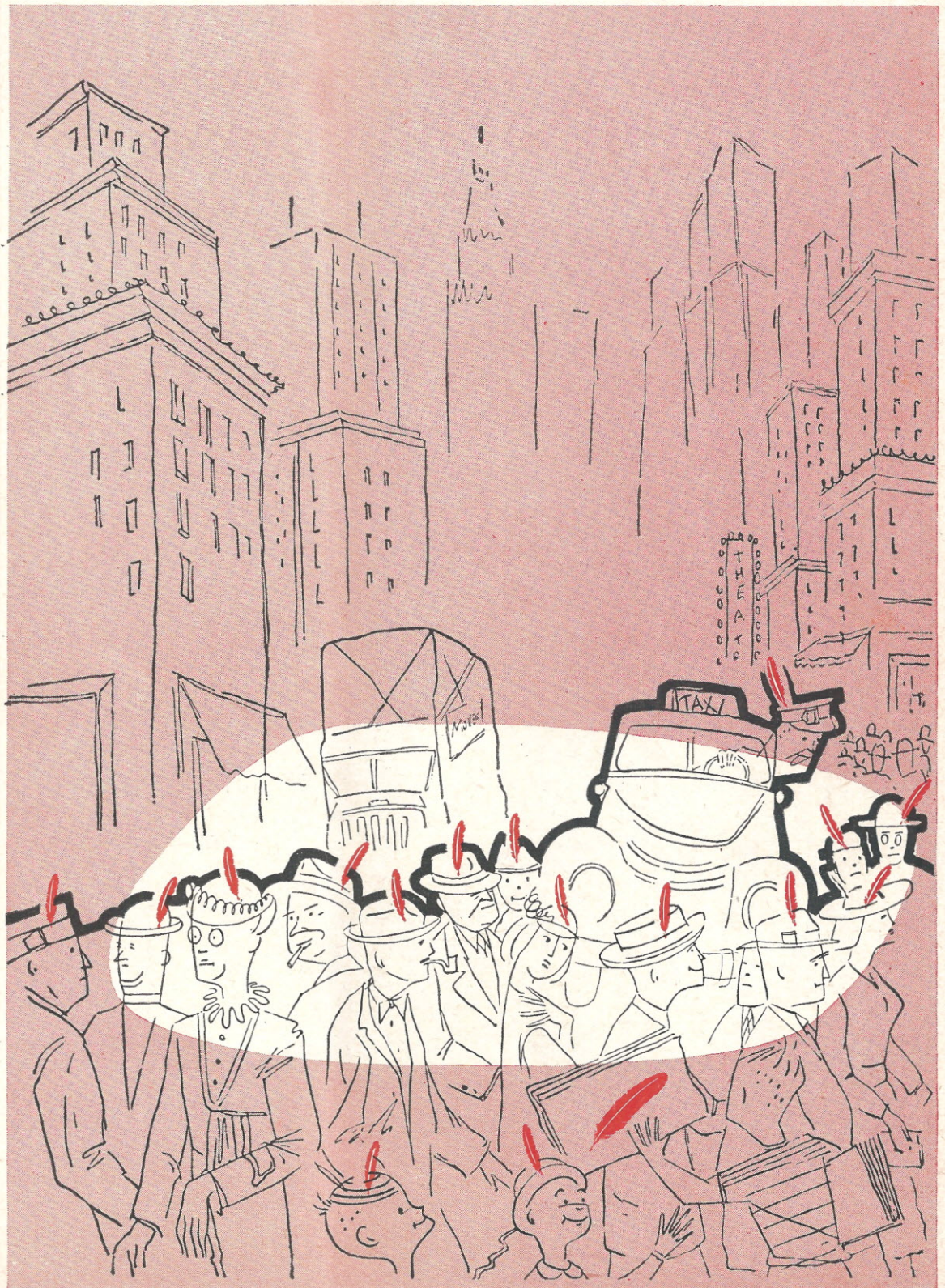




# TRANSIT NEWS

OCTOBER-1949



ARE YOU  
IN THE  
PARADE

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# A Family Portrait

A NAME familiar to men at the Kedzie depot is O'Donnell and for three very good reasons—*Conductor Timothy O'Donnell* and his two sons, *Motormen Tim, Jr., and Joseph*. If you don't run into the father of this CTA family at the depot during the day, more than

likely you'll find one or both of his sons who are following in their father's footsteps—as employees in one of this country's largest mass transportation organizations—the Chicago Transit Authority.

Tim O'Donnell, hale and hearty at 61 years of age, has spent 39 of

those years at a surface system employe. He started as trolley boy on a work car and 21½ years later was transferred to the Payroll department where he worked six months as a clerk. He has worked at Kedzie since being made a conductor in 1913.

Because he liked outside work and was interested in a steady job, Tim chose the surface system as his means of making a living. "I also wanted to work evenings," he said, "so I could devote days to my favorite hobby—raising bees." Tim raised bees until three years ago and plans to resume this hobby on a full-time basis when he retires on pension.

The first of Tim's two sons to follow him in the mass transit industry was his namesake, Timothy, Jr., 29, who has been a Kedzie motorman four years. Before beginning work for the surface system, Tim, Jr. served four years in the U. S. Army. He and his wife, *Martha*, are the parents of one girl, *Martha Ann*, five years.

Joseph O'Donnell, 25 years old, who completes this family trio of CTA workers, went into the Army in 1943, two years after his attendance at St. Ignatius High School. While stationed overseas, Joe and Tim, Jr. managed to get together for a couple of days in Paris, France, when both were on short furloughs. Following his discharge from the Army three years later, Joe worked 21½ years as an inspector and then joined the surface system in 1948 as a motorman from the same station as his father and brother. Joe is single and lives with his parents and two sisters, *Margaret* and *Mary*.



"Three very good reasons"  
Joseph . . . Tim, Jr. . . . Tim





ACCORDING to old-timers, the Burnside transportation building (right) was originally the residence of Colonel Burnside (for whom the Burnside area is named). Later it served as a railroad hotel and then began its transit career when the Calumet Electric Street Railway company was established in

1890. From this station came Chicago's first streetcar to be operated from an overhead trolley. Located on a dead-end street, the station has always had a country-like atmosphere—emphasized by the flower gardens, which won many a prize in the old days.

## THE GLORY That Was Burnside



On September 12 the Chicago Transit Authority discontinued operating the Burnside station, one of the oldest "streetcar barns" in Chicago. At one time it served the entire southeast portion of the city, but with the conversion of a number of the lines in that area to bus operation, the station has become too small to be operated economically.

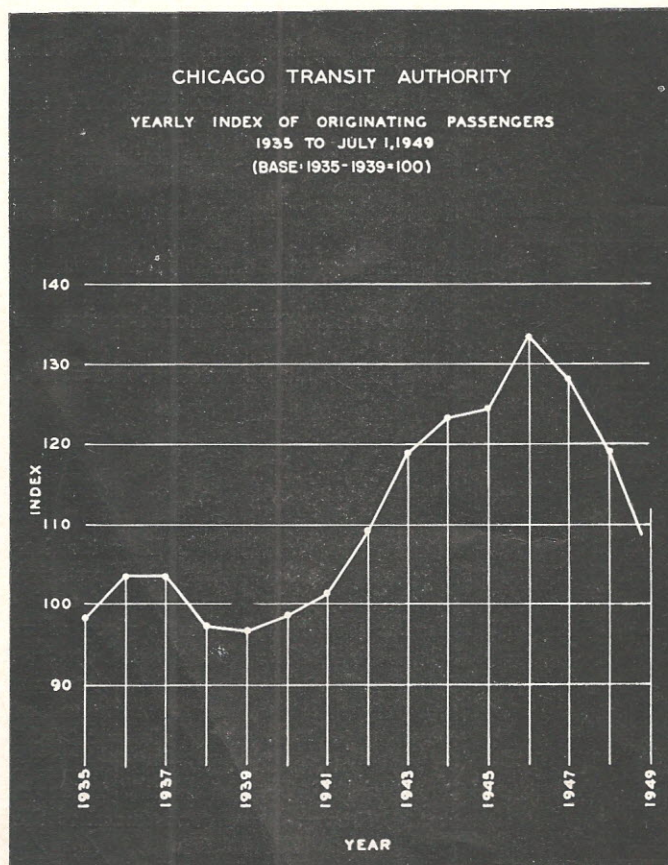
WHEN the last run left Burnside late Sunday night, September 11, the station was well stripped of furniture and equipment. It was a lonesome place when Motorman Ed Kulczyk, right, and Conductor Edward Lindroth picked up their run tag. Only three streetcar lines were housed there at the time of the closing: 93-95 and parts of the Cottage and Stony Island lines. These lines, and the 215 trainmen and 30 shopmen were transferred to the 77th station.



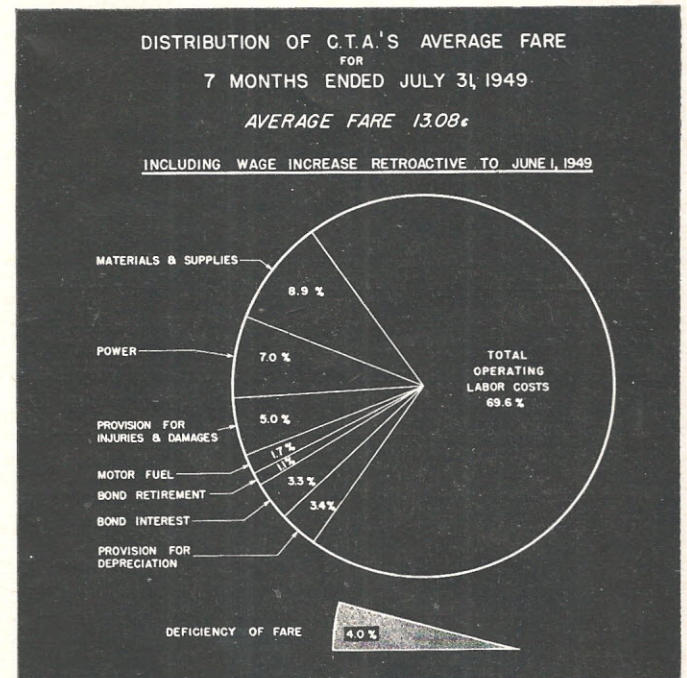
# WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Over the country, transit companies continue to report a downward trend in riding, and a continuing upward trend in costs and fares. Here in Chicago we are following the national pattern. It is particularly appropriate that at this time — the second anniversary of CTA's operation of Chicago's surface and elevated service — we stop and look at the job we are doing.

**THE NUMBER** of passengers riding our CTA vehicles has been steadily decreasing since 1946.



**THE MONEY** which we receive must go many places.



**DURING THE** first seven months of 1949 we were short \$2,215,322 in having enough money to meet all of our requirements. This amount will be increased by an estimated \$500,000 because of wage increases retroactive to June 1, 1949.

**CTA INCOME** *short* \$2,215,322  
for the first 7 months of 1949

Average monthly INCOME \$9,675,860

Average monthly  
**EXPENSES & CHARGES** \$9,820,548 (Before Operating Expense Reserve and Municipal Compensation)

Operating and Maintenance \$8,853,848

Bond Service Charges \$425,033

Depreciation Charges \$541,667

No provision for:

Operating Expense Reserve Charges \$75,000

Municipal Compensation \$96,786

Average DEFICIT \$144,688



# THE PLACES our money goes must be taken care of in a specified order.

SECTION 30 of the Metropolitan Transit Act, together with the Trust Agreement, provides that the Board shall fix rates, fares and charges for transportation that shall be at all times sufficient in the aggregate to provide revenues:

1. For payment of all wages, salaries and other operating costs, including pensions and provision for damage reserve.

2. For payment of interest on and principal of all bonds, etc.

3. For replacing worn out equipment and other facilities.

4. For emergency operating costs and charges.

5. For compensation to municipalities as required.

## WHY ARE WE HAVING THIS DOWNWARD TREND IN BUSINESS?

*The Decrease in the Number of Riders is Due to a Number of Factors, Including:*

INCREASED NUMBER OF AUTOS

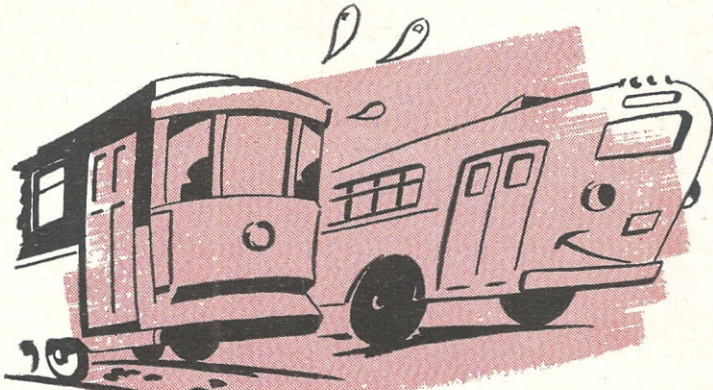
FIVE DAY WEEK AND OTHER CHANGES IN INDUSTRY.

