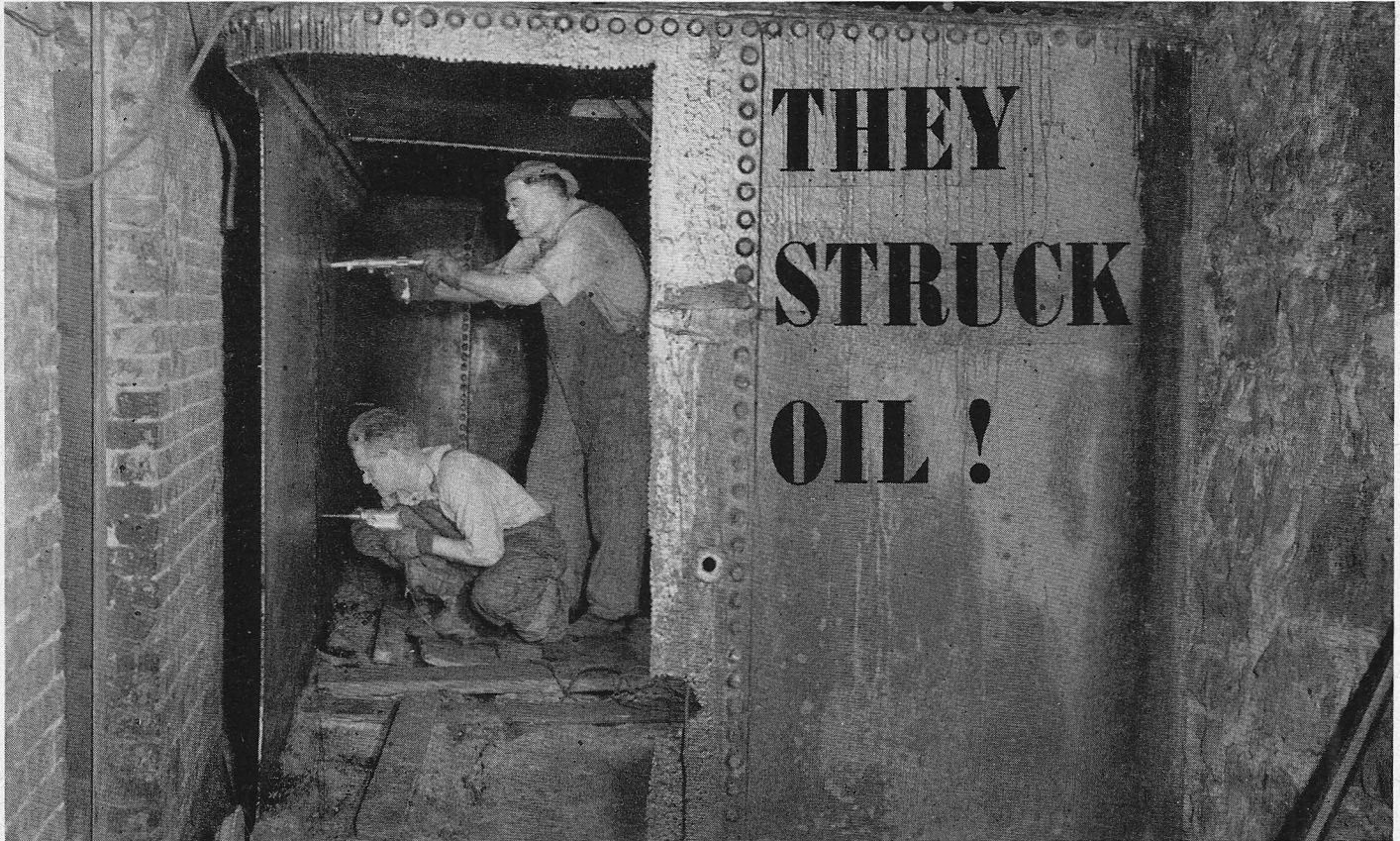




SURFACE SERVICE



ABOVE—John Stacey and Frank Kozaritz cut an opening in the huge oil tank with a drill (note jagged edge) and air saw to prevent explosion. Ashes and sand on floor absorb excess slush.

BELOW—With oil residue cleaned out, Pete Marren uses acetylene torch to cut down walls. Roof had to be dropped from one side and cut from the top to prevent fire. Henry Ambler (right) supervised the job.

A CREW OF THREE men from CSL's building department recently "struck oil" at 600 W. Washington! At least, when the 6,000 gallon storage tank in the boiler room sprung a leak, the job of removing it presented practically as many problems and dangers as bringing in a gusher.

The old tank, located in a tunnel under the alley, was made of quarter-inch steel plate, and measured six feet square, by 20 feet long. It fitted so snugly in its quarters that repair was impossible once corrosion had started. Installed in 1889 when "600" included a powerhouse for the cable cars, the tank originally held the lubricant to make the cables run smoothly through the slots under the street. Later it was converted to hold fuel oil.

Because of its small quarters the tank had to be cut into small parts for removal. To eliminate the possibility of explosion, first a drill and then an air saw was used to cut a hole in the wall of the tank. A temporary air tank was installed for the purpose.

After the oil in the tank had been soaked up in sand and ashes and the entire interior flushed with a solution of tri-sodium potash, it was possible to use an acetylene torch. Fans were used to clear away fumes and smoke. The entire job required about three days and was accomplished without mishap.

SURFACE SERVICE



NEW ASSISTANT TO TRANSPORTATION HEAD Create New Position and Name Three to Receive New Duties

ON JUNE 19 announcement was made by *W. A. Hall*, superintendent of Transportation, that *D. M. Flynn* had been appointed to the newly created position of assistant to the superintendent of



"Well-Qualified"
Dave Flynn

Transportation. Simultaneously he announced new duties for *J. P. Hart*, superintendent of the Loop District, and *J. T. Philpott*, supervisor in the Central District.

The position of assistant to the superintendent is newly created, but it answers a need which has been felt for some time. The purpose of the position is to standardize the methods used in all of the districts and stations. While results have been obtained in the past, it has been frequently found that many different systems were used and it is believed that a standardization will be helpful.

Dave Flynn is particularly well-qualified for the new work. A graduate from Lewis Institute in civil engineering, he came with CSL in 1935 as a student engineer. He worked in the various departments, getting a general familiarity with the operations of the company.

September 22, 1937 he was appointed a supervisor at Limits station, and five years later was made a regional supervisor. In 1943 he became assistant division superintendent at Devon. Dave was appointed district superintendent in charge of District D in 1945.

John Hart, who has been in charge of the Central District supervisors will be transferred to District D in place of Flynn. J. T. Philpott, a supervisor in the Central District, is assigned to the position of superintendent of the Central District.

New Bus Line And Substitution Offer Improved Service

Further Steps in CSL's Improvement Program Made as New Equipment Arrives

A NEW BUS service on North Damen avenue and the substitution of buses for one-man streetcars on the South Chicago-Ewing line were two of the latest additions to CSL's improvement program announced during the past month by John E. Sullivan, chairman of the Joint Board of Management and Operation.

The North Damen line was inaugurated on June 16. The line is two miles

each seating 38 passengers, were used to inaugurate the line.

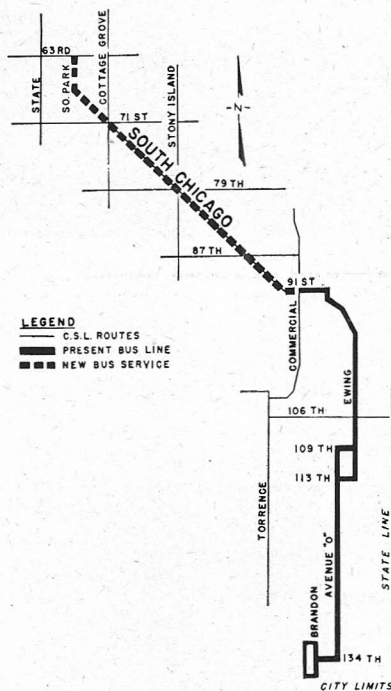
From 63rd street the buses operate on South Park to South Chicago avenue, southeast to 91st street, east to Mackinaw, south on Mackinaw and Ewing to 109th or 113th (alternately), west to Avenue "O", south to 134th, west to Brandon, and south to Brainard.

DR. SMALL YIELDS TO CALL OF RETIREMENT

THE DESIRE to spend more time boating and at his old home in Canada has proven too much for Dr. A. A. Small, medical director of CSL. As of July 1, at the age of 74, the doctor took his retirement.

