



# TRANSIT NEWS

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*When GTA'ers Retire ...*  
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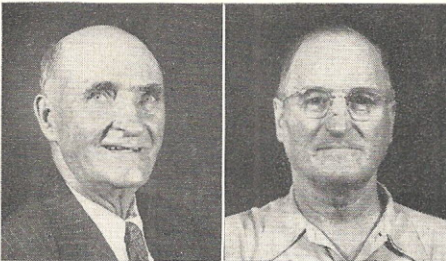


## AMONG THE RECENT RETIREMENTS



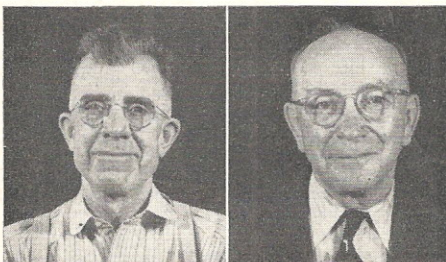
**CHARLES NESS:** Conductor, Kedzie; 42 years service. Residing in Wheaton, Illinois, Charlie raises chickens and fruit trees around the house. He intends to enlarge his number of chickens now that he is retired and has more time to devote to their care. Charlie and his wife, Mathilda, recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary with the help of their four grandchildren.

**PATRICK CLARKE:** Conductor, Kedzie; 42 years service. He and his wife, Elizabeth, plan to spend much of their time at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where they own a summer home.



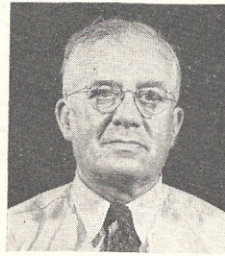
**JOHN HART:** Motorman, Lake St. "L"; 40 years service. He and his wife, Elizabeth, left the U. S. upon his retirement on a visit to Ireland to see friends and relatives there. The couple expect to be gone about three months and, when they return, will tour the United States before settling for good in their Chicago home.

**ARON SWENSON:** Motorman, North Ave.; 42 years service. The call of the north country is strong within Swenson, who was born in Norway, and he intends taking a trip to Minnesota to visit his brother. "The bass get mighty big up there," he said, "and I hope to catch a few of them."

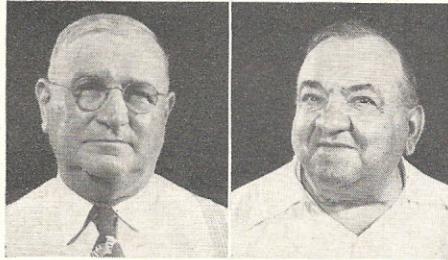


**WILLIAM MYLAN:** Conductor, North; 42 years service. The new Congress street super-highway is moving Mylan right out of his home so he expects to be busy the next few months looking for a place to live.

**WILLIAM BURZLAFF:** Conductor, 69th St.; 36 years service. Born in Chicago, he has no definite plans other than to remain here and take life easy. Burzlaff was stationed at 69th St. during his entire length of service.



**LAWRENCE C. HODAPP:** Conductor, 77th; 42 years service. Formerly an avid raiser of rabbits, Hodapp plans to renew this interesting hobby on a full-time basis.



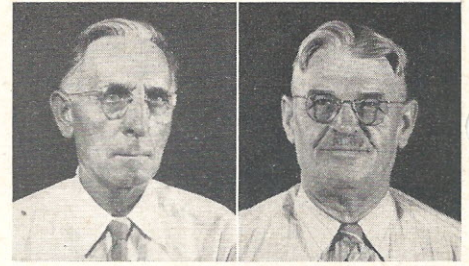
**EDWARD SPENGLER:** Conductor, Devon; 48 years service. A veteran of the cable cars, he and his wife, Emma, are the grandparents of twelve. After a trip to New York to visit their daughter, the couple will return to Chicago. Spengler then intends to spend much time at the ball park with some of his grandchildren watching the Cubs play ball.

**EDWARD NEUENDORF:** Motorman, Lincoln; 37 years service. A fishing trip to Wisconsin to get hold of a few big ones is first on the list of things he intends to do during retirement. When his fishing desires have been satisfied he and his wife, Margaret, plan to travel south. No time limit set, they are going to keep traveling until they decide to come home.



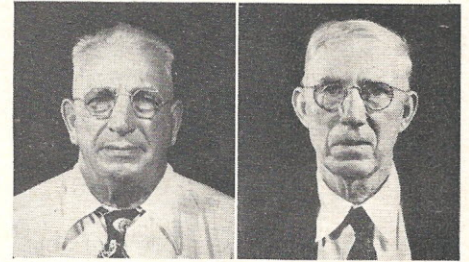
**JAMES FARRELL:** Motorman, 77th St.; 43 years service. Keeping company with 10 grandchildren will take most of his retired time, however he plans to do some repair work around the house and hopes to spend a lot of time "just taking it easy."

**AUGUST P. HENNING:** Conductor, Lincoln; 36 years service. Cultivating a vegetable garden and fishing in Center Lake, which is just one block from his summer home in Salem, Wisconsin, will be enough to keep Henning busy for the early part of his retirement. After the summer he will return to his home in Chicago and take life easy.



**FRANK GROLL:** Motorman, Kedzie; 41 years service. Three grandchildren and his son's farm in Naperville, Illinois, will be Groll's main interest during his retirement days. While a mass transit employe, Groll worked under four different superintendents.

**ERNST O. HOCHSPRUNG:** Motorman, 69th St.; 38 years service. The future holds plenty of leisure for him—in between doing the necessary odd jobs around the house and putting in his garden. Come fall he expects to have a steady job escorting his young grandchildren to and from school.



**EDWARD J. IRWIN:** Motorman, Devon; 38 years service. On Lake Wanda-wega, 5 miles out of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, is the summer home where Irwin intends to spend much of his retired time gardening, fishing and loafing. His summer home is located on about an acre of land so a large garden is the natural thing to have, according to Irwin.

**TIMOTHY G. GRIFFIN:** Motorman, 69th; 40 years service. A Chicagoan the greater portion of his life, Griffin believes there are still many interesting sights to see in the "Windy City" and is looking forward to a permanent Chicago vacation.



**SIMON RYAN:** Motorman, Lincoln; 39 years service. Seven grandchildren are enough to occupy most of his time. When not doing something with them he will take time out to rest. Ryan has been stationed at Lincoln during his entire length of service.

**FRANK J. KEARNS:** Conductor, North Ave.; 46 years service. A sightseeing trip to New York upon his retirement will be climaxed by a visit with his brother who lives in Canada. Canadian born himself, Kearns' biggest enjoyment is hunting and fishing. He intends to do quite a bit of both while in Canada before returning home to Chicago.



# WHEN CTA'ers RETIRE

## A Summary of the Pension Contract Prepared by Members of the CTA Staff

THE NEW "Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees," implementing the award of the Arbitration Board, was signed June 24, 1949 by Frank McNair, Vice Chairman, and W. W. McKenna, Secretary for Chicago Transit Board, and by Joseph J. Kehoe, President, Daniel J. McNamara, Recording Secretary, and Dennis J. O'Mahoney, President, of Locals 241 and 308, respectively, of the Amalgamated Association of Electric Street Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America.

Negotiations are now proceeding with representatives of other employe unions, groups and individuals. Applications for retirement under the new plan are now being received, but payment of the new retirement benefits must await the setting up of the legal machinery and procedures required for the operation of the new plan. When this is completed, an increase of \$10.00 a month in retirement benefits, effective June 1, 1949, will be paid to those who retired prior to June 1, 1948, and new benefits will be paid to those who have retired or will retire on or after June 1, 1948.

A summary of the pension contract follows:

### Eligibility

The Plan is effective as of June 1, 1948 insofar as benefits are concerned and an employe shall be eligible to participate in the Plan and shall continue as a contributing employe so long as he is in the employ of the Authority, or to age 65, who was:

- (1) Drawing a regular and stated pay from the Authority on June 1, 1948 or is employed for a permanent position after that date. Regular pay does not include retirement allowances or retainers. A temporary employe is not eligible.
- (2) On authorized leave of absence on June 1, 1948 because of holding a Union office.
- (3) Absent on June 1, 1948 because of leave of absence, authorized furlough, sickness or accident, which absence started after

September 30, 1947. If the absence began before October 1, 1947 the absent employe must return to work for a period of not less than 30 days to be eligible, otherwise he will receive only the benefits of any plan of which he was a member on October 1, 1947.

- (4) Retired on a disability allowance on or before June 1, 1948 and returns to work for not less than three months. If he is disabled after returning to work he shall be entitled to the disability benefits provided under this Plan regardless of how long he had been back at work.

### Contributions

Contributions under the Plan shall be made on the total earnings (not to exceed \$10,000 per year) paid each eligible employe by the Authority beginning June 1, 1949. The employe's contributions will be made by a payroll deduction each payday.

The contributions to be made shall be the following percentages of the employe's total earnings:

Year	Employe	Authority
June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950	2%	3%
June 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	2%	4%
June 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952	2½%	5%

The total contributions by the employe and the Authority shall be paid by the Authority to the Trustee, who is to be selected by the Retirement Committee.

The contributions made under this Plan by an employe and any interest earned by the Fund applicable to these contributions will be refunded to him if he leaves the employ of the Authority or dies before retirement, except that an employe who has completed less than one year of service is not entitled to a refund.

When an employe who has retired dies, there will be paid any of his contributions and prorata share of interest earned on invested pension funds which have not been paid out as benefits.

No refunds can be made to the Authority of any contributions made by it under the Plan.

### Retirement Dates

The normal retirement dates under the Plan shall be the first day of the month following the employe's 65th birthday. An employe may continue to work after reaching 65 only with the approval of the Authority. His retirement benefits will not be paid until after his actual retirement. If an employe continues to work after he reaches 65 he will make no further contributions and shall receive no retirement credit for any service after 65.

Employes over 65 years of age on June 1, 1949 will receive credit for all service up to June 1, 1949 but shall accumulate no more credit for service after that date.

Any employe may retire voluntarily after he reaches age 55 and he shall receive a retirement allowance reduced by 5% for each year or fraction of a year below the age of 65.

### Retirement Allowance

An employe retiring at age 65 shall receive an allowance equal to a "past service" credit for service before June 1, 1949 and a "future service" credit for service after June 1, 1949.

The "past service" credit shall be equal to 1% for each year of continuous service before June 1, 1949. This shall be multiplied, in the case of a salaried employe, by the total earnings (not to exceed \$10,000) paid him by the Authority for the year ended May 31, 1948. If the salaried employe was hired after June 1, 1948 his "past service" credit will be based on twelve times the monthly rate on May 31, 1948 for the job for which he was hired.

In the case of an hourly rated employe the 1% for each year of continuous service before June 1, 1949 shall be multiplied by the average earnings (not to exceed \$10,000) for the year ended May 31, 1948 of his occupational group or the occupational group in which he was



# TO THE LADIES... from Joan

FOR AS long as there has been a calendar, August has been the month which is hot, hot, hot. To nullify the mounting line in your thermometer, follow the few simple rules set forth here and we guarantee it'll be a cooler month for you.