INCREASED FARES, AND POSSIBLE UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE ON OUR VEHICLES, ALSO HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT UPON OUR TRAFFIC VOLUME.



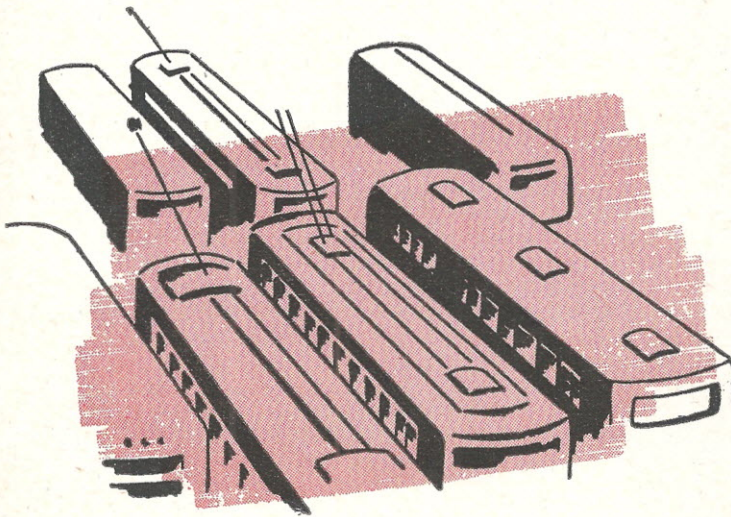


# WHAT CAN MANAGEMENT DO ABOUT THIS DOWNWARD TREND?



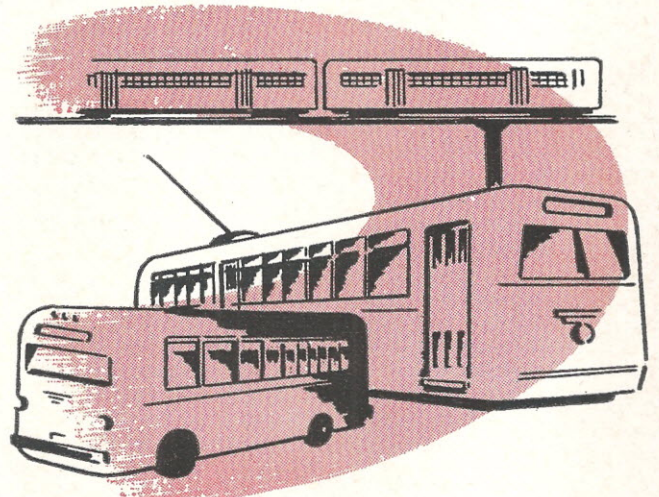
## 1. WE CAN FURTHER REDUCE OPERATING COSTS.

During the past two years CTA has put into effect operating changes which have cut costs and improved the service. Through continued consolidation of departments and the use of modern methods we have also increased our ability to serve.



**2. WE CAN FURTHER IMPROVE SERVICE.** Under the CTA the Lake Street, Ravenswood and North-South rapid transit service has been made all-express. The CTA has provided service extensions and attempted to fit service to the riding habits on individual lines.

**3. WE CAN CONTINUE TO MODERNIZE EQUIPMENT** as the money becomes available. Since the inception of the CTA 900 new buses, 600 streamlined street cars and 210 trolley coaches have been received and put into service. On order, and scheduled for delivery starting in March, are 130 new streamlined "L"-subway cars.



**4. WE CAN CONTINUE TO USE PROMOTIONAL MEANS** of attracting more new riders. Car cards and "take-one" folders have been carried in all equipment to stimulate riding. CTA's chartered service is available for special group riding. "Bill Saver" and his family appeared in various metropolitan papers, pointing up the economy and convenience of CTA transit service.

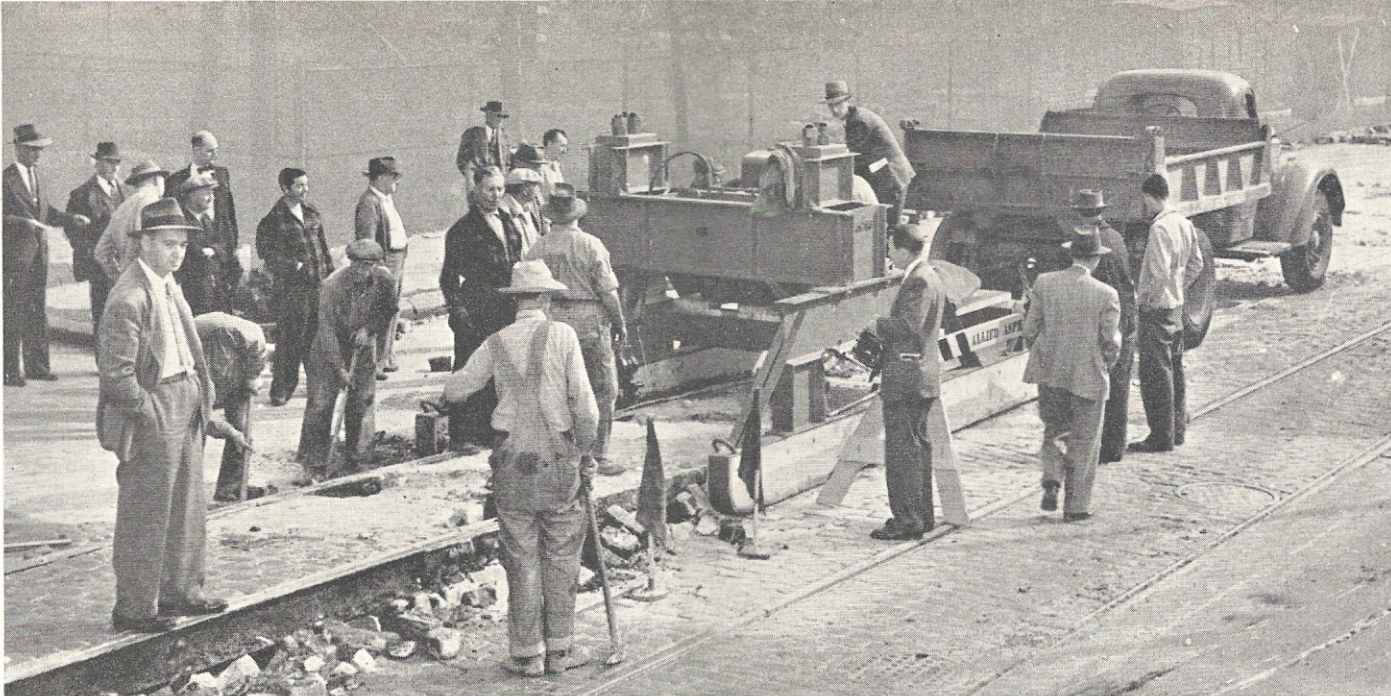
**WHAT WE  
TOGETHER CAN  
DO ABOUT IT**

*Our welfare, the welfare of the riding public, and the welfare of the community are linked together.*

- WE** can do our jobs in the best possible manner.
- WE** can treat all riders as though they were our guests.
- WE** can collect all fares—accurately.
- WE** can accept and issue only properly punched transfers.
- WE** can provide the smoothest, safest ride in the city.
- WE** can keep our vehicles clean, safe, and operable.
- WE** can prevent waste of materials and time.

*We can, and must, work together as a team to give Chicago courteous, convenient and attractive service.*





WEIGHT of the rail-puller is about five ton. A truck moves the machine along the street as rail is removed.

# IT MAKES A HARD JOB **EASY**

## New Rail-Puller Designed by CTA

"LIKE taking candy from a baby," was a bystander's comment as he watched the operation of the rail-puller, a new machine being used by CTA to remove streetcar rail from city streets. Equipped with powerful hydraulic jacks, this machine is able to pull up over 1,000 feet of rail a day.

The rail-puller was built especially for Chicago Transit Authority according to plans and specifications prepared by CTA engineers, and supplements the older method of removing rails by derricks and hand-powered jacks. Its use is expected to reduce the cost of removing streetcar rail and speed the operation of a previously difficult job.

When removing the rail, openings are made in the pavement on each side of each rail, at distances of approximately ten feet. The rail-puller is then placed so that the jaws of the jacks can be clamped under the exposed head of the rail and locked into position. The rails and fastenings are then raised up out of the pavement high enough to clear the adjacent paving.

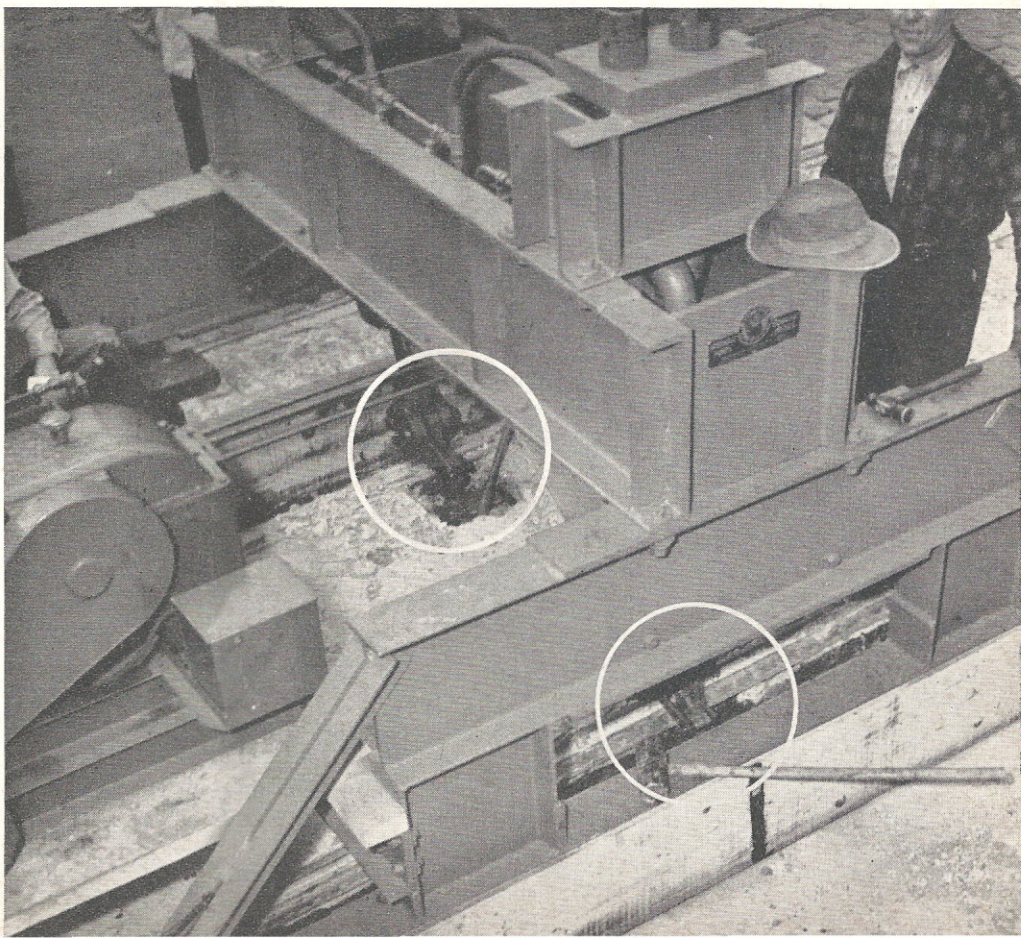
As the rail is freed from the pavement, it is blocked up and burnt into lengths

with an acetylene torch. The weight and pressure of the skids on the pavement prevents the ties and surrounding ballast from being pulled up.

