowl, but found out it was easier to buy Roy snuff.

Everybody was expecting to have some nice fresh eggs, courtesy of our beloved friend, *Otto Carlson*, who I understand, received a call from the American Express Company. Of course Otto never has revealed where the eggs came from.

*G. Pityer*, one of our new members did the middle aisle on May 15. We all congratulate the happy couple and hope they find a flat—and that's a lot to hope for.

*John Sinka* missed the last session of practice so his wife, one of our loyal fans, took John out on Memorial Day and walked him through all the cemeteries she could find. I personally saw her dragging him through the gate of the third one. That's the way to keep him in shape.

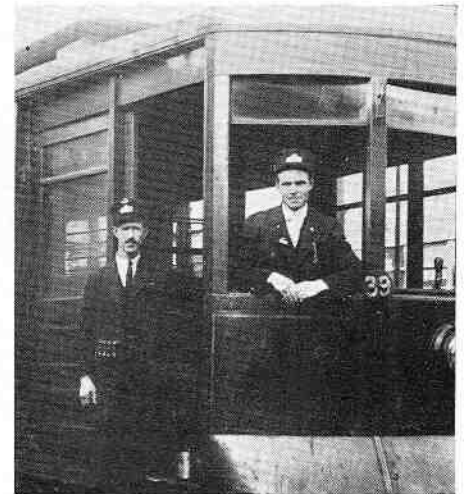
*Ray Gray* went back on his heels when he met our old friend *Johnny Grant*. It seems since Johnny moved south he has acquired a southern drawl. His first remark to Ray was, "What brings you-all out this far, Yankee?" Yes, you guessed right but I can't write what Ray said to him.

*Eddie Evenson* is going to be on hand at our league ball games to take some pictures of our team in action. Eddie is our staff photographer, so smile all the time you play and

as soon as we select some good shots, we are going to have them in the magazine.

When *Tony Anders* brings his fishing pole down, *Foreman Henry* immediately orders *Cahill* and *Charley Reoms* to check all the windshield wipers. Tony carries the poles and bait but always winds up in the fish store on Higgins Road. All the men with victory gardens watch Tony, he is the most infallible weather prophet around this northwest corner.

*Freddie Meyers* and *Eddie Evenson* survived the clerks pick. *Johnny Simko* picked the relief so he could come back a couple of times a week. Of course *Ed. Stenzel* grabbed the chance to come back and everybody welcomes him again.



*The gentleman modeling the smirk and a white tie is Motorman Martin Pemrick (Noble), who failed to identify his walrus-mustached conductor friend.*

## LIMITS

*By Ray Anderson*

**O**UR BOYS on the bowling team are planning revenge for the trimming they took from 77th. They say they will have the cup back at Limits next spring and we all hope they can make good their boast.

When the telephone and the alarm clock ring at the same time there must be something doing. To *Motorman John Hartnett* it was good news. His son who is in the Navy called up and said he was in town. Which did you answer first, John, the telephone or the clock?

If any of you fellows want to know about fishing, see *Motorman Dave Schultz*. He must know something for when he goes fishing he always takes a little boy with him to carry the small ones while he takes the large ones.

We wonder why *Maurice Buckley* chose

Lincoln Depot to play ball with. Maybe Limits was too slow for him and just like the Mexican League, Lincoln grabbed him first.

If any of you boys want anything from air handles down to coffee buckets all you have to do is see our *Junitor Barney*, he will take care of you in any line.

*Motorman Frank Wenderski* says he is getting in practice for the forty hour week. He has cut his week down to sixty hours now.

*Clarence Shipp* took that one fatal step and got himself married on June 2.

The Limits softball team has had a good start with some good practice. The boys on the team wish to thank the men at Limits for the great financial backing and promise to make a good showing for the depot.

*Tommy Stiglic* is all enthused about the team and when he starts telling about the games you had better duck because his arms wave in all directions.