Wear loose-fitting, light-weight clothes.

Wear hair up or tied away from neck.

Wear a wide-brimmed hat in the sun.

Take luke-warm (not cold) baths.

Increase salt in diet by taking pinches of salt in water, eating salty food, and putting extra salt on meat and vegetables.

Avoid heat-producing foods (rich, greasy, fatty, too sweet or starchy).

Eat energy-producing but light foods such as ready-to-eat cereals, fruits, cold cuts, lean meats, salads, fish, cheese, whole wheat bread.

If over-heated run cold water over wrists.

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WHAT COULD be cooler or more attractive for sunning than the sun suit shown on this page. The off-shoulder bodice is cut on the bias for smooth fit and is partially hidden by a deep flounce. You can make the dirndl skirt any becoming length. Use a flowered print, checked gingham, plaid or candy stripe. Send for the free instructions.

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KEEP THE dining room the coolest room in your house. Serve lots of fresh, raw fruits and vegetables. Use small, light flowers on your dining table. Serve an extra—an unusual food once a week. Use colored place mats; they can be the washable plastic kind.

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FOR a cool, short bedtime story, we recommend seersucker pajamas, in the briefest two-piece style. They are



AS EASY to make as they are to look at, you'll want both of these hot weather garments in your wardrobe to help you through August. Direction leaflets for the SUN SUIT and SHORTIE PAJAMAS will be sent by writing the Women's Editor, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, 79 West Monroe Street, Chicago 90, Illinois.

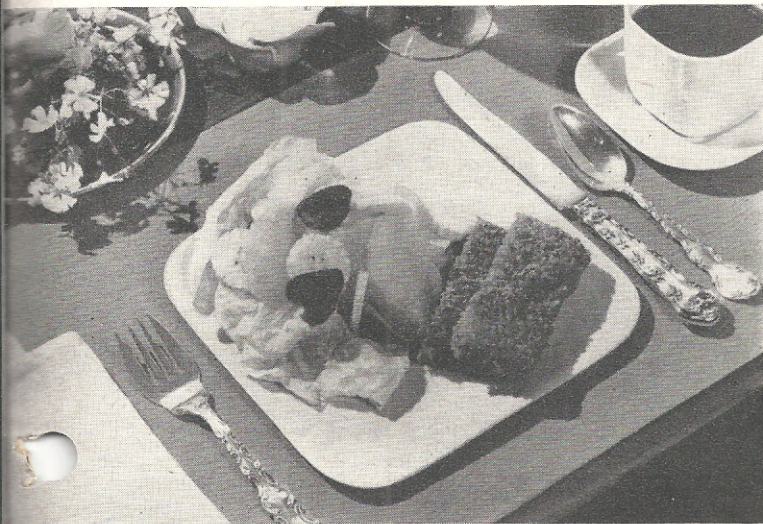
solid comfort for hot weather sleeping. The pair shown has a cool v-shape top, front and back. If you sew and you're looking for easy-to-laundry, easy to pack pajamas for your "two weeks with pay," you'll want the simple-to-follow directions for these shortie pajamas.

TAKE A tip from this pretty picture and serve a lunch attractive enough for a party, yet filling enough to be just right for a summer mid-day. Mix fruits of the season for the salad and serve with the unusual, easy-to-make Crusted Egg Toast Fingers.

### Crusted Egg Toast Fingers

- 4 slices bread
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 3 cups corn flakes
- ¼ cup shortening

Cut each slice of bread into three strips and remove crusts. Dip strips in egg mixed with salt, then in corn flakes which have been crushed into fine crumbs. Fry in shortening until crisp and brown on both sides. Drain on absorbent paper. Sprinkle lightly with confectioners' sugar if desired. Serve warm. Yield: 12 fingers.





"Past Service" (1% per year)		"Future Service" (1½% per year)		Total Credit	Minimum (for 20 Years of Continuous Service)	Retirement Allowance Payable	*Social Security (primary benefits only)	Total Monthly Payment	Per Cent of Average Earnings
Years of Continuous Service	Amount	Years of Continuous Service	Amount						
10	\$ 30.00	—	\$ —	\$ 30.00	\$ —	\$ 30.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 74.00	24.7%
20	60.00	—	—	60.00	75.00	75.00	44.80	119.80	39.9
30	90.00	—	—	90.00	75.00	90.00	44.80	134.80	44.9
35	105.00	—	—	105.00	75.00	105.00	44.80	149.80	49.9
40	120.00	—	—	120.00	75.00	120.00	44.80	164.80	54.9
50	150.00	—	—	150.00	75.00	150.00	44.80	194.80	64.9
30	90.00	10	45.00	135.00	75.00	135.00	48.80	183.80	61.3
20	60.00	20	90.00	150.00	75.00	150.00	52.80	202.80	67.6
10	30.00	30	135.00	165.00	75.00	165.00	56.00	221.00	73.7
—	—	10	45.00	45.00	—	45.00	44.00	89.00	29.7
—	—	20	90.00	90.00	75.00	90.00	48.00	138.00	46.0
—	—	30	135.00	135.00	75.00	135.00	52.00	187.00	62.3
—	—	35	157.50	157.50	75.00	157.50	54.00	211.50	70.5
—	—	40	180.00	180.00	75.00	180.00	56.00	236.00	78.7

10	\$ 25.00	—	\$ —	\$ 25.00	\$ —	\$ 25.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 69.00	27.6%
20	50.00	—	—	50.00	75.00	75.00	44.80	119.80	47.9
30	75.00	—	—	75.00	75.00	75.00	44.80	119.80	47.9
35	87.50	—	—	87.50	75.00	87.50	44.80	132.30	52.9
40	100.00	—	—	100.00	75.00	100.00	44.80	144.80	57.9
50	125.00	—	—	125.00	75.00	125.00	44.80	169.80	67.9
30	75.00	10	37.50	112.50	75.00	112.50	48.80	161.30	64.5
20	50.00	20	75.00	125.00	75.00	125.00	52.80	177.80	71.1
10	25.00	30	112.50	137.50	75.00	137.50	56.00	193.50	77.4
—	—	10	37.50	37.50	—	37.50	44.00	81.50	32.6
—	—	20	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	48.00	123.00	49.2
—	—	30	112.50	112.50	75.00	112.50	52.00	164.50	65.8
—	—	35	131.25	131.25	75.00	131.25	54.00	185.25	74.1
—	—	40	150.00	150.00	75.00	150.00	56.00	206.00	82.4

10	\$ 20.00	—	\$ —	\$ 20.00	\$ —	\$ 20.00	\$ 38.50	\$ 58.50	29.3%
20	40.00	—	—	40.00	75.00	75.00	39.20	114.20	57.1
30	60.00	—	—	60.00	75.00	75.00	39.20	114.20	57.1
35	70.00	—	—	70.00	75.00	75.00	39.20	114.20	57.1
40	80.00	—	—	80.00	75.00	80.00	39.20	119.20	59.6
50	100.00	—	—	100.00	75.00	100.00	39.20	139.20	69.6
30	60.00	10	30.00	90.00	75.00	90.00	42.70	132.70	66.4
20	40.00	20	60.00	100.00	75.00	100.00	46.20	146.20	73.1
10	20.00	30	90.00	110.00	75.00	110.00	45.50	155.50	77.8
—	—	10	30.00	30.00	—	30.00	38.50	68.50	34.3
—	—	20	60.00	60.00	75.00	75.00	42.00	117.00	58.5
—	—	30	90.00	90.00	75.00	90.00	45.50	135.50	67.8
—	—	35	105.00	105.00	75.00	105.00	47.25	152.25	76.1
—	—	40	120.00	120.00	75.00	120.00	49.00	169.00	84.5

\*NOTE: Primary benefits are the amount of benefits paid to an individual exclusive of those payable by the Federal government for the individual's dependents. The payments in this column include payments of primary benefits for periods of covered employment and payments in lieu of primary benefits for the period of employment with the Authority after October 1, 1947.



# Know Your CHICAGO

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

THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY is located in Jackson Park, at 57th street. Each year more than a million and a half visitors go to this "city of wonders," which is conveniently served by CTA's surface service on Stony Island avenue and on 55th street. Elevated passengers may transfer to surface equipment at 51st or at 63rd streets.

In the Museum's fourteen acres of floor space are displayed exhibits of scientific and industrial progress holding interest for young and old alike. There is no entrance charge and the Museum is open to the public every day of the year, except Christmas.



IN THE cobbled "Yesterday's Main Street" at the Museum of Science and Industry, Marianne Weston and her mother admire the elaborate street costumes of 1910 displayed in shop windows. Like many other Museum visitors, they decided there is just too much to be seen in one day — what with the working exhibits on mining, radar, the telephone, to say nothing of the Nickelodeon and the Microworld theatre.



THE FARM exhibit was of prime interest for twins Elaine and Eddie when Conductor Edward P. Weston (69th) took his family to the Museum. The stuffed cows mooed and switched their tails, while live baby chicks chirped in a brooder house.



THE SPECIAL treat of a family portrait made in the Arcade Studio did not appeal to the Weston twins. They protested that they liked their uncle's car better! The Museum's transportation display includes many early autos, stage-coaches and locomotives. The horse-car and cable-car are currently "on leave" to take part in the Rail Fair.