The ever-growing trend from streetcar to motor and trolley bus operation has

made CTA feel the need for a fast and economical mechanical means of removing rail embedded in the pavement. This machine is designed so that, at one time, it will remove either one or both of the rails making up the track.

**MOUNTED** on the steel frame of the rail-puller are two hydraulic jacks equipped with jaws (circles) for clamping onto the rail. The jacks have a pulling capacity of 125 tons each and are powered by a gasoline-operated pump.





# Among The Recent RETIREMENTS



**FRANK J. HEROLD**  
Conductor, 69th Street  
43 years service



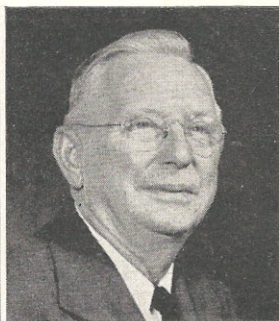
**WILLIAM QUIGG**  
Conductor, 77th Street  
41 years service



**CARL S. LARSON**  
Conductor, North Side "L"  
45 years service



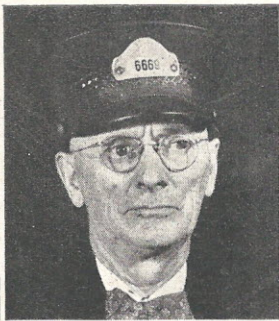
**EDWARD G. MANTHEI**  
Motorman, Armitage  
42 years service



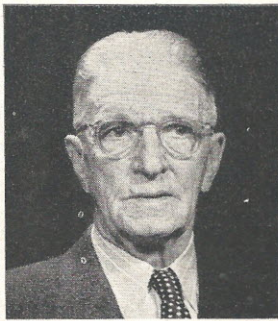
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Conductor, 69th Street  
41 years service



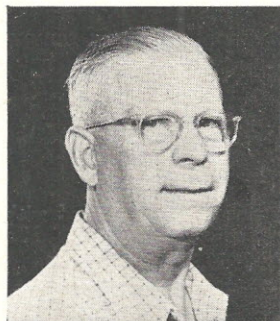
**FRED BARTLETT**  
Motorman, Devon  
45 years service



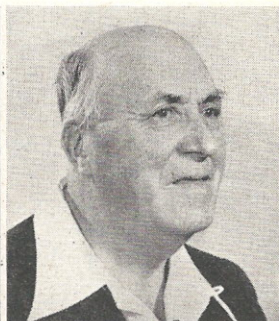
**DAVID KENNEDY**  
Motorman, Lincoln  
45 years service



**GEORGE E. BROWN**  
Conductor, North Avenue  
48 years service



**JOHN H. SANDQUIST**  
Conductor, 69th Street  
40 years service



**JOHN W. BOWE**  
Conductor, Limits  
44 years service



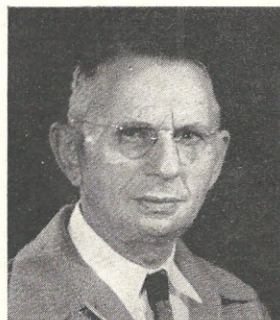
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Motorman, Elston  
41 years service



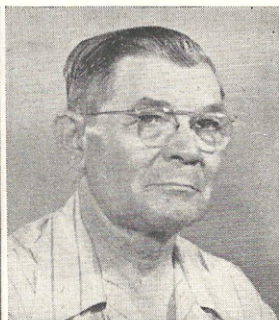
**JAMES SCHOLL**  
Conductor, Kedzie  
40 years service



**WILLIAM J. PERRY**  
Conductor, 69th Street  
44 years service



**EMIL C. LEFEBRE**  
Motorman, Limits  
43 years service



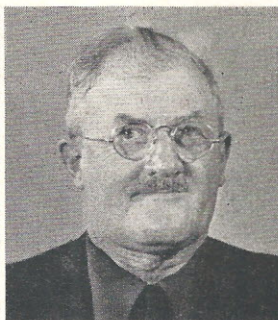
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Conductor, 69th Street  
44 years service



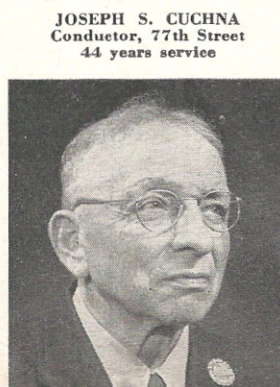
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Conductor, North Avenue  
45 years service



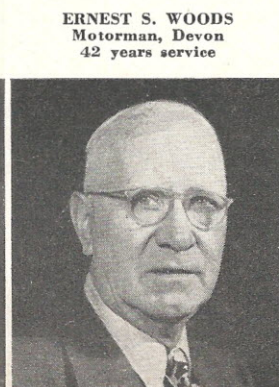
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Conductor, 77th Street  
49 years service



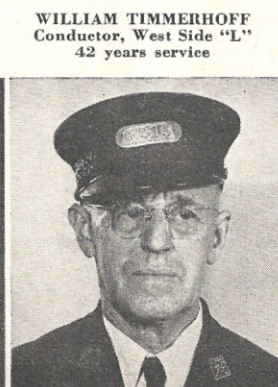
**PAUL W. DIBBERN**  
Conductor, North Avenue  
40 years service



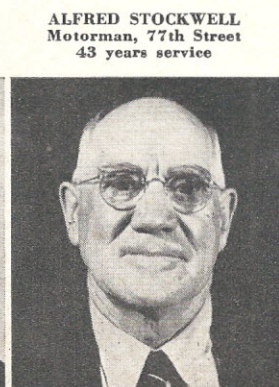
**JOSEPH S. CUCHNA**  
Conductor, 77th Street  
44 years service



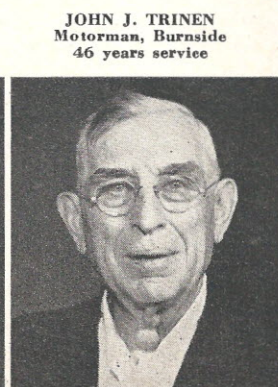
**ERNEST S. WOODS**  
Motorman, Devon  
42 years service



**WILLIAM TIMMERHOFF**  
Conductor, West Side "L"  
42 years service



**ALFRED STOCKWELL**  
Motorman, 77th Street  
43 years service



**JOHN J. TRINEN**  
Motorman, Burnside  
46 years service



# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## JOIN ROYAL ORDER OF LEFT-HAND WAVERS

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION — Joining the Twittering Hearts Department this month are *Pauline Lembachner* and *Ethel Falk*, both applying Jergen's Lotion to their left hand to keep it looking lovely for admirers of their new diamonds.

Our entire department mourned the death of former adjuster *William J. Bockelmann*, who passed away on September 10th after a long illness. His pallbearers were all fellow employees.

*Rosalind Danna* wore traditional white satin at her marriage to *Edward E. Watkins* on October 9.

*Clarence Kigh*, statementman, *Daniel Martorelli*, clerk, *Donald J. O'Sullivan*, mail circular clerk, new employees, are just about acquainted with all of the mob here at 600. Don is the son of *David O'Sullivan*, adjuster.

*Mayor Kennelly* attended the wedding of *Dennis J. Crowley's* son on September 10.

*Elvera Potensa* has joined the ranks of the great cooks of the nation. Her first experiment with "Pizza" was sensational . . . she said, as she applied Ungentine to burnt fingers

*John Baker*, student engineer, is now learning what makes our department tick.

—"JERRY and CAL"

## DOES IT BAIT THE HOOK, TOO?

ARMITAGE—*Roy Croon* and *Emil Gagler* are working on a gadget for locating fish. This wonderful brain storm will not only locate fish, but indicates how many and what kind. As soon as they get it perfected they figure it will also indicate the size and sex. Its operation is to be electronic and atomic energy.

Our chief clerk, genial *Gene Peterson*, is catching up on his

## MARRIED 25 YEARS



GUESTS at a reception in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary recently were *Switchman* and *Mrs. Rocco Angarole, Met.* A large number of friends, relatives and fellow employees of Rocco were present to enjoy dancing and plenty of good food. Two daughters of the honored guests, *Mrs. Margaret L. Turner* and *Miss Edith R. Angarole* were present, but a son, *Arthur*, was unable to attend.

Reported by BILL HENN

fishing in the wilds of Minnesota.

*John Kampke* vacationed in Florida where he visited *Frank Fram*, a former Armitage man.

*George Mokate* drove around in circles during his vacation. He took the "three I" route—Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. Also a few spots in Chicago.

*Motorman DiGioria* took his family on a tour of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, Massachusetts and Canada. Somewhere along the route a thief stole part of his baggage, containing most of their clothes.

The *Pat McGuires* enjoyed themselves at the Wisconsin Dells, *Siekeiski* went "Roamin in Wyomin," *Harold Ellison* in Altoona, Pennsylvania, *Tom Henneberry* in Antioch, Illinois, and *Gus Zimmerman* in St. Louis.

Delayed news: *Conductor Henry Kirn* acquired a new \$600 exemp-

tion on July 7 when "Sir Stork" presented him with a new daughter named *Susan*. This is now four for him. However, he is young yet.

As this issue was going to press your scribe was seeing the sights in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Montreal, Toronto and Niagara Falls. We met *John MacHale*, *Ole Olson*, *Eddie Lawrence*, *John Trocki* and *Frank Irvine* in Pittsburgh at the Union Convention.—TED SHUMON.

## TRANSITAD

WANTED TO RENT — Newlyweds desperately need 2 or 3 room, furnished or unfurnished, apartment; north or northwest side. Call *Phil Adelizzi*, DEarborn 2-6100, Extension 315.

## THAT OLD, OLD STORY: "THE FALL OF MAN"

ACCOUNTING — *Vincent Donohue* took the fateful plunge September 25. He and *Irene Zicky* were married at Our Lady of Vilna Church. . . . Poised on the springboard, is *George Laica* who announced his engagement to *Virginia David*.

*Walter Jandt* and his wife recently marked the 30th anniversary since they became one; and the *William B. Foltas'* chalked off nineteen years.

*Arthur Mueller* was one of the lucky ones in a recent drawing. His prize was a fine case of manicure implements.

## Vacation Jottings

Visiting friends and relatives in all parts of the country is the keynote of the vacation story this month. *Delia Jennings* spent hers at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, making the acquaintance of her youngest grandchild, "Larry," and renewing ties with the older four. . . . *Katherine Batina* visited friends and relatives on the way to Washington, D. C. . . . *Felix Palilunas* visited in Pennsylvania; *Bessie Borkovich* in Los Angeles; *Millie Ehrlich* in Texas; *Mildred Burke* spent some time with her niece in the South, and *Mabel Magnuson* visited in Des Moines. *Esther McLelland's* locale was Toronto; *Millie Govedarica's*, San Francisco and *Ann O'Connor's*, Tucson. *Camille Gillies'* card from Canada reassured her friends when the Noronic disaster was in the headlines. *Tom Coan* reports a wonderful trip to the West.

*Leslie Baggesson* received a wrist watch as a farewell gift when he left the CTA to make his home in Miami. *Bernice Coyne*, Division 241 delegate to the union convention, says that Pittsburgh is not as smokey as supposed.

*Ida Lemm* is convalescing after an appendectomy.

*John Kruty's* mother passed away and *Edward McEldowney's* uncle who resided with him.

—HELEN A. LOWE



## CAN YOU TOP THIS FISH STORY?

COTTAGE GROVE—Conductor Spencer was telling the boys about the time he caught a fish so long there was no room for it in his boat. The next thing he knew the fish gave a pull at the line and out he went. Of course, he got wet, the boys thought. But not Kid Spencer, as he was very fortunate in falling on the fish's back.