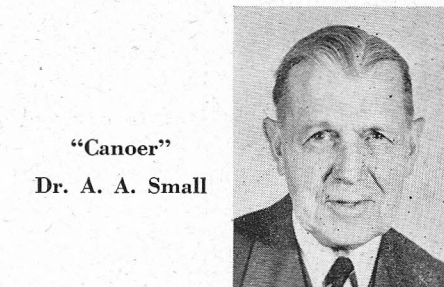
When Dr. Small attended the University of Toronto he developed a terrific enthusiasm for boating and canoeing. Naturally, when he came to Chicago in 1902 he became an active member of the Lincoln Park Boat Club. On the day before his retirement from CSL he rowed his shell some five miles along Chicago's lake front.

Dr. Small came with Chicago Surface Lines in 1922 as an associate to Dr.



long and provides a link between Fullerton avenue and Irving Park road on Damen avenue. Five buses holding thirty passengers each were required by the opening schedule.

With the substitution of buses for one-man streetcars on the South Chicago-Ewing line it was possible to consolidate service with the Hegewisch bus so as to furnish direct through service from 63rd street and South Park southeast to 136th and Brandon. Twenty-five buses,



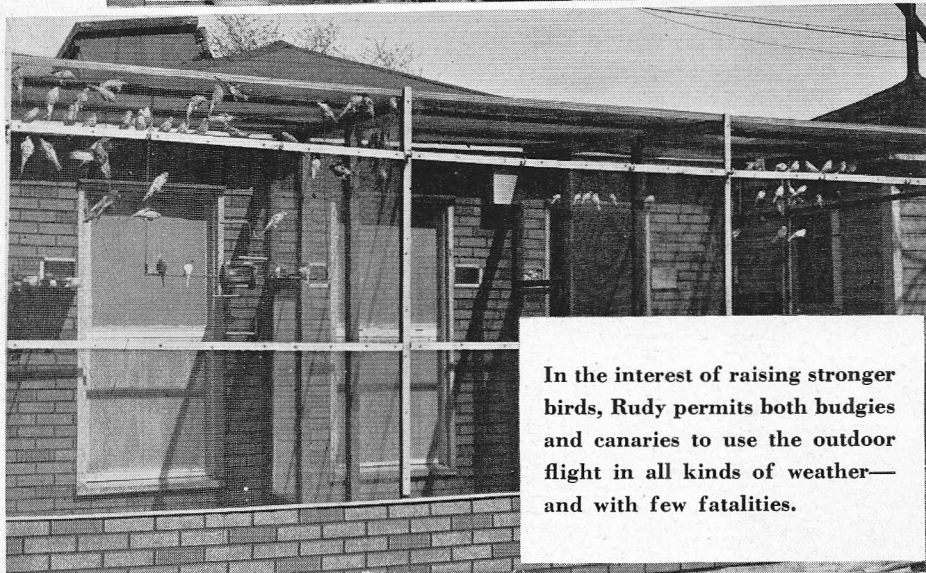
"Canoeer"
Dr. A. A. Small

Leeming, who was then medical counsel. Six years later when the Insurance Department was formed he took the position of medical director.

The doctor's immediate plans include a long visit at his summer home in Canada, and then—destination unknown, although it will certainly be near the water where he can pursue his hobby.



Trained "budgies" need not be confined, according to Mr. and Mrs. Staska. They enjoy human company and doing tricks on the exercise stand (foreground).



In the interest of raising stronger birds, Rudy permits both budgies and canaries to use the outdoor flight in all kinds of weather—and with few fatalities.



Birds in the flight cage revert to wild habits (note gnawed wood perch) and can be used only for breeding. Breeding cages (right) contain running water.

A GREAT MANY PEOPLE own a canary or a parrot, and consider themselves bird lovers. But not *Rudy Staska* (chauffeur, Utility). When Rudy says he likes birds—he means 300 of them. In his aviary are 300 golden canaries and rainbow-hued budgerigars—"budgies" or shell-parakeets, to you.

Rudy Staska, with the patient cooperation of his family and friends, has rebuilt his garage into a modern aviary that would please any professional bird raiser. It is equipped with running water, its own heating system, electric lights, telephone, breeding boxes for about 50 pair of birds, two large indoor flights for birds, outdoor flights of equal size, a radio to encourage singers, and smaller cages and exercise stands for birds being trained as pets. Each breeding box is

SEE *The* Birdies'

equipped with running water and an individual feed trough, as well as a separate drawerlike compartment used for nesting.

In these surroundings Rudy is striving to perfect new and more beautiful colors for both canaries and budgies. At the same time he is attempting to raise a hardier breed.

Favorite birds with the Staskas are the little budgies. Devotees claim that in proportion to their head size these are the most intelligent of all birds. They are clean, affectionate, and can be taught to do tricks and to speak. Prize graduate of the Staska aviary is the budgie that is said to be able to repeat the Lord's Prayer! Do you KNOW THIS?

From the day they are hatched the birds are trained to respond to human handling. As a result a trained bird need not be confined in a cage but will ride on a person's finger or shoulder.

Only the males can talk, but both sexes make excellent pets. However, once a bird is permitted to associate with other budgies it reverts to its wild habits.

It is only a hobby with Rudy, but he is justifiably proud and excited over his success. Although he has been breeding birds only a little over a year, he won a first prize in last year's Greater Chicago Cage-bird Show.

"The Best Advertisement Your Company Ever Had"

*Each Month Many Commendations Are
Received for Outstanding Service. These
Paragraphs Are from Letters Received
During the Past Weeks*

**MOTORMAN FRED YEAGER —
69th**

"This man wore a smile for everyone. He brightened my day considerably, and I believe he is the best advertisement that your company ever had," wrote Vergil Brown, Jr., address not given.

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**CONDUCTOR CHARLES KASOL —
Blue Island**

"A big note of thanks to conductor Kasol, for his careful handling of the crowds. He kept his temper when some remarks were made, and picked up whatever passengers he could," wrote Miss Lillian Boumet, 4012 W. 26th Street.

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**CONDUCTOR HERMAN DANIEL —
Limits**

"The people were pushing and crowding to get aboard. The angry mob rushing home had no eyes or thoughts for two blind men who also wanted to get on this car. The kind gesture of this conductor was enough to put us all to shame. He made way for the blind men, helped them get on the car, opened the swinging door, and led them to a vacant seat inside," reported Mrs. John Hassel, 2444 N. Halsted.

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**CONDUCTOR BENARD CRAIG —
Cottage Grove**

"Upon entering the streetcar I dropped my token to the floor. The conductor did not grump. Seeing that we could not find it I gave him another.

After a time he approached me and presented me with the token that had fallen, this was an unusual courtesy," wrote Mr. Walter E. Dorland, (address not given).

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**MOTORMAN RICHARD LAST —
77th**

From James D. Hardwig comes the report that a woman caught her

auto on the tracks with the gas tank directly on a burning flare. "Your man crawled under the gas tank and took the flare out. At his own risk of life or injury to others. Had the tank gone off he would have been killed.