# What, No Skyhooks?

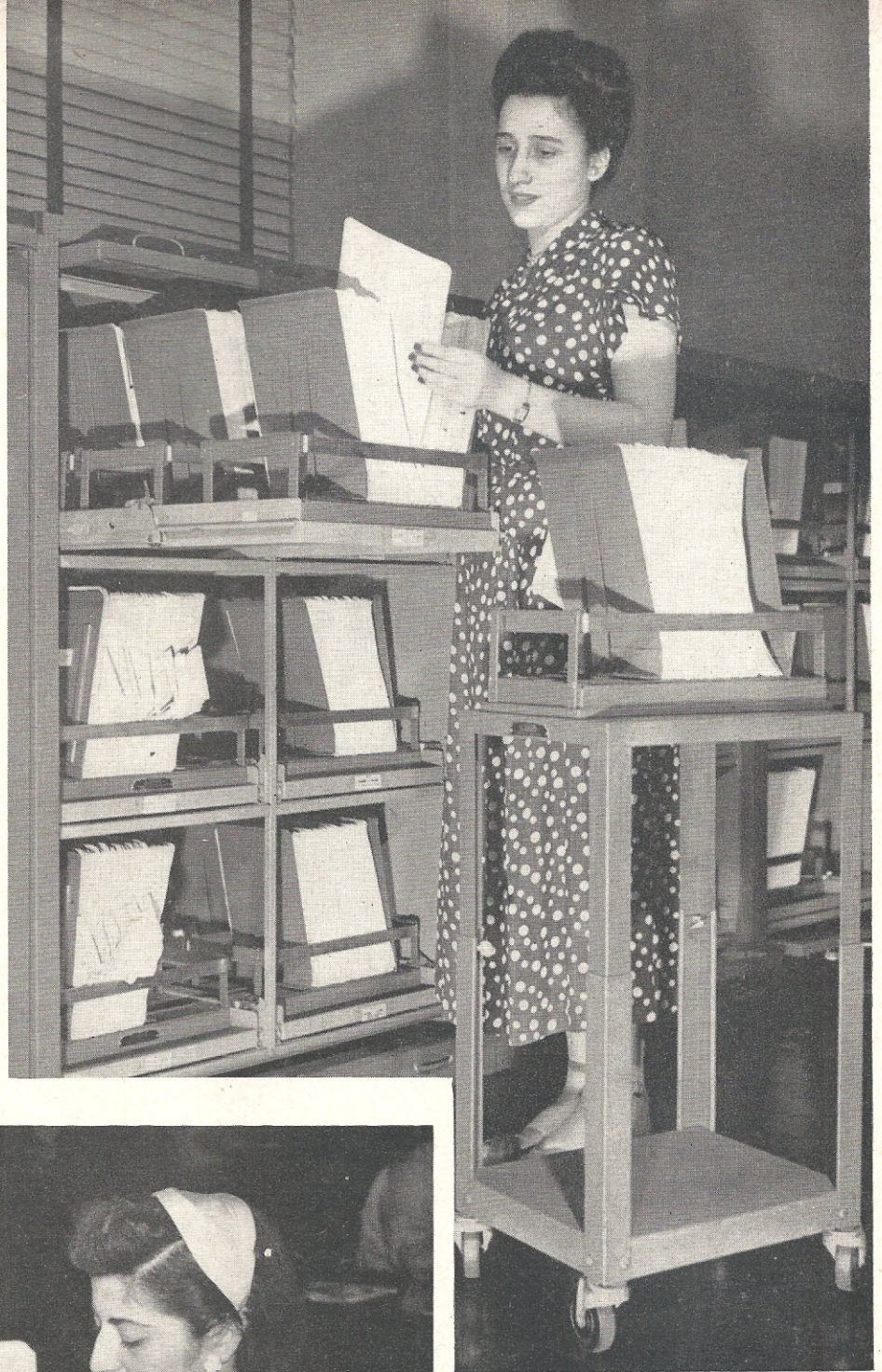
"HOW MANY sandwiches\* do we have on hand?" "How much are they worth?"

To answer such questions is no problem for members of the Material and Supplies division of the Accounting Department. They can advise you in almost nothing flat as to the exact number on hand, and the value, of any of the 107,000 individual items used by CTA.

Backbone of this amazing material and stores accounting set-up is the group of ten nimble-fingered operators who run the new \$2,600 bookkeeping calculator machines recently installed. Specially trained and selected, these girls tabulate and record some 3,000 items in an average day.

This perpetual inventory supplied on the stores ledger card, giving money as well as item count, supplants the manual recording system previously used by the CTA. The old system was tabulated once each six months.

**\*Three-decker, non-edible type for use in the springs of PCC cars. As of July 15, 1949, we had 624 on hand, worth a total of \$11,824.80.**



STORES LEDGER cards (one card for each item) are filed, according to store-room, in fire-resistant cabinets. Operator Toni Interdonato demonstrates how sliding shelves permit easy card-reference. Individual card trays are moved around on portable work tables.



FLORA BLAND is one of the department's ten machine operators. She finds the operation of these machines—which add, subtract and multiply as well as tabulate — “much more interesting than using the traditional accounting machines.” Operators work from the original copies of the manifests written by the using departments.



# CTA NEWS AND VIEWS

## CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS MONTH OF JUNE 1949 AND 1948, SIX MONTHS AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1949

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

	Month of June		Period Ended June 30, 1949	
	1949	1948	6 Months	12 Months
Revenues.....	\$ 9,563,573	\$ 9,696,521	\$58,879,642	\$120,801,861
Operation and Maintenance Expenses (Note 1)....	8,723,719	8,774,864	53,736,425	106,327,321
	<u>839,854</u>	<u>921,657</u>	<u>5,143,217</u>	<u>14,474,540</u>
<b>Debt Service Requirements:</b>				
Interest Charges.....	318,038	318,038	1,908,230	3,816,250
Deposit to Series of 1947 Bond Reserve (Note 2) .....	107,000	107,000	642,000	1,284,000
	<u>425,038</u>	<u>425,038</u>	<u>2,550,230</u>	<u>5,100,250</u>
Balance Before Depreciation.....	414,816	496,619	2,592,987	9,374,290
Provision for Depreciation—Current Period.....	541,667	433,334	3,250,000	6,050,000
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>\$ 126,851*</u>	<u>\$ 63,285</u>	<u>\$ 657,013*</u>	<u>\$ 3,324,290</u>

#### NOTES:

- (1) The principal labor agreements expired May 31, 1949. Operation and Maintenance Expenses as stated are subject to any necessary adjustments which may result from renegotiation of those agreements now in progress.
- (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.

\*Red Figures.

#### PASSENGER STATISTICS

Revenue Passengers.....	<u>74,855,217</u>	<u>83,871,010</u>	<u>463,526,026</u>	<u>946,305,799</u>
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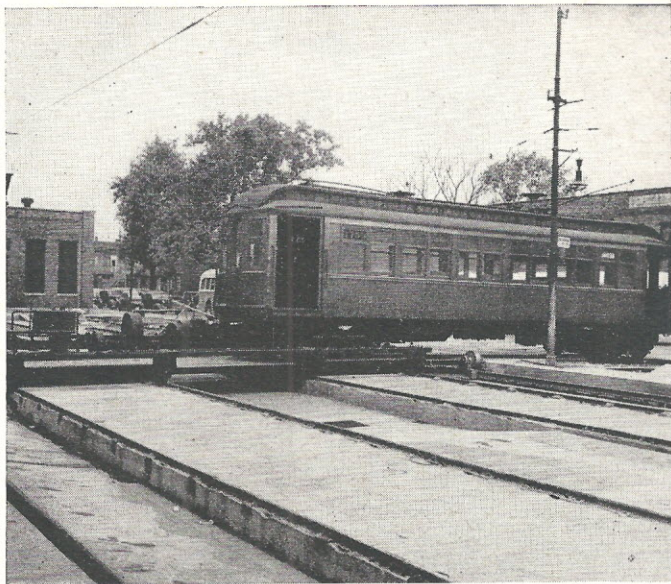
### GOOD-WILL CONDUCTOR

"AMBASSADOR OF GOOD-WILL" is the title given *Conductor Henry Schlupp*, West Side, by a southern lady who wrote Chicago Transit Authority that his honesty helped her alter a previous conception of Chicago as a home of bandits and gangsters.

During a recent visit to Chicago, *Mrs. Earl M. Smith*, of Deer Lodge, Tennessee, lost her purse while riding a Garfield Park "L" train. Conductor Schlupp found the purse with the contents intact and returned it to her through the lost and found department.

"If anyone had told me that I could ever go to Chicago, leave my purse on a loop train and have it back in my possession in 45 minutes, I'd have said 'impossible,'" *Mrs. Smith* said in her letter. "Not in Chicago where there's a bandit on every corner and gangsters on every train. I didn't meet gangsters or bandits—only lovely, courteous people and my impression of Chicago was a happy one. So, although I have not met *Mr. Schlupp* face to face, I'll never forget the kind conductor who saved my purse for me in Chicago."





## REBUILT TRANSFER TABLE IN OPERATION

THE RECENT consolidation of the Hamlin Avenue elevated shops with the West Shops, surface division, enables CTA to make repairs on "L" cars at the West Shops. Rapid Transit cars are now routed over Lake Street, into and through the building south of Lake Street, across Maypole Avenue and onto the transfer table, where the car is moved to any track desired. A major phase of the consolidation work was rebuilding the transfer table to carry an "L" car. Six-foot extensions, each carrying a separate pair of wheels, were made on both ends of the table. This necessitated the installation of two additional running rails the entire length of the table. Concrete, three feet deep and 10 feet wide on each end, and 301 feet in length had to be torn out to permit installation of the rails. Shown here is the first Rapid Transit car to test the operation of the rebuilt transfer table. It was driven by *Assistant Trainmaster Frank T. Boland*, West Side Section, a veteran of 39 years with the elevated division.

## MODERN TROLLEY BUSES ON NORTH AVE.

MODERN TRANSPORTATION facilities were made available to CTA patrons on North Avenue when 44-passenger trolley buses replaced streetcars on this route July 3.

At Clybourn Avenue, temporary eastern terminal of the new trolley bus service, a direct, off-the-street connection has been provided with the Clybourn-Division-State subway service. The west terminal of the North Avenue route is Narragansett Avenue, where a direct transfer connection can be made with trolley buses operating in Narragansett between North Avenue and Irving Park Road.

North Avenue is now serviced by 33 buses which have replaced 24 streetcars between Narragansett Avenue and Clybourn Avenue. At least four more trolley buses will be required if and when a trolley bus terminal becomes available east of Clark Street.

## "OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS"

Chicago Daily News

### 'Miracle' On "L" Platform

I asked the guard on the platform if the Wilson Avenue express was still running. He cheerfully informed me they ran at six minute intervals until 9:23. He glanced at his watch and said the next train was due in three minutes and would reach the loop ahead of the Kenwood local then approaching the station platform.

I pulled out a cigarette, asked for a match, and he courteously lighted my cigarette and then gave me a book of matches.

His uniform was clean and recently pressed; his white cotton gloves were spotless and his collar was immaculate. The brass buttons on his uniform were gleaming; his smile was as radiant as the morning sunshine. It was evident he enjoyed his work.

I noticed the number on his badge was 1701.\*

Here indeed was a miracle on a Monday morning.

LOUIS N. BLUMENTHAL  
Chicago.

\*R. J. Deacon, Northside

### Approves Ticket For Bus Driver

Well now, isn't that just too bad that "Disgusted" was held up ten minutes while the policeman issued a bus driver a traffic ticket!

Three cheers for the policeman. He should have a promotion.

Until C.T.A. bus drivers and street car motormen are cured of thinking that they own the streets and that traffic laws don't apply to them, the C.T.A. will continue to have accidents.

The C.T.A. motormen and drivers are about it being a nerve wracking job, but if they'd quit clanging bells and blowing horns, thus disturbing all other traffic to make room for them, their nerves as well as riders' wouldn't be so frayed.

Why does "Disgusted" figure (or her) time is any more valuable than people's who are tied up because the bus driver ignores the traffic laws and causes accidents?

Chicago.

MORE DISGUSTED

PRESENT AT the ribbon-cutting ceremony inaugurating trolley bus service on North Avenue were, left to right, *Alderman Frank R. Ringa*, 36th; *William Gwin*, president of the North Avenue Chamber of Commerce; *Albert F. Keeney*, North Avenue businessman who cut the ribbon to start the new bus service; *Dr. Len Macaluso*; *William Schilke*, president of the Central Civic Club; *John H. Kling*, master of ceremonies for the opening; *C. E. Keiser*, executive assistant to *General Manager Walter J. McCarter*, Chicago Transit Authority.





# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## TWO PACKAGES ARRIVE —MARKED "MALE"

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION — Our population has increased two-fold. "It's a boy" was shouted by *Norman Graver*, whose infant was named *Mark Clemens*, and ditto from *Attorney Joseph E. Farnar*, whose cherub will answer to the name of *Robert Daniel*.

Back to where the "Kelly green grass is a'growin" went *Nora Cronin*, clerk, on a lengthy vacation. She promised she would take the boat back from Ireland in time to start off September with all of her mates.

Two close pals that started working together at 600 are now leaving hand in hand . . . and for the same reason. *Tessie Foutris* and *Vita Sloyan* are faithfully nibblin' on bird seed to keep their voices in shape for yodeling lullabies. Don't forget to bring the youngsters around in a couple of years, gurlies. . . They can count on us for at least a lollipop. The *Oscar Ludmanns* are floating on a cloud lately. They have a new Chevrolet with all de extras.

The entire department extends deepest sympathy to *Swan Peterson* on the death of his wife.

Everybody's pal, *Ella Vrzak*, is steadily recuperating after a serious operation. We can hear the wedding bells echoing again this month . . . the chimes ringing for *Patricia Woodward*, clerk, and *Edwin Hays*, adjuster, on August 27, and in another part of the city on the same day, *Mary Nolan* and *James Finnegan* will be looking into each other's eyes.

"JERRY AND CAL"

## VACATION NEWS VIA GREETING CARDS

ARMITAGE—Greeting cards show that *Roy Croon* spent his vacation in Michigan, "*Rudy*" *Greiner* in Hot Springs, and *Joe Schultz*, of all places, Conneaut, Ohio.

We were all glad to see motorman *Bill Webster* back on the job after an illness of eight months.

We extend our deepest sympathy to *Ex-Motorman Ray Wing* whose wife died July 4.



## SON GRADUATES FROM ANNAPOLIS

MOTORMAN AND MRS. FRANK WEST recently journeyed to the ancient capital of Maryland to see their handsome son, *Richard*, graduate from the U. S. Naval Academy.

Lieutenant West enlisted in the U. S. Marines and saw plenty of service. He was recommended to President Roosevelt, by his captain, for appointment to Annapolis. As most plebes are appointed to Annapolis by Congressmen or Senators, being appointed from the ranks by the President is considered quite an honor.

Lieutenant West led his class for two years. He is now home for a short visit before reporting for duty on his first assignment.

For a detailed account of the famous ring dance, Tecumseh statue, Bancroft Hall, the Japanese bell brought to Annapolis by Commodore Perry, Lover's Lane and Herndon Monument, get Frank West in a corner.

Reported by TED SHUMON

Motorman "*Windy*" *Winfield* was injured recently in a freak accident at the barn. He is resting at home and would enjoy visitors. Conductor *Sidney Duke* is also recuperating at his home. Drop in and see him. —TED SHUMON

## BURNSIDE REPORTS ON VACATIONS

BURNSIDE—The stories of vacations are starting to come in from all sides at this time. Motorman *Fred Meas*, having spent a good part of his time in and about Denver, Colorado, is extolling the beauties of the Garden of the Gods and other beautiful sights around Colorado Springs. . . . Motorman *Siegar Haaglund* visited in Washington State, Supervisor *John Lally* spent his time remodeling his kitchen.

Conductor *Carl Memsen* is home again after spending several weeks in Hines Hospital. He is looking pretty good but will not try to go

to work for a while. . . Supervisor *Al Fox* hopes to be home from the same place by the time you read this. Al has been out of circulation for over a year and would appreciate a visit from anyone who can find time to drop in on him. Conductor *Emil Cook*, who has also been on the sick list for several months, is back on the job as a flagman.

We have been wondering for some time how the 77th street items contained so much info about former Burnside men. Well, last month we kept reading right down to the end of the column and discovered that a former Burnsider, *Dante Brunod*, is their scribe. All of which leads us to wonder what they ever did at that station before Burnside took over.

We have it on good authority that by the time this appears in print, Motorman *John Trinen* will be on pension. —FURGIE

## IT MUST BE JUST LIKE IRELAND

ACCOUNTING — After flying both ways, *Lillian Huard* has returned from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, locale of her vacation. She describes it as a "Tropical Paradise" with an ideal climate, abounding in fruits and flowers and gorgeous colors on land and sea.

Pear-shaped words are the order of the day for *Virginia Allshouse* since she opened a letter from California, and out popped the front page of "Hollywood Star News" with bold black headlines reading: MGM signs Virginia Allshouse!" A hoax is suspected, as her sister-in-law resides there.

Sharing wonderful memories of the shortest weeks of the year are vacationers *Clifford White*, *Margaret Timmons*, *Phyllis Cusic*, *Frances Haddix*, *Theresa Hayes*, *Emily Sluka*, *Lillian Windt*, *Frank Hodapp* and *Bert Hall*, to mention a few. *John Pope* is telling "finny" stories about his, and *Agnes Samek* has her trip to Bryce and Zion recorded in several reels of colored movies. A pickpocket was responsible for a sad note in *Marge Dorgan's* vacation. He lifted her holiday spending money.

Cupid's latest conquests are *Helen Gerke* and *John Wiesolek*. Helen's third finger, left hand, bears the sparkling trade-mark. . . *Dorothy Pullen* was guest of honor at a dinner given by several of her friends before leaving the CTA to take up residence in Michigan. *Lillian Geoghagen* severed her ties with CTA to accompany her husband on his travels.

*Eleanor Brown* is making rapid progress after undergoing surgery recently. . . *Thomas Coan's* new grandson, born July 2, to his daughter, *Mrs. Eileen McIntyre* is named after both grandfathers, *Thomas John*. Thomas the first is beaming proudly.

*Edward McEldowney's* latest addition is a new Ford, so he's going places! —HELEN A. LOWE



**THIS TIME THE FISH GOT THE BITE!**

ELECTRICAL—Fish bites man—*Fred Lundie* of Grand and Leavitt went a'fishing at Chippewa Flowage Lake, near Hayward, Wisconsin, and after safely landing a muskie he began measuring it for size. The muskie murmured: "My, you look tempting" and bit Fred's thumb. To his chagrin, the muskie only measured 29 inches and had to be thrown back in. . . . *Norbert Rolnicki* of Milwaukee Substation was with Fred and had better luck, sending a box to the boys at his station.

*William Becker*, Superintendent of Substation Maintenance, says "You haven't seen anything until you take a trip West." He and his wife took an escorted tour to Colorado and enjoyed the scenery of Rocky Mountain National Park. *Bill* was even brave enough to ascend to the top of Pike's Peak.

*Fred Hunsche*, draftsman, reports he covered approximately 4,500 miles via railroad and bus to the Pacific northwest to visit relatives and friends. . . . *Phil O'Grady* chose as his vacation playground the great Smoky Mountains.

*Michael Rickson* of the line department is all smiles because *Donna Jean* arrived O.K. on July 14 and mother is progressing nicely.

Sympathy is extended to *Chief Operator Archie Smith* of 63rd street station in the loss of his sister. Also to *Francis Griffin*, apprentice, in the loss of a little baby.

On Saturday, June 18, *Paul Malone* substation utility man, was married to *Lois Marie Sears* at St. Bernard's Church. Their honeymoon was enjoyed at Starved Rock, Illinois. —ANDY

**TRANSITAD**

**FOR SALE — 12-foot Sailboat fully equipped with trailer. Excellent condition. Call Pauline Lembachner, Mulberry 5-4436.**

**EVERYONE LEFT CHICAGO—ALMOST**

GENERAL OFFICE (JACKSON) — At last! Vacations are coming to the fore. The North Woods held an especial attraction to a number of our vacationers . . . *George Seiler* found good fishing in the North Woods and Canada—besides getting a well-deserved rest. . . . We wonder if *Cathy Barry* enjoyed her Eagle River (Wisconsin) vacation as much as the shopping in preparation for it . . . *Ralph Yohn* at least got a nice tan out of his fishing trip . . . *Phyllis Delaquila* obtained her tan at Twin Lakes . . . *Martin C. McMahon* did some North Woods-ing . . . *Nellie McArdle* chose a resort at Michilinda, Michigan, while *Audrey Johnson* picked Antioch, Illinois . . . *Sidney Underwood* took to the mountains of Colorado . . . *Agatha Barnsley* headed California way. To her way of thinking it was a little bit of all right to have a couple of friends precede you with a car and be on hand to greet you . . . *Helen Metzger* did some checking up on historical facts in Boston . . . The Shriner's Convention and the Railroad Fair were two big incentives for many to stay right here in the Windy City. Our Chicago-ing vacationers were *Dolores Belgarbo*, *Willis Helfrich*, *Ray Hynes*, *Matt Cioffe*, *Margaret Kells*, *Helen Spolec*

Chicago'd her first week and Michigandered her second week . . . *Helen Blowers* took part of her vacation to attend the National Secretaries association convention at the Sherman hotel. Her most exciting event came in her role as "Miss Secretary Do" on MGM's newsreel television show . . . Last but not least—*Bill Howlett* is Wisconsinning.

*Catherine McNamara* bid her co-workers adieu to take up her duties as homemaker and "lady-in-waiting."

Former scribe, *Eileen Troeger*, almost had a little firecracker. Baby *Deanne Marie* was born on July 2 and both mother and daughter are doing fine.

—BRENDA & COBINA

**THESE PEOPLE SAW LOTS OF SIGHTS**

GENERAL OFFICE (MONROE)—The most important summer news is "Wha Hoppen" on that "two weeks with pay." *Bernard Troger*, staff engineer, enjoyed the relaxing cool air of Niagara Falls and Canada. *Frank Misek* watched the tall corn grow in "Ioway," then to the lakes of Michigan. *Greg* enjoyed "The Life of Coakley" at home. *Rose Fahey* is still dreaming about the fun she enjoyed at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. *Wally Oquist*, his wife, daughter and dog, all packed and ready to hit the trail. *Marilyn*

*Nebrensky*, telephone, flew to Montreal and Boston.

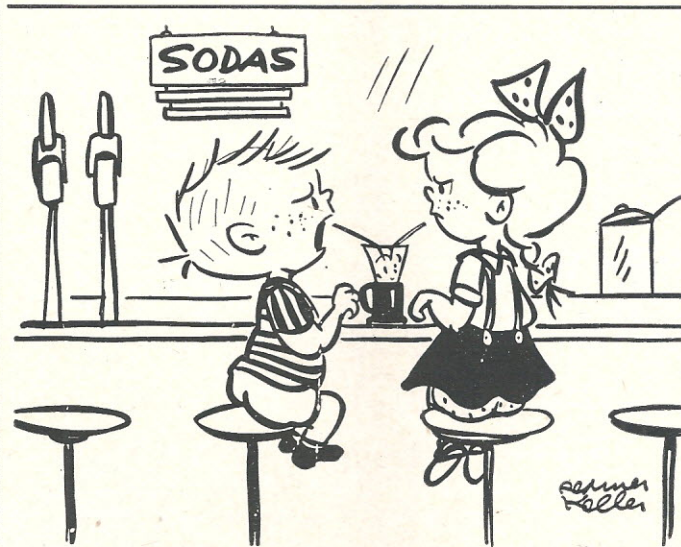
*Frank Johnson* tried Hot Springs on for size. *James Kehoe*, with his wife and two kiddies, basked in the sunshine on the shores of Lake Michigan. *Edna Linderoth* motored thru New England. *David R. Watson* and his family drove to his home town, Houston, Texas, "where weather is really weather," sez Mr. Watson.

