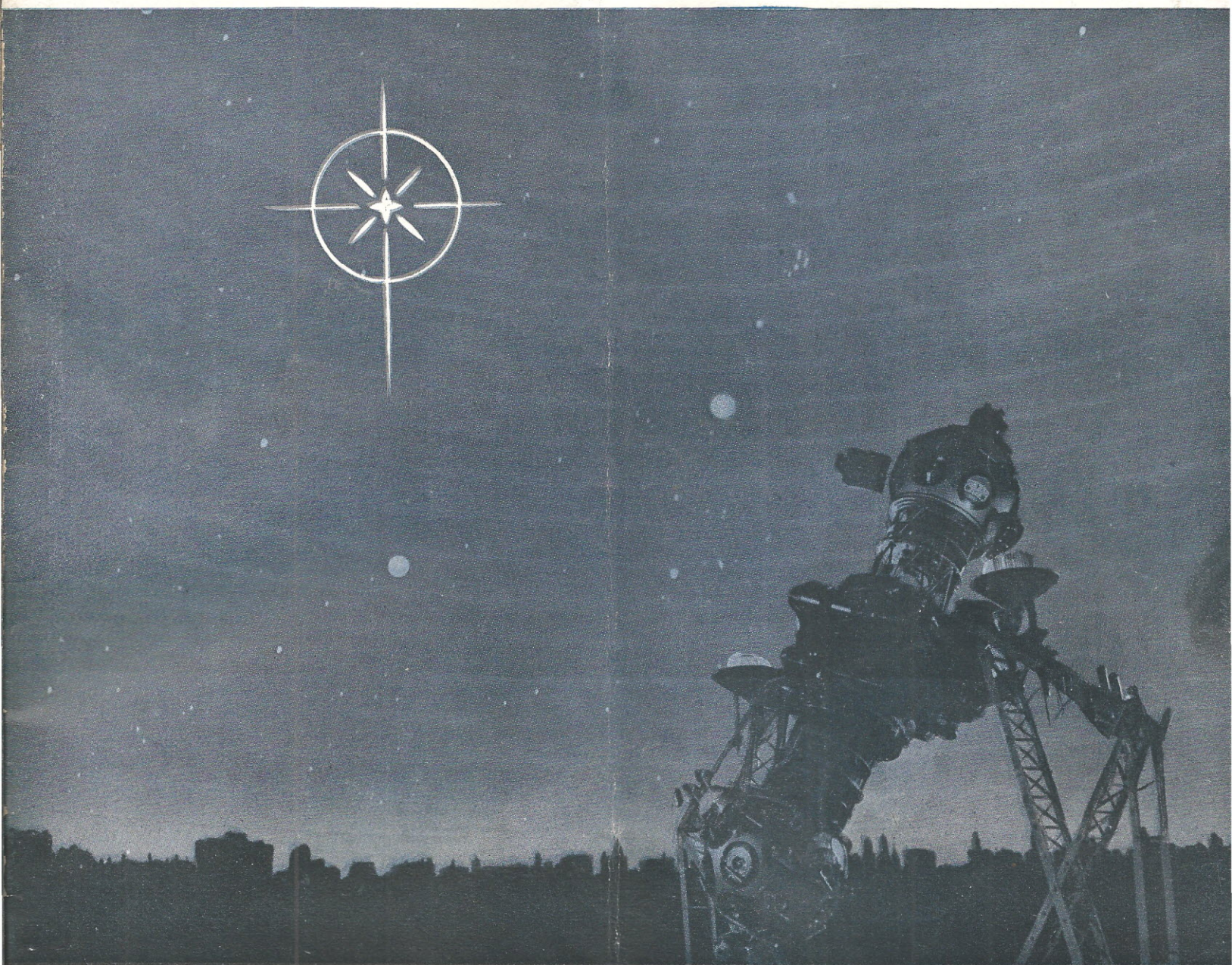




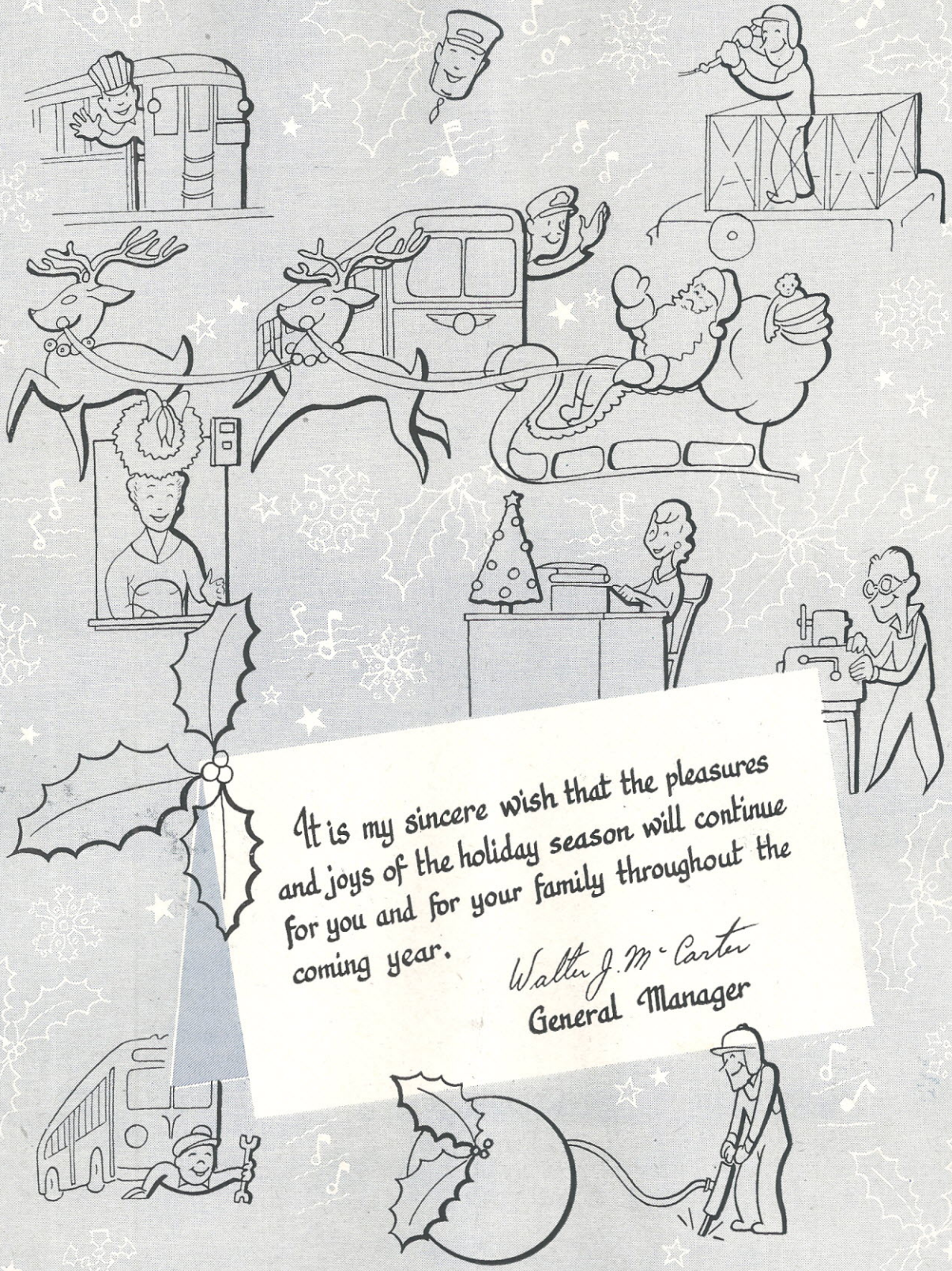
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“The Star of Bethlehem”

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It is my sincere wish that the pleasures
and joys of the holiday season will continue
for you and for your family throughout the
coming year.

Walter J. McCarter
General Manager



WINGS OVER CTA

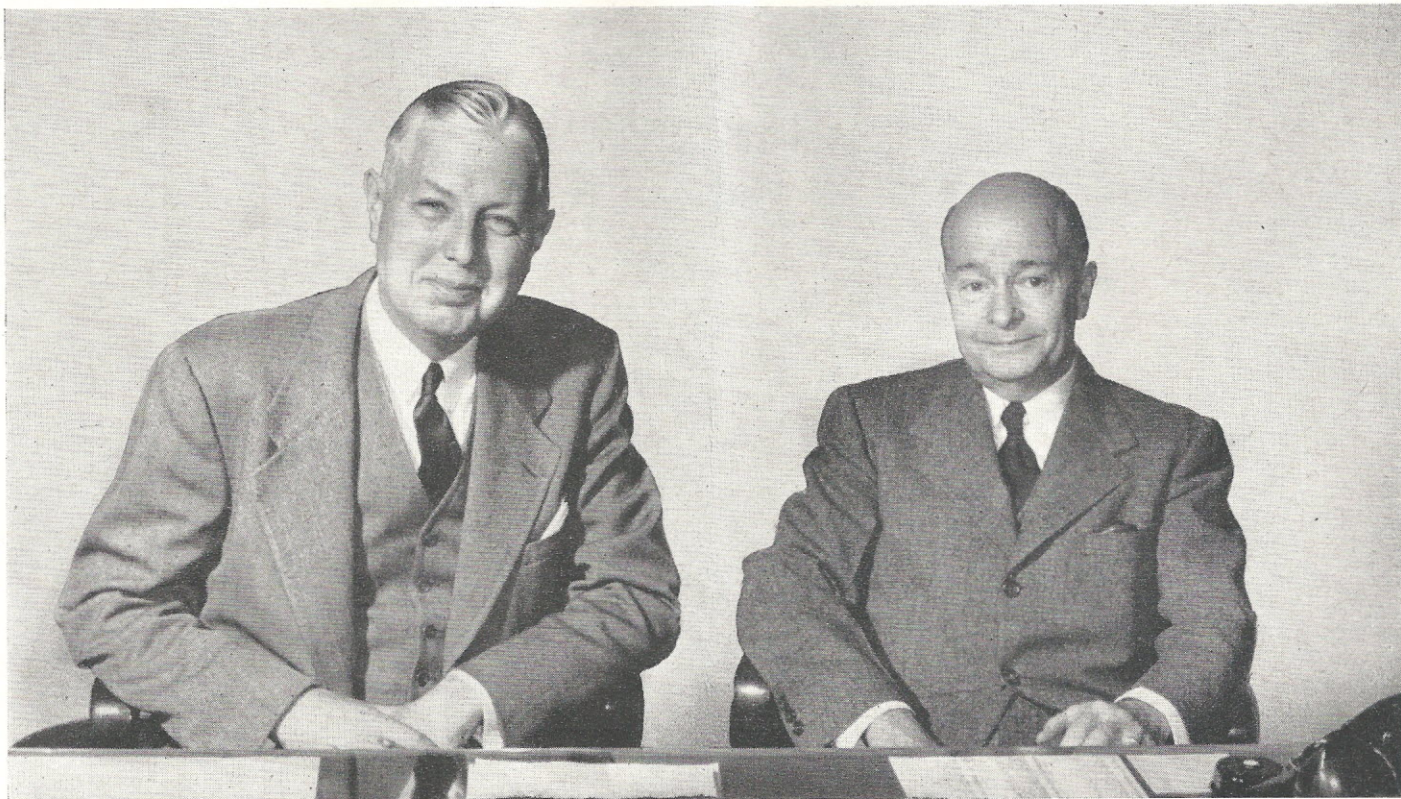


ALL CTA transportation employees will soon be wearing a new streamlined badge. The badge design, which was recently approved, consists of the CTA emblem and the employee's number superimposed on a pair of spread wings. It is finished in gold, with a blue enamel trim.