Heard around the diamond that our fly chasers *Geiser, Higby* and *Iacullio* are worth watching and *Prinder* at short with *Turnquist* at second make a nice double play combination. *F. Pffletzing* was chasing a fly ball and the result: one chipped tooth and a black eye. Better try using you hands! *Janas* is still trying for those home runs and is doing pretty well as he is getting them all the way back to the pitcher's box. He says he will get them out of the infield yet.

In a recent practice game when Lincoln beat Limits, *Mr. Sonders* had a smile on one side of his face and a frown on the other side. Who are you rooting for, *Mr. Sonders*?

*Motorman Jimmy Hotton* has just returned to the job after a couple of years in the navy. He is still wearing the same Sinatra bow tie.

**LINCOLN** By *Larry Hippert*

HERE IS the latest address given to us from one of our ex-motormen. He is still in service and would like some of his pals to send him some newspapers. *A. H. Fergus, Capt., L. T. #579—APO #75'Pool—3rd Marivelles—P. I., P. M. S. F., Cal.*

It looks like all the boys are bringing not only their friends but also their relatives to



work with us the latest addition being *Conductor Gus May's* nephew *H. Charlton*. Every little bit helps boys so keep them coming. . . We also have a new man with us now with a name most of us know. He is *Chuck Nyquist*, the son of a former old timer that passed away a short while ago. . . *Motorman Kulin* is also in the ranks of the proud father whose son has entered the services of our country. . . It is good to see "*Bensenville*" *Anderson* back to work after his altercation with a stepladder while working around his house. . . We would all like to know if the housing shortage has anything to do with *Conductor Ed. Schuth* carrying pets on the car with him. At least he could furnish them with a saddle, and instead of scaring the passengers, he could let them use it as a faster mode of transportation. . . Now that *Motorman Holderness* is able to take his autographed cast off of his left arm, maybe someone will tell him to watch the curb, rather than the dears that are running wild nowadays. . . We all wish our clerk, *Haddon Phillips*, lots of luck in his newly purchased Buick. . . *Hank Spaethman* is laid up in the Augustana Hospital with a broken hip. He would really appreciate some of his buddies dropping up to see him. . . *Hank Vandermeir* was very disappointed in not getting his '46 DeSoto to travel in on his

*These trainmen are not on a picnic in the woods nor off the track, they are Conductor A. R. Murray and Motorman W. E. Mathiesen (Kedzie) at the north terminal of Kedzie when it was at Foster (about 1919).*



She's "*Up In Central Park*"—*Surface Service* readers attending that musical currently packing them in at a downtown theatre will do well to take a second look at the lassie playing the romantic lead. If they think they've seen *Maureen Cannon* before, they'll be right. The daughter of *Conductor Ed Cannon (North)*, she was featured in this magazine in September, 1941, when she was on her way to New York and a stage career. Last summer she sang the title roles in "*Irene*" and "*No, No, Nanette*" with the *St. Louis Municipal Opera Company*.

*Cannon* has been working for *CSL* for 29 years this next month.

vacation. But he made almost 1500 miles with his old, but very good Terraplane. From all accounts it was a trip never to be forgotten by him, his wife, and Yours Truly.

Now that the ball team is well on its way it is urgently in need of a few of the old support. So let's get out and watch them go through their antics, fellows.

Congratulations to *Conductor M. Rieseke* and *Conductor R. Blair* who were equally blessed with a baby girl. How about the cigars, boys?

The welcome mat is out to the following men that have joined our ranks in the past few weeks: *H. Charlton, R. Schultz, J. Stover, B. Miller, W. Baba, C. Stone, J. Byrne, W. Dohse, P. Dzielinski, C. Bellert, A. Carlson, L. Barbarone, C. Webb, F. Youngnickel.*

**NOBLE** By *C. F. Greer*

OPERATOR *JOHN CLARK* was seen going up and down *Armitage* with a passenger who had a lot of gold braid on his uniform. It seems that this passenger made several trips with John, so your scribe got nose. The passenger was *John Clark's* brother, who has been in the U. S. Navy 28 years. The last ship he was on was sunk by the Japs and after twelve days in the sea, he was rescued, but by the Japs. He was put in a prison camp where he spent 45 months.