This month the following group of men, after many years of faithful service, are retiring for the life of well-earned ease. Farewell A. L. Chappel, D. J. Davies, P. J. Enright, T. Hughes, W. Jordan, W. M. Mitchell, and E. M. Varbelow. —GALE HRUSKA

## FANS DESERT RAILS FOR PLANE

GENERAL OFFICE, MONROE—George Krambles and Ernie Gerlach, ardent rail fans, have just returned from an enjoyable trip to California. They flew. . . Mary Isbrandt is convalescing after a recent operation. . . Herman Anders always heard Arizona was a haven for aches and pains, but returned from a vacation there with a case of arthritis. . . Rosemary McAndrews reports an excellent time at Lake Geneva. . . Buttons are popping off Ed Whiston's vest as he receives congratulations of his co-workers on the arrival of a new son. . . Comes a bit of frost in the air and Charles Pfarr scoots down to Florida. . . Marie Krausman, surface transportation, wound up the summer with her last week's vacation in Lakeside, Michigan, watching a summer sun set and an autumn moon rise over corn-shackled farms.

All the commotion the other day was Bill Rooney merely having the last of his baby teeth pulled. . . Jim Tucker and family are reported down Wisconsin way, winding up the summer. . . The Blass's, Florence and Joe, started the winter season with a visit to Florida. . . Congratulations to L. E. Bohlin on 40 years service with the Company—and a birthday to boot.

The Seventy-niners have bid adieu to Mr. Brion's office and the budget department, who moved to

## SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS



BICYCLE riding was just one of the many activities participated in by Conductor Michael Quinn, 77th, his family and friends while on vacation at the Commodore Barry Country Club, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. Taking a rest with him in front of "Ye Old Red Barn," are, left to right, his daughter, Theresa Quinn; Donald Lyden; and Elizabeth Keating, daughter of Conductor John Keating, 77th, who was the cameraman.

the Insurance Bldg. We shall follow their activities under column "General office, Jackson." . . . Ed Henry, accident prevention, that dyed-in-the-wool bachelor, is engaged to be wed. . . Ken Ward finally took the step. All September 10's after this shall be wedding anniversaries for Ken.

Specifications report that Colleen Dunne took a weekend trip to Washington, D. C. with Our Lady of Sorrows Novena Club to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Novena in Washington. . . J. D. Cannady is now permanently transferred to Specifications from the Shops. . . Helen Doherty, who never misses the fighting Irish playing football, started her trek to South Bend September 24. . . George Sikes, son of Al Sikes, engineer, visited specifications. George is studying nuclear physics at the University of Illinois. . . Bob Burn's latest love is stock-car racing. . . Jack Jobaris and family have taken up residence in Cicero. . . W. S. Helmer visited his son and family in New York. . . George Lancaster has moved his family from Texas to a new home in Oak Park. The two Lancaster little ladies are teaching the suburbanites the Texas drawl: "You-all"

and "Mizz" for "Mrs." . . . All at once the little "cold bug" attacked George Lancaster, John Cannaday, Helen Doherty, Alice Pletzke and Bobbe McNamara. Wha Happen?

Laura Schrecke, management asst. office, has her bag practically packed for a tour thru the east. . . Rose Ruger, RT Transp., has just returned from a fishing trip in Northern Wisconsin. . . Chick Thulstrup is visiting his son at the atom bomb project in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

—MARY CLARKE,  
JULIE PRINDERVILLE

## THEY'RE OUT TO GET SOMEONE'S GOAT

KEDZIE—Motorman I. Glassman, Receiver Walt Daly and Clerk Joe Costello were discovered in the vicinity of Charlie Seebok's goatery. Charlie suspects they were spying for data on a milk syndicate.

Former Kedzie board member, Bill Brennan, died suddenly Sept. 19.

Walt Tajdus and family visited the petrified forest, the Grand Canyon and Hollywood and Vine. Mike Urganus, Mrs. and Jimmy toured the Atlantic seaboard.

Repairman Pat O'Rourke and family spent their vacation in

## VFW POST OPEN FOR NEW MEMBERS

DEVON—To all you overseas veterans, the V.F.W. is still looking for new members. Operator Bill Vaughn is commander of the CTA post, so why not see him and arrange to sign up.

Conductor Wally Johnson was married August 28 to Helen Bogrey. The reception was held at the Swedish Cafe at Belmont and Wilson. A very good smorgasbord was served. The happy couple spent their honeymoon in Northern Wisconsin.

Conductor Bill Pacini has joined the ranks of the proud fathers. His was a 9½ pound boy. Mother and son are both fine.

Receiver Chuck Merkel is in Belmont Hospital with arthritis. We all hope by this time he will be well on his way to recovery.

Perhaps by this time the bowling standings of our two teams may have changed, but from the way they have started out, they will be hard to beat. Come out to see them at Lawrence and Campbell on Friday nights.

—LARRY HIPPERT

Burlington, Wisconsin. . . Catherine Lyons led Eddy Herald to the altar of Presentation Church and back on September 24. . . Motorman Angelo Rizzo is on the job again after a long illness. . . Conductor Dick O'Connor came back to work after complete recovery from serious sickness. . . The Hess family received a baby daughter during September. . . Young Bill Staunton and Mrs. have a new son.

Our board members Ted Hefferman and Ray McDonald spent their vacations in Philadelphia at the union convention. Ray's baggage was missing for awhile after arrival.

Motormen Mike O'Neill, Myles Carr and Henry Taylor along with Conductors Robert Legg, John Schilling and James Scholl are now enjoying their pensions. . . Ferrell Coffey trains a cocker spaniel every day in Franklin boulevard parkway in hope of making him a seeing eye dog.

—JOE SMITH



## WITH WINTER COMES THE CALL OF THE SOUTH

GENERAL OFFICE—(Ins. Exchange)—*Carol Teicher* has taken her cue from the birds and flown south. Her present and former co-workers held a farewell dinner for her at Martin's on Sept. 8, and New Orleans bade her welcome. . . . Into *Audrey Johnson's* friendly and capable hands have fallen the duties of the Executive Assistant's office.

*Florence Butterfield* found the beauty of Canada inviting to spend her vacation, while *Catherine Horath* and *Shirley Guertin* turned New York way. . . . *Vera Winslow* chose Chicago to spend her allotted days off. . . . *Ralph Yohn* paid heed to the call of the fisherman to round out his 1949 vacation.

We are glad to see *Ruth Lipsey* and *Helen Spolec* return after a short siege of illness.

—BRENDA AND COBINA

## LEAVES CTA; TAKES UP ART (CULINARY)

LOOP—*Mary White* has deserted the public to become *Mrs. Patrick Flannagan* and take up a full time job at culinary art at home in Bellwood. The bride wore teal blue

with black accessories. *Margorie White* was maid-of-honor.

*Joseph DeLong* is visiting his son in Texas and then on to California. *George Strallas* also is taking in the sights of San Francisco. . . . That Hoosier State called *Geraldine Wallace* to a homecoming of relatives and old friends. *Eva Weber* also visited Indiana. . . . *Elizabeth Dockerty* is on her way to the land of floral beauty stopping first at San Diego then up the California coast. . . . *Dave Wysinger* has gone to New York to see what makes that town tick. . . . *Ann Connolly* has been in McHenry, Ill., enjoying the beautiful autumnal coloring of Lake County.

*Mae Shupe* is improving nicely from her illness and we are anxiously waiting her return. . . . *Ella Morgan* who was retired, passed away September 6. . . . Our deepest sympathy extended to *John McGlynn* on the passing of his mother, ninety-four years young.

*Marie Blanchfield*, after vacationing at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, says that is the life. No hurry or scurry there. . . . *Richard Barten* spent his time at a farm up Lake Geneva way.—EDITH EDBROOKE

## FAMILY GET-TOGETHER



A family photograph was called for when *Bus Operator Fred Riecke's* (77th) daughter, *Marsella*, married *Elmer Sundquist* on September 3, 1949. In front are the happy bride and bridegroom and Fred's grandson, *Raymond Riecke*. Standing, left to right, are *Mrs. Fred Riecke*; daughter-in-law *Mrs. Richard Riecke*; son, *Fred, Jr.*; *Richard*, a son who is also a CTA bus operator from 77th; *Fred*; son-in-law *William Brinkman*; and daughter, *Mrs. William Brinkman*.

## TWO VISITORS WHO CAME TO STAY

NORTHSIDE—Sauntering in at a time when life was already complicated by vacation rush *Miss Barbara Lynn Alter* remarked sweetly, "I do hope I haven't disrupted anything." Oddly enough she hadn't, because *Trainman* and *Mrs. Louis Alter*, have had the welcome mat ready for quite some time. It was spread Aug. 24 in St. Francis hospital. . . . A guy who looks as if he's going to do some swell blocking and tackling for his future alma mater is *Nash, Jr.* This fellow belongs to *Trainman* and *Mrs. William Nash*, since Aug. 27 in St. Luke's hospital. You should see him throw a nursing bottle for a complete loss.

*Agent Sue McLaughlin* spent another siege in hospital and is recuperating from a broken hip at home.

### Vacation Interrupted

*Agent Mae Rohr* had a pleasant vacation in Indiana until interrupted by a call to sub as delegate to the A. A. S. E. R & M. C. E. in Pittsburgh in place of Secretary Treasurer *Thomas Mullen* who was a patient at St. Francis hospital suffering from rheumatic fever.

*Conductor Edward Ryan* enjoyed his vacation in Wisconsin. . . . *Motorman Ed Tierny* spent part of his vacation time in Grand Junction, Mich., with his son who operates a blackberry orchard. . . . *Motorman Al Burm* and his wife went sightseeing in Canada and through the eastern states, including a visit to Plymouth Rock and a few days in New York City with friends.

Some inquiring has been made as to where Your Reporter spent his vacation. Some were hoping he would not come back with one of those "House of David" beards. I did enjoy my vacation in Van Buren county, Michigan, traveling around sampling peaches, apples, pears and plums. It was a time well spent among the orchards.

—J. J. BALY

## A WINNING SMILE



AFTER one hour and forty minutes of struggling, *Conductor Miles Pindak*, *Lawn-dale*, finally managed to get this fine looking fish close enough to his boat so a guide could shoot him. It was a 47 inch muskie, weighed 33 pounds, and was taken from the vicinity of *Winegar, Wisconsin*, some 415 miles from Chicago. *Miles* says that this region has many points of interest, including "Barefoot Charlie's," a building made entirely of logs, stumps of trees are carved into tables and chairs and no nails are used. Beer for the wooden bar in the building is drawn from tree trunks that go through the ceiling to the outside. Ice boxes are hollowed stumps of trees. The proprietor, "Barefoot Charles," goes barefoot at all times. Another attraction is the playground for children which is made entirely of carved trees. *Conductor Pindak* is convinced there is no better location for a vacation and plans to bring his family back next year.

## TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—Complete W. F. L. Drum set — Tom-Toms, Hy-Hat, and all accessories. Call *H. F. Bradshaw*, Vincennes 6-8970, after 6:00 p.m.



## END LEAGUE COMPETITION



HERE ARE the members of the Accident Investigation softball team and some of their chief rooters who helped cheer them on to a tie for first place in their league competition. They are, seated, left to right, *George Katter, John Nattinger, Ben Tausch, Manager Bill Lembachner, Joe Lubway, Jim Gallagher, Bob Christian and Joe Tobin*. Standing, left to right, are *Mike Vitale, Pete Sepic, Eddie Karocki, Dick Mecker, Norm Graver, Joe Clark and Bill Connelley*.

## M & S MAKES STORK WORK OVERTIME

**MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES**—Our Storeroom 15 announces the arrival of seven little puppies on September 19, 1949. The mother, "Queenie," is doing very nicely.

*Mr. and Mrs. David Marshall* announce the arrival of a little blue-eyed, dark-haired son, *David, Jr.*, weighing five pounds, fourteen ounces on September 7, 1949. *Mrs. Marshall* is a former employee in the General Office.

September 5, 1949, is the date that *Bernard Fitzpatrick*, assistant stock clerk at South Shops, became engaged to *Rita Kerwin*.

Soccer football is the favorite sport of *Richard Daly*, laborer at Grand and Leavitt. He is on the team of the "Chicago Gaels" who won first place in the tournament in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 10, 11. . . . We welcome *Stephen Cunningham*, a new employee in our department. . . . *Mr. Oscar Pohl*, 63rd Street Yard, took a little fishing trip to Menong, Wisconsin.