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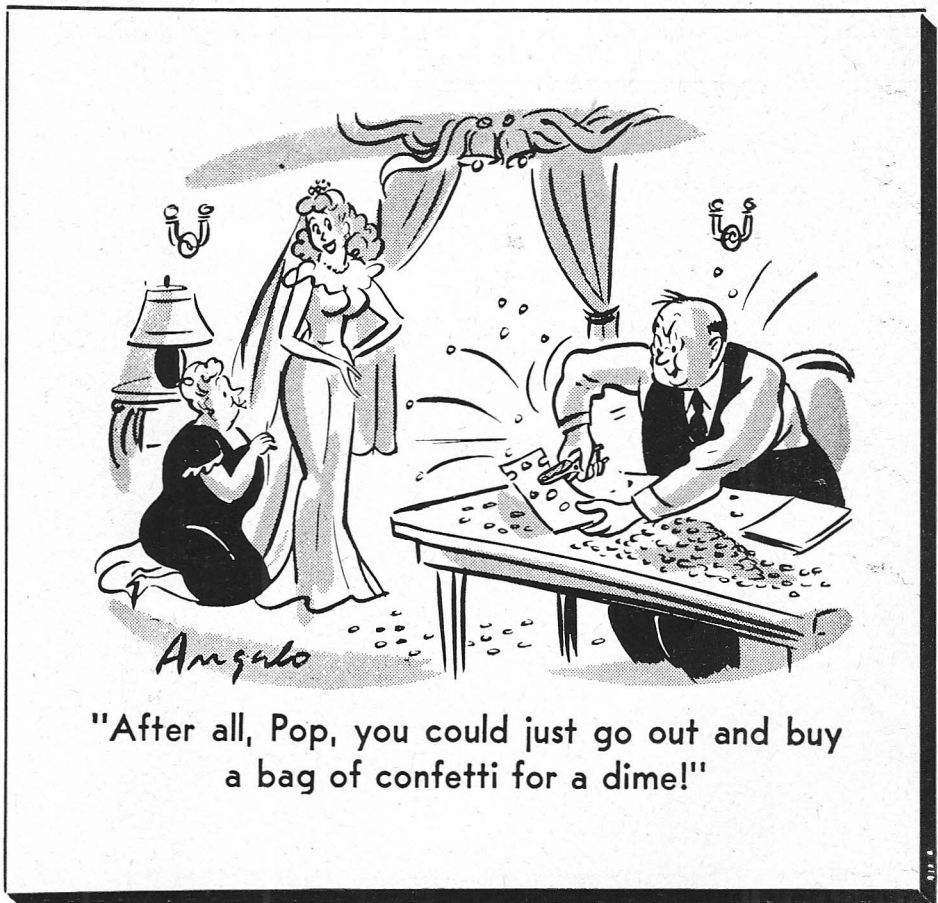
**CONDUCTOR RAYMOND LUSTRO —
Lincoln**

Mrs. H. J. Adams, 2247 N. Richmond, congratulates the company "for having employed such an honest and courteous man." He was instrumental in returning a jeweled pin she had lost.

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**MOTORMAN FRANK MACHOWSKI —
North**

"A man fainted. The motorman immediately put his hand back of the man's neck to lower his head. Within a few seconds the man regained consciousness. . . . It is of interest to your company to have a man of such quick thinking ability," said Joseph Mancusi, who failed to supply his address.



"After all, Pop, you could just go out and buy
a bag of confetti for a dime!"

CSL LEAGUE ENTERS CITY SOFTBALL TOURNEY

SOFTBALL SEASON is here again and all depots are actively engaged to see which team will be declared champion at the end of the season. In the South-Section, Kedzie has a perfect slate with two victories and no losses, being closely pursued by West Shops and Archer Garage and Archer Station with two wins and one loss. In the North-Section, North and Limits are in the top spot with three victories and no losses with Armitage and Noble stations close behind with two victories and one loss. Each of the other stations are not out of the running as they can put on a winning streak and land up in the top spot.

18th Tournament

The highlight of our league this year is our entry in the Herald American Tournament which is now under way. We have had intentions of entering this tournament in the past but it never really happened until this year. The Herald American is now conducting their eighteenth tournament and each team or league has a chance to enter their own bracket.

The CSL League is entered in the Commercial Industrial Section of the tournament. The qualifiers for this tournament will not be known until about the middle of July when the four teams from our league will enter into the play-off bracket of the tournament.

This means that our teams will play other commercial or industrial teams until they are eliminated or made champions. The team will play every five days or so until the finals, when the winners will play at one of the north side stadiums for the championship.

Teams to qualify for the playoffs will be decided at our July meeting and notice will be posted as soon as possible. Another tournament that is a city wide affair is between the Police League and the Firemen's League, the Postoffice League, and the Surface Lines League, to be played at the end of our championship series. More will be published in August.

SURFACE SERVICE

NEW SHOOTIN' IRONS—Twenty-five new white-metal cameras, which were ordered over 18 months ago, have been received by Chicago Surface Lines. After being checked over by Photographer Fred Chouinard (below) the cameras are being distributed to the stations for use in photographing equipment. They take a picture $3\frac{1}{4}$ by $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches and replace the cameras used in the stations during the past 15 years. Above, Joe Mika (West Shops) experiments with the new equipment. Note the number chalked on the car step which will identify the car in the finished picture.



INQUIRING REPORTER

QUESTION: *What is the most interesting incident that occurred on your car?*

THE PLACE: *Lawndale.*.....**REPORTER:** *BILL FEILER*

GEORGE HARTUNG—I was working as conductor on Cermak when we stopped at Clark street. The Chinese in that neighborhood keep goats tethered in vacant lots and one of them had run out into Cermak road. Frightened by the traffic he jumped onto the platform of our car and ran inside. The motorman, *Chester Kulis*, and I made efforts to eject him but, being city boys we made very poor goat-herders. Finally we called the office and they told us to bring the goat to the dog pound. And glad we were to get rid of him.

CHUCK BRISOLARA—Several years ago while working a downtown run on Roosevelt road, I used to have an old lady board my car as we were entering the loop. She would go to the front of the car and sit quietly until we got a seated load then she would get up and begin to preach—a regular old-fashioned hell-fire and damnation sermon. I didn't mind and the passengers didn't seem to mind. Maybe we got some good out of it.



C. Brisolara

R. Talarico

“Preaching . . . Suicide”

RALPH TALARICO—My experience certainly scared the daylight out of me a few seconds. As we were traveling down the street at full speed the trolley pole jumped off the wire and I immediately stepped to the window to put it up again. I was leaning out and the motorman had not yet brought the car

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Geo. Hartung

Harold Evans

“Herding . . . bombs”

HAROLD EVANS—During the war as I was working on Roosevelt road I noticed on one trip an object that looked like a bomb lying in the gutter. Next trip it was still there so I stopped the car and went over to examine it—carefully, you may be sure. Printed on the side was “Bomb container, minus tail fins.” It looked exactly like an aerial bomb. I brought it into the office and told the clerk “Take care of this will you?” He backed off hastily and begged me to take it away but I had walked nonchalantly away. One of the bright spots of my career came when I saw a captain from Army Ordnance, called by the clerk, attempting to “de-fuse” the already harmless object.

Wm. Pasche Dies At Cloverdale Home

ON JUNE 2, Wm. Pasche, supervisor of Accident Prevention, died at his home in Cloverdale, Michigan, at the age of 64. An extremely active man, he had been in retirement at Cloverdale during the last two years, due to poor health.

The history of Mr. Pasche's connection with Chicago street transportation reads like a success story. He started with the Chicago Union Traction company in 1904 as a conductor at the Division station. Ten years later when the Chicago avenue line was transferred, he went with it to North avenue, and was

Four years later he was given the position of assistant division superintendent, and in October, 1925, he became division superintendent in charge at North station.

“Smiling Bill” had a marked ability for making friends, both personal and for the company. According to an article in SURFACE SERVICE (May, 1927),

“His administration as division superintendent was conspicuous for the development of a quality of team work on

“Success Story”

Wm. Pasche



the part of his men that was to the highest degree creditable to him and to them.”

In March, 1927, North station received a plaque and a silk American flag for having won the year's “no-accident” contest. Two months later Mr. Pasche was appointed the company's supervisor of accident prevention, the title he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Pasche is survived by his widow, Catherine, and two sons, Frank, relief receiver at Lawrence and Lincoln, and Herman.

Snow Plow Suggestion Earns Largest CSL Award

THE LARGEST sum of money ever awarded by the Suggestion System of the Shops and Carhouse Departments was made recently to *J. E. Platt* of the West Shops bus overhaul. His suggestion of the use of a hydraulic drive for the conveyor and spreader on snow plows earned an award of \$350.00. The installation of Platt's suggestion resulted in more flexible operation of the spreader and lower maintenance costs.

Albert L. Lones, West Shop bus overhaul, automotive machinist, received \$165.00 for a method of testing and synchronizing the torque converter and turbine prior to installation in the bus, eliminating removal and reinstallation in the event the road test shows the adjustment to be faulty.

William Westphal, repairman, North Bus was awarded \$25.00 for a device to replace the register foot switch on buses and one man cars. Mr. Westphal has had five other awards, one \$10.00 and four at \$5.00.

Hudson V. Lilley and *Walter J. Olenick*, West Shop, automotive machinists, bus overhaul, equally divided a \$25.00 award for a device to line-bore transmission covers instead of using a reamer. Mr. Olenick has been awarded on two other suggestions \$40.00 and \$20.00.

George H. DiGiore, North Bus, repairman, was awarded \$15.00 for a sug-

gestion to relocate valve stems on outside dual tires on Twin Coach trolley buses so that tires can be checked and inflated more easily. Mr. DiGiore had one other award for \$5.00 sometime ago.