*Receiver Tony Arnieri* spent his vacation just taking it easy. Tony just got in enough days to qualify for a vacation, since his return from the armed services.

Noble Depot wants to wish a hearty welcome to the following new men: *G. David, J. Kolimas, L. Ledferd and P. Lazzaro.*

## NORTH *By Walter Lindberg*

**B**ASEBALL comes but once a year and this year being no different from others, the baseball enthusiasts at North Avenue are busily rounding up recruits (and that means you new men, too) for the team of '46. This team, they tell me, is going to be different (They say the same thing every year). It should be with all these husky discharges flexing their muscles and just raring to spread havoc among any and all teams who dare challenge us.

The Ripley in me comes out whenever I hear something unusual such as *Ed. Kowald's* son graduating on June 13 at the age of thirteen. This is not as unusual as I thought. At the age of thirteen I was trying for the thirteenth time to graduate to something besides the multiplication tables and to get on with subtraction. Subtraction are those numbers on the stub of your check every payday.

At 10:53 P.M. (by *Motorman Dean's* watch) a six pound, eleven ounce little image was presented to the above-mentioned. It was May 16 and he wasn't expecting a thing, he said, but at 10:53 there was little *Sharon Ann Dean*, all nineteen inches of her as big as and as full of life as was possible at that time.

*Harold King*, that's that outstanding man we hear so much about, had a birthday and paid *Jim Sprague* (of Pantry fame) a tidy sum to advertise it on a blackboard usually reserved for announcing a Sprague innovation of culinary importance. This, Harold, is carrying your plea for your pension a bit too far. At the proper time you will receive it and whatever else that certain birthday entitles you to.

The pictures of the "Old-timers" (so-called because they could pick day cars) were really a treat. We've come a long way and I say this after taking a good look at those uniforms those boys wore. The guy sitting on the end looks as though he had just put in his first day alone and the guy next to him (the Moustache) has that "Boy, did I lay out my follower" look.

Seriously, though, these boys deserve all the credit that's coming to them for they were the ones who really pioneered in the transportation business and made it what it is today.

**SUDDEN THOUGHT DEPT:** Today on the first half of my run I had Number 166 bus and the second half I was given 199 and all the rest of the day everything (like the numbers) was upside down.

I certainly hope that by the time this (what passes for) column reaches her *Florence Blaa* will be enjoying her new office and a mended leg as well. In parting let me say again, get out there fellows and help your depot become the Softball Champs of CSL. (No, Florence, you can't play this season).

## SIXTY-NINTH

*By "Chuck" Herrington*

**T**HE MONTH OF JUNE. . . Brides, Birds, Bugs, and Baseball. In a practice game, at the writing of this column, 69th Street beat Archer, 10 to 9.

Oh, yes, some one else besides me caught up with my friend, *M. J. O'Callaghan*, who dubs himself Cal, in his column for the Union Leader. It seems that he pretends to be a collector of firearms, and hoping to have found a sucker, he went out to peddle one of his pieces of iron for twenty bucks. It so happened that he ran into a man who knew a gun when he saw one, and he threw Cal down the steps; the only thing wrong with the story is that he didn't break a leg or two. *My buddy!!!*