**Laughs at Alarm**

*Harold Rowbottom*, Accident Prevention, stayed right here in our own beautiful city, his greatest pleasure being to leer at the alarm clock at the crack of dawn. *Ann Cyr* has returned from Long Lake. *Ann* climbed "mountains" at the Wisconsin Dells on the second week of her vacation and now daily skips from the 1st to the 14th floors to keep in trim. Speaking of Long Lake, the distance means nothing to *Mr. Hirsch*, who commutes morning and evening.

*Mr. and Mrs. J. Philpott*, surtace transportation, vacationed at Boulder Junction, Wisconsin. *Joe McGann* really favors Saugatuck, Michigan. *Charles Gylling* chose a brush, painting, that is, and spent his entire three weeks watercoloring his kitchen. *Jim Tucker* sez, "I wanna see Tennessee" so he did just that. And now the scene changes. *Mrs. Charles Stephenson* is touring Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia while *Charlie* babysits his vacation at home. *Mr. Adams* went to look over the Georgia peaches.

Among the rubber tired editions, *Joe Blaa*, a new Packard; *Louis Bohlin*, a new Nash; *George Macak*, a Dodge. . . . *Dorothy Dockham Crowley* retired July 29 to become a full-time housewife. *George Kelly* will replace Dorothy as chief operator. . . . *William H. Pruyn* has joined the organization and is located in Col. Blair's office. *F. A. (Chick) Thulstrup* is proudly boasting of *Mary Louise*, a brand new granddaughter, the third for *Chick*, but nary a grandson.



"One more remark like that, Peggy, and I'll have to ask you to remove your straw!"





**SCENE OF a beautiful wedding on June 2 that united Donald Lemm and Ida Zumpano, both of the Accounting department, was Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Alice Kealy, also Accounting, was bridesmaid. That particular church presents a 165 foot aisle to the bride, and someone remarked to the groom that it offered a good chance to change one's mind. Whereupon he flashed back, "If she wavers I'll run and meet her half-way." A novel idea, but everything went off in the conventional manner.**

Reported by HELEN A. LOWE

George Evans, attended traffic school at Northwestern . . . Mr. Batterson is back to work after sick bay. Lee DeSutter is all agog. Her daughter, Deanne, made her debut on the "Man on the Street" radio program. A card was received from E. E. Victorson, Transportation, central division, when he was at Hines.

Jim Hrubes celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary, Walter Helmer his 29th. George Lancaster traveled to Beaumont, Texas, to move his family to Oak Park.

If Jack Jobaris is coming to work looking more rested these days, it's because little Mary Ann is allowing him a little more sleep. Mary Ann is six months old. . . . Helen Doherty #1 spends some of her Saturday nights at Tam-O'-Shanter Golf Club—dancing, that is. . . . C. W. Ricker spent his vacation moving. Unlike the ordinary Nomad, C. W. just moved half a block down the street.

A. J. Fitzsimons, budget, was recently installed as Grand Knight of St. Anthony Council, K. of C.

Rosemary McAndrews, weekend-ed at Channel Lake. Colleen Dunne spent a week of her vacation at her summer home on Lake Marie.

—MARY CLARKE

JULIE PRINDERVILLE

### FISH MADE A FAST PAINTER OF KRATZKE

**KEDZIE**—Ed Kratzke did a fast outside paint job on his house so he could get up to Spooner, Wisconsin, for some fishing.

Closing their registers and pulling the pole for the last time are Tom Curry, 27 years; John Thomas, 27 years; Linus H. Sheldon; J. T. Jones, moving to Washington State; Joe Garro, 26 years; William P. Griffin, 24 years; George Bagnall, 23 years; Paddy Grimes, 20 years.

Mike Kenny had his turn in Dublin, Ireland, last year. Mrs. Kenny was there this year and while she was vacationing her son, Mike, a machinist's mate in the U. S. Navy, had leave in Ireland and visited his mother, grandmothers and grandfathers. . . . John Croll is vacationing in Missoula, Montana. . . . Ed. Langl is visiting his daughter in Los Angeles, California, and expects to be a grandfather while he's there. . . . Clerk Ellsworth Ehrhart, his wife and daughter, Barbara, spent a week at Eagle River and the Wisconsin Dells.

Tim O'Donnell landed some muskies and northern pike weighing from 10 to 15 pounds at Eagle River, Wisconsin. . . . Charlie Donnelly and his family went to Wisconsin to visit his mother who has been convalescing from a serious eye operation. . . . George Hannus and Mrs. Hannus started their vacation on their 14th wedding anniversary.

Ed DiDazio and Rose Schenfeld became one in St. Alphonsus Church in mid-June; as did Eddy Reynolds take to himself a dainty guiding hand about the same time.

#### Proud Papa's

Jim Brennan and Mrs. Brennan are busy getting their new son accustomed to his surroundings. Name is James, also. . . . Fred Albert arrived at the Hannum home and he's playing hobs with dad's sleep. . . . To the L. LeRoys came a baby girl, she is the quiet type. No remarks from father. . . . An eight and one-half pound girl for the George Vlachs, but Mrs. Vlach is having trouble and George has been in constant attendance.

—JOE SMITH



**ANOTHER CTA'er left the ranks of bachelorhood when John O'Connor of the Staff Engineer's Office, and Lorraine Hubbets were married June 25 at St. Angela's Church. A honeymoon trip to Canada, Niagara Falls and Buffalo followed the wedding.**

Reported by JULIE PRINDERVILLE

### IT WAS ALL PRE-ARRANGED

**LAWNDALE**—Pete Schellenberg celebrated his umptieth birthday on July 19 and was very gratified to think that President Harry Truman would travel all the way from Washington just to speak in Chicago on his birthday.

Receiver Tony Arnieri spent his vacation as he says vacations should be spent, "just resting."

Dan McCarthy's two-year old son, Tommy, had a narrow escape from drowning recently when he slipped and fell in a wading pool at Greys Lake. He failed to come up after his fall so Dan had to leap in, shoes and all, to haul him out.

Len Lohn spent one day of his vacation getting a terrific sunburn and the rest of it recovering.

Johnny Maguire celebrated nine years in the state of Matrimony on June 29. Johnny's former landlord, Perry Edgerton, has bought himself a single family dwelling and John is now a little worried about the future.

Chester Kules' son, Chester Jr., celebrated his fourth birthday on July 20 with a party. This is the youngster who had asthma so bad the first three years of his life that he wasn't expected to live, but who is now well on the road to recovery. For which he has a very grateful father and mother.

—BILL FEILER

### HOW NOT TO KILL A FISH

**LAWRENCE**—Wally Cubycheck went fishing with Eddie Gron at Lake Michigan and caught a jumbo perch. After getting the fish off the hook, Wally attempted to hit the fish over the head with a black jack. The result—a badly swollen finger, minus the fish. It is recommended that they try lassooing.

Vacation News: Emil Gagler spent his vacation on the local Islands: Goose Island and Stony Island. . . . Charles Parker vacationed in Ohio and Pittsburgh. Marvin Wallace had a real vacation. The Mrs. and daughter did all the driving on an auto tour through Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California. While in Minnesota, Marvin visited his mother. . . . George Wickman went to Wabigoon, Canada, to fish and rest. During his stay there, George visited his buddy Wally Gabrelson, formerly of North avenue. . . . George Kaufman had three weeks of surprises in Hollywood, California. George toured MGM and Paramount studios and watched his favorites making movies.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McDonnell flew to Colorado and rented a cottage, where Marvin did the chores and the Mrs. did nothing but fish and rest. —THE POLISH COUNT



**WEDDING BELLS rang out on June 19, 1949, for Truckman Helper David Guereca of Throop Street Shop when he married the former Josephine Flores at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Gomez Palacio, Durango, Mexico. Dave and Josephine spent their honeymoon in Durango and when Josephine, who is still in Mexico, comes to America, they will spend their second honeymoon here in the States.**

Reported by DAVE GURWICH



**RENEW WEDDING VOWS ON 50th ANNIVERSARY**

MAINTENANCE OF WAY (NORTH & SOUTH)—*Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wurster* celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 7, 1949. They renewed their vows at Mass at St. Cornelius Church. A reception followed at a son's home, attended by family and friends. They have four sons, ten grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Mr. Wurster has been a CTA employe for 30 years. He has been a tinner and plumber foreman for 25 years.

It was a double celebration for *Mr. and Mrs. Walter Helmer*. They celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 4. Their son, *Everett*, was married on that day. A reception was held at St. Agnes hall in Chicago Heights.

*Oscar Kitz* left many friends behind when he went on pension August 1. He has been a gate repairman on the Ravenswood branch for 37 years. He will live with his sister in Wisconsin.

*Jim Cleland* a pensioned carpenter is visiting in Ireland with relatives. It is his first trip back there since leaving the "ould sod." *Jule Andrews* is sporting a fresh boutounniere each morning from his own garden. He raised them from seed with his own lily white hands.

—VINCENT A. PETRICCA



NATIVITY CHURCH was the scene of the marriage of *Frank Kataitis*, South Shops, and *Betty Robson* on June 19. The bride wore a gown of lace and carried white roses with lillies. Their honeymoon was spent in Michigan.

Reported by ANNE McCREA



FROM THE smiles they display, the future must hold only happiness and contentment for bride *Mary Shields*, Public Information Service, and bridegroom *Anton Giger*. Following their wedding at Resurrection Church, the couple honeymooned in the Smoky Mountains.

Reported by BRENDA and COBINA

**THE SUN CAME OUT—ON HER**

MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES—It was a "HOT" Fourth of July for *Margaret Sares*, general office. Poor Margy sizzled in the sun, getting a second degree burn instead of that much wanted tan.

Landscaping the lawn around his new home in Broadview, Illinois, is the way *Larry Steffens*, Throop Street, spent his vacation, during the latter part of June.

*Joseph Marszalek*, assistant stock clerk, West Shops, and wife *Frances*, formerly of the Employment department, proudly announce the arrival of a little girl, "*Lois Rose*," on July 9, 1949, weighing seven pounds and four ounces.

*Mrs. Dorothy Stenbridge*, clerk at West Shops, visited her son and family at Camp Hood, Texas, while vacationing.

*Otto Hoger*, assistant divisional storekeeper of South Shops, vacationed with his family touring through some of the Eastern States.

*Claude Worland*, mail clerk, came back from his vacation with that nice rested look. He tried his hand at fishing at Spooner, Wisconsin, but could only manage the little fish.

We are very happy to announce the engagement of *Grace Rubey*, typist at South Shops, to *John Kurgan*, assistant stock clerk at South Shops, which took place on June 20, 1949.