Delivery of the first badges is expected early in 1950 from Whitehead and Hoag Company, Newark, N. J., the manufacturers. As rapidly as the badges are received they will be distributed to transportation employees.

THE new CTA badge meets with the approval of *Therese O'Keefe*, Accounting department, and *Bus Operator Walter J. Mooney*, Archer. Miss O'Keefe holds the present surface and rapid transit badges which will soon be replaced by the winged emblem. Mooney is wearing one of the new battle jackets recently approved for bus operators and various surface personnel.

RECENT CHANGES AT CTA



William S. Allen and G. T. Hellmuth

AS OF December 1, *Wm. S. Allen* is appointed chief attorney of the General Law department for CTA. He succeeds *G. T. Hellmuth* who took his retirement on that date.

Mr. Allen came to the surface lines as chief assistant counsel in 1945, after having been engaged in the practice of law since 1921, when he was admitted to the bar. In October, 1947, he was appointed chief attorney for the Accident Investigation department.

Mr. Hellmuth has been associated with Chicago transit ever since 1923 when he was appointed general claims attorney for the rapid transit. He held this position until the CTA began operation, when he was made chief attorney of the General Law department. Born in London, Canada, Mr. Hellmuth received his early education in Ocean Springs, Miss. He received his law degree from the John Marshall law school. Mr. and Mrs. Hellmuth will make their home in Ocean Springs.



James O. Dwight

James O. Dwight was appointed chief attorney of the Accident Investigation department, succeeding Mr. Allen. Dwight first came with the surface lines in 1925. His prior experience included several years of general law practice and in the legal department of a large

insurance company. Since October 1, 1947 he has held the position of assistant chief attorney in the department.

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T. J. Blakely, superintendent of the utility division, also took his retirement on December 1. Known as "the grand old man," Mr. Blakely was the oldest CTA employe, both in years of service and age. December 1 was his first day without a regular job in a period of 59 years and 27 days. (CTA TRANSIT NEWS, September, 1949)

The utility and wreck truck divisions of the Way and Structures department have now been consolidated as the Utility and Emergency Service division. Joseph Mulree has been appointed superintendent of the division. Mr. Mulree started with the surface lines in 1913 as a trolley-tender. By 1938 he had worked his way up to be assistant superintendent of the Utility department. In 1946 he was made superintendent of emergency service.



The Star of Bethlehem

THE "Star of Bethlehem" as it was believed to have appeared at the first Christmas is again the main attraction for December at the world famous Adler Planetarium and Astronomical Museum, located on Northerly Island at the foot of Roosevelt road.

This show, one of the most popular to be presented at the Planetarium, transports its audiences to the scene of the birth of Christ where they will compare the skies of the Palestine of today with the skies as they appeared over 2,000 years ago when the world observed the initial Christmas day.

Each month the Planetarium presents a new show which, whenever possible, is related to the current phenomena going on in the skies. The Planetarium also contains one of the finest collections of antique astronomical and mathematical instruments in the world. There are over 600 items, some of which date back to 1479.

On weekdays the Planetarium is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with shows at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays and some holidays it is open from 2 to 5 p.m., with shows at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

COVER PHOTO: The Planetarium instrument (lower right) projects various planets and stars, including the traditional symbol of the Star of Bethlehem onto the ceiling of the Museum lecture hall.

APPROVE WAGE INCREASES

WAGE NEGOTIATIONS have been completed with all 17 of the CTA union organizations and were recently approved by the Chicago Transit Board.

First contracts to be executed were those with Division 241 and Division 308 of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America. The wage increases and vacation allowances granted

these unions set the pattern for the other negotiations. The basic settlement provided for an increase of five cents an hour, retroactive to June 1, 1949, and a further increase of five cents an hour effective December 1, 1949, and three weeks vacation after 15 years of continuous service.

In some of the 15 craft unions there were some variations from the basic

wage pattern due to adjustments in certain craft working conditions. This group of unions embraces track workers, chauffeurs, electricians and workers affiliated with the metal crafts council.

Retroactive wages were paid to all employees qualified to receive the increases, in time for them to have the extra money for Christmas.

Of All The Christmas Gifts You Have Received, Which Did You Treasure Most?



EDITH EDBROOKE, Loop

Inquiring Reporter



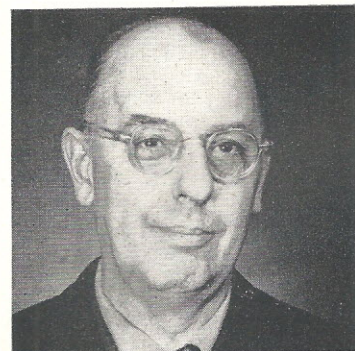
NELLIE KEATING, Agent:

"At the age of four, one of my Christmas presents was a violet conventional designed tea set. As I enjoy company, my twin brother and I had many happy hours entertaining our young friends, serving them tea and cake. Some of the set is still in my possession and occasionally I like to use it."



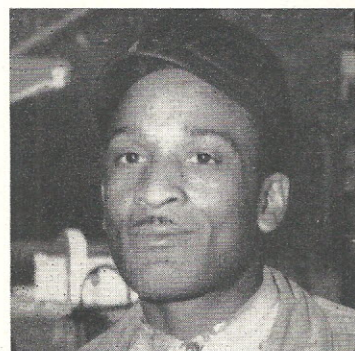
HERBERT TEMPLEMAN, Towerman:

"A spinet piano. My wife had saved all of her money, and my daughters, *Dymitrea* and *Anita*, at that time in grade school, had saved their pennies so that they had this piano delivered the day before Christmas. Imagine my surprise when presented it on Christmas morning. This piano has given us many pleasant hours of family companionship for which I shall ever be grateful."



JIM BARRETT, Agent:

"The Christmas present I remember best is the big easy chair that my wife presented me a few years ago. It is wonderful for relaxation and also has a tendency to put me to sleep."



PAUL GRANT, Porter:

"My best Christmas gift was one given to me from my Maker. My son aroused me on his first Christmas morning with a loud 'Wah.' This is a gift I will never forget."



FRANK KENNEDY, Platform Man:

"When I was six years old my Aunt took me to see Santa Claus at Revell's where I put in my order for a drum and sled and other toys. He took my name and address and a few days before Christmas I found my drum and sled. These I received Christmas morning so I asked my folks when Santa brought them and was told: 'Christmas Eve when he came down the chimney.' I started then to believe in 'Dear Old Santa.' Working Adams and Wabash platform for 18 years and seeing the Revell building, I often think how Santa double-crossed me at that time as he did not tell my Aunt all the things I had ordered."

A SALESMAN FOR CTA!

A LETTER recently received from one of our passengers commended *Conductor Joseph H. Richardson*, Cottage Grove, calling him a "Salesman for CTA." His friendly, helpful attitude prompted this remark which aptly defines all CTA employees, particularly those working our streetcars, "L's," buses and trolley coaches.

Letters of commendation received during the past several weeks show that many transportation men realize they have a selling job to do. And they know that being courteous and helpful to their passengers enables them to do a good selling job.

Here are some excerpts from a few of these letters about CTA transportation employees:

A Madison street rider wrote: "I was on the streetcar about 4 p.m. and I never heard a conductor like the one working on this car (*Conductor Clifford Gaylord*, Kedzie). With every fare and transfer collected he said 'Thank you.' I think he should be given a medal for such a courteous response."

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This passenger and a friend who were not sure of their directions to the Museum of Science and Industry made the following comment: "We boarded the car and asked the conductor (*Lowell C. Hobbs*, 77th) where we should transfer. He was very explicit in giving directions and said he would call the street. This he did. His whole attitude was one of complete courtesy and graciousness."

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A rider of the "L" recently sent a letter commending *Trainman J. Ogelsby, Jr.*, Lake street branch of the Metropolitan section. It read: "His good grooming and neatness of his uniform first attracted my eyes as I was riding to the Loop. I continued to watch him because it fascinated me to see one man open and close the doors, make change, answer questions and perform the many duties his job requires. He did all of these things so well I am glad you have him in your service."

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"Am happy to inform you," wrote a daily passenger on the Armitage-Grand line, "of the real gentleman and fine employe we had the good fortune to ride with this afternoon. My mother had difficulty reaching the platform but *Conductor John A. Rutkowski*, North, was very kind to help her in word as well as deed."

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The honesty of *Motorman Bernard Cohen*, Lawndale, was the subject of this letter: "My son had lost his wallet on the streetcar and thanks to a call from Motorman Cohen, he received it in perfect condition with nothing missing. This man also refused a reward of any kind and I honestly think he is a real credit to your company."

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"I would like to call your attention to the unusual courtesy, efficiency and general helpfulness shown me by *Trainman J. McGuinness*, North Side. He was of much assistance to me and I saw, too, that he gave information freely and

willingly to others like me. It is most refreshing to find a man who more than earns his money."

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Here is a woman who enjoyed her ride on a CTA bus so much that she sat down and wrote the following: "This morning I got a seat as I usually do on my bus but what made my ride so enjoyable was the bus operator himself (*Jesse Ax*, Limits). He had a wonderful manner about him and when he asked the people to move to the rear, they did it because he was nice about it, explaining that he only wanted to make more room for more people."

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From another "L" rider came this letter: "I was a passenger on the southbound Kenwood "A" train recently and couldn't help but notice the trainman (*Fred Govan*, Southside). He was particularly polite and helpful in answering the inquiries of several passengers. His attitude made me feel that he should be especially commended."

HE WAITED—FOR A COMPLIMENT

"I HAD a very heavy toolbox. He (*Bus Operator Richard Brens*, Armitage) saw me struggling, half running to try and catch the bus. He waited and this courtesy permitted me to keep my appointment.

"Strange as it may seem, I find very few of those so-called rude employes in the CTA that are described by cranks in the daily papers—cranks who want to see their names in print.

"While this letter may be inspired by and written for *Bus Operator Brens*, I have encountered literally hundreds of similar courtesies among your employes over the years."



"Yes mam, mom like your gift. She said it was a real monstrosity."

A FRIEND IN NEED



SOMETIMES a fellow never really knows who his friends are until he is having a run of bad luck and needs a little help. It's then that he finds out he has more friends than he ever dreamed existed—friends like this group of CTA employees who came to the aid of a fellow worker at a time when he needed it most. *Machine Specialist George Fairbairn*, West Shops, recently asked *Machinist Joe Butkus*, also of West Shops, if he would check a leak in the oil stove in his home. You see, George has been a patient at the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the past year and since that time has been unable to take care of his house. When these fellows learned that George's home was in need of repairs, they got together and planned a little surprise for him on his visit home Thanksgiving day.