*Vince Rutkowski* got caught up with at the circus when it was at the Stadium. Last year Vince was feeding an elephant some peanuts, and when he finished the bag, he filled it with small pebbles. The elephant would take one, and spit it out, all of which Vince enjoyed, being as hard-hearted as he is. This year he went down with the intention of doing the same trick, but the elephant slyly knocked the bag out of his hand, and as Vince bent down to pick it up, gave him a smack and sent him sprawling in the sawdust. It just proves, cruelty to dumb animals doesn't pay, especially when they're not dumb. . . *Jim Noe* and *Ed. McNulty* found out this week that this American Legion thing is all right. They went to the meeting, got loaded with soda-pop and then I found out they took enough sandwiches to start a business of their own. Not bad, boys!!!. . . *Motorman Paul Pallasch* owns a coupe, and last week, looking out the window, I saw *Otto Kruger* get into it, then *Frank Schmitz*, the clerk, and last but not least, Paul himself. When they turned the corner, Paul was still trying to get his leg into the door, and was dragging the street, for sure. . . *Motorman Gradt* went in a restaurant a couple of weeks ago, and ordered a cup of coffee. While the coffee was being served, he saw a sign, "No sale less than ten cents," and he refused it. They tell me he has a case pending with the O.P.A. . . . *Willy Flynn* has been trying to borrow a Tuxedo from one of his friends, as he is best man for *Miss A. Zapparato*. He couldn't rent one because the manufacturers can't get enough material to fit a man his size. . . A bundle from heaven arrived at the home of *Motorman Dennis Sullivan*. . . Be it known by these presents that *Bill Bell* is the official fixer-upper for all wrecks known as jalopies, bicycles,

**IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN HERE—** but it did. When an invitation was sent out for action vacation pictures, this was *Scribe Larry Hippert* (Lincoln) and *Hank Vandermeir's* response—featuring their short sojourn in the north woods. They claim there is no relationship between their pose, the gutter, and the sign on the window—but it still looks like an "after-action" picture to us.

motorcycles, trucks, tractors, airplanes, and wheelbarrows. His motto is "You wreck 'em, I fix 'em." . . . *Mr. and Mrs. George Boedeker* celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 16, amid a crowd of well wishers and friends. Our roly-poly board member, says that the first 50 years are the hardest, but I don't agree with him, especially since I have had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Boedeker. . . Hey, how come they call *Supervisor Lynch*, "The Reverend?" Has someone mistaken the shanty in front of the Depot for a church? . . . *Sir David Emerson* was spotted in front of the Chicago Theatre waiting to get a glimpse of the great Sinatra, now we know that the world has gone nuts.

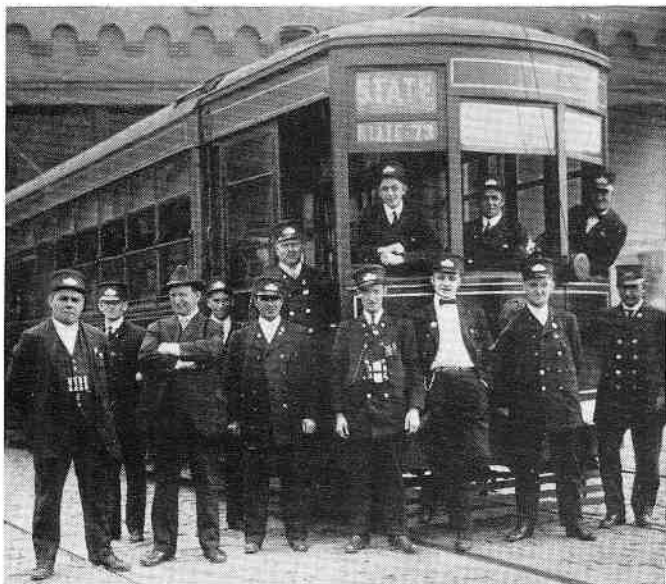
## SEVENTY-SEVENTH

*By W. V. O'Sullivan*

**G**REETINGS—Introducing "Sully" our guest writer for this issue. GOOD NEWS PARAGRAPH!!!!—We hope by the time our copy reaches the press, *Mr. Bessette*, our station superintendent, will be home and well on the road to recovery. Recent reports are that he is doing very well. . . Our clerk, *Marty Grady*, will be back by the time we read this column. He has recovered from his recent operation and looks good. . . I spotted "*Little Burk*," our clerk with the "bell bottom trousers" the other night. He is discharged and back clerking again. . . *Bill Gill*, a well-loved friend of all at 77th, wants to thank those who have traveled the great distance to the Edward Hines Hospital to visit with him and to cheer him up. He is very grateful for this and is now convalescing at home. . . Our Depot, as you all noticed, is being remodeled and office space enlarged. When they were cutting through the strong plastered walls it had all the resemblance of a Kansas sand-storm. . . It is amazing to hear the sounds that come out of *John McKenna's* mouth. Sounds like the lion house at the Lincoln Park Zoo at feeding time. There is only one guy John fears and that is *Baker*. Baker says the only guy he fears is McKenna