Gustav Murawski, West Shop, watchman and laborer received \$15.00 for suggesting the use of pits with inclines approaches to bring semi-trailers to floor level for loading and unloading.

Harvey G. Williams, Devon repairman, was awarded \$10.00 for a suggestion to install a sheet of fibre insulation between car body and cables at the point where they enter the fusebox.

Robert Inns, Kedzie, repairman received an award of \$10.00 for suggesting to eliminate the trolley wire for a distance of 150 ft., west of the stockroom and clerk's desk in Bay 9 at Kedzie carhouse, to eliminate a potential accident hazard. Mr. Inns has had one other award of \$5.00.

James McNulty, Cottage Grove repairman, received \$10.00 for a suggestion to determine correct connections between tapped fields and controller by means of a field test box.

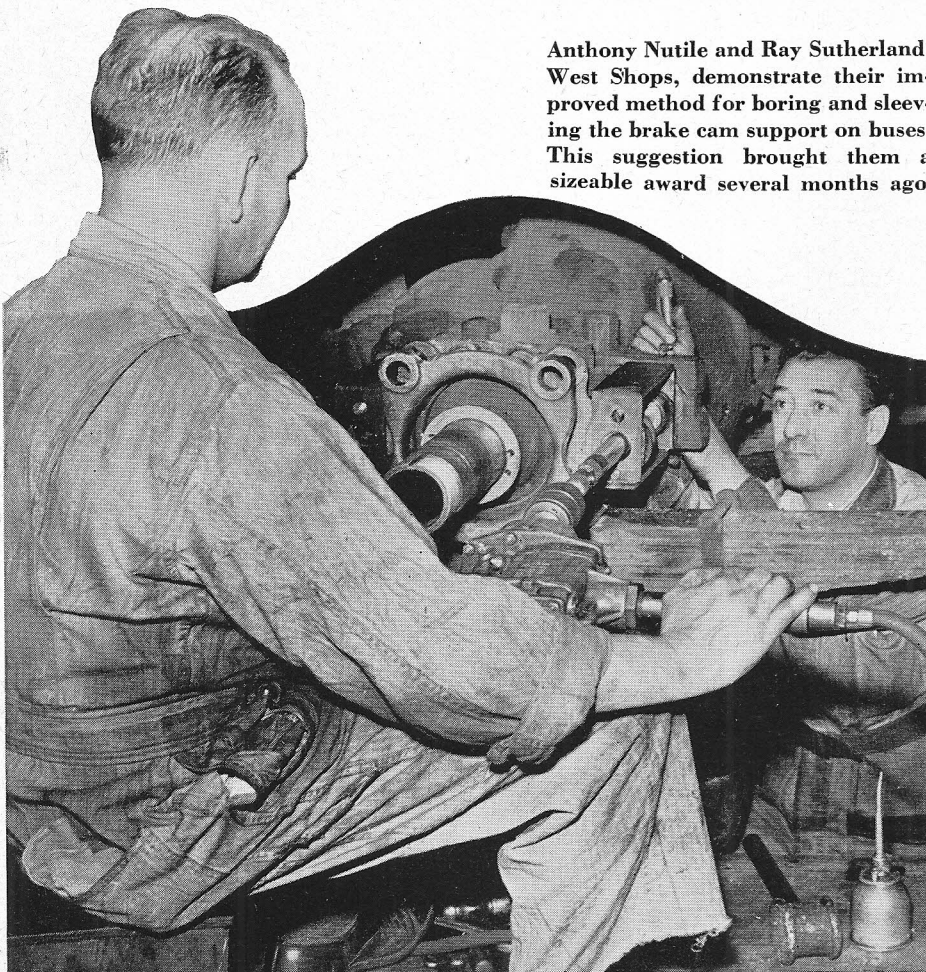
Henry Blau, Ardmore Bus Garage, bus repairman received \$10.00 for the suggestion of using stop cocks on water connections to air compressors on ACF Model C-36 gas buses to permit removal of compressors without draining entire cooling system of bus.

Albert Carlson, Burnside, repairman, received \$10.00 for the suggestion of using a removal pin for door engine cabinets so that the cover can be removed when working on the door engine. This will enable the man to work with greater safety to himself and others near him.

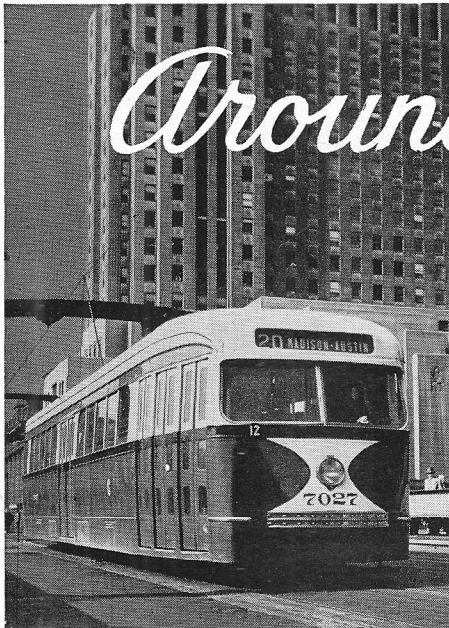
Five dollar awards were made to the following:

William J. Porcelius, clerk in the truck shop, at West Shop. *James V. Hickey*, North Avenue trainman. *Albert Carlson*, Burnside, repairman. *Harvey G. Williams*, Devon repairman.

Anthony Nutile and Ray Sutherland, West Shops, demonstrate their improved method for boring and sleeving the brake cam support on buses. This suggestion brought them a sizeable award several months ago.



Around the Car Stations



**KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES—
BUT DO IT SAFELY**

BURNSIDE

JULY! This month we celebrate the Independence of our country which we have been celebrating since 1776. About that time a bunch of the fellows got together in Philadelphia and decided that they were independent and proclaimed the fact by breaking a brand new bell so that it could never be rung again. . . . At least that is what we gathered from our history book back in that little old school house that stood in the forests of Wisconsin. We sometimes wonder if those guys would get away with that stuff today. . . . In those days there were no movie news reels, no radios or jet planes to carry the news at 600 miles per hour; not even any autos or streets to drive them on. Not even any filling stations if there had been autos. Of course, there were the taverns where potential drivers could have gotten tanked up before starting out, but what would have been the use of having autos or reckless drivers when there were no streetcars to block or motormen to worry. . . . Today we have all the above (modern improvements), so we have to keep on our toes to avoid trouble in traffic. However, after much consideration we have decided we would rather be here today to furnish transportation such as those old gentlemen never dreamed of. In other words, we recognize the fact that the world does move and that we must move with it. There is no standing still, and while we do move with the times, we must be sure to do a good job of moving with safety.

Speaking of moving with the times reminds us that "Something new has been added." We refer to the appearance of the F.E.C.E. cars, commonly known as "Sedans," on Cottage Grove. Several of this type of cars were delivered to Cottage Grove and Burnside depots. It is planned that they will eventually replace the old "Near Side" or muzzle loader type. The first Burnside run to use one of these cars in regular service was *Motorman P. J. Dignan* and *Conductor A. E. Ferguson* on June 16, 1947. Both are enthusiastic about the ease and comfort of operation as well as the added comfort to the riders. These cars will bring a much-needed improvement to the heavily congested territory through this section of the south side.

Mr. R. T. Duffy, division superintendent, and *Instructors Joe Carney* and *John Clayton*, wish to take this opportunity to express their

appreciation for the ready response and whole hearted co-operation of the trainmen in qualifying to operate the new car. It is that same all-out spirit that has always characterized the personnel at Burnside and made our depot such a good place to work.

Sorry to hear that *Conductor John (Farmer) Downey* had the misfortune to fall while trimming a tree at his home and suffer some very painful bruises as well as cracking a couple of ribs. Hope he will soon be back on the job. Would just like to remind John that climbing trees is a job for four-footed squirrels.

We notice that *Operator Wm. O'Neil*, who has signed to go to 77th has been bringing all his shoes to the depot to get them shined. The idea is all right, Bill, but we believe the company also furnishes shoe polish at 77th.—
"FURGIE."