All seven rooms of Fairbairn's house were completely redecorated by his fellow workers over a period of 12 days and evenings. Men like *Machinists Wayne Hansen, Joe Butkus, Cyril McNamee* and *Stanley Plis* spent many hours tearing down wallpaper and plaster and cleaning the woodwork. Taken by surprise and pleased and thankful for the generosity of her husband's friends was *Mrs. Fairbairn* and her two children, *George, Jr.*, and *Jacqueline*. While these men were doing this work, other helpers went through the house tearing out the defective and dangerous wiring, after which they installed new wires, outlets and switches throughout the house. Those who helped fix the plumbing system had to dig up and repair a broken pipe and then install a hot water system.



George Fairbairn
"I couldn't believe it . . ."

THANKSGIVING day was wet and snowy but it didn't dampen the spirit of George Fairbairn who came home from the sanitarium for a one day visit with his family. The "foreman" of the working crew, *Joe Butkus*, picked him up and together they drove to his "new home," although George's first remark upon entering his redecorated living room was: "This isn't my home. I must be in the wrong place." The first inkling George had of what his fellow workers were doing to his home was when he saw photographs and a story about it in some of the daily newspapers. "Even then," he said, "I couldn't believe it was possible to have such wonderful friends." George is now back at the sanitarium, but has hopes of being home for good within the next six months.

THE furnace in Fairbairn's home was replaced with a good second-hand one which was installed by several of the volunteer workers. Some of these same fellows who helped put in the furnace, left to right, *Jim McDermott, Harrell Flood*, and *John Sucherek*, went to work and replaced all of the old pipes to insure against any possibility of a coal gas leak into the house. Meanwhile, others of the work brigade fixed all the windows, doors, porches and steps. Later the men put fresh coats of paint on the new and the old lumber.



THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEDICS HAVING BUSY TIME WITH MOTORMEN

ARMITAGE—The medics are having a time with our motormen. *Frank Szydlowski* is at the T.B. Sanitarium, "*Smoothy*" *White* is at Hines. *Jack Hughes* is recovering from an operation. Also on our sick list are *Motormen John Godfrey, Billy Doll* and *Leif Erickson*, all of whom have been off for quite a long time.

• *Motorman Eddie Smith's* numerous children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends are congratulating him and his missus on the celebration of their 33rd wedding anniversary. They were married Nov. 29, 1915.

While your scribe was on vacation, *Conductor Stanley Krupa* pulled a fast one. It now leaks out that after a ten year wait he has another daughter, *Christine Iris Krupa*, who was born Sept. 28. Stanley's other daughter, *Judith*, is a student at the Berning school of Music and is quite an accomplished piano player.

Just to show how good he is *Motorman "Bow Wow" Pederson* has a letter from an Indiana Kennel club asking him to officiate at a field trial next September, as judge.

Roy Croon is back from another deer hunting trip to his beloved Northern Michigan. One of our jokesmiths asked Roy if he hunted bear, and Roy replied "No, I was dressed plenty warm."

If *Motorman Frank West* looks a little swelled up these days, there's a reason. Frank's son, *Lt. Richard West, U.S.M.*, was married on Nov. 25 to *Miss Tina Pounds* of Philadelphia. They are now honeymooning in New York.

We all offer our sympathy to *Motorman Louis Skipper* whose brother-in-law died recently.

—TED SHUMON

Season's Greetings

from CTA TRANSIT NEWS REPORTERS

Ted Shumon	Gale Hruska	Larry Hippert	Gilbert Andrews
Joseph Smith	William Feiler	R. H. Lence	William A. Gehrke
Joseph Hiebel	L. C. Dutton	Anne McCrea	Violet Carnes
Mary Hendrickson	Dante F. Brunod	Joseph Klein	Burton Engberg
J. B. O'Reilly	Vincent A. Petricca	Catherine Holton	Patrick White
David Gurwich	J. J. Baly	Robert E. Brown	Robert Rix
William Henn	Edith Edbrooke	Helen Lowe	Mary Giger
Julie Prinderville	Jean Hartley	Eleanor Bonk	Ferry Burak

SPIKE'S MUSIC MUST SOOTH THEM

ACCOUNTING—Rumor has it that *Tom McGrath's* department boasts a number of "long hairs." Ten young ladies from his department were edified recently by a performance of *Spike Jones' Musical Depreciation Revue*.

With only members of the immediate families attending, Nuptial High Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on November 12 for the marriage of *Mary Erskine* and *Jack Sullivan*. Wedding breakfast followed at the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

Valeria Johnson crammed the utmost into her 14 days vacation by flying to Miama Beach, Florida, taking a boat trip to Cuba, (just for a change of pace) and flying home again. Highlight of the trip

was the presence of Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., and his wife on the plane returning home.

Mary Bernadette is the name of the newest member of the *Ed McEldowney* family. She arrived on November 3, weighing in at 7¾ pounds.

Good wishes follow *Virginia Allshouse, Bernice Coyne* and *Kay Batina* in their recent assignments. *Irene Glasing* is the newcomer in the Stenographic department. *Adeline Vegetabile* has bid the CTA farewell. Her full time occupation will now be homemaker. *Martha Neffas* is back to work; glad to be up after her enforced inactivity due to a broken leg.

Sympathy is extended to *Rosemary* and *Pat Kenny*, Treasurer's office, in the passing of his father.

—HELEN A. LOWE

PRIZE PACKAGES DELIVERED BY STORK

ELECTRICAL (*Surface Division*)—The stork is still busy in the Line department and left prize packages at the homes of the following: To *Walter Barbour* on November 28 a boy, *Edward John*. To *Nick Brindl* on November 27 a boy, *Robert*, who tipped the scale at nine pounds and more; To *William Holy* a girl "*Patricia*," who arrived on Thanksgiving Day. Mothers of all are progressing nicely.

Daniel Darcy, chief operator of 48th and Honore Substation, retired on December 1 after 44 years of service. What Dan intends to do outside of taking a rest is not known.

Charles Manahan of the Line department was married to *Rosemary Scimeca* on November 12 at St. Andrew's Church. They spent their honeymoon in New Orleans.

Frank Campaigne of the Line department was married on October 22 to *Rosemary Doyle* at St. Ethereda Church.

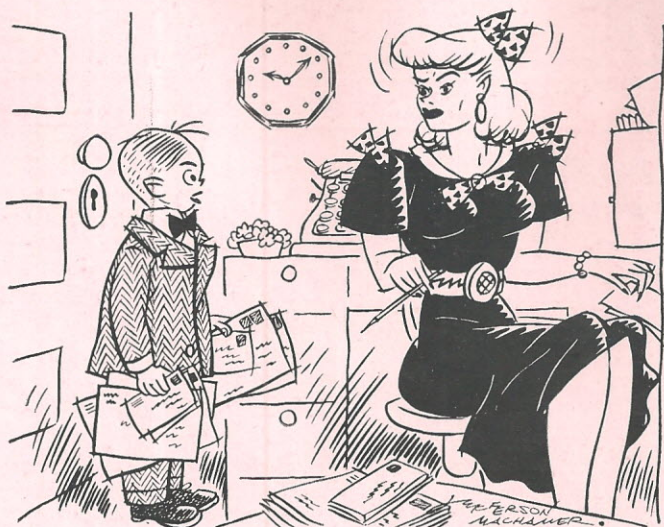
Fred Henningsen, "B" Electrician, spent his vacation in the South. A plug for the Chamber of Commerce. Took in the winter home of Tropical Gardens and laboratory at Fort Myers, Florida, discovered by *Thomas Alva Edison*.

—ANDY
ELECTRICAL (*Rapid Transit*)—The boys and girls are running even in the "New Arrivals." *John Angel* and *G. Gilbert* are proud fathers of seven pound boys, and *B. Neilson* and *Ed Whiting* are proud fathers of seven pound girls. Mothers and babies all doing nicely.

R. M. Dwyer, superintendent of electrical construction is recuperating at home after a serious operation.

Art Lynge and *Tommy Calmelet*, linemen, are both back to work after a very bad seige.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Schageman celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Thanksgiving Day.



"Would you object to my selling chances around the office on you for a dinner, theater and night club date?"

If you think the weather is cold and wintery, think of *George E. Elliott*, power supervisor, basking in Florida Sunshine!

—BURT ENGBERG

CTA'ERS SEE FIGHTING IRISH WIN

GENERAL OFFICE (MONROE)—With the strains of "Cheer Cheer for Old Notre Dame" permeating the air, the following CTA'ers donned their raccoon coats, floated their pennants in the air and struck out for South Bend to witness the Southern California game:—Messrs. Krause, Philpott, L. Keag and R. Keag, H. McGuire and P. Lea.

Following thru with more tidbits from Surface Transportation, we find *Bill Rooney* going all the way East to Pittson, his home, for that Thanksgiving dinner. . . . *Kay Wynn* had her Thanksgiving dinner in Lincolnwood. Kay's birthday and Thanksgiving were almost simultaneous this year. . . . *Charlie Stephenson* was more interested in the delivery of a new television set than he was about turkey. . . . Mr. and Mrs. *Louis Bohlin* spent the holiday in Lake Forest. Louis has finished a new movie, most of the props being the State of Michigan where he vacationed this summer.

Congratulations to *George Evans* who went to 77th to take up the duties of Assistant Superintendent.

. . . *George May* has taken over in Evans' place. . . . *David Gordon* (son of *Jim Gordon*, Engineering). who is a stalwart son in Uncle Sam's Navy, came to Chicago only long enough on a recent weekend to enter into wedlock, then back he rushed to San Diego.

New Granddaughter

Tom Mulvey has a brand new granddaughter, *Sally Kathleen Hilander*. Sally lives in Colorado. Won't be long before she knows "Thar's gold-in-them-thar-hills" on account her daddy is mining engineer for the Telluride Gold Mine. . . . *George Millonas* is proudly displaying a brand new picture of his little lady, *Karen Jayne*, age seven months.

Specifications say adieu to *Bob Burns* who joined Staff Engineers office, *Al Wolf* who went to West Shops, and *Don Haderlein* who left the CTA. . . . *Harold Otis* is inside looking out—the reason—a broken leg. . . . A bit of romance comes to the department—*Bobbe McNamara* is engaged to a student at Northwestern. . . . *Cleveland, Ohio*, claimed *C. W. Ricker, Jr.*, enjoying a late vacation. . . . The

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FOR SALE—Two table model radios, used very little. Telephone BERkshire 7-9482.

original *Helen Doherty* is now the owner of a television set.

In connection with the retirement of *Mr. Hellmuth*, an office luncheon was served in the department with *Mr. Hellmuth* presiding at one end of the table, *Mr. Allen* at the other end. There were twelve employes present—the twelve apostles they called themselves. *Edna Linderth* presented a skipper's cap to *Mr. Hellmuth*, to protect his eyes from that Mississippi sun as he sails merrily on his way. *Mr. Hellmuth* was a bit confused as to what his forwarding address would be—Ocean Springs or Four Winds and the Seven Seas.