SURFACE SERVICE



According to detective Dorothy Musial (77th) this picture was taken sometime prior to 1916, for in that year State street cars began running further south than 73d. This group of 77th trainmen include Conductors J. G. Rauen and F. E. Blum, and retired trainmen A. W. Burrett and F. W. Orton. Anyone else you recognize?

. . . . A newcomer at 77th, Ex-GI, Ralph Zimmer, is a wonderful organ and piano player. If your follower ever starts singing to you, Ralph, just put it to music. . . . Our baseball team won its first start by a score of 26 to 2. When told the score, a trainman remarked, "Wasn't it too warm to play football?". . . . We welcome all the new employes at 77th. They are Ex-GI's who did a swell job for Uncle Sam and will do a good job for the Surface Lines. . . . To all you new fellows that work Clark-Wentworth Line, here is a tip. If you would like to know the type of car your relief will bring up, just ask Red the quiz-kid of the newsboys. He is in front of the barn and always willing to help anybody. . . . A familiar sight on 79th Street is John Becic. If you need soap chips or butter just ask John. He knows where and when to get them. . . . We have received some new buses at this depot, and they are "super." The latest in style and comfort, both for the passengers and for the driver. . . . When pulling in the depot around 79th and Halsted don't tie up the corner or you will see Supervisor Yost go into a "snake-dance." If you don't think he gets mad—just ask the cigar. . . . Conductor John Maloney is now in Iceland visiting with his sick mother and dad. He flew over. He has had quite a bit of flying experience as he has worked 79th street for some time. . . . Our Bowling Team succeeded in bringing to 77th, the Wm. A. Hall Trophy by defeating Limits Depot for the Championship. The Trophy has been on display in the window of our sponsor, the Ideal Barber Shop,

7704 Vincennes Avenue. We wish to thank our sponsor and all loyal rooters who supported us during the season. The following were members of the team: Al Schneider, Walt Harrison, "Chip" O'Shaughnessy, Pete Flaherty and Art Katter, captain. Due to illness, Schneider was unable to bowl for the championship and Irv. Knapp substituted. We were sorry that Al could not be with us for the "roll off" and we wish to thank Knapp who did a good job filling in. The Limits Depot Team showed themselves good sports in the matter and we enjoyed bowling against them. Here's hoping we meet again next year.

### ACCOUNTING By Thomas F. Coan

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Arthur W. Johnson and Gene Gehring who were married on Saturday, May 18 at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was presented with crystal stemware from the employes in the department.

Dorothy Abt's mother passed away on Tuesday, May 14, 1946.

We are glad to note the return to work of Thomas Cashin after an absence due to an injury, and Patricia Bedame after her illness.

With the best wishes of the department we are looking forward to the rapid recovery of Oscar Leiding, Christine Cameron, Thelma Willett and Arline Collison who are on the sick list.

We extend sincere welcome and best wishes for success to Alberta Vispoel, Millie Mandusich and John Colfer.

Congratulations are in order for Homer McElroy for a proud man was he on Saturday, May 11 when he made the announcement that he became a grandfather.

Mildred Desmore and Ruth Reichhardt, who left service Wednesday, May 22, were remembered with farewell gifts from their associates.

A round trip to Rock Island, Illinois, in a chartered C-47 plane as a representative of her lodge No. 129 of the Women of the Moose in company with 53 other girl representatives for a conference, was the experience of Betty Schultz of the Bond Department.

Your correspondent wishes to make the announcement of the marriage of his daughter Eileen Frances and Gerald J. McIntyre on Saturday, June 8, at St. Ferdinand's Church.