BROTHERS HOLD REUNION TO COMMEMORATE FLOOD

COTTAGE GROVE

MOST OF YOU have heard of the Johnstown Flood—considered one of the most tragic disasters in the annals of American history. We are quite sure, however, that very few are aware of the fact that we have here at Cottage Grove a man who was in the very midst of this catastrophe and has survived to relate all of the harrowing details experienced. He, with his brother, both small boys and expert swimmers, were forced to swim for their lives on the 31st of May 1880, and because of their skill in the art of swimming were able to swim out of danger. Each year, on the 31st of May, he and his brother meet in reunion to commemorate that memorable event. Today he is enjoying excellent health and holds the best wishes and respect of all the men at this depot—For you see, the man about whom we have been writing is none other than our own *Station-Master C. C. Cricks*.

Motorman Chester (Stretch-A-Dollar) Kropidowski swears it's coincidental that the lights in his home go on every evening simultaneously with the street lamp in front of his building.

Conductor Bill Burgermeier will be leaving for his vacation very shortly. He's going to visit his family "in the Hills." Anyone wishing to borrow a good pair of shoes for two weeks, see Bill.—THE LAMP-LIGHTER.

GO TO IRELAND AND LEARN FRENCH—THE HARD WAY

ARMITAGE

BANG, BANG, and the grand Fourth of July is over. Help, help, or this column will soon be over. Bring in the news or there will be no column at all next month.

Joe Hickey, on his recent trip to Ireland, (real or fancied) said he suffered from "*Mal-de-mere*." When asked to elucidate, Joe said it was a French word and meant "You can't take it with you."

Joe Schultz says he celebrated his twenty-fifth birthday on June 21. We don't like to call him a prevaricator, but his big husky son was married on the same day. You figure it out.

Sidney Duke is planning a vacation which will cover practically every town t'other side of "Old Man River." It's a good trick if you can do it. However, we hope he sends us cards or other proof of his wanderings.

On a recent trip to Peoria, *Red Lang* burned out a bearing, in his car. On the return trip he burned out another. Not being one to do things half way, Red yanked out the whole motor and replaced it with a new one. He had no more than got it running well and was making plans for an enjoyable vacation with the Missus when the garage burned down, and the car with it.

Tom Benson, one of our retired motormen, was a visitor at the station June 19 and 20. He is now a resident of Union City, Mich., and is looking swell. Tom says to say hello to every one. That's all for now, see you next month.

—TED SHUMON.

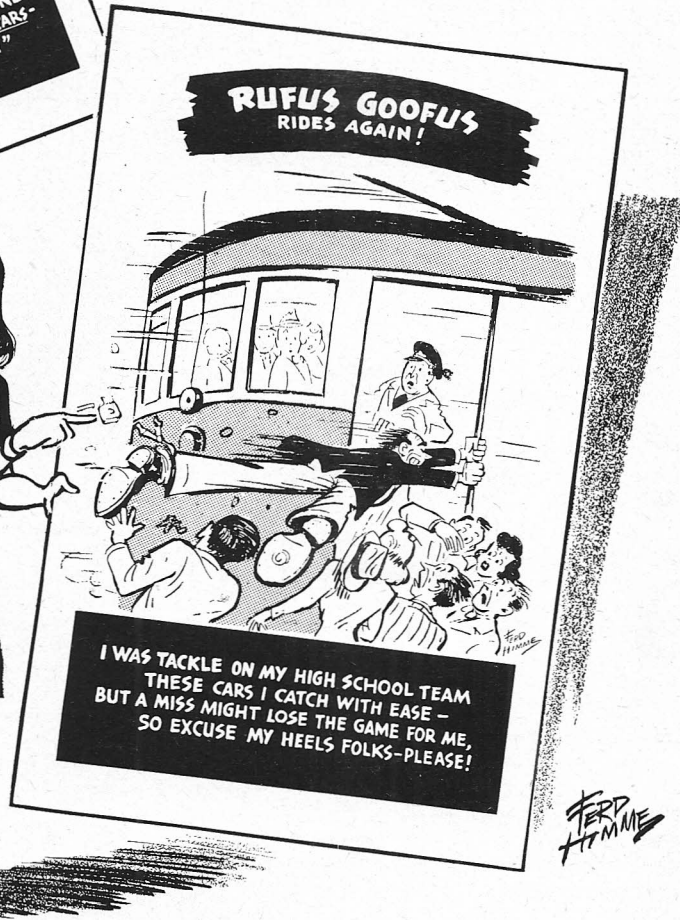
TWO NEW SAFETY INSTRUCTORS TO HELP C.S.L EMPLOYEES !

TO HELP explain to the public the ABC's of accident prevention around public transit vehicles, a series of six two-color posters has been created by the Chicago Surface Lines featuring two carefree individuals—"Dizzy Lizzie" and "Rufus Goofus." With great calm and ease these two re-enact all the bad habits which give trainmen grey hair and the screaming-meemies. The posters are being distributed free of charge direct to various large industrial concerns in the city. In this way a large group of our riders will have brought to their attention in a good-natured way that *It's Smart to be Safe.*



GEE LIZZIE - YOU SURE GET YOURSELF INTO SOME AWFUL JAMS!

I WOULDN'T BET ON YOU, RUFUS -- WHEN YOU RIDE - "SAFETY" COMES IN LAST!



FERD HIMME

WISH OF THIRTY YEARS AGO BECOMES A REALITY

DEVON

AWAY BACK in 1918, during World War I, while *Conductor Mike Size* and I were on our way across the Atlantic on the *S. S. Olympic*, Mike expressed the wish that someday he would be able to cross the Atlantic by plane and visit Ireland. Just before we landed in England, I spied an Irish fishing boat. I went six decks below and woke up Mike. Together we came top deck to see it. I had told Mike the "Irish Navy" was out there to welcome him. He looked at that fishing boat which was flying the Irish flag, and with tears in his eyes he made that wish. His wish has come true and he recently flew to Ireland in 12 hours.

Speaking of the Irish, last year *Motorman Eddy Rollin* won all the prizes at the Irish picnic. He's going again this year so he had better borrow one of those rubber-tired wheelbarrows from CSL to take home the loot. . . . *Conductor Jim Hicks* was all mixed up on the Sunday time tables. Jim called for his run an hour and half early, got his car all ready to go and then no motorman. He called the clerk for a motorman and was his face red when he found out the time!

VACATION PLANS FILL LAWNDALE STATION

LAWNDALE

THIS IS vacation-planning time and everyone is dreaming of that summer time loaf, now that fair weather has finally arrived. *Night Superintendent Jack O'Conner* spent his vacation at Lake Geneva this year and had a swell time. *Chief Clerk Charlie Karshnik* has no definite plans, though he hopes to get out of the city. At least he wants a better break than he got last year when he was subpoenaed on the first day of his vacation.

One for the book: *Motorman Joe Vanek* used to have a talking crow that spoke Bohemian. . . . *Len Lohn* celebrated his seventh wedding anniversary on June 9, while *Archie McMillan* was wedded fourteen years ago July 15. That is hard to believe, inasmuch as Arch claims to be only 22 years old. . . . Now that travel restrictions are lifted many men are seeing the "Ould Sod" once more. *Pat Clarke* is in Ireland now and *Jack Hanily* is planning a trip there to see his aged mother. *P. J. Walsh* was there last summer.

Clerk Jim Keenon spent his vacation at Wrigley Field. Every day! A Cub fan at Lawndale, no less! . . . *Frank McKiernan* received a beautiful tie as a Fathers Day gift from the clerical force.

Watch the Red Board!

Motorman Eddy Schroeder recently celebrated his 35th anniversary on the job by working his run.—BILL FEILER

Quite a few of our boys are on the sick list. *Assistant Superintendent Fred Beckman* burned his legs while pouring hot coffee. *Supervisor Henry Wilson* is home, *Conductor J. Van Den Eden* needed blood transfusions last month at the Columbus Hospital.

Conductor Pat Scortino is back at work after having been sick for four months.

Now to keep the record on the sunny side. *Motorman Pat Brosnan* is the proud daddy of an eight pound two ounce girl who arrived on May 28, and *Motorman Joseph P. Wronski* also has a girl who answers to the name of *Susan Gail* and weighed in at nine pounds one and one-half ounces. Both dads are as well as can be expected but the babies and mothers are fine.

Conductors Henry Ketter and *Bill Zeek* took their pensions as of July 1, and *Motorman A. Younglove—Jim Fahey—*and *George Fish* also took advantage of the pension. *Motorman B. M. Carrier* thinks he will August 1.