—MARY CLARKE and
JULIE PRINDERVILLE

PROOFREADERS GLAD OF THIS NEW ARRIVAL

KEDZIE—On a certain day in November there was a new arrival in the *Joe Smith* family. It's gender is neuter and it was christened "Remington" long ago. *Ruth*, my wife, that is, acquired for me a typewriter, which, she informs me, will eliminate any and all Christmas gifts for the next twenty-five years from her to me.

Minimized to the lowest minimum will be the time taken for the annual meeting of the credit

union members and officer election thereto, in order to speed those attending over to *McEnery Hall*, 4039 W. Madison St., for the party your officers are planning for the night of Saturday, January 21, 1950. Having served you well during the past year, your credit union officers wish all a happy Yuletide.

Difficult to get an evening paper the day the new fares were effective. *Conductor Joe Ryan* bought them all to pass out to his friends to show how he handled the new rate. His picture was there.

After completing his effort on *Kedzie*, *Art Kennedy* drove to 47th and *Kedzie* where he instituted a search for a quarter that rolled off the platform. He found the quarter and several other coins of the realm.

No wonder *Notre Dame* walked away with *Tulane*. *L. Red Staton* and his family attended. . . . *George Berresheim* gave the hospital and surgeon some of his time recently. He's all sewed up and back at work. . . . *Tony Otis* spent some time in *St. Anthony's* hospital for an operation. . . . *Superintendent Clint Sonders* and *Night Superintendent J. J. O'Connor* wish you all a Merry Christmas and to all a good night.

—JOE SMITH

DEER HUNTER DELUXE



THE 1949 hunting season was a success as far as *Bus Operator Emil Biliskov*, Limits is concerned—and he has the proof, too. He and his brother bagged these two deer during their vacation at Baldwin, Michigan.

Reported by R. H. Lence

HE'S LOOKING FOR A NEW COACH

LAWRENCE GARAGE—Edward Kaczmarek and E. Mathias are coaching Gorgeous George Peterson on the proper approach to use on his prospective father-in-law. George claims "it don't work." He is going to center his attention on his prospective mother-in-law.

It's a "baby blue." That's the color of the new car Tony Scortino is driving around.

Junior Wickstrom's eyes are middle aisling. John claims it will happen in the near future.

Walter Cubbycheck had the welcome mat spread for Frank Carpino. Old acquaintances were renewed in a very short time. Freddy Bartz had an offer pinned on his car on the purchase of a new one. Fred said he is considering the very generous appraisal.

After four futile attempts to master the working of the brake mechanism of his car, Bill Domo-nick has the answer. Come and see him with your brake problems.

E. Mathias is going to join the Irving YMCA at the insistence of Walter Cubbycheck. Ed wants to get his waist-line down about six inches.

Jack Scuffy is in the Vaughn Hospital, recuperating from a stomach ailment.

George Ward and his wife are on their way to the southern part of California on the "El Capitan." While down there they will visit with several former North Depot employees.

John Lang had a 20 foot fall off a ladder. The result was three stitches. John and his wife are driving down South, stopping when they want to and continuing when they are refreshed. Destination unknown.

Bill Hodgson and Nick Rowski have a new club organized. To be a member you must have a mustache.

Sam Salamone spent part of his vacation hunting. From Half Day, Illinois, Sam brought back 19 pheasants. Then to Centralia where he came back with 45 rabbits and six quail. Now Sam is satisfied until next year.

—JOSEPH KLEIN



"No, that's all right, lady—you don't have to smoke"

MAYBE THEY SHOULD BE ON TV

LIMITS—For some wonderful tales of a trip to our great southeastern part of the country, see *Motorman Charlie Hayworth*. He can tell you a tale that will positively keep your hair on end; the tale of the wrestling match between the Seminole Indian and the Alligator at Everglades Park, Florida. Charlie gave his new "49" Old's a road test of 4000 miles through Bowling Green and the battle grounds of Kentucky, through the beautiful Silver Springs and Biscayne Bay of Florida. And to prove it all, Charlie took numerous pictures in color.

Good news comes to Conductor Filipek this month. His little son, Charles, is well and ready for Santa Claus this month. Little Charles has been sick and in the hospital since May of this year. Conductor Filipek has confirmed my thoughts when he told me the story that this will be his best Christmas.

Anybody wanting venison steak see Operator E. Biliskov. Emil, just back from a vacation in Baldwin, Michigan, bagged two deer, and has plenty of steaks ready. Members of his bowling team would like to know if that will mean an invite to dinner. Emil, being the Captain, has steered his team to second place in the A.M. league.

Nice Feeling

Motorman Mike Healy was shaking hands with everybody payday as he took his pension December 1. Mike has many friends at Limits, and they all wish him the best of luck on his retirement. If you are wondering where those two friendly faces of Operators R. Mass and Lorhmann are they have accepted temporary posts as supervisors. By the by, our new chief clerk's name is H. Philipps. He will answer to Phil, and wants to get acquainted with all the boys of the depot as soon as possible.

A great many of us remember the new day receiver, R. Peterson. He was at Limits three years ago and just as jovial. The new relief clerk is W. Cerkan, and that completes our office force. As you know, our former chief clerk is now the night receiver, Ray Simon. We still have those two happy go lucky janitors, Barney and Emil. Whenever you feel low just see one of them, and they will give your morale a boost. Barney during the day and Emil during the night.

If you are wondering about the far-away look in Repair Clerk Enwright's eyes, it is the fact that he is going to be a grandfather for the second time. Bet many men can't claim that distinction at 36 years.

—R. H. LENCE

WINTER MEANS VACATION TO THEM

Loop—The South has called the winter vacationists. Bertha Doyle is taking an extensive tour of romantic old Mexico. Rumba lessons are in the offering from Lillian Scott and Ann Donleavy on their return from Havana, Cuba. They also enjoyed the sun and citrus groves as they took in the points of interest in Florida. Mary Dye just returned from the same trip.

Orchids to Nellie Keating with 43 years service and Ann Crowe with 40. These and other gifts were presented to them at a dinner in their honor December 11 at the Ivanhoe.

Arthur Johnson will receive double pleasure in playing Santa to his parents by presenting them with a television set.

In Nellie Kerns bereavement, the loss of her sister, our deepest sympathy.

Josephine Giblin is feasting on food right from the farm on the visit to her parents at La Valle, Wisconsin. Gertrude McCarthy is spending her vacation enjoying the antics of her first grandchild.

Ann Gardner came through her operation with flying colors. We are glad to see Frank Lito back working after his seige of illness and are anxiously awaiting the return of Richard Godson and Philip Kerwin who are on the sick list.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

RECENT HONEYMOONERS



RECENT honeymooners were Car Cleaner Hugh V. McCahill, Limits, and his bride who were married at Queen of Angels Church. The McCahill's, following their wedding, motored through Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi.

Reported by R. H. Lence

BOXING CHAMP ALLEN OUT TO REPEAT

MAINTENANCE OF WAY (MET, LOOP AND LAKE)—*Jimmy Allen*, tieman, Golden Gloves Heavyweight Champion in the Novice Division last year, lost a heart-breaker in the Open Division of the CYO South Section finals recently.

Pat Flynn, *John McManus* and *Joe Sheiga Ciardi* have left us to enjoy their company pension.

Bill Dean, ironworker helper, an avid Polar Bear Club member, got the jump on his buddies early in November when he tried out the icy waters of the Chicago River at Lawrence and California avenues. He advocates this form of swimming for a sound mind and body.

We extend our deepest sympathy to *George Frailey*, crane-man helper, in the loss of his father who passed away the latter part of November.

The Ironworkers Annual Ball was held November 4, at the Bud-long Post. Old acquaintances were renewed with many of the ex-ironworkers present. *Charley Gardner*, president of the Welders unit, and *Adolph Yurchik*, president of the helpers unit, are to be congratulated for the fine evening of entertainment featured by the singing of baritone *Harry Haaland*. Tea and crumpets were served during the evening.

—JACK O'REILLY

LEAVES TOWN TO BECOME BRIDEGROOM

MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES—Wedding Bells were ringing Saturday, November 12, 1949, for *William Shevchuk*, laborer and watchman at West Shops, who was married in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

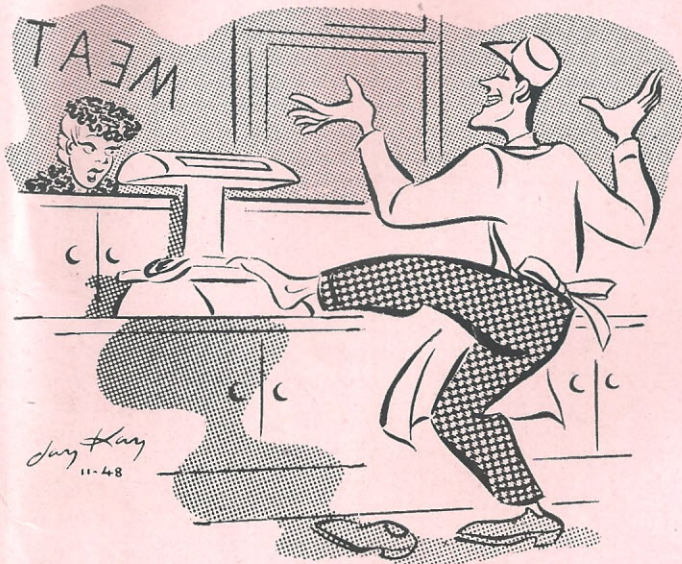
Ed Dempsey, assistant stock clerk at West Shops, and wife proudly announce the arrival of "*Joseph Michael*," born on November 4, 1949, weighing in at eight pounds, 14½ ounces. . . . *John Woodzick*, general office, kept us all excited on October 27, 1949. He said he wasn't nervous but the rest of us were until we heard that his wife presented him with a new baby girl, "*Helen Mary*," weighing 5 pounds and 15 ounces.

We welcome to our department *Dorothy Schleiter*, *John Marszalek* and *Roy Cochran*.

Lois Kosche, typist at the West Shops, enjoyed a wonderful trip to California with her folks. The cable car was a main attraction—lots different than our streetcars.

We extend our sympathy to *Mr. Biever* of Skokie Storeroom in the loss of his mother on November 9, 1949; to *Walter Miller*, stock clerk at West Shops, in the loss of his mother on November 4, 1949; and *J. J. Flynn*, general office, in the loss of his sister November 28, 1949.

—JEAN HARTLEY



"See, no hands!"

NEW PICK FINDS NEW FACES AT NORTH

NORTH—By this time most of the fellows have had the opportunity to welcome and meet the new members of our office force. The new pick of clerks found a number of changes. It took away from North some mighty fine fellows and also brought to us some fine lads whom we all welcome. *Eddie "O.K." O'Keefe*, "*Dapper Dan*" *McFaddon* and *Ed Witek* left us in favor of *Kedzie*. *Receiver S. Glass* went to Blue Island, *Tom Cooke* and *J. O'Connor* to Elston, "*Rube*" *Thompson* to Cottage Grove. The clerks who came to North were *Bob Stack*, *E. Ehrhart*, *G. Isaac*, *W. O'Brien*, *H. Zych*, *J. Feil* and "*Red*" *O'Connor*.