### ELECTRICAL By Billy Schenck

MAX DRAFZ, operator at Lill Avenue substation, has been confined to the Swedish Covenant Hospital after undergoing an operation. Max, we hope to see you back in your station soon doing your regular work.

To the family of James Doubek of the line department who, after a short illness, passed from this world on April 24, 1946, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Edward Psioda, one of our linemen, entered on the seas of matrimony with Miss Antoinette Krawczyk on April 27, at the old St. Stephens Church. The reception was held in the evening.

A pre-nuptial party for Miss Bernice Franek was held May 22, 1946 at Grand and Leavitt by the girls from downtown office and Grand Avenue, at which time she was presented with an electric mix-master and a beautiful electric alarm clock. Bernice was married to Robert Kucera at St. Francis of Rome Church. A reception was held in the evening and a large group attended. The couple spent their honeymoon seeing the sights of Colorado.

Fred Hince, lineman, met with a serious accident receiving severe face burns. He is now at the St. Joseph Hospital. We all hope for and wish you a speedy recovery, Fred.

Chauffeur Howard Paulson wrote the following pome after Harry "Shoes" Shuemaker had a series of mishaps and hung his head and wailed—

#### "Everything Happens to Me."

There was a little man named Shoes,  
Who always sings the blues,  
For try as he might,  
To correct his sad plight,  
The things that happened to him,  
Were a fright.  
He hewed and he screwed,  
And said things that were rude,  
And even cursed in his plea,  
"Everything happens to me."  
He ordered a new light,  
And lo the next night  
Along came a cab, in drunken glee,  
And smashed the light, you see.  
So here again is the sniff,  
Of this downhearted quiff,



"HI, FOLKS YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT DOTTIE'S BAKED A CAKE THAT'S LIGHTER'N A FEATHER."

And the plea,  
 "Everything happens to me."  
 His helper you see,  
 Nearly died laughing in glee,  
 For draped on the tailboard of 153,  
 Was our dear friend Shoes,  
 Giving vent to the blues,  
 "God, Everything happens to me."  
 This ends the tale,  
 Of this downhearted male,  
 Because blues there well may be,  
 When—"Everything happens to me."

## MATERIAL & SUPPLIES

By Lois Marsh

WELCOME HOME to Bill Kriel who is back working again at West Shops, after serving in Uncle Sam's Army.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to John O'Connell, West Shops, who was married recently.

Clarence Pipowski and Emil Derma are poppin' their buttons these days. Clarence is the proud papa of Joseph John and Emil of Kenneth!

We extend a hearty welcome to Nick La-Corcia, Stanley Tadevic and Martin Flanagan, new men at West Shops.

Anybody having a '40 or '41 auto for sale (cheap) please contact Austin Hough, West Shops, immediately. (Ha!)

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Tommy Rice. Tommy was very well

known throughout the system and had innumerable friends. He was the sort of person you could never forget because he was always ready with a happy smile and a twinkle in his eye.

## SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC

By L. C. Dutton

THE SCENE of our headline news was Saint Rita's Church and May 18 the memorable date for Mary Wiggins and Thomas Gaynor, who exchanged wedding vows. To the newlyweds we extend the best wishes of the entire department and may they have many years together filled with much happiness.

A little bundle of joy, six pounds, eight ounces, is making the Bernie Kincanons happy. The new boy, named Lawrence, will soon start his training as a baseball player and we hope he becomes as good as his dad on the diamond.

## SOUTH SHOPS

By Justine

OH FRANKIE!!! Dreamy eyed and very much excited, Sophie Misiunas came to work after spending an enjoyable evening at

the Chicago Theatre just listening to Frank Sinatra sing and watching the bobby-soxers swoon.

A cordial welcome to Bob Arendt and Joe Bolech, formerly of Kedzie carhouse. Both men served with the navy and returned after their discharge.

Nowadays, Joseph Draus is seen grinning from ear to ear—and why shouldn't he, the stork delivered a bouncing baby boy!