"The Big Hunt" is what *Ray Gavert*, West Shops, had the first week of his vacation. If Ray found enough parts for his jalopy the first week of his vacation he intended to do a little traveling the other two weeks.

—JEAN HARTLEY

**A SALUTE GIVEN TO NEOPHYTES**

MET (LAKE)—We proudly present our latest class of men who, after due preparation and examination, have been OK'd as extra motormen: *C. Adams, J. Blasen, C. Draper, J. McCarthy, Jr., W. Miller, R. Nagel, P. O'Shea, J. Roberts* and *S. Shapiro*.

Our latest pensioners are *Gateman Jacob Kraus* and *Trainman J. M. Smith*, who will spend many happy hours to come on his "farmette" near Columbus, Indiana, raising chickens and fishing.

*Steele Kokocki*, former Lake Street office secretary now at Marshfield office, is recuperating from a major operation, and everybody is waiting anxiously to see her back and well again. . . *Motorman Michael McCarthy* is very seriously ill in Oak Park hospital, and *Motorman Mike Bellezzo* is just getting over a serious operation. Other men on the sick list are *Motorman Bonelli* and *Hood*, *Switchman Merle Smith*, *Trainman Steve Dalton* and *Yard Foreman Wagner*.

—ROBERT P. RIX

**WHEN THEY ARRIVED THE RAIN DID, TOO**

NORTH—For months *Bus operator Harold Hightower*, *Conductor Maurice Ballestro*, *Motorman Harold Lindrum* and *Janitor William Thoms* were planning a fishing trip to Tomahawk, Wisconsin. The day finally came when they checked and double-checked to make sure everything was in order. The only thing they could not arrange was the weather. Their first night in camp it rained and rained and it looked like someone turned the lake upside down. The rain continued and a well-planned trip was washed out. Better luck next time, fellows.

*Conductor Joe Cappelletti* had better luck with the weather, Joe reports a pleasant vacation to Windsor, Canada.



ANOTHER GIRL from South Shops has changed from Miss to Mrs. The latest newlywed is *Anne Yercich* who was married to *Faulkner McCrea* recently. When a reception for 300 guests ended, the happy couple left for a honeymoon trip to Eagle River, Wisconsin.

There were many who wondered what happened to *Motorman Andy "Ducky" Duckman's* fingers, which were all banged up. Was Ducky shooting fireworks? Was he whittling? Or was he learning to be a carpenter? We checked and found that Ducky was learning to play the drums. You see, *Duckman* is now a member of the drum and bugle corps of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Just in Time**

"Just call me lucky," says *Operator Tom "Lucky" Nolan*. Tom was the winner of a fine radio set—and just in time, too. You see *Mrs. Nolan* was after Tom to buy her a new set.

*Mrs. H. Voegtle*, wife of *Motorman Henry Voegtle*, was the winner of the "The House of Money" guessing contest conducted in conjunction with the grand opening of a local merchant. More than 1,300 guesses were recorded.

Anyone wishing to have a picture of the softball team should apply to *Manager Ed Kowald* or get in touch with your correspondent.

Did you know that *Operator Arnold "Swanee" Swanson* is a full-fledged pilot and carries a pilot's license? "Swanee" is a member of a flying club that owns its own plane for the use of its members.

—JOE HIEBEL



**HONOR GRADUATE**



**BUS OPERATOR and Mrs. Frank Norton, Lawrence, are justly proud of their daughter, Mary, age 12, who graduated recently from St. Ladislaus Parochial school with high honors. Among her achievements were participation in the Chicago Daily News Spelling Bee of 1948-1949, in which she won the bronze medal.**

She was awarded the honor pin and certificate of honor by her school and was also a winner of the American Legion school awards and won a medal awarded by the Belmont Park Post, No. 597. Mary's hobbies are swimming and dancing. She won the silver medal for dancing at Chopin Park. Her dad has been with the surface division since 1928.

Reported by E. KACZMAREK

**CTA'ERS GO HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE**

**NORTH SIDE—Vacation News:** A three-week vacation at Williams Bay, Wisconsin, agreed with *Motorman* and *Mrs. John George Hummel* . . . *Collector Bill Sundt* spent his time at Rhinelander, Wis. You see Bill has 70 acres up there with running water of three rivers. He says the mosquitos really are the pests there . . . *Conductor Harry Metzger* spent his time on his farm in Wisconsin, the only thing that keeps him from having a "life of a country squire," is the work attached to it . . . *Agent George Heinen* motored to Land O Lakes and other parts of Wis-

consin, says he enjoyed every minute of it . . . *Trainman Jerry Sullivan* spent his time around the city, always near the phone awaiting a call from *Howard* to come down and pick . . . *Collector Robert Richardson* had a good time at the indian reservation. He is well-known among the Chechako tribes.

*Conductor Ray Catlin* spent most of his time in museums around the town . . . *Agent Clara Kitson* enjoyed herself around the town close to home . . . *Trainman George Weichbrodt* had a swell time traveling to Bangor, Michigan. And visiting the boys at Howard St. . . . *Conductor Gus and Mrs. Amandes* had a nice trip traveling through Canada and the Eastern States.

We extend our deepest sympathy to our Superintendent *Fred J. Sirr* whose wife passed away July 12, 1949, and to *Trainman Peter J. Simon* in the loss of his son.

*Motorman Owen O'Malley* has returned to work after four months absence because of illness.

Elated with the deal they put over on the Stork July 11, in St. Elizabeth hospital are *Trainman and Mrs. William G. Carlson*. By sharp bargaining they made him hand over *William G., Jr.*, the dream boy who has been on their minds so long and now is in their arms.

—J. J. BALY

**NO BETTER REASON FOR MARRYING**

**SHOPS (SOUTH SIDE)—**After many years of diligent perseverance, *Louis Berman* finally succumbed to the charms of a lovely lady. His bride is *Helen Marie Elliott*. Congratulations to both of them.

*John Kruzich* has been a patient at Hines Hospital.

After six months in St. Bernard's Hospital following surgery, *Daniel O'Donnell* of Loomis street shop, is at home and feeling fine. Visitors are welcome. *W. Acuff* has resigned and returned to his beloved profession of farming. We all miss Acuff but hope he has a bumper crop in Southern Illinois.

Condolences are extended to *William Mahoney* and *M. Soderberg*, and families, for the recent death of their wives.

—PATRICK WHITE

**VACATIONS DISRUPT SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC**

**SCHEDULE - TRAFFIC —** *Traffic Checker John Walsh* proudly announces the arrival of *Barbara Ann*, a six pound, three ounce bundle of joy who made her appearance on June 25.

Vacationists have been going in all direction. *George Bryan* traveled to his backyard in Evergreen Park; "*Barney*" *O'Neill* pushed the new Nash down to the old home-



**PROUD OF** their fishing accomplishments during a recent trip to Keron, Canada, are, left to right, *Conductor "Red" Gibbons*, *Motorman Rudy Salewsky*, *Tony Bilk* and the trio's guide. When the successful trip ended, the men spent many hours telling other North Side "L" trainmen about their catches.

Reported by J. J. BALY

town in Southern Illinois; *Frank Irvine* found Lake Geneva very restful; *Evelyn Karass* enjoyed scenic spots in the east, including Niagara Falls; *Clark Johnson* drove around about two-thirds of Wisconsin, *A. Brandt* got as far west as Omaha, Nebraska; *Eddie Thompson* visited his brother in St. Louis, *Roy Drysdale* put in his time helping his son build a house in Elmhurst, and *Pat McBride* enjoyed the backporch during the mornings and used the afternoons and evenings breaking in his new television set.

—L. C. DUTTON

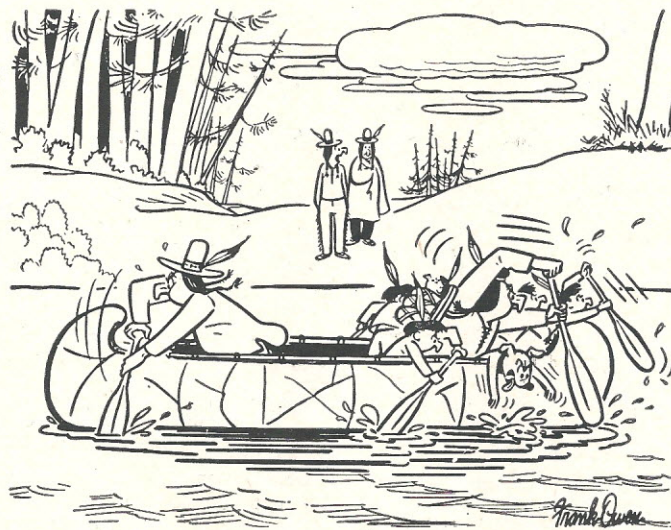
**BACK ON JOB AFTER SICK SPELL**

**SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT (MET)—** *Luigi Donatiello*, car body inspector helper, who was off sick for more than a month, is now fully recovered and back on the job at Laramie avenue shop.

*Herman C. Poggendorf*, master mechanic on the Metropolitan Section of the rapid transit, recently returned from a tour of the country and Canada.

On this tour he and *Mrs. Poggendorf* enjoyed beautiful scenery, met many interesting people and made many new friends.

—DAVID GURWICH



"It's tough when a man's whole family turns against him!"





**TALK ABOUT a catch—look at the success Bus Operator Frank Bartel, Lawrence, had on his annual vacation to Bay De Noc, Rapid River, Michigan. For the non-fisherman who look at this, Frank is holding a string of wall-eyes before they landed in the frying pan.**

Reported by E. KACZMAREK

### NEW CAR MEANS LONGER GARAGE

SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT (NORTH SIDE AND SKOKIE)—New car Department—Earl Leaming and Jack Lucas, of Skokie. Better lengthen the garage, Earl for that new long job.

William Roser, Jr., and his wife are the proud parents of a daughter, Linda Jean born July 17, 1949. Makes a "grandpop" for the second time of William Roser, title agent. . . . Walter Leonard, armature winder, Wilson shop, returned after three weeks vacation in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, and the Ozarks . . . Eugenie Lopez, car repairman, Skokie shop, returned from Texas and Mexico.

Within the last few months several of our boys joined the ranks of benedicts—Frank Capatona, Marcus Fiore and William Ol-Brisch.

—CATHERINE HOLTON

### ELABORATE WEDDING UNITES COUPLE

SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT (SOUTH SHOPS)—On July 16, 1949, Matilda Misiunas, office, became united in matrimony to Ray Monte. The new Mrs. Monte wore a lovely satin gown trimmed with seed pearls. They were wed in a lovely church ceremony before an altar decorated with white glads. Mrs. Monte's office girl friend, Mary Ann Yercich, caught the bridal

bouquet, which was two beautiful white orchids surrounded with Lillies of the Valley.

Peter Poska and family had a grand time on their vacation. They motored through Detroit and on through Canada.

Al Moline doesn't mind the hot weather when he can spend his week-ends at his summer cottage at Bass Lake. Al built it himself and from all reports it's really very nice.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dietz had a wonderful time visiting their daughter and son-in-law in Inglewood, California. While there he also went deep sea fishing which is his favorite sport.