We extend a hand of greeting to the newcomers from Lincoln depot. Here at North we are one big happy family, and we welcome you into our midst. We have three excellent board members, namely, *Augie Johnson*, *Joe Hill*, and *Ben Mathy*. We would also like to introduce two of the swellest guys from our credit union, *Eddie (Money Bags) Winters*, and *Eddie (Millions) Carroll*.

The spotlight is on our switch-board operator, *Art Seiloff*, who, on Thanksgiving Day, was married. Congratulations to *Motorman Douglas Hallberg*, who celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary November 11. Congratulations are

also in order for *Conductor Art Weinreich* who celebrated his 18th wedding anniversary November 10, and the *L. B. Miller's* who celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary November 20.

We have a new "grandpappy" in *B. Fahrow* of bus repair. The newcomer was a darling granddaughter.

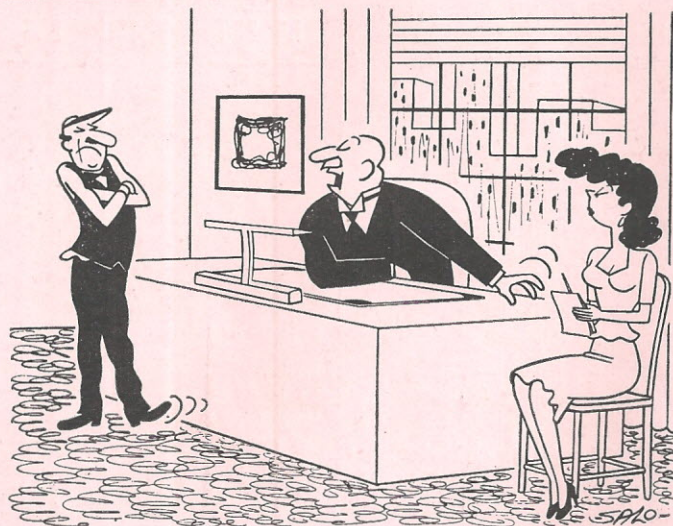
Back to Work

Conductor Fred March is back to work fully recovered from injuries he received when he was struck by an automobile. *Instructor W. Kennedy* who suffered a broken leg, is back on the job. *Kennedy* will take up his new duties as transfer instructor.

We were all glad to see *Mrs. Florence Blaa* looking so well after her recent operation.

Our hats off to *Sam Kelly*, the "Handy Andy" of North ave. *Sam* is a natural and fits anywhere. *Conductor Roy Gaess* of the P.M. bowling league, had to roll 580 to win his Thanksgiving turkey.

This month found ten more of our old timers leaving on their pensions. We wish them the best of everything in their retirement. *Nick Kulhanek* served 43 years; *Burt Fulton*, 38 years; *Paul Jacobsen*, 29 years; *J. Jacobson*, 31 years; *A. Lipkemann*, 40 years; *W. O'Shea*, 28 years; *W. Peters*, 29 years; *G. Ritters*, 37 years; *J. Suarez*, 31 years; and *W. F. Thoms*, 40 years. —JOE HIEBEL



"The way I understand it, Peterson---TAKE A WANT AD MISS WILSON---you want a raise or elsel"

VISIT ITALY ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY



IN celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary, *Car Cleaner* and *Mrs. Charles Romano*, Met Shops, made an eventful trip to Italy where they visited the town of Termini, Mr. Romano's birthplace. Other stops during their stay were in Naples, Vatican City and Pal-

mero. When the couple arrived home they were pleasantly surprised by a large group of friends at a party arranged by their four daughters. *Car Cleaner Romano* has been a member of the CTA family for the past 28 years.

Reported by Bill Henn

FIRST ANNUAL DANCE A SUCCESS

NORTHSIDE—First Annual dance was held by the North Side "L" softball team November 12, with very good attendance. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 1949 medal to all the players on the team by *Superintendent F. J. Sirt*. Main event was the "most valuable player" award to *Eugene Dolan*. Division 308 officers, President *D. J. O'Mahoney* and secretary *Tom Mullen* participated in presenting trophies to the team.

Supervisor and *Mrs. James Snart* enjoyed their vacation with our former co-worker, *Harry Snyder*, now a farmer near Lancaster, Wisconsin. . . . *Mrs. Mulvaney* persuaded hubby, *Motorman Harold Mulvaney* the only place to vacation was in Missouri. Beautiful scenery was enjoyed by hubby as they motored to St. Louis.

Belated news: *Motorman* and *Mrs. John Carlson* spent their vacation in Colorado. They were host to John's sister, who made a airplane trip here from Sweden.

We're happy to know that *Conductor Carl Carlson* is on the road to a speedy recovery after a major

operation. We are informed *Dispatcher Terry McGovern* is in hospital. *Motormen Julian E. Johnson* and *Edward Tierny*, returned to work after having recovered from operations which kept them confined for several weeks. By the way, remember all those on the sick list with a card or a call, they will appreciate it.

A tremble, half with joy and half with jitters, *Trainman Mrs. Edward Pankow*, set about opening the package left for them November 9 in Lutheran Deaconess Hospital. When the wrapping finally came off a darling boy was revealed. . . . Favoring crew cuts and turtle neck sweaters, *David Allen* seems to have the collegiate slant long before he reaches kindergarten age. This future alumnus is being tutored by *Yard Foreman* and *Mrs. Herbert Lowenstein*, since Nov. 7 in Bethany Hospital.

—J. J. BALY

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—Coach type baby buggy in good condition. Reasonable price. Telephone *Joseph Petrancosta*, Wellington 5-7012.

NEW FACES AMONG TRAFFIC CHECKERS

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC—The new traffic checkers now seen on various corners thruout the city are: *James Brennan*, *Edward Crowe*, *Peter J. Hart*, *William Doeden*, *Thomas Rice*, *A. K. Pfeiffer* and *Zenon Weyna*.

We welcome all these new men who have transferred to the Schedule-Traffic department, and also *Kathryn Batina*, typist, who transferred from the Accounting department.

We are glad to see *John Franzen*, schedule maker, back and feeling fine after his long bout with the surgeon's knife, but our joy is nothing when compared with Jack's elation at his recovery. *Geo. Bryan*, schedule maker, enjoyed the Thanksgiving turkey with at least one eye on his new Television set. *Gene Lukes*, traffic clerk, still is undergoing treatment at Vaughn Hospital, but at least his recovery was good enough so he could spend Thanksgiving at home.

Leonard Hartowicz, traffic checker, has a new Mercury convertible.

It is with regret that we record the death of *Jack Wilbur*, traffic checker, on November 1. The sympathies of members of this department are extended to *John Walsh*, traffic checker, whose mother passed away last month.

—L. C. DUTTON

NEW POOL CHAMP AT 77TH

77TH—No wonder *Bus Man William Crigler* has been seen doing some practicing in the game of pool upstairs. He had to because the championship play against the "Great" *Lyle Walker* was something you had to be on your toes about. Walker just wasn't himself that fatal day but he lost the game like a good sport. William Crigler now has the crown. Any contenders before he loses again to Walker?

Miss Agnes Cunningham, sister of *Bus Driver Francis Cunningham* and *Clerk John Cunningham*, who is now working at 69th depot, was given in marriage by Francis to *John Reda* at St. Dorothy's Church, at 9:30 a.m. Mass, Nov. 12, 1949. John's son, *John, Jr.*, four years old, was the ring bearer. Breakfast at Mickleberry's with the evening reception at the Del Prado Hotel. Attending were about 300 guests. The couple honeymooned in Florida. The father of the bride was *Motorman Frank Cunningham* who worked about 36 years on the streetcars from the old Burnside barn. Retired on pension in 1945 and passed away a few years ago.

We were sorry to hear about *Bus Operator Harry A. Hanson's* seven year old daughter, *Ann Lauretta*, who was struck by a



"Darling, I'm sorry I've kept you waiting, Harry . . . I said . . . Harry!"

vehicle on her way to school. Was in the South Chicago Hospital for six weeks. She is home recuperating now.

Pensioner *Sigurd Haglund*, formerly from the old Burnside station, is now enjoying himself in Everett, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. *Charles G. Anderson* sure enjoyed a full vacation. The first week their daughter, *Eleanor*, was married to *John Lubben* at St. Matthews Church, after which the young couple left for their honeymoon. The older couple then left on their vacation, visiting in Key West, and Winter Haven, Florida. Mr. Anderson says: "Sure had my fill of juices while I was there." He traveled about 3800 miles.

Made some wonderful acquaintances while being scribe here at 77th St. depot. Now that the Beverly Bus Garage is being opened I am transferring there with 244 others, making it another CTA Family. Will let you know how the boys are doing in their new location. Good-bye 77th, hello Beverly garage. Thanking all the boys who cooperated in giving the news.

—DANTE BRUNOD

WIFE HOME AFTER SERIOUS OPERATION

SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT (MET)—Mrs. *Harry Soderquist*, wife of *Harry Soderquist*, welder at Throop street shop, recently underwent a very serious operation. She is now fully recovered and is back at their home at Round Lake, Illinois.

After spending several weeks at the hospital, *Thomas McGovern*, car cleaner foreman at Crawford avenue shop is now back at home. Tom had cataracts removed from both of his eyes and he was a very sick man. —DAVE GURWICH

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—One summer and one winter surface lines hat, both size 7½. Also one pair of overshoes, size nine. Telephone Vincennes 6-3683.

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—Eight room stucco home with gas heat. Located at 5821 West Walton. Price: \$13,000. Telephone Austin 7-6516.

HERE'S REASON FOR HIS LATE VACATION

SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT (SOUTH SHOPS)—*Jerry Vondras*, motor repair, chose October for his vacation so he could go hunting. By all reports his hunting trip at Pistakee Bay was very successful.

Our loss was West Shops gain when *Roy Ellerbeck*, *Larry Koch*, *James Lamont*, *Frank Miller*, *Terrence Murtaugh* and *Charles Seehoffer* were transferred there. *Virgil Kruse* was also transferred to the Electrical Department.

Phillip Koch and family had a delightful time visiting their daughter in Savannah, Georgia.

Chicago lost out to Mount Greenwood when *Tom Coates*, motor repair, bought a lovely bungalow out there.

Stanley Sarna, car repair, is the proud "Papa" of *John Edward* who was born Thanksgiving day.

We're glad to see *Tom Gushes*, motor repair, back to work after being on the sick list for quite a while.

October ninth was the all-important date for *Louis Colosimo*, car repair, for on that day he joined the ranks of the benedicts. The new Mr. and Mrs. *L. Colosimo* honeymooned in Florida, and are fortunate in having their own apartment on the north side.

—ANNE MCCREA and TILLIE MONTE



CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



THE many friends of former Motorman and Mrs. *Frank E. Iseminger* have been wishing them congratulations in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Since his retirement, Iseminger and his wife have been residing at Greater Bear Lake, Michigan.

Reported by Dante Brunod

WAITS 50 YEARS— THEN TAKES VACATION

SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT (WEST SHOPS)—It took a great amount of persuasion, but *Edward Anger*, Building, finally conceded to taking his FIRST vacation in over 50 years. He now agrees with all of us that vacations are really wonderful and regrets that he didn't start this practice years ago. Congratulations, Edward. Other late vacationers are *John Gillen*, carhouse; *Helen Doherty*, bus overhaul; and *Edward Van Wiele*, truck. *John Lipinski*, truck, saved his vacation for the hunting season and brought back three deer from Northern Wisconsin. *John Diegnan's*, truck, vacation depended upon Old Man Stork and when he would deliver the new baby, so now that the delivery has been made, I guess, John is probably spending his leisure time from the Shops, helping Mama take care of their new daughter. Next month, we'll have more about the little gal.