We are looking forward to a speedy recovery and return of Owen Clark, Martin Byrne, John Degutis and Ed Miller.

Anybody wanting to learn how to square dance ask John Golden to give you a few lessons. We have it from a reliable source that he's been attending these dances every week and is darn good at it.

## WAY & STRUCTURES

By Betty Lhotak

TRACK DIVISION: Charlie Manthy of the Southern Division spends much of his time eating his favorite meal of Italian pizza. The way he eats it is an art and few Italians could compete against him.

While Frank Sinatra was in town Christine Imburgia (the lucky gal) was invited to a cocktail party at the Palmer House where Frankie was Guest of Honor "in the flesh." No bobby-soxers were there and not one of the ladies swooned, but Chris said he looked just wonderful.

We extend our best wishes to Ada Fasting, switchboard operator at Clark and Division, on her recent engagement to Virgil E. Lee. Let us know when the wedding bells will ring.

John Ryan, welder operator in the Northern Division, represented the West Side Bowling League of the Knights of Columbus in Detroit, Michigan last month. Bowlers from all over the country participated. John received the first prize in his league.

With nice weather approaching, Bill Platt, material clerk, Northern Division, is singing the blues. He turned in his car last fall to a dealer with the understanding he would get a new car in February. The deal didn't materialize and Bill is still waiting and expects to, for some time; so he is contemplating buying a dependable horse to get him places until he gets his car.

Fred Church gets his daily vitamins from eating one Hershey bar at each lunch time. In this way he protects his waist-line from becoming too thin.

Anyone wishing to contact Pete Locefer, former welder operator, Northern Division, can reach him at the Old People's Home in Waukegan, Illinois. He'd be glad to see some of his old friends.

UTILITY DIVISION: League Championship Certificate was awarded the Utility team of the CSL South Shops Bowling League for Season 1945-1946.

Chauffeur Walter Johnson wants to know why the boys in the Utility Division call him "Palmolive"?

It was a shock to all of us to hear that Chauffeur Tommy Rice passed away suddenly

## SURFACE SERVICE

May 26th, from a heart attack. During the many years he had worked for the Company he became well known because of his cheerfulness and kindness to others.

**WEST SHOPS** By Eda Laube

**I**F YOU happen to see our little "Peggy" with a "Copper," please don't be alarmed as all is well. Margaret "Peggy" McCarthy surprised us this month by displaying a beautiful diamond on that third finger, left hand. Al McCarthy happens to be the lucky "Cop." The girls were treated to a swell party at her home. Refreshments were served and a grand time was had by all. . . Mrs. Esther O'Brien is back from her vacation wearing a luscious tan. We know she had a wonderful time and wish we could have been "South of the Border" with her. . . Now for some of the changes in the office. With so many of our boys coming back there were a few transfers. Dorothy Angel, our former mail girl, is going to leave us to join the "600" gang. . . Theresa Keener has left us to join the gang downtown. . . Johnny Ruh, truck repairman in the shops is manager of our softball team. The boys, all of whom are from the shops, play ball every Monday evening in Garfield Park at Jackson Boulevard and Hamlin Avenue. The team is going to be in the South Side league and all games will be played at Hines Hospital on Sunday mornings.

Frank T. Butkus, car cleaner at Lawndale Carhouse is going on pension June 1, 1946. Mr. Butkus started with the Company on April 13, 1920.

**Fast Legwork Catches Thief and Saves Purse**

**E**ARLY ONE MORNING when Motorman Charles Oxe (69th) brought his streetcar to the end of the 63rd street line, all the passengers got off with the exception of a dozing woman and a man.

Just as Oxe and his conductor, Ewald Carlson, prepared to switch ends, the woman screamed, "My purse is gone!" The man on the car had snatched the purse from the woman's lap and was headed across the street.

Behind a corner lunchroom the thief tossed away the purse before going inside. Stopping long enough to pick up the purse and call the dispatcher, Oxe emerged from the restaurant just in time to see the thief cutting across a nearby field.