Frank De Witt took one-third of his vacation and that was spent in Dundee, Ill. He intends to go to Michigan when he gets the remainder of his vacation.

Minnie Stoffle drove through western Illinois, stopped at the Wisconsin Dells for a few days and then went on to her favorite vacation place—Muskegon, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack are putting a lot of mileage on their new Buick. They put on 974 miles going to Roanoke, Virginia, from there, on to Ashville, North Carolina, then to South Carolina. From their post cards they really had a swell time.

Joe Gasser had a nice time on his vacation seeing the fair sights of Wisconsin and Ohio.

Tom Tadevic spent his vacation in Wisconsin and caught more fish than he could eat. Joe Hecht is fishing at his summer home in Grass Lake, Wisconsin. Hope he brings back some big ones for us.

—ANNE MC CREA

### HEARTY WELCOME TO THE LAKE STREET SHOP

SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT (WEST SHOPS)—The pleasure is all ours in extending a hearty welcome to Lake Street Elevated Shop, which now is part of West Shops. Any news for the magazine will be greatly appreciated each month.

Duncan Murray, Lake street, is spending his vacation in and around Chicago. We are sorry to hear of the illness of James Biturnas' wife, Lake street, but news of her recovery will make us happy.

Mildred Bonomo, drafting, spent a week at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, while the Herman Haenischs, bus overhaul, chose Park Falls, Wisconsin. Joe Hecht, carpenter, took his family up to Shawano, Wisconsin, their usual vacation spot. While driving leisurely along on one of the Wisconsin highways, he got the horn from a guy who seemed to be in very much of a hurry. Moving to give the speed king the right of way he caught a glimpse of Ed Horning and family on their way to Suring, Wisconsin.

### NURSE IN FAMILY



**WITH THEIR daughter, Jo Ann present, Conductor and Mrs. John J. Healy, 77th, need not worry about having a nurse on hand if sickness ever strikes their home. Jo Ann is a recent graduate from the Loyola Nursing School and is now a nurse at St. Francis hospital in Evanston.**

John Murray, carhouse, toured the Black Hills of South Dakota and Yellowstone National Park with two of his sons. Others on vacation are Edward Evans, armature, and William Porcelius and Fred Potenza, office.

The glad tidings of a new baby girl at the William Beckmanns, armature, has reached us. The little lass who will answer to the name of Marianne, was born June 21 at St. Anne's Hospital, weight being eight pounds, four ounces.

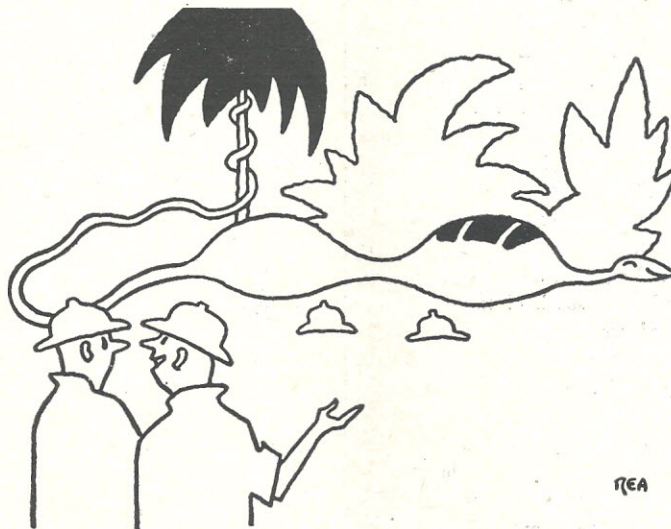
Our sympathy is extended to Benny Pabisinski, bus overhaul, in the death of his mother and to Walter Post, bus overhaul, whose father passed away just recently.

—MARY HENDRICKSON

### DRIVER VACATIONS ON THE ROAD

WAY AND STRUCTURES ("L")—Joe Matula, truck driver, just can't get from behind a wheel. He and his brother spent their two weeks vacation driving to California and back.

Frank Dahl, laborer, who had a partial stroke last January, is reported by his wife, Elsie, to be on the mend. Frank is better remembered as a trackman in the Loop where he spent about 20 years of the 29 he has been with us. He is taking his pension August 1.



TEA

"I'd say the front one is Edwards. He was always a bit quicker on his feet than Davidson"



**NORTH AVENUE SOFTBALL TEAM**



HERE IS a team that battled nobly in the CTA softball league. They are, left to right, first row, *Arthur Tonner, Frank Mazzone, Charles Fowler.* Second row, *Sam Zupo, Walter M. Feret, Leonard C. Baldy.* Standing, *Alfred M. Mennella, Melvin C. Kuehlman, Walter M. Gersch, Manager Edward Kowald.*

*Walter Zawacki*, carpenter helper, and "*The Gob*" *Pavlak*, road clerk, tried their hand at a little midnight fishing recently. *Pavlak* caught about 50 fish of various arm lengths.

*Jimmy Ptacek*, tinner helper, and family spent a pleasant time on vacation at Catawba, Wisconsin. He hasn't got over it yet and with a little financial backing, Wisconsin would gain a dairy farmer and we'd lose a tinner helper. Maybe someday, Jim.

*Percy MacDonald*, ironworker helper, has opened the purse strings again. He is enjoying his native Scotland on a leave of absence and we all hope he is having a pleasant time visiting his mother and family.

—JACK O'REILLY

**SUNNY ITALY HAS CTA VISITOR**

69TH—*Motorman Anselmo Savaglio* left for sunny Italy on July 13, aboard the *Vulcania*. He will pay a visit to Columbus' birthplace at Genoa, then will proceed to Palermo, where he will enjoy the tropical climate for three months.

After years of faithful service, the following trainmen retired on pension: *Conductors W. Pearson,*

*F. Tallent, Motormen Thomas Griffin and J. Huski.*

*Robert Wack*, son of *Conductor J. T. Wack*, has just been named assistant farm advisor of Macoupin county. The lad is a graduate of the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, and has had three years in 4-H work . . . When you read these notes our Assistant Superintendent, *E. C. Tocci*, will be spending his vacation at the University of Notre Dame, as has been his custom since 1922 . . . *Superintendent and Mrs. Claude Gillespie* made a good survey of the Kankakee river and surrounding territory during their vacation in July, and reported having a marvelous time . . . *Conductor Matthew Queenan* is presently making a transcontinental tour, visiting the Mayo Brothers clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, the west coast and then to Mexico City. "*Habla Usted espanol, Señor Mateo?*" . . . And from south of the border we heard from retired repairman *Alfred Jones*, now living in Corona, California. Al informs us that his youngest son, *John Donald Jones* was one of the 751 students at the University of Wisconsin to be honored for outstanding university work at the annual All-University Honors convocation in the Memorial Union Theatre on June 16.

—THE GHOSTS

**TOUR COUNTRY WHILE AT HOME**

77TH—*Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson* and family, on talking over plans for their vacation, decided not to go too far. So, while spending a day in the South Chicago steel district they noticed the street names and found they sure could do some traveling in a short space of time. By driving up and down the streets of South Chicago one can go to Commercial, Michigan; Houston, Texas; Baltimore, Maryland; Buffalo, New York; Mackinaw, Michigan; or Green Bay, Wisconsin. That's how the *Hendersons* spent their vacation.

*Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sheehan* had an enjoyable vacation motoring through the East. Visited Washington, D. C., then down the coast to Miami and Key West, Florida. Back through the Smoky Mountains and then home. Motored about 4,500 miles. By the way, *President Harry Truman* was out fishing. Tom plans to see him next year.

*Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCarton*, motorman, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on June 17. They have four boys, and—speaking of a surprise—one of the boys serving with the U. S. Navy in the Philippines arrived at 10:30 P.M. the night before the celebration. Friends and relatives joined in making it a happy day for Mama and Papa.

*Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rzansa* were ready for a right about face back

to Pensacola, Florida, when they came back at the end of their vacation. Fishing for flounders and sailfish off the coast of Florida is some sport, Joe says. On the way home they visited the Blue Ridge Mountains. They drove about 5,000 miles.

**Followed Them Home**

*Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Walsh* spent their vacation in Long Island, New York, visiting with a daughter they hadn't seen in two years. Andrew says the Statue of Liberty is still holding the torch of peace.

*Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed*, motorman on State street, drove about 7,000 miles on their round trip visit to Los Angeles, California. While in Los Angeles they visited with *Dick Keefer*, a former Burnside motorman enjoying the benefits of the pension. Any of the boys visiting in "L.A." can drop in and see Dick whose address is 3611 West 30th St., Los Angeles.

*Conductor and Mrs. Nels C. Jensen*, are proud of their son, *Marvin*, as he has been assigned pastor at the Conover Church, Swedish Covenant in Conover, Wisconsin. He graduated from North Park College, June 4, 1949.

*Joseph Minga*, conductor, was married to *Miss Celia Desidero* on June 18, 1949, at St. Anthony's Church. Their honeymoon took them through Detroit, Quebec, Montreal, Boston, New York City, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and back

—DANTE F. BRUNOD

**RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES**

- EDWIN ANDERSON, 84, retired machinist, Shops and Equipment. Died 6-7-49. Employed 12-8-90.
- FRANK E. CITRO, 64, watchman, Track. Died 6-7-49. Employed 6-8-26.
- JOHN W. CLUTTS, 82, retired conductor, Devon. Died 5-17-49. Employed 7-16-92.
- WILLIAM T. COLLEDGE, 58, motorman, Cottage Grove. Died 6-3-49. Employed 6-27-22.
- ANTON D. DRZKA, 52, trainman, Metropolitan. Died 6-1-49. Employed 1917.
- FRANK F. EDER, 67, supervisor, North Side. Died 6-5-49. Employed 5-3-05.
- ARVID R. ELLISON, 30, conductor, Lincoln. Died 6-29-49. Employed 5-29-46.
- GASPARE GIAMBALVO, 72, retired laborer, Track. Died 6-13-49. Employed 11-4-25.
- ANTON J. GOSS, 57, conductor, 77th. Died 6-22-49. Employed 10-12-15.
- MARTIN HENNELLY, 77, retired motorman, Burnside. Died 6-21-49. Employed 2-9-18.

- JOSEPH HIEBEL, 72, retired motorman, Kedzie. Died 6-21-49. Employed 12-11-18.
- PATRICK J. LAWLER, 78, retired conductor, Blue Island. Died 6-28-49. Employed 11-7-01.
- PATRICK J. McGUIRE, 61, doorman, 77th. Died 6-20-49. Employed 1-5-21.
- EDMUND METEVIER, 76, retired watchman, Track. Died 6-7-49. Employed 5-6-21.
- SIMON C. MEYER, 80, retired controllerman, Shops and Equipment. Died 6-19-49. Employed 11-1893.
- LEONARD M. MIZENER, 30, motorman, Devon. Died 6-17-49. Employed 5-15-45.
- RICHARD E. MULLEN, 72, retired motorman, Lawndale. Died 5-28-49. Employed 10-3-06.
- AUGUST A. RISTAU, 66, retired lineman, Electrical. Died 6-12-49. Employed 3-10-10.
- ARON ROTHSCILS, 54, trainman, South Side. Died 6-9-49. Employed 9-30-18.
- JAMES SHERMAN, 81, retired motorman, Kedzie. Died 6-11-49. Employed 7-9-92.