Our softball team hasn't won a single game as of June 22. Of course the rain and the bad weather had something to do with it. Hope the sunny days of July and August will bring up the scores and that they will run into a little good luck. Keep rooting for them and go see the games when you can.—CHARLES SAK-LEM.

STORK INTERFERES WITH BALL GAME

LIMITS

IT'S INTERESTING to note that the Limits ball team is doing itself proud, having won all games played up to this time. The game on June 25 with Devon was of special interest, especially so to one *Leo Murphy*—when time was called, to announce that the stork had left a boy at the Murphy home. While speaking of the stork it seems there was special favor shown at the Limits as the following list will show: *Conductor F. Kouba*, a girl on May 8—*Conductor H. Jakob*, a girl on May 27—*Conductor J. Wolf* a girl on June 17, and *Motorman W. Kluth*, a girl on June 7.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the following: *Barney Loftus* and *Conductor Brooks* in the loss of man's best friend, his mother, and to *Supervisor Tutlewski* in the loss of his daughter. To *Mrs. J. J. Bartlett* in the loss of her husband.

It would seem that *Frank Kouba* is doing all right for himself as daughter number three arrived May 8. He calls his girls the three "R's": *Rita*, *Ruth* and *Rose*. He also celebrated his ninth wedding anniversary on May 28. . . . Our attention was called to the special tie *Motorman J. Nolan* was wearing: he called it a take-off tie. . . . Lots of happiness to *Andrew P. Douvris* and wife, married May 31.

I wish to take this means to thank all the fellows who were so thoughtful of me in my recent illness and during my stay in the hospital. It's nice to be remembered. Thanks again.—CHARLES RITTER

PUT UP THE DUKES, BOYS, A FIGHTER'S PRESENT

LINCOLN

THOSE TIES that *Clerk Bob Quetschke* wears are hand-made by his favorite aunt. . . . *Bill Fox*, our genial janitor has been enjoying a vacation. He said he had a good time and was glad that none of us were there. *C. (Peanuts) Johnson* is doing a great job along with *Bill Dier*. Wonder if those guys ever sleep? . . . Things you knew all the time but that we just found out: Our *Assistant Superintendent Bill Calderwood* was a class-A boxer long ago. He looks as if he can handle himself pretty well now.

How does *Lloyd Spinner* keep those biscuits warm until he gets into the depot? They look as if they're sat on at times—that could be one way. . . . One of the reasons it rained so much during June was that *Lester Bunge* couldn't find anyone to trade with and worked his own run for two days in succession. . . . *Julius Snackel* is back on the job after a bout with the flock of boils on his neck. . . . *Haddon Phillips*, our night chief clerk, has returned from Florida where he spent his vacation and made a hole in one while playing golf. . . . *Don Arcari* has joined the ranks of the married men, he got that way on July 20 and we couldn't talk him out of it. . . . *Instructor Larry Stephens* is back on the job after his sojourn in the hospital for an operation. . . . Our ball team is very much in need of a few rooters. They haven't been doing so bad but would do a lot better with a little noise from the side lines. *Manager Heinie Schaller* says if the crowd gets to be big enough he might even put on a show and do a little pitching.—LARRY HIPPERT

IF YOU CAN'T PLAY BALL AT LEAST YOU CAN YELL

NOBLE

SOFTBALL started with a strong team in each depot June 4. Lawrence lost a close decision to Noble, it being anyone's game right up to the ninth inning when *Catcher Freitag* lined a hit into left field driving in the winning run 12 to 11. On June 11, Lincoln visited us and took it on the chin 19 to 5. With everyone hitting, Lincoln demonstrated a fighting spirit that is hard to keep down. June 18 Noble visited Armitage and it was a knockdown and drag-out affair with Armitage on top 11 to 8.

You fellows are missing a lot of fun when you fail to see your team in action, and I know there are some A-1 ballplayers who haven't come out yet to support their team. So how about it fellows?

We've heard nothing from the fellows who have had their vacations so far. Is it this weather we've been having that discourages you? Drop a card in the mail when you get a chance. We always like to hear from you.

Conductor Cummings and his lovely bride of June 21 gave Pete Lazzaro some ideas. At the reception at the Edgewater Beach Hotel he was heard to remark, "If getting married is like this maybe I'll try it." Pete was accompanied by a very pretty little blonde. . . . And to show you how these things can last *Operator Styles*, celebrated his silver anniversary on June 17.

Andy Wendt is back after a long illness.

"Love is ever the beginning of knowledge, As fire is of light."—C. F. GREER

OH, FOR THE LIFE OF A FIRE CHIEF

77TH

WILLIAM PUGH lives at 114th and Troy Streets. He has a fire hydrant in the front of his home, for which he finds many uses—such as to sit on while he waits for a bus, to water his lawn and garden in the summer, to make ice in the winter. He can do all of these things because he is the fire chief, and his first deputy is *John Schriber*. *Jerry Gleason* has been trying to get a job at the fire house. How about it Chief?

Supervisor Joe Brady has discovered a new title for his job. He was holding down his post in a very manly way when a colored fellow came up to him and addressed him as "Mr. Streetcar Policeman." We hear *Bill Ruhle* is looking for a nice old sway-back horse. . . . *Motorman Bob Sayer* took a nice trip to the State of Iowa. When he arrived there he purchased a streetcar pass, and then spent several pleasant hours riding up and down the streets.

SPRING SHINDIG—There was a gay time when the Auxiliary Juniors of the Surface Lines American Legion Post staged their first social affair—a Penny Social May Party and Dance. Under the leadership of *Marilyn Miller* (extreme right), daughter of *Charles Miller* (Armitage), and *Veldean Karasek* (center), daughter of *Jack Karasek* (Devon) the Juniors cleared sixty dollars from the affair. Next event scheduled is a luncheon and theatre party. *Clara Staska* (second from right) is the group's adviser.



Car Repairman J. Hopkins was playing softball the other day. While fielding a ball he fell, and the other team scored three runs. The fans all thought he was trying to do a swan dive.

The wife of *H. M. Ringo* underwent an operation on June 18. We hope she has a speedy recovery.—R. V. MACK.

BOWLING TECHNIQUE HELPS START SOFTBALL SEASON

69TH

IT WAS A SIGHT for sore eyes to watch *Station Superintendent Gillespie* throw the first ball at the inauguration of the softball season. The crowd watching the game thought that the boss may have been thinking of a bowling alley, or else he was trying to combine softball and bowling into a brand new game to be baptised later. Anyhow 69th trimmed *Lawndale* 2 to 0, later they beat *Blue Island* 5 to 2, and were conked by *Kedzie* 13 to 11. But, again, they mauled the *Archer Garage* boys 6 to 4. *Manager Pete Spoo* would like to see more rooters at these games. . . . *Conductor John Chambers* received a refund from his income tax recently, and upon being asked on what grounds the refund had been made, he replied that he had listed one dog, five chickens and two cats as dependents. Not bad. . . . *Supervisor Frank Campaigne* who is the proud possessor of an exquisite shiny dome received a bottle of hair tonic for Father's day. . . . Wedding bells rang for the following trainmen during the month: *Conductor P. Berkowicz*; *Conductor*

J. J. Carroll; and *Conductor H. C. Berndt*. . . . Blessed events occurred at the home of *Operator and Mrs. B. J. Weidner* with a baby girl; *Operator and Mrs. J. J. Dubinski*, a boy; *Operator and Mrs. G. R. Batterson*, a boy.

Motorman F. Hoppinger would like to have an alarm clock with an extended hammer so that it would hit him on the head when it goes off. . . . Wonders will never cease. *Clerk Frank Rooney* was invited to a wedding, and being at loss at what to give to the bride as a present, he decided to bring her a quart of strawberries and a dozen ears of corn. . . . Be careful of old relics. *Operator H. James* invited the *G. C. Wagner* family for a joy ride in his 1911 *Stanley Steamer*, but the old chariot gave up the ghost somewhere in the wilderness of *Palos Park*. Lacking a map of the strange country, they had to follow the light from the *Lindbergh* beacon in order to hoof their way home to Chicago!

When *Conductor Edward Courtney* built a two-car garage a few years ago, he was really foresighted. Since the country was hit by the housing shortage, he has put his car on one side, and rented the other for living quarters. . . . We have from good authority that *Jerry "the Barber"* has converted a lot of surplus Christmas presents into presents for June brides. . . . *Clerk Barney Becker* spent his first vacation since he returned from the service, exploring the state of Wisconsin, but we do not know whether or not he went to Milwaukee to find out what made the city famous.—THE GHOSTS

THREE BRIDES TAKE VOWS IN JUNE

ACCOUNTING

LYNNE MARIE is the name of the new baby girl born on Monday, June 9, at St. Anne's Hospital to *Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnson*. . . . *Helen Gerke*, who is convalescing at home after an operation, was remembered with "Get Well" cards.