With some fast legwork Oxe had everything thing under control when the police arrived to take the culprit to jail.



*Off the Trolley*

Nearly three-fourths of all streetcar fatalities not involving a motor vehicle, according to the National Safety Council, are persons over 45 years of age.

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To carry culture to the limits (city) Edmonton, Alta., recently transferred its traveling library from a streetcar to a bus, figuring the greater range of distribution of books would outbalance the two-third reduction in volumes to be offered.

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If you think you're safer at home—ponder the fact that home accidents for 1944 resulted in a wage loss, medical expense, and overhead cost of insurance totaling approximately \$550,000,000,000.

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Ninety per cent of the American people suffer from some type of foot trouble, but the majority of these disorders can be corrected before they become serious. Trainmen, and

all individuals who have to be on their feet a great deal, will find greater foot comfort if they change their shoes frequently, reports the National Association of Chiropodists. Try to wear one pair only every other day. Be certain that they fit—snug around the heel, comfortable over the instep, and with at least half an inch of space between the longest toe and the tip of the shoe.

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From "Ohua Kaouila," the employe publication of the Honolulu Rapid Transit company comes the following transit proverbs: "Curse not ye mechanic when the bus faileth, for he too hath his troubles. . . Politeness may be oldfashioned, yet verily it payeth big dividends even in this day. . . He who leaveth the end of the line ahead of schedule may arrive on time, but loseth as a friend the operator of the bus following. . . Beautiful is a tree and useful for shade, but it looketh not well with bus bumper draped around it. . . Happy is the operator who smileth in the face of grouchy passengers."

*Barter and Exchange*

Space will be made available each month as an accommodation to CSL employes 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 employes. Articles advertised or requested must be owned by, or wanted by, an employe or his immediate family. Kindly give name, department, badge or payroll number, and home phone or address.

**FOR SALE**

**WATCH:** One Hamilton railroad watch in A-1 condition. Ralph Luebke, Timekeeper, (Race and Center.). Call Hollycourt 0518 after 6:00 P. M. only.

**BABY CRIB:** Good condition; \$5.00. T. J. Smith (77th) Badge No. 12947; 8232 Paulina Street.

**LOT:** Corner lot in Glen Ellyn; Lot No. I, Block II, five miles west of Hines Hospital. No reasonable offer refused. A. B. Gorman, (77th) Badge No. 4973, Prospect 4336.

**GARBAGE BURNER:** White enamel. E. Etscheid, (77th) Badge No. 5904, Commodore 7561.

**EXCHANGE**

Will trade 7 golf clubs consisting of 4 irons and 3 woods for a metal coaster-wagon or a \$10.00 bill. Conductor Russell Warnstedt, (Division) No. 3466, 4028 N. Central Park Avenue, Juniper 0227.

**WANTED**

**CAR:** Small car in good condition. Ford, Chevrolet, Plymouth. Age of car not important. Bill O'Sullivan, (77th) Badge No. 8225, Radcliffe 4956.

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# THE Most Expensive Parking Space IN CHICAGO!



## CARELESS DOUBLE PARKING COSTS CHICAGOANS HUGE SUMS IN ACCIDENTS AND WASTE OF TIME

The motorist who parks "double" on Chicago's streets would never expect you to pay his gasoline bills. But his thoughtless obstruction of public traffic lanes costs you and your friends time and money!

One car or truck—carelessly parked two-deep from the curb—can stall the movements of *hundreds* of busy Chicagoans. This dangerous practice often blocks street car tracks—prevents street cars, buses and other motor traffic from passing. It disrupts working schedules—runs up a huge public

bill in street accidents and needless loss of time.

Let's all help cure this "double-parking" evil by a careful observance of Chicago's parking rules. By keeping traffic lanes clear we'll safely speed city transportation, reduce accidents, and prevent loss and inconvenience to thousands of busy people!

Remember—the most expensive parking space in Chicago is the space that *should* be reserved for *everyone's* use, so that everybody can go places safely, without waste of time.



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