It must be a great feeling when a man decides his working days are over and he can relax and take life easy. *John O'Neil*, watchman, has been with the company for 38

years. *Bill Maslauskas*, armature winder, has 43 years with the company, and *Steve Minarik*, a carpenter, has 20 years. Steve is going to reside in Paw Paw, Michigan. We wish all of you loads of happiness and good health, and hope to see you soon again.

Welcome Visitor

It was nice seeing *Peter Purtich*, laborer, when he came in to visit with some of the boys. In case you haven't heard, Peter has been home ill for nigh unto six months, now, and we're hoping it won't be too long before he'll be back on the job again.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the *Holzschuh* family in the recent loss of their husband and father, *Charles*, who passed

TRANSITADS

WANTED—3 to 5 room, furnished or unfurnished apartment, north or northwest. For young married couple. Telephone *F. Parise*, DEarborn 2-6100, Extension 319.

FOR SALE—One wardrobe trunk, one Mobilair fan and one pop down toaster. Total value—\$298. Will sell for \$125. Telephone Blittersweet 8-4679, after 5:00 p.m.

HONEYMOON IN CALIFORNIA



WEDDING bells rang out for *Betty Schultz*, Accounting, and *Ralph Naples* in Sacred Heart Church on October 29. Among the 350 guests attending the reception in Viking Temple was a goodly representation of Betty's co-workers. The newlyweds took in the sights of Hollywood and tried their luck at roulette in Las Vegas, Nevada. After "doing" California, including Catalina Island, they literally came down to earth upon arriving home via the airways.

Reported by *Helen Lowe*

away suddenly on November 22. Charlie worked in the bus overhaul. Sympathy is also extended to *James Burrows*, truck, in the loss of his father recently. *John Carlson*, watchman, passed away suddenly on November 25.

Congratulations to *Ruth Gierman*, wife of *William Gierman*, armature room, who has just recently been elected Chairman of the Ladies Auxilary of the American Legion.

—MARY HENDRICKSON

NOW HAS PRIVATE LEGAL ADVISER

WAY AND STRUCTURES (NORTH AND SOUTH)—*J. J. Madden*, assistant superintendent, was very proud last month. His son, *John G.*, passed the bar examination. Mr. Madden will be well advised of legal matters from now on.

In ending this column this month, *J. L. Fisher*, superintendent, and *J. J. Madden*, would like to wish the boys and their families Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

—VINCENT A. PETRICCA

TOM BLAKELY RETIRES FROM CTA SERVICE

WAY AND STRUCTURES—On December 1, 1949, *Tom Blakely*, Superintendent of the Utility division, retired after 59 years of faithful service. This afforded those associated with him the occasion to express their high regard in person and by presenting gifts. This was not done with the thought in mind that the companionship was going to be severed, because we are hoping that we will have the opportunity to continue the past relationship that has been our privilege to enjoy.

Unbeknown to Tom, arrangements were made to install a television set in his home on November 30, because he had expressed the desire to retire without any formal arrangement and attendant fuss. There were many other gifts presented to him, among which were a beautiful ebony cane by the Chauffeurs Union, Local 739, and an oil painting by the wife of *Richard Brady*, a chauffeur in the utility organization, which depicted the head of a horse. This painting of a subject very close to the heart of Mr. Blakely was deeply appreciated. A token, in the form of a leather-bound book, was prepared listing the names of co-workers, as another means of conveying to him their high regard, esteem and best wishes.

It was a busy day at 39th & Halsted Yard on November 30th—not an occasion to say goodbye, but an opportunity for the men to reverse the customary Blakely way wherein he stood at the door and bid adieu to the men leaving the job with the wave of his hand upon completion of their day's work. Mr. Blakely has always been appreciated because of his thoughtfulness to others. He was a man who placed the welfare of other people before his own.

—VIOLET CARNES

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—China cabinet of Oak wood with four shelves and two glass doors. 16 x 38 x 57 inches. Suitable for book case. Floor lamp also for sale. Prices very reasonable. Telephone NOrmal 7-7053.

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

JOHN F. ALM, 77, retired janitor, Archer. Died 10-11-49. Employed 5-17-02.

CARL BENGTSSON, 62, motorman, 77th Street. Died 10-19-49. Employed 10-13-15.

WALTER F. BENNETT, 48, motorman, 69th Street. Died 10-4-49. Employed 12-16-42.

FRANK L. BLOCK, 61, retired conductor, Archer. Died 10-20-49. Employed 12-23-13.

PATRICK J. BROGAN, 59, motorman, North Side. Died 10-4-49. Employed 8-20-19.

PATRICK J. CANNON, 72, retired motorman, Kedzie. Died 10-17-49. Employed 4-15-07.

GRANT COMSTOCK, 70, retired motorman, Devon. Died 10-19-49. Employed 9-21-18.

JOHN COSTOPLOS, 54, trainman, North Side. Died 10-18-49. Employed 10-6-49.

LUCY CRAMBLET, 71, retired bond clerk, Accounting. Died 10-8-49. Employed 11-19-17.

STANLEY DAUKSAS, 75, retired car cleaner, North. Died 10-3-49. Employed 1-10-18.

JESSE J. DINGLE, 24, conductor, 77th Street. Died 10-21-49. Employed 8-22-49.

GEORGE DITCHIE, 57, repairman, 69th Street. Died 10-19-49. Employed 1-13-12.

FELIX F. GIRARD, 78, retired laborer, Electrical. Died 9-30-49. Employed 5-19-12.

LEROY A. GOODRICH, 46, supervisor, Archer. Died 10-2-49. Employed 5-17-26.

WALTER L. GRANZOW, 50, conductor, Archer. Died 10-18-49. Employed 4-3-43.

FRED J. HULL, 50, flagman, 77th Street. Died 10-27-49. Employed 10-31-29.

EMIL C. KOCH, 43, conductor, 77th Street. Died 10-10-49. Employed 2-8-44.

ALEX J. LAREAU, 70, retired motorman, Blue Island. Died 10-28-49. Employed 4-27-10.

JOSEPH P. LICHT, 62, motorman, 77th Street. Died 10-14-49. Employed 12-31-23.

ALBERT MANSON, 70, motorman, West Side. Died 10-18-49. Employed 4-12-02.

HAROLD R. McCALL, 51, repairman, Limits. Died 10-5-49. Employed 7-22-36.

WILLIAM E. OSTMAN, 46, trainman, South Side. Died 10-12-49. Employed 6-30-43.

JAMES PICH, 53, conductor, Metropolitan. Died 10-4-49. Employed 8-14-13.

BERNARD ROSSMAN, 54, motorman, 69th Street. Died 10-6-49. Employed 11-30-25.

ANTON SCHMIDTFALL, 79, retired carpenter, South Shops. Died 10-19-49. Employed 7-3-25.

THOMAS F. SEERY, 43, conductor, 77th Street. Died 10-19-49. Employed 2-26-29.

EDWARD STEWART, 76, retired motorman, North. Died 10-23-49. Employed 8-18-21.

CLEMENS STREZEWSKI, 56, janitor, Lincoln. Died 10-16-49. Employed 4-5-23.

CHARLES M. STRNAD, 67, retired carpenter, West Shops. Died 10-25-49. Employed 3-24-06.

HERMAN SUHR, 87, retired receiver, Noble. Died 10-21-49. Employed 8-17-90.

CARL E. WEBER, 53, conductor, Cottage Grove. Died 10-25-49. Employed 9-18-23.

CHARLES A. WEREN, 73, retired motorman, Lincoln. Died 10-5-49. Employed 6-17-07.

WILLIAM B. WIER, 63, conductor, North Side. Died 10-27-49. Employed 2-1-14.

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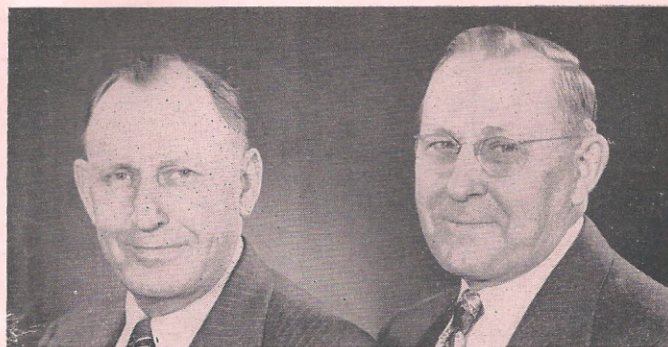
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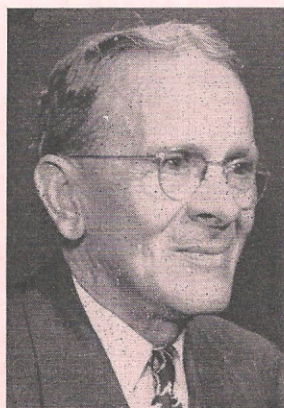
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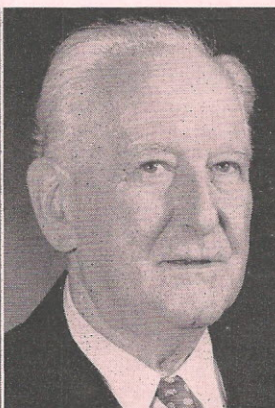


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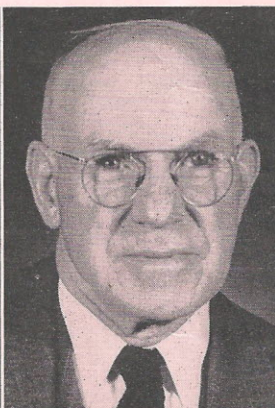
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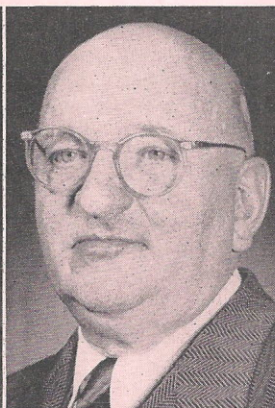
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Conductor, 77th Street
44 years



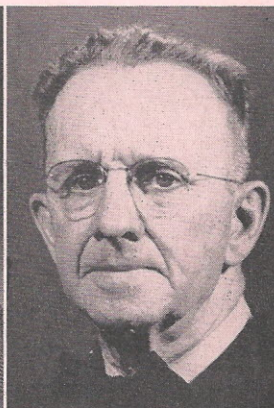
JOHN W. ARNOLD
Conductor, West Side "L"
47 years