Vacationists from our Throop Street storeroom are *Ray Burke* who took a motor trip around Lake Michigan; and *Leonard Skrine* and wife who vacationed at Crystal River Lodge near Glenwood Springs, Colorado and enjoyed mountain climbing and horseback riding.

From our Montrose Avenue storeroom, we find that *Henry Hansen* stayed close to home and took a little trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin; *Tom Handley* went fishing at Silver Lake, Wisconsin; and *David Stetcher* and family relaxed at Grays Lake, Illinois. . . . *Al Mix*, stock clerk at West Shops, took a trip to Canada, while *George Crofoot*, ass't stock clerk at West Shops, enjoyed a little farm life in Delaware. . . . *Mr. R. E. Buckley*, ass't. divisional storekeeper at West Shops, found a new and very scenic route to the Olson Water Falls located at Cicero avenue and Diverser. You just travel straight up Cicero avenue to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, then over to Canada, and back down Cicero avenue to the Olson Water Falls.

A new "Suburbanite" is in our midst. *Jack Harty*, General Office, moved his family to their new home in Skokie, Illinois, while on vacation. . . . *Dorothy Moran*, General Office, vacationed in New Orleans, Louisiana. . . . *Frances Louward*, General Office, took a little trip to the Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, while on her vacation. . . . *Dagmar McNamara*, General Office, had a grand vacation, just roughing it in Michigan.

—JEAN HARTLEY

## "THE HAND THAT ROCKS—" ALSO RUNS A STREETCAR

**NORTH**—A new cradle-rocker is *Conductor H. Williams*. The stork delivered a seven pound eight ounce baby boy to the Williams. He will be known as *Charles*. . . . Another guy with his chin on the crib is *Motorman P. Gill*, he also was presented with a fine baby boy. The little fellow was named *John Joseph*.

*Operator Dan Manzio* is doing nicely after his recent operation. . . . *Motorman Chester Elke* is a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital, Michigan City, Indiana, where he was taken after being struck by an automobile. . . . Have you noticed any change in conductor *Walter Krueger* lately? He looks the same to me even if he is a grandpappy.

*Conductor Tom Goulden* went and done it. Yes, sir, he decided to walk down the center aisle.

Received vacation cards from *Motorman Peter Wesley*, who spent his vacation at Providence, Rhode Island; *Conductor Jack McLaughlin* at Windsor, Canada; *Operator Ed Kowald* at Niagara Falls.

Congratulations to *Grandpa C. Haerle*. He is very proud of *Donald*, who was born September 14. We'll accept cigars from Grandpa, too. . . . *Motorman Scott Voss*, who met with a painful accident several months ago, had his leg amputated at Saint Anne's Hospital. . . . *Conductor Ray Zielinski* and family enjoyed the scenery at Almond, Wisconsin. Zielinski has moved into his new home, the housewarming will be announced later.

*Conductor Warren (Bud) Wood* is the proud owner of a new station wagon.

The North Ave. Softball team defeated the Dillon All Stars twice to wind up the season. Umpire *Harold King* claims he would have won the game for the All Stars if he could have had a couple of more innings. —JOE HIEBEL

## CTA TOURISTS SEE THE COUNTRY

**SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT (MET)**—Touring the country during their vacation were *Mr. and Mrs. Augie Feinendegen*, machinist foreman at Throop street shop, and *Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Randall*, blacksmith helper, Throop street shop.

Our deepest sympathy to the three Feinendegen brothers, whose sister, *Mrs. Anna Green*, passed away.

Chief Clerk of the Metropolitan shop department, *J. J. Dwyer*, his wife and their daughter, *Mary Agnes*, who were touring the country during their vacation, flew back to Chicago. It was their first airplane ride. Congratulations are also extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer* who recently celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary.

Our singing porter, *John W. (alias Jack) Smith*, has just returned from a trip to Canada, New York and Niagara Falls.

*Mrs. Walter Hovald*, who on September the 13th underwent a major operation, is now back at home and rapidly recovering from her illness. She is the wife of *Walter Hovald*, control man, Douglas Park Shop department.—DAVE GURWICH.

## SUCCESSFUL VACATION



**MAYBE** *Wally Gillies*, General Office, is too proud to open his eyes and acknowledge a nice fish catch, but his wife, *Ethel*, seems quite happy about the whole affair. This was a typical day's catch for the couple while they vacationed at Phillips, Wisconsin.



## NEW REPORTER TAKES UP DUTIES

LAWRENCE—Trying to report a column is a new venture to me. And I hope I can do as well as *Ed Kaczmarek*, who has done such a good job of reporting.

*Walter Ambrose* purchased a new auto. After driving the car in from Wisconsin, *Mrs. Ambrose* and *Walter* stood on the sidewalk admiring it, when along came *Mrs. Ambrose's* brother. He also thought it was a very nice looking car. Could he take it out around the block to see how it performed? "Why of course," said *Walter*. *Mrs. Ambrose's* brother came back from the trial spin three days later, after touring the northern part of Wisconsin!

By the way what's happened to *Gas Fumes*?

*Mr. and Mrs. Earl Willis* spent their vacation at St. Louis, and as a second honeymoon took a cruise down the Mississippi. . . . *John Hartman* was seen heading East with his grip and a tent. His destination?—*Olsons Falls*. . . . *Mr. and Mrs. Riegler* are on the way to the Ozarks for their vacation.

*Bill Ehlers* doesn't get caught in the rain—*Mrs. Ehlers* comes down

## THIS LOOKS FAMILIAR



A lot of tourists visit Mexico every year and one of the places that must be popular, according to photographs received from CTA'ers, is where the striped horse stops his cart. The most recent CTA employees to go "South of the Border" were *George Clark*, center, Superintendent of Bus Overhaul, West Shops, and *Automotive Inspector Joe Margetic*, also of West Shops, right. They were accompanied there by a friend who is shown with them.

Reported by JULIE PRINDERVILLE

with an umbrella, then walks him over to their car with his son driving! Some Class. . . . *Ed Walsh* is recuperating from his recent illness. You can get his address from the clerk.

Our sympathy to *James Edwards* in the loss of his mother.

—JOE KLEIN

## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

FRED D. ALLEN, 72, retired motorman, Archer. Died 8-17-49. Employed 6-28-18.

SEVERIN AMUNDSEN, 77, retired conductor, North. Died 7-2-49. Employed 5-25-18.

GERTRUDE A. BARKER, 54, agent, North Side. Died 8-31-49. Employed 3-1-21.

WILLIAM J. BENNETT, 72, retired conductor, Kedzie. Died 8-2-49. Employed 12-1-04.

JOHN BOLECH, 63, laborer, Track Dept. Died 8-2-49. Employed 3-17-27.

ALVIA W. BURRETT, 75 retired conductor, 77th. Died 8-2-49. Employed 11-3-04.

WILHELM CORDES, 82, retired motorman, North. Died 7-19-49. Employed 12-18-01.

RANDOLPH ELLERBECK, 74, retired conductor, 77th. Died 8-23-49. Employed 11-03-03.

CARL E. ERDMANN, 69, retired machinist, West Shops. Died 8-30-49. Employed 3-13-99.

JAMES FISHER, 62, conductor, Lincoln. Died 8-20-49. Employed 1-9-20.

HENRY A. GLIWA, 50, conductor, Kedzie. Died 8-29-49. Employed 9-27-23.

CHARLES F. GOETZ, 70, retired motorman, Lincoln. Died 7-26-49. Employed 11-8-18.

PETER KRAJICEK, 67, retired motorman, 69th. Died 8-19-49. Employed 8-19-16.

PEDER K. LARSEN, 60, retired conductor, North. Died 8-20-49. Employed 2-28-17.

EDWARD R. LESKE, 50, motorman, 77th. Died 8-20-49. Employed 5-28-25.

GEORGE M. NORRIS, 66, retired motorman, Devon. Died 8-13-49. Employed 9-25-20.

MARTIN J. O'BRIEN, 49, motorman, 77th. Died 8-17-49. Employed 8-19-29.

ABRAM F. PARK, 78, retired flagman, Burnside. Died 8-1-49. Employed 11-1-99.

MARGARET C. REILLY, 52, agent, South Side. Died 8-22-49. Employed 6-20-29.

ROLLAND F. ROGERS, 58, engineer, Electrical. Died 8-16-49. Employed 1919.

ANTONIO L. SCALPONE, 70, retired car cleaner, North. Died 8-3-49. Employed 9-29-24.

FRANK J. SCHULTZ, 74, retired laborer, West Shops. Died 8-21-49. Employed 9-12-27.

HARRY C. SIDELL, 70, retired machinist, West Shops. Died 8-20-49. Employed 2-25-21.

CARL F. STEELMAN, 60, retired conductor, 77th. Died 8-7-49. Employed 3-21-14.

THEODORE A. STORTZ, 59, conductor, 69th. Died 8-1-49. Employed 9-11-18.

EDWIN B. SWEENEY, 50, conductor, North Side. Died 8-1-49. Employed 6-9-26.

MARY H. VAUGHAN, 83, retired stenographer, General Office. Died 7-30-49. Employed 10-12-95.

JOHN T. WAJEROWSKI, 60, motorman, Utility. Died 8-20-49. Employed 11-5-07.

JOHN FRANCIS WARD, 53, agent, West Side. Died 8-16-49. Employed 6-7-29.

GEORGE JOHN WERNER, 74, blacksmith, Metropolitan Shop. Died 8-26-49. Employed 6-6-41.

## ONE BOWL OF CHILI VIA AIR, PLEASE

77TH—*Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robnett* stopped off at Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas and Mexico. He said the meals were so cheap south of the border that he was going to contract to have his meals shipped up here.

*Mr. and Mrs. James Geary* spent some of their vacation with his brother in Olewain, Iowa. He helped with the interior decorating. See Jim for the latest home hints.

*Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey*, conductor on Broadway and State, report that vacationing on the east coast of Florida while the hurricane is on is no picnic. He brought back four beautiful parrots, says he can talk back to them. Went to the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Miami. Also visited the Unknown Soldier's grave at Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

*Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Reilly* really had a reunion by visiting friends they hadn't seen in 30 years in Wilmington, Delaware. Also visited Wildwood, New Jersey, Flushing, New York, and the Du Pont Estate Experimental Laboratory in Wilmington.

*Bus Operator Herb Johnson* had to go all the way to Sioux City, Iowa, to win a golf tournament. Herb and his friend from Sioux

City played in the Gentleman's Tournament of Nebraska. Game was played at the South Ridge Country Club, Nebraska. Herb had a score of 81 and his partner an 80. They received a beautiful trophy.

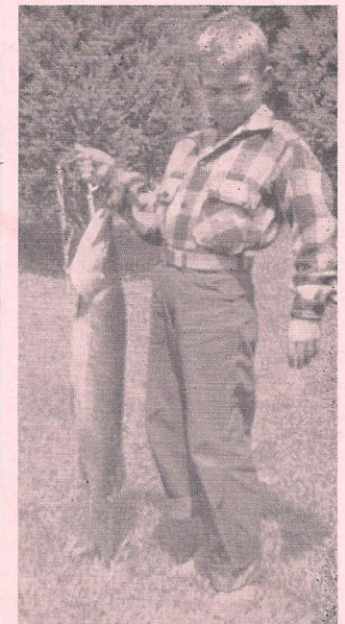
*Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Fisher*, 103rd Street bus operator, went east and visited his mother in Philadelphia, New York City, Atlantic City. Oh, yes, the bathing beauty contest, also. Next year he expects to go the the Thousand Islands. What a trip that will be—a day on each island.

*Mr. and Mrs. John Springer* were visited by Stork, Inc. again, making this the eighth visit. A boy, *Timothy Guy Springer*, 7 pounds, 1½ ounces and born with two lower teeth. (This is their second child born with teeth.) Makes the score even. Four boys and four girls.—DANTE BRUNOD.

## TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—Small Easy-Whirl dry washer. Light weight and approximately one year old. Call *William Parrillo*, GRace-land 2-4258.