The department welcomed the following new clerks: *Robert Dolan*, *Mildred Bykouski*, *Helen Doherty*, *Louise Hagen* and *Mary Keigher*.

Best wishes were extended to *Patricia Gallagher* and *Robert Geriba*, *Eleanor Kozel* and *Edward Bozelka*, who were married on Sunday, June 22; also, to *Ruth Johnson* and *Gunnar Anderson*, who were married on Saturday, June 28, 1947. The brides were remembered with useful wedding gifts from members of the department.

Eileen Donovan spent an enjoyable vacation at Miami Beach, Florida, bathing, boating, and sightseeing.

Mrs. Mary Amsterdam of the blue transfer division and *Mrs. Jean Miller*, formerly of the payroll division, lost their husband and father, *David Amsterdam*, who passed away on Monday, June 23, 1947. Mr. Amsterdam began service in the Transportation Department in February 1906. He was serving as conductor at North when he went on the inactive list in 1928.—THOMAS F. COAN

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In The News



BIG HAUL — When an estimated 300,000 Chicagoans attended the Centennial Celebration of the Chicago Tribune held in Grant Park early in June, Chicago Surface Lines crews did a noble job of hauling thousands back and forth. Approximately 100 streetcars supplied service into the park, and around 200 stood by to help carry the crowds away. Extra service was provided on all main north and south lines and the whole affair took place without mishap.

BIG TIME — Motorman "Bud" Walker (Cottage Grove) and Ernie Buergermier (Archer) recently appeared on a veterans program with Joe E. Brown (without his rabbit). Bud did his famous impersonations and chalk-talk, and Ernie plunked his mandolin in a special ensemble of radio stars. The sketch of Brown shown here was later given to "Harvey's" friend.



BIG THRILL—Reliefman Richard Brady (wreck truck, Utility) has a hobby of horses and riding and recently when he appeared in an old-fashioned horse show, he had the thrill of combining his hobby with a relic of his everyday work. The buggy which he drove was the personal property of John Roach, president of the Chicago City Railway Company, back around 1895. When Mr. Blakely, superintendent of the Utility division, was put in charge of horses and wagons after the consolidation, he was given the buggy for his personal use. He retired it when horses went out of fashion, but now it has been brought out and dusted off by Brady, who thinks there's still some future for it.



THREE BABIES ADDED TO CSL FAMILIES

ELECTRICAL

BUTTONS POPPING OFF! *Adolph Kutz*, of the downtown office celebrated the arrival of a healthy bouncing boy on June 17. Papa smiles from ear to ear. Mother and baby progressing nicely. . . . Also "B" *Electrician Joe Mulree Jr.*, is a proud daddy of a baby boy. The blessed event took place while he was on his vacation. . . . *J. Carey*, welder, is the proud papa of a baby girl.

VACATIONS—*Chief Operator Leo Behrendt* of 20th Street substation covered a lot of territory. His itinerary included Atlantic City, New York City, Boston, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Niagara Falls, and then to Park Falls, Wisconsin, to rest up. . . . Received a post card from *Fred Schurke* of the maintenance gang who is vacationing at La Porte, Indiana—Quote: "Having a good time chasing squirrels," end of quote.

Since Chicago has been enjoying California weather for the past month, it was a vacation playground for *Operators R. Siers*, 44th St., *J. Wegl*—Broadway, *A. Wilmont*—Lill Avenue, *S. Gecan*—Illinois Street, and *Apprentice M. Mucha*.

William Wende's son, Russell, graduated from Northwestern University June 18 with a B.A. and C.P.A. . . . *Fred Hunsche*, of the line department has returned from his vacation which was spent in the State of Washington—**ANDY**.

TRAIL-BLAZERS TAKE OVER STARVED ROCK

GENERAL OFFICE

VACATIONS again take the spotlight. Purchasing has the most to report—*Mary Ranahan* took a trip to New York; *Lumina Shay* split hers, with one week at Fox Lake, *Mr. Underwood* vacationed in Nebraska—**AND**—Wonder of Wonders! *George Macak* had a grand 12 days at Uncle Sam's expense at Fort Knox, Kentucky. . . . *Jack Krause* (Dispatcher) paid the hill-billies in Arkansas a visit; *Marie Krausman* (Trans.) spent her vacation at McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer, Indiana; and *Jimmy Tucker* (Transp.) went down to Texas; *Mary Roach* had one week at Lake Geneva.

On June 8, the people of Ottawa, Illinois were awakened bright and early by the Transportation Trail Blazers. The entire group from Room 1465 held a picnic at Starved Rock. *Lou Bohlin*, the Hollywood camera ace, made color movies of the group's activities—baseball, scaling the rocks, feeding of the wolves of Transportation, and the gang taking over the children's playground. Highlights included the teeter-totter ride of *Marie Krausman* and *Ruth Sautter*.

Bride-elect of the month is *Fay Lipuma* (Purchasing) who became engaged to *Don Karl*. . . . *Ronnie Murray* is the new girl in Purchasing; and the new voice on the switchboard is *Joseph Kirk*, who replaced *Ben Geach*. —**BRENDA & COBINA**

EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT: A hearty welcome to Marilyn Christian, a newcomer in our department. . . . We also welcome back *Bette Davis* for the summer vacation period. Bette, otherwise, is a Monmouth College student. . . . Our *Ann Zahumensky* is taking off on one of those famous trips again—this time to Canada.—**G. KAMIS**

NEW NEWS IS

GOOD NEWS

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC

EVERYTHING in the Schedule Department news is new this month. The town of St. Charles has a new resident, *Statistician Bob Boal*. *Evelyn Kaross* has a new electric stove, due to her good luck at the cooking school. *Joe Billis*, traffic-checker, and wife have a new daughter, seven pounds nine ounces of joy delivered at Jackson Park Hospital on

INQUIRING

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to a stop when the pole hit a span wire and bounced, wrapping the trolley rope around my neck and pulling it tight. There was no harm done but that is as close as I care to come to being hung.

"Stopover"

Ed Calahan



ED. CALAHAN—As I was operating a bus on Kimball-Homan I saw a man run out of a house at a regular stop and beckon me to wait. I stopped the bus and opened the door. The man ran up to the bus and with his foot on the step turned and looked back toward the house. "Wait," he said. I looked, too, but I didn't see anything. "Wait for what?" I asked. "My wife," he said, "She's dressing. She'll be out in about five minutes!"

June 17. One of our electromatic typewriters has a new operator who answers to the name of *Marie Cordell*. An old-timer of our group, *John Howe*, is bragging about a new son. —**L. C. DUTTON**

LIFE GOES ON AND ON DOWN SOUTH

SOUTH SHOPS

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rohe* on the arrival of a lovely little heir by the name of *Mary Louise*. *Max Kuchan, Jr.* (Woodmill) and *Loretta Mae Spar* exchanged marriage vows on June 7, 1947, at St. Gall's Church. They spent their honeymoon in New York.

Eric Wians met with an accident while playing baseball and broke his thumb. . . . The welcome mat is laid out to all new employees.

Sophie Fortuna is quite busy these days as she just moved into her new home.

Evelyn Clark has returned from her vacation and tells us she did an awful lot of resting.

Nice to see *Joe Birmingham* back in the office after being out in the booths for such a long time.—**ANNE M. YERCICH**.

STARLIGHT SHINES IN SAILBOAT RACE

WAY & STRUCTURES

TRACK DIVISION: *Paul Anderson* is having quite a time consulting the experts around here as to just which of the 48 states he should tour this year. Any ideas or maps you may have will be appreciated. (No doubt Paul will enjoy his vacation at Lincoln Park very much.)

Our *Vice Commodore John Ruzich* (better known as superintendent of the western division) tied for first place with his sailboat "Starlight" at the recent three-race series for the Napier Cup for Stars, held by the Jackson Park Yacht Club at the Aqua-Theater Carnival.

It's six pounds fifteen ounces of glamour-girl *Barbara Lee* at the *Lee M. Valco's* home, born June 11. Father Lee is a southern division welder helper. . . . Our sympathies are extended to *Stanley Bubalo* in the death of his wife after an operation.