JOHN ARMSTRONG
Motorman, 77th Street
40 years



HARTVIG JOHNSON
Conductor, Devon
43 years



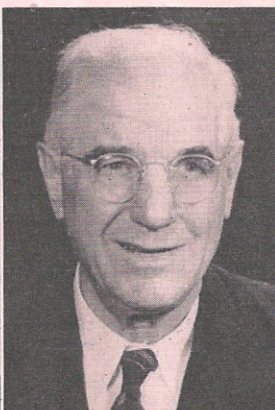
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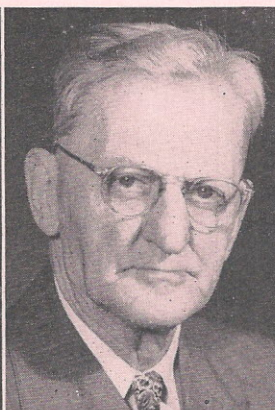
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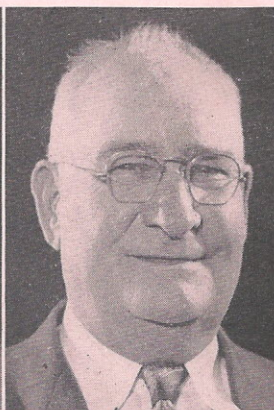
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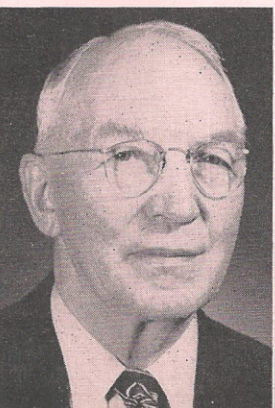
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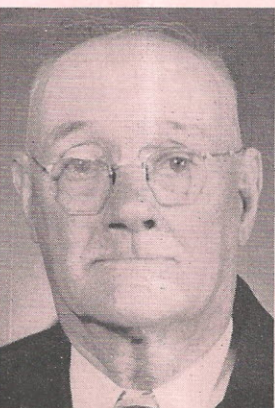
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Motorman, North Avenue
43 years



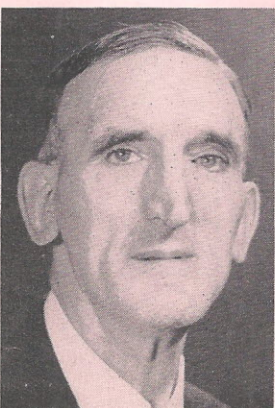
HARRY C. REYELTS
Motorman, 77th Street
42 years



MOSSIE E. PETERSON
Conductor, Devon
43 years



HUGH HAYES
Conductor, North Avenue
41 years



WILLIAM H. BOWDEN
Motorman, Cottage Grove
40 years



ROBERT HARGRAVE
"L" Towerman
41 years

WM. A. HALL, Superintendent of Surface Transportation, Dies

WILLIAM A. HALL, superintendent of transportation for the surface division of the Chicago Transit Authority, died Friday, December 9, 1949 in Augustana hospital. He was 73 years of age.

During the past four years Mr. Hall had been in poor health, but he continued carrying his responsibilities with CTA up to recent weeks.

Ever since 1898 Mr. Hall had been associated with mass transit in Chicago. At that time he went to work for one of the smallest railway companies in the city of Chicago, the Chicago General Railway Company, which operated only on 22nd street, from Wabash to Crawford.

By 1903, when the company went into receivership, he had risen to a supervisory capacity, but was dismissed along with all other employees holding semi-official and clerical positions. Starting his transit career over, he took a job as motorman

with the Chicago Union Traction company, and in 1907 was made a supervisor.

Following the unification of the various streetcar companies under the Chicago Surface Lines, Mr. Hall was appointed assistant division superintendent. By 1936 he had worked his way up to the position of superintendent of transportation for the Chicago Surface Lines.

When the CTA took over the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Rapid Transit Company properties on October 1, 1947, Mr. Hall was retained as Superintendent of Transportation of the CTA's surface system because of his thorough knowledge of the system, his ability to cope with day-to-day operating problems, and his wide acquaintance among the operating employees.

Born in Chicago, April 13, 1876, Mr. Hall received his education in the public schools of Chicago, and at Denison University, Granville, Ohio. He is survived by his widow, who resides at 5928 North Kenneth Avenue. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS MONTHS OF OCTOBER 1949 AND 1948, TEN MONTHS AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1949

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

	Month of October		Period Ended Oct. 31, 1949	
	1949	1948	10 Months	12 Months
Revenues	\$ 9,841,729	\$10,583,602	\$95,853,105	\$116,872,963
Operation and Maintenance Expenses (Note 1)	8,730,551	9,020,788	88,067,048	106,365,654
	<u>1,111,178</u>	<u>1,562,814</u>	<u>7,786,057</u>	<u>10,507,309</u>
Debt Service Requirements:				
Interest Charges	318,003	318,003	3,180,243	3,816,250
Deposit to Series of 1947 Bond Reserve (Note 2)	107,000	107,000	1,070,000	1,284,000
	<u>425,003</u>	<u>425,003</u>	<u>4,250,243</u>	<u>5,100,250</u>
Balance before Depreciation	686,175	1,137,811	3,535,814	5,407,059
Provision for Depreciation—Current Period	<u>541,667</u>	<u>466,667</u>	<u>5,416,667</u>	<u>6,350,000</u>
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>\$ 144,508</u>	<u>\$ 671,144</u>	<u>\$ 1,880,853*</u>	<u>\$ 942,941*</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 (\$132,243 for October 1949, and \$844,508 for the ten months' period ended October 31, 1949). Also, provision of \$103,322 has been made in the month of October and in the ten months ended October 31, 1949 for wage increases to other unions retroactive to June 1, 1949, based upon offers of settlement which have been made to those unions by the Authority.
- (2) Available to pay interest or principal on any interest or principal payment dates whenever amounts in funds set aside for such purpose 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.

* Red figures

PASSENGER STATISTICS

Revenue Passengers	<u>71,769,674</u>	<u>82,908,394</u>	<u>747,039,106</u>	<u>911,900,368</u>
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DELIVER CHRISTMAS CHEER

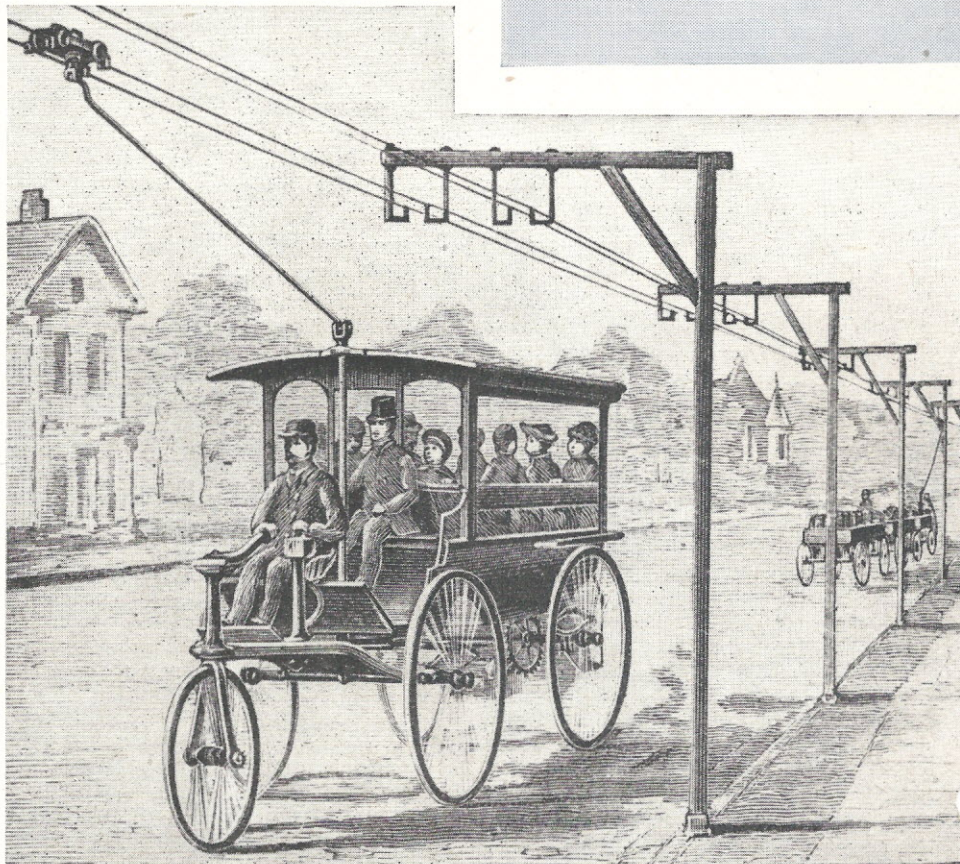
MAGAZINES, cigarettes and candy were a big part of the Christmas cheer taken to veterans at the Downey Hospital by these members of the CTA Post No. 9114 and Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars. They are, left to right, Conductor Clifford Gaylord, Kedzie; Bus Operators Vincent O'Rourke and George Johns, Limits; Commander Wilbern Vaughn, a bus operator at Devon; Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Nehls, Virginia Johns, Ruth Gaylord and Jessie Gaylord.

TROLLEY-BUS' GRANDPA

CTA IS extremely proud of its modern fleet of trolley buses. Their smooth, quiet operation is new to many Chicagoans, but the idea of combining some of the features of the trolley car with some of those of the omnibus had been in man's mind for a long time. It was Dr. Finney of Pittsburgh who first put such a vehicle into operation in 1882. The appearance of this trolley-bus provoked great merriment among the street railway engineers and the general public. This idea was further developed during the following two decades and the trolley-bus is today an

important medium of urban transportation.

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TEAMWORK IMPORTANT

THE importance of teamwork in making the employee's work easier and safer is the subject of a cartoon illustration prepared jointly by the Chicago Transit Authority and the Illinois Bell Telephone Company. The illustration, which points out several ways for CTA and IBT workers to help each other perform his job the right way, has been placed on display in trainrooms, garages, store-rooms, on bulletin boards, and in all trucks used by construction workers. It is also being shown on IBT bulletin boards and in their trucks.

Merry Christmas from Tim and Trudy

BOYS AND GIRLS—On the next two pages is a cut-out book for you on the adventures of Tim and Trudy in Safetyland. Just follow the instructions for cutting out the book and fastening it together.

Perhaps you have seen Tim and Trudy on the posters at your school. They have many adventures, but they always *follow* the safety rules.