## THE WINNER



OUT OF the depths of Plum Lake near Sayner, Wisconsin, *Richard C. Langner*, nine years old, son of *Supervisor Charlie Langner*, District "C," landed this 16 pound 35 inch Musky in a 45 minute battle.

Reported by JOE SMITH



## THE SOUTH APPEALS TO THE WEST (SHOPS)

SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT (WEST SHOPS)—It's a wonderful feeling to know that your vacation is still in the offing, but there are a very few who can boast of that fact—such as the *John Strakas*, who will be on their way to Florida, when this goes to press. . . . As will *Don Riess* and *John Schwartz*, office, who will be on their merry way to Florida too. . . . Everyone has the Florida bug, this year, as *Theresa Tortorello*, office, just returned from the Florida regions with her husband. . . . Also away on late vacations are *Orville Schmidt*, bus overhaul, *Ralph Martz*, and *Harvey Williams*, drafting. . . . The *Dan O'Briens* just returned from a two-weeks vacation up in the North Woods.

We're very happy to hear that *Eleanor Drogosz*, office, is well on her way to complete recovery, and hope she soon will be back among us.

We extend our deepest sympathy to *Ted Panek*, bus overhaul, on the death of his father. Also to *Louis Hermon*, bus overhaul, whose daughter passed away just recently.

## WED FORTY YEARS



THE old days were brought back to *Sidney R. Underwood*, Purchasing, and his wife when they visited Yesterday's Main Street at the Museum of Science and Industry. Occasion was the celebration of the couple's 40th wedding anniversary. They were married in Norwood Park on September 27, 1909.

Reported by BRENDA and COBINA

Now for some news about the "L" shop on Lake street. *Frank Lansman* spent his vacation up in the North Woods, while *Al McLinton*, motored down through Texas and California.

We're sorry to hear that there are two men on the sick list: *Bruno Grodek* is an ulcer patient and *Louis Marsico* is recuperating from an operation.

—MARY I. HENDRICKSON

## SOME NEW MODELS APPEAR ON SCENE

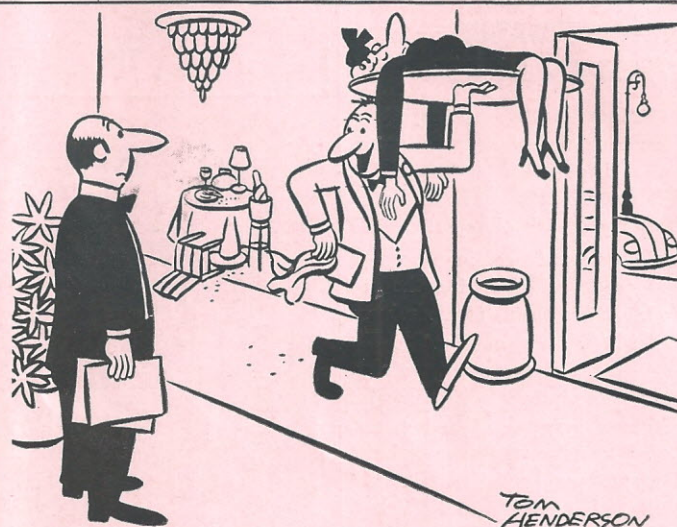
SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC—Birth Announcements: *Traffic Checker Joe* and *Mrs. Sabol*—*Rena Jeanette*, September 8; *Typist Dave* and *Mrs. Arnson*—*David Donald*, September 12; *Traffic Checker Jim* and *Mrs. McBride*—*Carol Anne*, September 25. New Cars: *Traffic Checker F. Corbett*, Plymouth; *Traffic Checker Joe Viola*, Chevrolet.

Pennsylvania was favored spot for vacation, since we find *George Fisher*, *Frank Irvine*, *Glenn Crump* and *Marie Shumon* writing back from there, although *Marie Shumon* sent cards from other points east and northeast. . . . A trip around the lake to Mackinac was enjoyed by the following schedule-makers: *Tony Hess*, *Joe DeGrazia* and *Norman Johnson*, but *Joe* and *Norman* should get their schedule rewritten so they make connections at Mackinac. . . . Fishermen include *Andy DeGrazia*, at Townsend and *John Bernbom* at Hayward, Wis. . . . *Ted Cowgill* traveled to his ranch in Oregon where he spent the time counting steaks on the hoof, while *Phil Leahy* was sunning himself under the moonbeams at Paw Paw. . . . *Jack Stein* enjoys the north country, Minneapolis to be exact. . . . *John Walsh* had a little visit at Hines hospital, but it apparently helped him and we hope he doesn't have to go again. . . . *John Franzen* has broken his attendance record on account of illness, but reports at this time that he will be back soon.

—L. C. DUTTON

## VACATIONS—THEY'RE STILL POPULAR

WAY AND STRUCTURES (NORTH AND SOUTH)—*Fred Cook* flew to Montreal with stopover at Windsor



"You should've seen the expression on her face when I handed her the check!"

and Ontario. . . . *B. O. Everman* was introduced to the mysteries of the Bingo game. He is now able to trade word for word with the most rabid woman fan. . . . *E. W. McBride* spent his three weeks comparing Milwaukee's transportation system with our own CTA. Mac would ride Milwaukee street cars until he became lost and would then try to straighten himself out. Claims he could find many strange sights in this manner.

We are sorry to hear about *J. L. Fisher's* daughter, who is very ill. We all wish her a very speedy recovery. . . . *E. Bumgardner*, blacksmith, is recuperating from a recent operation. He expects to

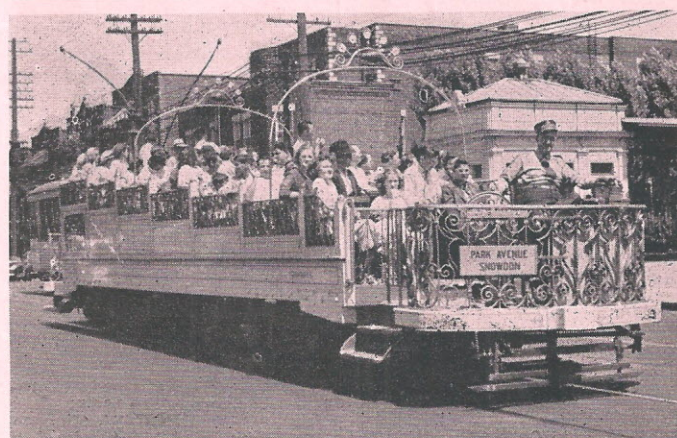
be back with us soon. . . . *J. J. Madden* became a grandfather for the second time in less than a year. His grandson weighed in at seven pounds, thirteen ounces.

*Mr. and Mrs. J. McAndrews* celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on August 6. . . . *Mr. and Mrs. E. Ridley* vacationed at Mackinac island where they honeymooned 25 years ago.

*Jul Andrews* spent his vacation fishing at Minocqua, Wisconsin. His fish stories will walk off with first prize. In the picture he sent us the nearest thing that comes to looking like a fish is that cheap cigar he has in his mouth.

—VINCENT A. PETRICCA

## SIGHTSEERS BUS



WHILE on vacation in Canada, *Charlie Keevil*, Specifications, snapped this photograph of a sightseeing car operated by the

Montreal Tramways. Charlie's camera is always there when a novel mass transit vehicle is in sight.

Reported by JULIE PRINDERVILLE



## RETIRING AGENTS HONORED AT PARTY

On September 22, 1949, the balcony of Old Heidelberg was alive with story-telling and reminiscing, as South Side ticket agents who recently resigned on pension, gathered as guests of their fellow-workers and friends. Some boasted of years of service with the CTA and predecessor companies from practically the turn of the century down to twenty-six years. After receiving orchids, they were presented with gold rosary beads and Elgin American compacts. The group included *Mary Grace, Mary Corbett, Della Ford, Mary Murray, Fanny O'Donnell, Laura Schenkenberger, Catherine McLaughlin, Delia Morley, Elizabeth Buttimer, Nell Driscoll and Catherine Collins*. The list of South Side ticket agents who went on pension also included *Mary Kerwick, Emma Eck, Margaret Bugler, Mary Gaughan, Helen O'Donnell and Frances McNichols*, who were presented with similar gifts, but who were unable to attend the celebration.—

Reported by JULIE PRINDERVILLE

## YOU CAN'T CATCH FISH WITHOUT RIGHT BAIT

WAY AND STRUCTURES (SURFACE)—Both *T. W. Morgan*, assistant division superintendent, and *Paul Anderson* of centralized hauling control, spent their vacation in Wisconsin. And they both did their fishing at the same place. Anderson was quite successful in luring the fish on his hook with ordinary bait, but Morgan had no luck at all. It probably was the California Red Worms that he had on his hook which had no appeal.

*Cornelius McGinley*, grinder operator for the northern division (Track) just returned from Ireland via plane. He visited his mother who was very ill. He

claims that flying is a wonderful way of traveling. . . . *Johnny Allen*, also in the northern division, returned from his vacation which he spent at Hurley, Wisconsin. The main attraction was the pygmy reservation he visited.

Best wishes are extended to *Frank A. Ross*, chauffeur of the utility division, and *Mary Ann Langton*, who were married Saturday, Sept. 17. Frank is a stepson of *Robert Gilmore* and Mary Ann is a graduate nurse. They recently returned from their honeymoon which was spent traveling East. . . . Best wishes are also offered to *Paul Minogue's* sister *Marlyn*, who was married October 8 to *James Casey* at St. Vincent's church. Marlyn is also the daughter of *Paul Minogue, Sr.*, who is a timekeeper for the northern division.

—VIOLET SWEPAS

## DESIGNS HOUSE— THEN BUILDS IT

WESTSIDE (LAKE) — *Switchman Glen Kinzie* is busy these days building his six-room brick house on a three-quarter acre plot of ground near Twelfth street in York Center directly west of Villa Park. He designed the house himself, with the help of Mrs. Kinzie as consultant. If our beautiful autumn weather holds out, he expects to finish the brickwork and put on the roof before snow flies, thus enabling him to work on the inside during the winter. We hope to get a picture later when it is completed. Kinzie's older son, *Kenneth* won't be able to help with the project, being away for his second year at college, but his younger son, a junior at high school, will no doubt be of some assistance to his most ambitious father.

Our Lake street switching towers at Crawford, Garfield Park and Rockwell have been given their periodic coat of fresh paint—green with orange trim.

They are so bright and inviting with their permanent sheet awnings painted alternate stripes of the two colors that they look like stick-candy bath houses at a beach resort—very swank.

## BEHIND THE BY-LINES



(First in a series of articles introducing the CTA'ers who write the "Inside News")

WHEN YOU have a suppressed desire, there's only one thing to do—un-suppress it. At least that's Motorman Ted Shumon's philosophy. He confesses that his only suppressed desire is writing—and perhaps that's the reason his Armitage Column has been so outstanding ever since he started it back in 1943.

Ted definitely enjoys people—and gets along with them. In fact, the only thing that used to get him "burned up" was his match collection. For many years he had one of the country's outstanding collections of matchbook covers, but he has since "retired" from this hobby.

During the last couple of years he has also dropped his other sideline, the history of local transit, in favor of his home, his lodge (he is a 32nd degree Mason), and his charming wife, Marie.

The above photo of Ted and Marie (who works in the Schedule department) was taken at the famed Diamond Horseshoe in New York City when they were east for their vacation.

Congratulations to our latest class of Extra Motormen—*T. Fennessey, L. Jackson, N. Mayo, J. Penn, Jr., D. Stover*.