Carl Johnson, general foreman, intends to spend his vacation this year in Northern Minnesota. He says that's the only place they have really good smorgasbord.

Frosh: "Transfer, please."

Conductor: "Where to?"

Frosh: "Can't tell you. It's a surprise party."

Mr. & Mrs. Minzione Valco recently returned from visit to daughter in Tucson, Arizona. Minzione, otherwise known as Mike, is quite a gardening enthusiast and did not care too much for Tucson because he had no luck in several attempts at trying to grow a tomato plant. . . . *Motorman Hugh Barclay*

SURFACE SERVICE

and *Trolley Tender Joe McDonald* have just returned from a vacation tour of Canada, thanks to their good old faithful '36 Plymouth.

Our sympathy is extended to *Motorman William Quinlan* and family in the recent loss of his wife. Their Golden Wedding Anniversary was this month.

UTILITY DIVISION: *Joe Westman*, chauffeur, is the champion fisherman at Grand & Leavitt, and to prove this he stopped at the garage while on his vacation to show the boys that the fish he catches need a halter to handle them, and he sure proved what he told all the boys.

Carl Anderson, chauffeur, is also on his vacation and he will be holding that fish pole in his hand day and night trying very hard to beat *Joe Westman's* record.—**BETTY LHOTAK**

**IF YOU DON'T KNOW 'EM,
THEY'RE MAIL BOYS
WEST SHOPS**

JUST CAN'T keep up with all these new mail-boys. Everytime I look up there's a new one filing the mail. *Leonard Bolechowski* is our latest addition to the office, and *John Gilla* and *John Caulfield* are back again for the summer.

They're off to a flying start, that baseball team of ours, so far winning almost every game they've played. For those who haven't seen them play, they wouldn't mind a little cheering from the sidelines. For any information regarding the games watch the bulletin

In Memoriam

THOMAS M. RYAN, 59, motorman from Kedzie, died 5-20-47, after an illness of six years. Upon his death his service with the company amounted to 31 years.

VINCENT GEDWILLAS, 62, repairman from Kedzie, died 5-26-47. He had been with the company 36 years.

LOUIS WALTHER, 58, motorman from Archer, passed away 5-27-47, after an illness of two years. He had 24 years of service with the company.

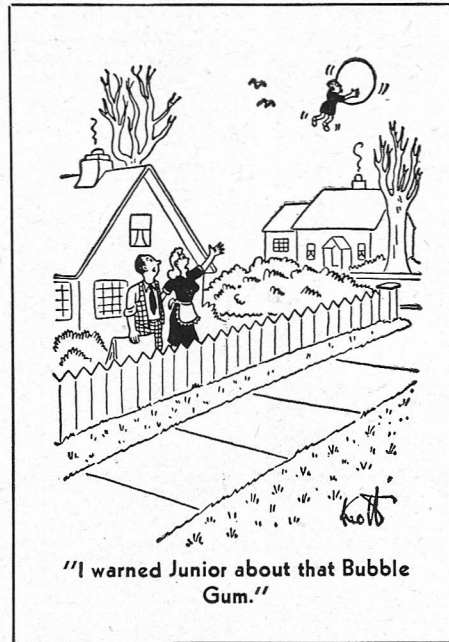
KILIAN SCHANZ, 63, motorman from Devon, died 5-31-47. He had 27 years of service with the CSL. Death was due to heart failure.

EDWARD KOLAR, 54, motorman from Division died 6-1-47. At the time of his death his service with the company amounted to twenty years.

MIKE PINCICH, 59, laborer from the Track Dept., died 6-1-47. He came with the CSL four years ago.

WILLIAM PASCHE, 64, supervisor of accident and Prevention, died 6-2-47. Death was caused by a heart ailment. Upon his death he had 43 years of service with the company.

NOEL A. KENNEDY, 53, motorman from North passed away 6-2-47, after an illness of two years. He had 18 years of service with CSL.



boards, or drop in and see *Miles Coleman*, carhouse department, alias "Slugger." Miles is quite a home-run king.

The face behind that grin walking around the office these days, is *Heinz Doering*, and who can blame him for being so happy. He just moved into his new home out in Riverside. . . . Best wishes go with *Ann Ardzeck* as she leaves to take over the full-time duties of a housewife.

From the paint shop, comes news of a baby boy at the *Cyril Lemke's* home, answering to the name of *Michael Allen*, while two little pin-up girls were left at the homes of the *Patrick Carney's* (*Donna Ann*) and (*Berenice Eleanor*) at the *Stanley Shimkus's*.

Ruth Monahan spent her vacation in Boston, Mass. *Mr. Gillen* spent his vacation in and around Chicago. *Mr. Herwig* and *Andy Tyson* spent theirs up in Minnesota. On Mr. Herwig's first day back to work he injured his foot, thus giving him an extended vacation.

It was a big day out in the Truck Shop when *Dan O'Brien* and his assistants moved into their new office. The occasion was celebrated with a beautiful bouquet of peonies sent by *Paul Bahr*, of the truck shop.

Joseph Nemecek, drafting room, is happy. His son, who is a captain in the U. S. Army Medical Corps, has just returned from Korea.—**MARY CROSBY**

Off the Trolley

Many of the enticements which Chicago proffers to the vacationer are caught in this month's cover photo by *Louis C. Williams*. The picture was made from the *Shedd Aquarium*. Incidentally, if, like our printer, you feel that the customary date-line has been omitted from this cover, take another squint—those are not the bars of a window cutting through the picture.

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CSL trainmen should take a bow for part of the bouquet included in a recent "letter to the editor" appearing in a metropolitan paper. It said in part: A big beautiful orchid to the surface lines for the transformation wrought in 75th street . . . courteous personnel, fast, clean, and comfortable equipment, and dependable schedules. . . . Obviously, traffic has been diverted there-by from automobiles."

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From *Mrs. Wm. Pasche* and family comes the request that their heartfelt thanks be expressed to the CSL family for the expressions of sympathy which they received at the recent loss of their husband and father.

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Something to think over in the spare time is the item which appeared in the *Daily News' Town Crier* column: "Have the recent plane crashes scared you out of the skies? Then listen. In Cook County last year, this was the death score: Automobile accidents, 674; accidental falls, 637; suicides, 431; homicides, 310; burned to death, 147; streetcar accidents, 94; train accidents, 81; drownings, 61; asphyxiated in fires, 48; L accidents, 22; airplane accidents, 14."

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We still would have enjoyed witnessing the expression on *John Rogers* (77th) face when he opened his income tax refund and found included with it the checks of six other persons. Understand the total refunds amounted to over \$900, but only about \$100 of it was *Rogers'*.

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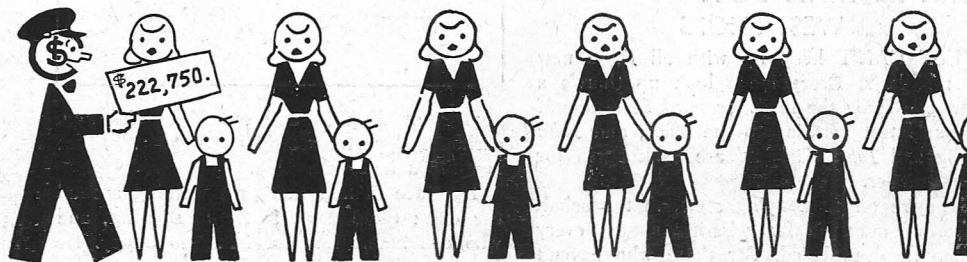
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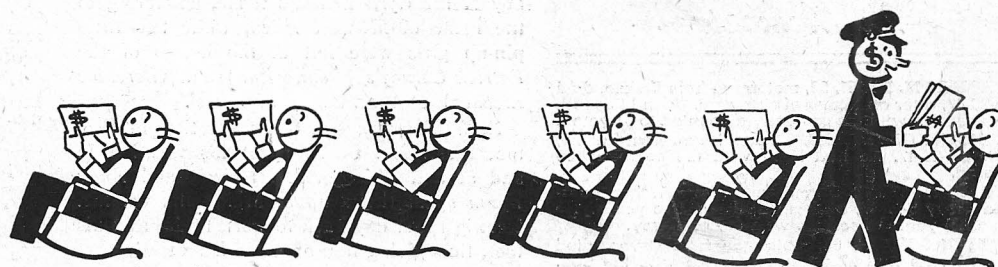
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