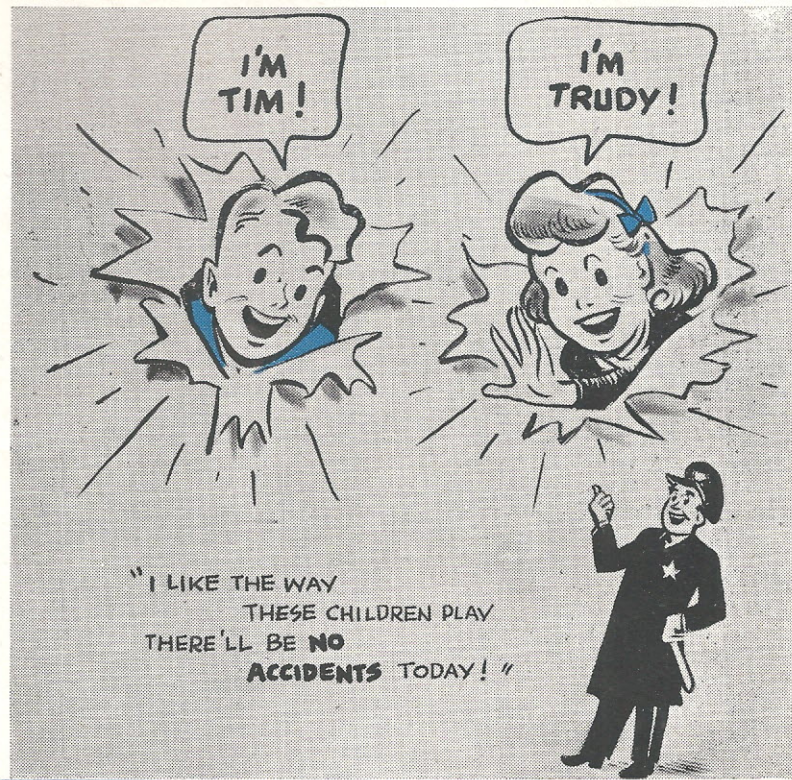
About 30,000 of the posters have been prepared by CTA and distributed to Chicago schools through the Chicago Safety Information Committee. Tim and Trudy remind you to play safely, to avoid street accidents, and to be courteous and considerate of others on public transit vehicles.

TIM and TRUDY in SAFETYLAND



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TIM and TRUDY in SAFETYLAND



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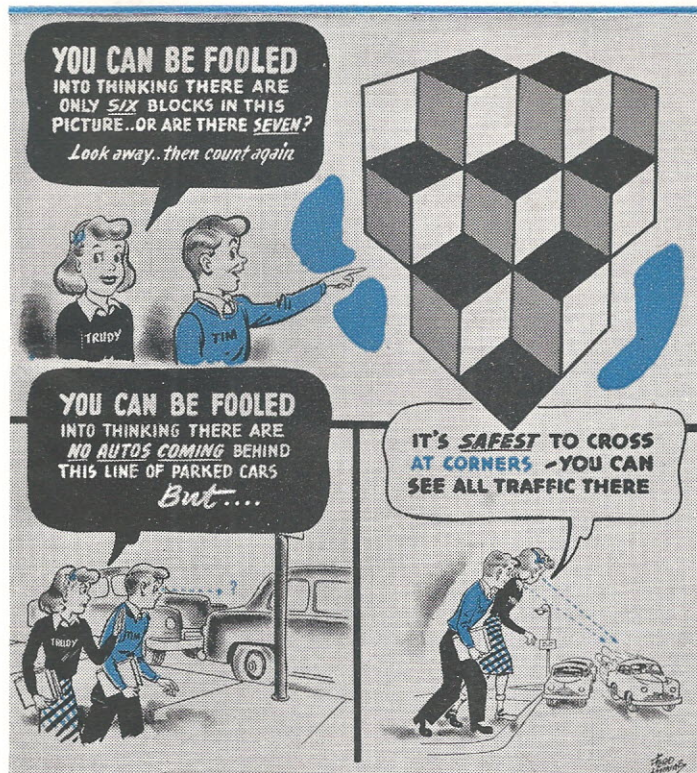


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DON'TS FOR CHRISTMAS SAFETY

CHRISTMAS is a season of joy. Let's keep it that way by avoiding accidents in the home that often lead to disabling or fatal injuries.

The Greater Chicago Safety Council has issued a list of ten "Don'ts" that should be avoided during the Christmas holiday season for the safety of home and family. They are:

1. DON'T purchase cheap, sub-standard electrical devices. They cause fires.
2. DON'T try to save money by purchasing cheap, foreign-made fuses, plugs and sockets.
3. DON'T purchase electrical gifts that are not of standard make.
4. DON'T hang wires over insulating nails. Detach all strings of lights and electrical equipment when not in use.
5. DON'T allow children to operate electrical toys until they are instructed in their proper use.
6. DON'T fail to inspect all electrical cords and wiring to make sure they are not worn or damaged.
7. DON'T use lighted candles on Christmas trees.
8. DON'T allow paper from gift packages to lie around.
9. DON'T place tree, trimmings, or gift packages near open fireplaces.
10. DON'T permit children to handle electrical cords, plugs, or fixtures except under supervision.

A SAFETY QUIZ

1. A tall Christmas tree will take a lot of climbing to trim. What should you remember before starting its decoration?
2. December is one of the most dangerous months of the year for accidental deaths. What two types of accidents contribute highly to the yearly death total?
3. Have physically impaired workmen or those in good bodily condition a different "accident potential?"

ANSWERS TO SAFETY QUIZ

1. Use a well-balanced, sturdy step-ladder and move it around—don't try to trim the tree from one spot.
2. Of all the months, December is one of the highest for the number of motor vehicle deaths and fatalities from burns, an ever-present Christmas hazard.
3. No. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, surveys show that handicapped workmen are no worse accident risks than the unimpaired, if they are properly selected and placed. Hazard determines injury, not impairment.

DECEMBER, 1949

O'MY, the Accident Maker

The Gremlin You'd Like to Blame for Accidents—
but Can't



"WHY not go for a real ride, Sissie? Tired of dragging your sled around and getting no place, aren't you? You'll really move behind this fellow."



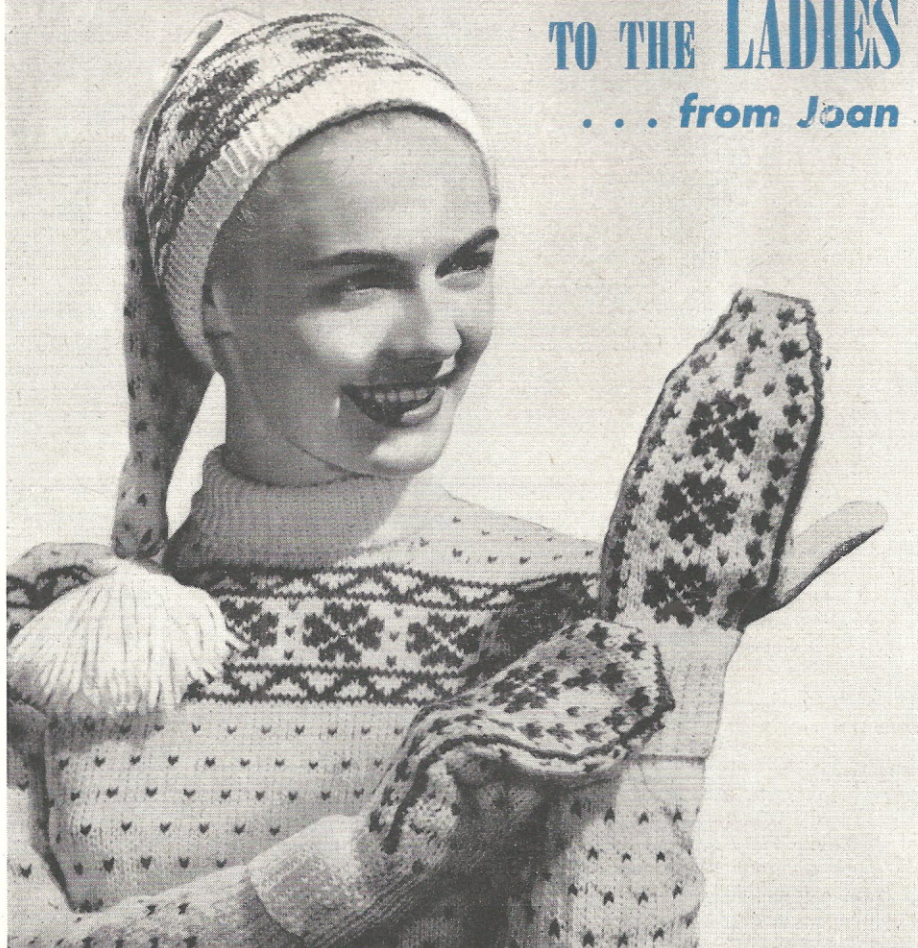
"HURRY, he's starting! You'll be tearing like the wind if you get tied on soon enough. Hook on over here — and tightly. Hurry! - Hurry!"

American Mutual Photos



"NEW snow on glare ice will get 'em every time! Wonderful! Another kid killed. Maybe her mother told her not to sled behind cars, maybe she didn't."

TO THE LADIES ... from Joan



NOTE: A direction leaflet for this SKATING SET is available to you without charge. Write Women's Editor, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, 79 West Monroe Street.

DON'T BE HALF-HEARTED ABOUT YOUR HOBBIES. DO YOU remember in junior high school or high school when you teachers asked you to fill out questionnaires about your hobbies? Nine out of ten times you and your friends put down "Swimming and Dancing" and let it go at that. What you meant was that if someone called you to go to a party you would enjoy dancing, or that if you found yourself beside a lake you would like to swim. But unless you were the unusual girl, you didn't have a hobby

to which you gave enthusiastic energy. Yet hobbies can enrich your life as much as money in the bank.

There are three types of hobbies: (1) The collecting hobby. The woman who has this kind of hobby collects dolls or antiques or stamps or unusual books or records. If you decide that this is your type of hobby, adhere to one rule. Don't collect junk. Save your money and spend your time to get the right item for your collection. Then it will mean something to you. (2) The athletic

CONSIDER A NEW HOBBY

A NEW hobby means a good start for the new year for the girl who likes to do things. So, when you're bored and weary of working why not take up a new, creative hobby that's lots of fun and a boon to your wardrobe as well. The answer is knitting. To make sure that you're off to a good beginning get some expert instruction.

Your talent for knitting is a boost for your budget. Knit this warm pull-over for someone who takes her skating or skiing seriously. The blue-on-white design is knitted in and is repeated in a gay pair of mittens and matching stocking cap.

hobby. If you have good muscular coordination, go in for bowling or swimming. But don't just half do. Organize a team and make it a winner, or practice until you become an expert. (3) The do-it-yourself at home hobby. This usually involves home-making skills. You can be the best cook in your circle of friends by studying unusual recipes and different ways of serving food. Or you can make scarfs or handkerchiefs or costume jewelry. If you are artistic, you can personalize your wardrobe and your accessories with your monogram. Even your stationery can bear your hand-made crest.

With a hobby your life will not only be more interesting to you but to everyone else, too—and your popularity will increase because of your interest in an outside activity.



TRANSIT WORK— It Grows on You



DURING THE war, a friend of *Anne Schleiter* suggested that she take a part time job with the surface lines. Mrs. Schleiter thought, "Why not?"

So, in 1943, she started working in the surface lines general office a few hours each week. By the end of the war, however, she found that her part time job "had grown" on her and developed into a full time secretarial job. When daughter *Gerry* was looking for a job in 1946, she decided to follow her mother into transit work. This fall *Dorothy* followed suit. Now all three are employed in the general offices at 79 West Monroe Street.

Of course one reason transit jobs appeal to them may be because transportation is really in their blood. You see, Mr. Schleiter is also in transportation work—he has worked for the Chicago Milwaukee Railroad for a number of years.

"Let's not be late!" Dorothy, Mrs. Schleiter, and Gerry demonstrate what their typical morning rush hour is like.

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The DAY AFTER THE WEEK BEFORE

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THERE ARE SIGNS
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BE EASIER FOR US...

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