The 1949-50 season of the Lake Street Morning Bowling League got off to a fine start on September 22, and the officers, *W. Fitzgerald*, president, *M. Mattes*, treasurer, and *G. Kinzie*, financial secretary, are looking forward to an enthusiastic and spirited contest. There are eight teams this year, and they play every Thursday morning at 10:45 at Cascade Bowling Alleys, Madison and Hamlin. Right now the boys are busy choosing names

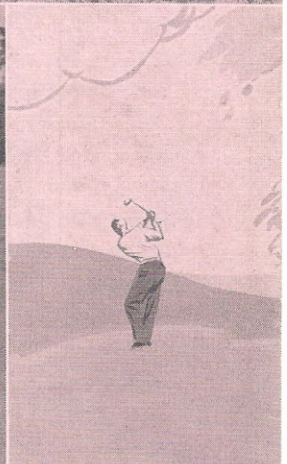
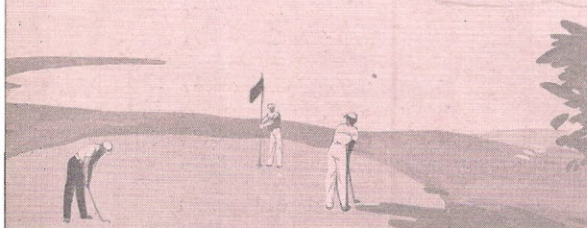
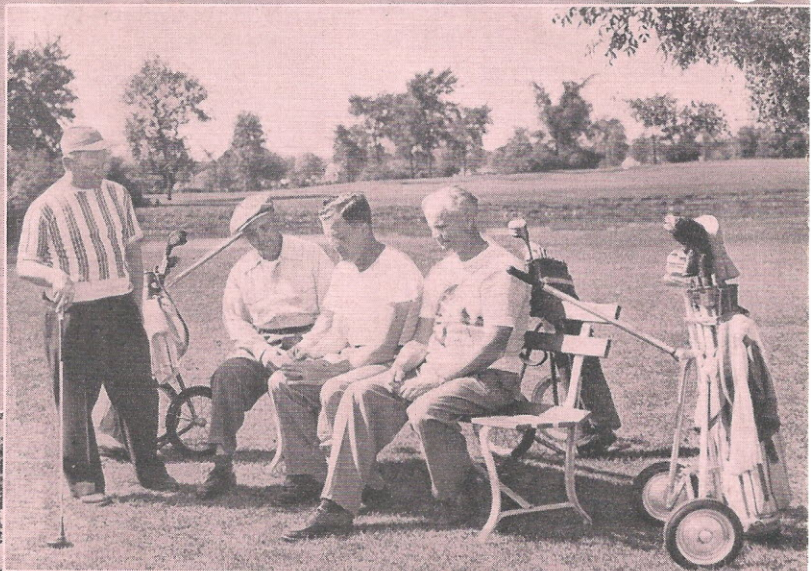
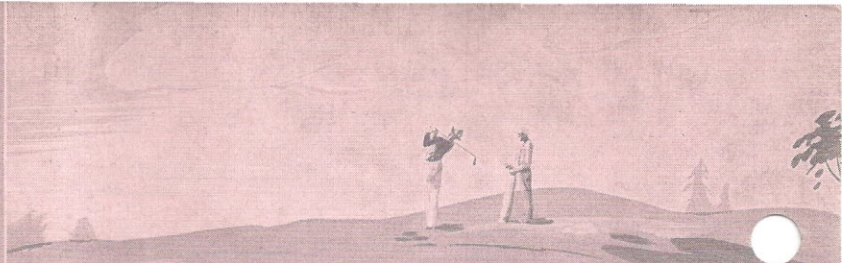
for their teams, and judging by the three teams that have selected names so far — "Lovers," "Yard Birds" and "Foams", you can imagine what to expect from the rest of the teams.

—ROBERT RIX

(MET)—*Extra-Trainman* and *Mrs. J. Baker* celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a quiet party at home. Three married daughters, *Mrs. Alice Zemanek, Mrs. June Egem* and *Mrs. Charlotte McTernan* were on hand to extend greetings to their parents as well as five grandchildren.

—BILL HENN





## Tee Party Produces New Champions

A BRIGHT, sunny sky welcomed 61 golfers when they teed off in the eighth annual golf tournament for CTA employees at the White Pines Country Club on September 9. And at the end of this ideal day for the "par-busters," new champions were crowned in both the low gross and handicap contests.

Bus Operator Ed Foreman, North, captured the trophy awarded for the best low gross score by finishing the 18 holes with a 74. Shaking hands with him is the handicap contest trophy winner, William J. Connolly of the Claim department, who had a low net score of 69 . . . Joseph Zukowski of the Claim department had quite a gallery as he started his round in the tournament. Pointing the way for him are, left to right, Tom Coglianese, Kedzie; A. B. McRee and William Connolly, Claim; Art Cooper and Ernie Barnick, Kedzie; and Ed Foreman, North. . . . The sure-fire way of getting out of a sand trap is with a shovel, according to R. W. Pfeiffer, Limits, and A. F. Flohr, Kedzie, center. However, John Pater, Kedzie, thinks his sand blaster will do the job just as well. . . . A pause before continuing their game offers E. E. Klipp and H. L. Umlauf, North, and J. E. Maguire and A. W. Warren, Lawndale, left to right, an opportunity to check their scores. . . . Accuracy on the golf greens often means the difference between victory and defeat. That's why Ralph Brindise, Archer, looks so determined to "sink that putt." Waiting to test their skill are, left to right, Chuck Kusch, J. J. Lesniak and H. R. Gennett, all of Blue Island.







PROBABLY the finest mosaic work in the world can be seen in the interior design of the main library. Marble from Italy, Ireland, New York and the East Indies was used to fashion the distinctive rosettes and inlays.

## KNOW Your Chicago



*(The fifth article of a series presented to assist Chicago Transit Authority employees in knowing their city.)*

THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY was founded just after the great fire in 1873, when 10,000 volumes were sent here by *Thomas Hughes*, an English lawyer and member of Parliament. From its humble location that year in an old iron water tank near LaSalle and Adams streets, the Library has grown until it now contains over 2,000,000 volumes housed in the central library at Michigan and Randolph streets, 60 branch libraries and sub branches, 26 deposit stations and one bookmobile. Over 10,000,000

books are issued every year for home use, making this Chicago institution the largest circulating library in the world.

The Library is a public tax supported institution and its services are free to the public. It is managed by a board of nine directors and derives its revenue from a library tax which produces \$2,350,000 a year (1947) for maintenance and operation.

The main library, its branches and smaller agencies are located throughout Chicago and can be reached easily by CTA surface, elevated and bus routes. A knowledge of where these library locations are will prove of valuable assistance to CTA transportation employees.

MODERN in design, both on the interior and exterior, this building which is the Lake View Branch is typical of Chicago's library system. It is located on one of CTA's most recently converted bus routes, 644-48 West Belmont avenue.





# What Is Your Favorite Meal?

Inquiring Reporter: L. C. DUTTON

SCHEDULE DEPARTMENT



**GEORGE F. JOHANNES**, Schedule Clerk:

"My favorite meal starts out with liver dumpling soup, followed by roast beef, mashed potatoes and sweet-sour cabbage. Then I usually finish with ice cream and coffee."



**JOHN BENNIS**, Traffic Checker:

"A roast beef dinner with all the trimmings is my favorite meal. I like to start off with a plate of chicken noodle soup, then several slices of well done roast beef and plenty of milk-white mashed potatoes swimming in a rich, brown gravy, a side dish of creamed carrots, lots of home-made bread with plenty of butter, a generous cut of apple pie with a thick slice of cheese and, finally, an excellent cup of coffee. To make it my real favorite, I must have my wife, who prepares all of the above, sitting across from me and our seven year old son between us."



**PATRICK McSTAY**, Traffic Checker:

"With a name like mine I guess I should say corned beef and cabbage, but that would not be true. In fact, I don't even think I have a favorite. I eat anything that is edible and will try anything once."



**BOB BOAL**: Assistant Statistician:

"I am always very pleased to sit down to a meal consisting of beef broth with plenty of crackers, rolled roast beef that is well done, mashed potatoes with lots of butter, green stringless beans, Waldorf salad, hot rolls and coffee. To top it off I like apple pie and cheese with more coffee."

**ARCHIBALD K. LANGOHR**, Schedule Maker:

"Before indulging in my favorite meal I enjoy a bit of relaxation—you know—old clothes, easy chair, sherry wine and gossiping with my wife. Then, lamb chops, baked potatoes and all the rest of the trimmings, followed by you know what—dishes."





## HALLOWE'EN FIXIN'S

**CHILDREN CONSIDER** Hallowe'en their very own special occasion. They fly in and out of the house in a high state of excitement. On one of their brief visits greet them with a trayful of cookies and a cheering drink. In this way you may be able to persuade these exuberant children to sit down awhile and take a breathing spell, and also get some nourishment into them! Give them cookies with funny faces, and catshaped cookies (or perhaps you will have another idea) to attract and tempt them. Paint a black number 13 on your glasses (easily done with water colors which will wash right off afterward) for another lure in keeping with Hallowe'en. An idea for your centerpiece on this day is to fill a hollowed-out pumpkin with autumn flowers and leaves. This is a decorative vase and one which you may well use on many other fall occasions.

## Fashion Notes

FOR FALL, 1949

**The Goods on You . . .** Jersey leads a 24-hour life, worn all day—and, dressed up with the right accessories—all night, too. Tweeds, corduroys, flannels are important for everyday wear. Velveteen

for afternoon and evening wear, also taffeta, and velvet.

**The Camels Are Coming . . .** The camel's hair coat is not only a coming fashion—it's here—big, loose, adaptable and practically indestructible.

**Winter Woolies . . .** Coats may be full or fitted, many with plaid or vivid contrasting linings. Coats go to all lengths—short and boxy, three-quarter and flaring, or long, either fitted or full-in-back. Watch for bigger collars, softer shoulders, yoked effects, back or tie belts, and pockets.

**Color Effects . . .** Because of the influence of camel's hair, all the camel and beige shades are out in front. Blending with this group are the rusts, the browns, and orange. Navy-blue is now a definite winter color, and with it come sapphire and teal. Vivid scarlet, rich garnet-red, deep green, winey purple all brighten the picture. Grey and black are still classic, of course.

**Look For . . .** Pockets, pockets, pockets, big and bold and bulging on skirts, dresses, coats. Velvet touches—collars, cuffs, pockets. Knitted edges and inserts on neck and sleeves and waistlines.

**Upper Level . . .** Blouses are casual, both for sports and dressy wear—it's the fabric that makes the differences. Cotton and crepe for every day, in faille and nylon for dress. Small collars, high necks. Wool jersey blouses in a class by themselves, turtle-necks, deep V's, boat-necks.

*to the Ladies*  
... from Joan

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

To save burned food, uncover cooking pan and set in a large pan of cold water until the steam escapes. Discard pieces of food stuck to the pan. The burned taste goes off with the steam.

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To prevent soggy pie crusts, cool your cream and custard fillings before pouring into shell. For fruit pies, crush and sprinkle a layer of corn flakes over the bottom of crust to prevent the berry juice from seeping in.

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To prevent the yolks of hard-cooked eggs from turning green, plunge the eggs into cold water immediately upon removing them from stove.

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To patch a cigarette burn in a slip cover, cut a small piece of material from the seam, fit this swatch into the trimmed hole of the slip cover, and then iron a piece of Bondex Hot Iron Mending Tape over the reverse side of the patched area. No stitches to show and no more hole to be seen!

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A good salad dressing for the dieting person is to rub the salad bowl with a garlic clove, then sprinkle the lettuce leaves with lemon juice, add salt and pepper. Toss the salad and top with parsley flakes.

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Next time you want to clear soup of excess fat, try putting lettuce leaves in it—the fat adheres to the lettuce.

## AFGHAN TO CROCHET

**FOR YOUR** fall needlework project, one that will afford you many happy hours of crocheting, a colorful afghan is an ideal choice. The blocks are worked separately, then sewed together, and the whole finished with a plain border. Yellow and brown wools were used in this model, but any two or more colors may be substituted.



**NOTE:** Available to you without charge: A direction leaflet for crocheting the afghan, and a cookie recipe that is excellent for cutting fancy figures because it holds its shape. Write to Women's Editor, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, 79 West Monroe, Chicago 90, Illinois.



(SEE COVER)  
**ARE YOU  
 IN THE PARADE  
 ?**

THE "Red Feather" that symbolizes a contribution to the Community Fund is again leading the Fall style parade.

The 1949 goal of the Community Fund is \$8,159,000. Chicago Transit Authority's goal in this drive is to equal or better its 1948 contribution of more than \$45,000.

Money you give helps to provide for the needs of: families in trouble, children, old folks, sick people, babies without homes—all of them Chicagoans whose only chance for assistance is through one of the 195 agencies supported by the Community Fund.

Again this year, as in 1948, CTA employees may make their contribution through a cash payment or payroll deductions. Each employee has received a pledge card. If you wish to use the payroll deduction plan, indicate the amount of your gift which will be deducted over a maximum of four paydays. If you wish to give cash, indicate the amount on the face of the card and attach the cash. The card should then be signed and returned to the individual making the Community Fund collection in your department.

### THE READER'S RIGHT

Dear Sir:

In the September "Transit News" I was mentioned as a Loop ticket agent. This is incorrect. I was a ticket agent on the Lake Street since 1909 and second from top of seniority list. I am very proud to have served as ticket agent on that line for 40 years and retired August 1, 1949.

If I could do it all over again the Lake Street would be my choice as the nicest people ride on that line (the Lake Street "L") which holds very dear to me.

Sincerely, Sophia Kuhlmann



### A FICKLE QUEEN

IF YOU ask *Steve Krifos*, Devon car-house, where he was on the night of August 22, he might not say, "Out with The Queen." But if he did, he would be telling the truth. For that was the night that Steve and his wife were sitting up with his "Night Queen" cactus to watch it come into bloom.

Steve has had "The Queen" for about nine years and has had blossoms five different years. Ordinarily this type of cactus blossoms only for one night in the year.

This year, however, "The Queen" pulled a fast one. After having been dormant for a year because of being moved from one location to another, the plant blossomed twice!

Around the first of August buds appeared on the sides of the leaves, getting larger and heavier until finally the leaves had to be propped up to keep from breaking off. About 9.00 P.M. on August 22 the buds began opening, the full flower appearing around 11:00 P.M.



**The Queen and Steve**

The bloom is white and extremely delicate. By morning its fringed petals had folded in and were just a lumpy mass.

Because there were seven flowers at the first bloom, (above right) Steve felt the plant had done very well. Then, much to his surprise three more buds popped out during September and came into blossom on the night of October 3.

Before the closing of Noble station Steve was in charge of the gardens there and raised many a prize-winning display—including a coleus plant which copped first prize at the World's Fair.



**CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS**  
**MONTHS OF AUGUST, 1949 AND 1948, EIGHT MONTHS AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED**  
**AUGUST 31, 1949**

(Revenues applied in order of precedence required by Trust Agreement)

	Month of August		Period Ended August 31, 1949	
	1949	1948	8 Months	12 Months
Revenues .....	\$ 9,250,547	\$10,083,156	\$76,981,564	\$118,681,758
Operation and Maintenance Expenses (Note 1).....	8,512,870	8,212,199	70,854,944	106,888,269
	<u>737,677</u>	<u>1,870,957</u>	<u>6,126,620</u>	<u>11,793,489</u>
Debt Service Requirements:				
Interest Charges .....	318,004	318,003	2,544,237	3,816,250
Deposit to Series of 1947 Bond Reserve (Note 2) .....	107,000	107,000	856,000	1,284,000
	<u>425,004</u>	<u>425,003</u>	<u>3,400,237</u>	<u>5,100,250</u>
Balance before Depreciation.....	312,673	1,445,954	2,726,383	6,693,239
Provision for Depreciation—Current Period.....	541,666	466,666	4,333,333	6,200,000
Balance available (A) to cover deficiencies in deposits to Depreciation Reserve Fund; (B) for Reserves for Operating Expense and Municipal Compensation; and (C) for Modernization (Note 3) .....	<u>\$ 288,993</u>	<u>\$ 979,288</u>	<u>\$ 1,606,950</u>	<u>\$ 493,239</u>

**NOTES:**

- (1) Provision has been made in operation and maintenance expenses shown in the above statement for retroactive wage increases required by recent settlements with the principal unions (\$181,218 for August, 1949 and \$546,354 for the eight months period ended August 31, 1949). No provision has been made for retroactive wage increases which may result from negotiations with other unions.
- (2) Available to pay interest or principal on any interest or principal payment dates whenever amounts in funds set aside for such purposes are insufficient therefor, or for accomplishing the final retirement or redemption of all outstanding Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds.
- (3) Monthly deposits not exceeding \$75,000 are to be made to the Operating Expense Reserve Fund in any month that earnings are available therefor, before any deposits shall be made to Municipal Compensation Reserve Fund or set aside for Modernization.

**PASSENGER STATISTICS**

Revenue Passengers .....	<u>71,903,947</u>	<u>77,842,845</u>	<u>604,275,434</u>	<u>930,854,798</u>
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**SQUARE DANCE DELUXE**

IF YOU'RE visiting Supervisor Bill Kennedy, District "C", and notice a new trophy on the mantel, don't hesitate to ask his daughter, Pat, how it got there. For you see, Pat was awarded the trophy for being a member of the winning square dance team in the second annual Chicago Sun-Times, radio station WLS and Chicago Park District Square Dance Festival. A recent convert to the "Swing Your Partner" type of dancing so popular nowadays. Pat and her set teammates, who call themselves the "Sayre Park Rockets," captured the Chicago area square dancing championship before a crowd of 20,000 in the Congress street Plaza.



Patricia and Partner

**Who Is "The Conductor With a Heart"?**

A RECENT letter-to-the-editor in a daily paper read in part:

"I was a victim of purse snatching. When reported by the conductor he was upset, but could not stop the "L" nor notify anyone from 47th Street until Roosevelt road.

"I thank the conductor with a heart. He gave me a dollar out of his own pocket."

Who is this "Conductor with a heart?" TRANSIT NEWS would like to know so that proper credit may be given to this CTA employe for a good job of public relations, well done.





Herald-American Photo

The horrors of fire were brought home to all Chicagoland through the Masons' troubles.

## SHE *Knew* WHAT TO DO — *Do You?*

SEVERAL MONTHS ago young *Roberta Lee Mason* heroically saved her three brothers and a sister when fire swept their parents' home. Because of quick action and intelligent thinking, her brothers and sister are alive today.

Would you, as parents—or would your children—know what to do if placed in Roberta's situation—today—tonight—now? It's worth a minute's thought to find out.

Aside from the tremendous destruction of public and private property directly resulting from fire (the nation's estimated fire loss during August, 1949, was \$50,150,000), this terrible menace kills and maims human life every day of the year.

For your own personal safety and the safety of your family, be sure they know what to do should fire ever strike your home. Everyone, young and old, should be familiar with the following fire precautions:

1. If you awake at night and smell smoke, do not throw open the door of your room. To do so may be fatal; for if heated air and smoke burst in, you will breathe it—and one breath may be enough!! Feel the door. If it is not warm, open it cautiously.

2. If there is dense smoke but no flame, tie a wet cloth over your mouth and nose and crawl, because cooler, clearer air will be found near the floor. Close all doors as you pass them.

3. Never waste time fighting a fire or even reporting it before making sure that all occupants have escaped.

4. Never jump from a window except as the last resort. Make a rope of bed clothes. If you must jump, throw a mattress down first if it is available.

5. In reporting a fire from an alarm box, wait to direct the firemen to the house. Over the telephone merely tell the operator that you want to report one. Be sure to give the correct address.

6. If your clothing is afire, do not run. This will fan the flames. Lie down and wrap yourself up in a rug, overcoat, or blanket. This will smother the flames. If there is nothing to roll up in, roll over slowly and beat the flames with your hands.

### PREVENT FIRE IN YOUR HOME

Check your home now:

1. Are grates in good condition, not cracked or broken?
2. Are pipes without weakness from rust?
3. Is there any uninsulated wood close to furnace, stove or pipes?
4. Is the draft system adequate to carry away fumes or gases?
5. Are fireboxes sound, without cracks or leaks?
6. Are smoke pipes tightly cemented into the chimney with no loose joints?
7. Are flues, smoke pipes and chimneys free from soot?
8. What about frayed electric light cords?
9. Have you any extension cords run under rugs?
10. Have you too many electric appliances attached to one outlet?



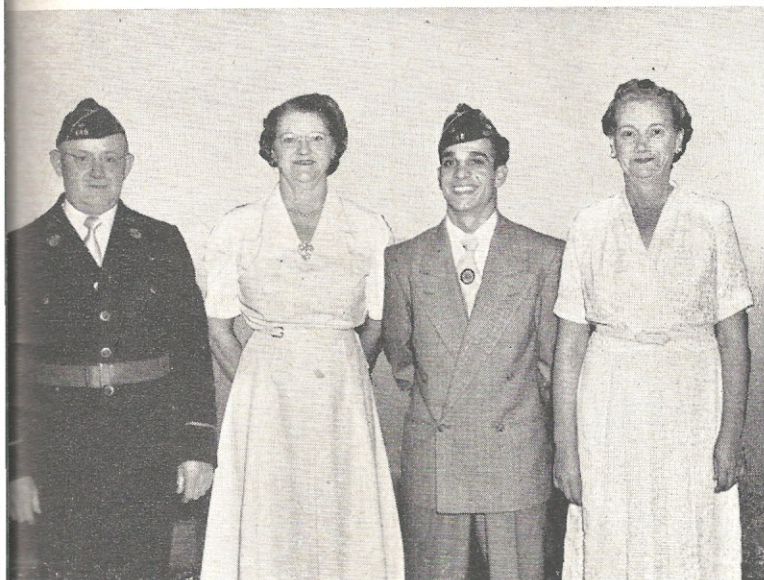
# "INSTALL NEW LEGION OFFICERS"



A HUSBAND and wife team will lead the Surface Lines Post No. 146 of the American Legion and its Auxiliary for the year 1949 and 1950. Installed as commander of the Post on Tuesday evening, September 20, was *Motorman Joseph S. Gurga*, North. During the same evening his wife, *Mary* was installed as president of the Auxiliary. Over 120 members and guests were present at the installation, after which refreshments were served.



THE CHICAGO Elevated Post No. 184, American Legion, held its installation of officers on Tuesday, September 20, at St. Jude Hall. *Road Clerk John O'Reilly*, "L" Way and Structures, was installed as commander for 1949-50. He is shown receiving his gavel from the installing officer, *Harrison Wilson*, who, on the following evening, was installed as commander of the second district of the American Legion, Department of Illinois. Commander Wilson is assistant electrical engineer of the rapid transit system. At the right is *J. J. Howe*, a former CTA employee, who is the new senior vice-commander of the Elevated Post.



ELECTED TO aid in guiding the Surface Lines post and auxiliary through a successful year were: left, *Senior Vice-commander LeRoy Blondin*, motorman from the Lawndale station; junior vice-commander for 1949-50 is *Michael Val-lone*, right; first vice-president of the auxiliary for the ensuing year is, left, *Louise Drake*; second vice-president is, right, *Marie Van Disseldorp*.



NEW AUXILIARY officers of the Chicago Elevated Unit No. 184 who were installed with the post officers are, left to right, *President Eleanor De Angelo*, *First Vice-President Virginia Fredriksen*, and *Second Vice-President Evelyn Tyslan*. Their installing officer was *Loretta Lynge*, right.



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## AN EDITORIAL

TO PAY increased costs of wages, materials and supplies, Chicago Transit Authority has reluctantly increased fares 2c on the surface system and 2c on the rapid transit system.

A fare increase is not pleasant. We would much have preferred not to take this step. Under the Chicago Transit Authority plan, however, it is necessary to charge rates of fare that will produce enough revenue to meet our obligations.

The new rates of fare will enable us to continue improvements in service and continue the program for modernizing our equipment. Although approximately 46% of our surface riders originate their trips on new, modern equipment, we still have approximately 1,760 old-type streetcars, 150 trolley buses and 130 motor buses that should be replaced by new equipment as rapidly as possible. On the elevated system, even after receiving the 130 new, streamlined cars, on which delivery will start next March, we will still have some 925 out-moded cars to be replaced.

We also hope to continue modernizing the other facilities that are necessary to good service. We plan, for example, to build more off-the-street terminals and to provide more direct connections between the surface and rapid transit services.

Our riders want continuing improvements in service and in local transit equipment. By working together, each of us doing his job to the best of his ability, we will give our riders the kind of service that they want and deserve.

*Ralph Budd*