# RECEIVES MEDAL FOR SAVING LIFE

A VETERAN EMPLOYEE of the elevated division of Chicago Transit Authority, *Lineman Ebon A. Frank*, Electrical, was recently awarded the National Safety Council's President's Medal for saving a human life. Among those who witnessed the presentation ceremonies was the boy whose life he saved, *Eugene Mullen*, seven years, of 1500 South Kostner avenue.

The action for which the award was made occurred on July 13, 1948, when young Mullen and a playmate, Kenneth Benbow, also of the Kostner avenue address, crawled under a right-of-way fence of the Douglas Park "L" line, near 21st street and Kostner avenue, and came in contact with the power rail.

Lineman Frank, who was working nearby and is company trained in first aid treatment, removed the boys from the rail with a wooden pole, and immediately applied artificial respiration. Benbow responded in a few minutes, but the Mullen boy remained unconscious for about 20 minutes.

Medical and police authorities credited Frank's quick and efficient action with saving the boy's life.

Frank has been an elevated employe since July 6, 1936. He and his wife, *Helen*, are the parents of three children.



A LINEMAN in the CTA Electrical department, *Ebon A. Frank* is shown being presented the National Safety Council's President's Medal for the saving of human life by *General Manager Walter J. McCarter*. Witnessing the presentation is the boy whose life Frank saved, *Eugene Mullen*, and *Charles M. Smith*, General Supervisor of Accident Prevention.

## "AN EYE FOR TROUBLE"

"HE HAS ears and eyes for trouble" would be an appropriate description of *Motorman Leland Bishop*, North Side, who reported three defective rails on the elevated structure during a three-week period. On two occasions Bishop detected these bad rails by sound. He saw the other as he was about to pass over it.

Bishop, a rapid transit employe for 23 years, first detected a broken rail on May 12, 1949, on track No. 4 near the Granville station. This track was taken out of service immediately and repaired before trains were allowed to run over it again.

Later the same day, Bishop again reported what he considered to be a broken rail between Lawrence and Argyle stations on track No. 4. Upon inspection it was learned that welders had been welding joints at this location and a very small hump was left on the joint which made it sound like a broken rail, thus justifying Bishop's report.



Three in three weeks

On May 29, 1949, *Motorman Bishop* reported a broken rail on track No. 2 at Belmont avenue. The track was taken out of service and a broken rail was found and repaired.

Bishop came to Chicago 24 years ago from Elkhart, Indiana, and a year later began work for the Rapid Transit company as a guard. He later worked as a conductor, switchman, towerman and then was made a motorman in 1932.







## WHAT'S GOING ON—AND UP

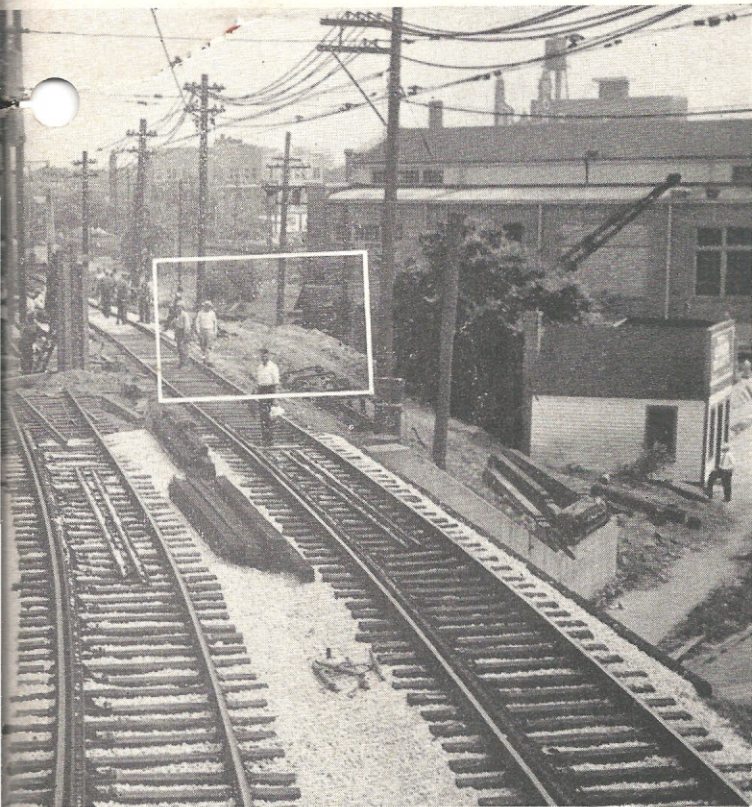
THE MANY new equipment purchases and changes in service made by Chicago Transit Authority to improve local transportation facilities have brought about an extensive construction and reconstruction program.

The all-express rapid transit service on CTA's North-South line required the building of a new loop (see above picture) and viaduct just north of the Howard Street "L" station, where northbound "A" and "B" express trains turn around before beginning their southbound trip. The loop is required to permit, and speed, the operation of an increased number of trains now operating to and from Howard Street in the new service.

THE FIRST all-bus terminal to be constructed by CTA, at 103rd and Vincennes Avenue, was started last October and is expected to be completed shortly before 1950. Cost of the building is \$900,000. The terminal will provide storage for 127 buses.







DETAIL OF construction work on the west side of the right-of-way at Howard street loop (indicated by rectangle above) is shown in the picture below.



ANOTHER bus terminal is under construction on Foster Avenue, near Kedzie. It will cost approximately \$1,500,000, including the expense of draining, grading and paving the 11-acre tract, and the construction of a bus service building and a transportation building for bus operators and administrative personnel. The paved area will provide storage for 320 buses.



## NEW WEEK-END SERVICE FOR DOUGLAS PARK "L" RIDERS

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY recently placed modern buses in operation on Cermak road between Cicero avenue and Oak Park avenue, supplanting the Douglas Park "L" route which now terminates at Cicero avenue on week-ends. More frequent express "L" service from Cicero avenue to the Loop on Saturdays is now being provided as a result of this change in service, which extends the advantages of modern vehicles to more riders by operating new equipment over week-ends on lines that are serviced by older equipment on weekdays.

All Douglas Park "L" trains now terminate at Cicero avenue station in Cicero between 12:45 p.m. Saturdays, and 4:45 a.m. on Mondays. Week-end passengers of this "L" route now make direct transfer connections to and from CTA buses operating on Cermak road, beginning at Cicero avenue. Bus stops are spaced a quarter of a mile apart, coinciding with regular station locations of the Douglas Park "L" but with an additional stop at East avenue in Berwyn.

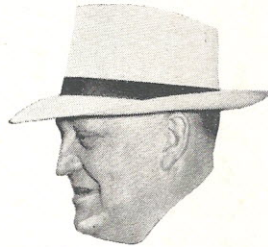
Local trains now operate to and from the Wells street terminal, instead of circling the "L" Loop.



**Inquiring Reporter:**



**GILBERT E. ANDREWS**

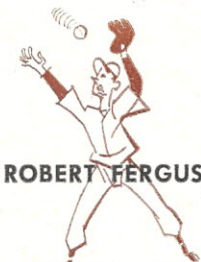


**GEORGE A. BECKER, Foreman:**



# Do You Believe You Are Entitled To One Night A Week Out With The Boys?

**PLACE: ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT**



**ROBERT FERGUSON  
"B" Electrician:**



"I think a fellow should have one night a week out with the gang. There is always something to be done around the house, so one night a week helps to break up the routine from the numerous odd jobs that are bound to arise around a home. I, for one, like to relax with the fellows and watch a good baseball game, some good boxing or a wrestling match."



**LEO McKEEVER, Chief Clerk:**



"I sure do think that any married man is entitled to one or more nights out each week with the boys. He should, however, plan and lay out plenty of work for his wife—such as chopping wood, scrubbing floors, and other light duties, before leaving for the evening. I hereby request that the magazine containing this article should not be mailed to my home."

"Yes, I believe in having a night out with the boys, because it makes you appreciate your home life a great deal more. 'All work and no play makes Johnnie a dull boy.' And believe me, the little woman gets pretty tired of seeing that same face—either reading the newspaper, listening to the ball game, or just plain snoring night after night. So you should have your night out and give the wife a peaceful evening at home. You will both look better to each other the next morning if you do."

**ALFRED G. MORF, Chief Estimator:**



"A man is not entitled to any nights off because he has the entire day off with nothing to do but sit in a nice cool office and enjoy the company of his fellow workers. He should be glad to come home at night and stay there to relieve his darling wife from the drudgery and suffering she has gone through all day. In fact, I think the wife should have six nights a week off and the seventh to rest up. (What am I saying?)"



**DANIEL KELLY, Substation Operator:**



"This question comes at about my 30th wedding anniversary. In those years I suffered no objection to 'A Night Out.' When I am going out, my Little Woman always passes on my proper attire, asks if I have handkerchiefs, my keys and enough of that 'Green Stuff' (folding kind). With good conduct all could enjoy this. On the other hand, if a fellow gets out and spends the rent money or the family budget and gets full of taverns and lip stick he is destined for the 'Dog House.' If the evening is profitable—share it with the Little Woman. And who knows, maybe we'll get an extra night out."



# TO THE LADIES...from Joan

FOR AS long as there has been a calendar, August has been the month which is hot, hot, hot. To nullify the mounting line in your thermometer, follow the few simple rules set forth here and we guarantee it'll be a cooler month for you.

Wear loose-fitting, light-weight clothes.

Wear hair up or tied away from neck.

Wear a wide-brimmed hat in the sun.

Take luke-warm (not cold) baths.

Increase salt in diet by taking pinches of salt in water, eating salty food, and putting extra salt on meat and vegetables.

Avoid heat-producing foods (rich, greasy, fatty, too sweet or starchy).

Eat energy-producing but light foods such as ready-to-eat cereals, fruits, cold cuts, lean meats, salads, fish, cheese, whole wheat bread.

If over-heated run cold water over wrists.

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WHAT COULD be cooler or more attractive for sunning than the sun suit shown on this page. The off-shoulder bodice is cut on the bias for smooth fit and is partially hidden by a deep flounce. You can make the dirndl skirt any becoming length. Use a flowered print, checked gingham, plaid or candy stripe. Send for the free instructions.

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KEEP THE dining room the coolest room in your house. Serve lots of fresh, raw fruits and vegetables. Use small, light flowers on your dining table. Serve an extra—an unusual food once a week. Use colored place mats; they can be the washable plastic kind.

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FOR a cool, short bedtime story, we recommend seer-sucker pajamas, in the briefest two-piece style. They are



AS EASY to make as they are to look at, you'll want both of these hot weather garments in your wardrobe to help you through August. Direction leaflets for the SUN SUIT and SHORTIE PAJAMAS will be sent by writing the Women's Editor, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, 79 West Monroe Street, Chicago 90, Illinois.

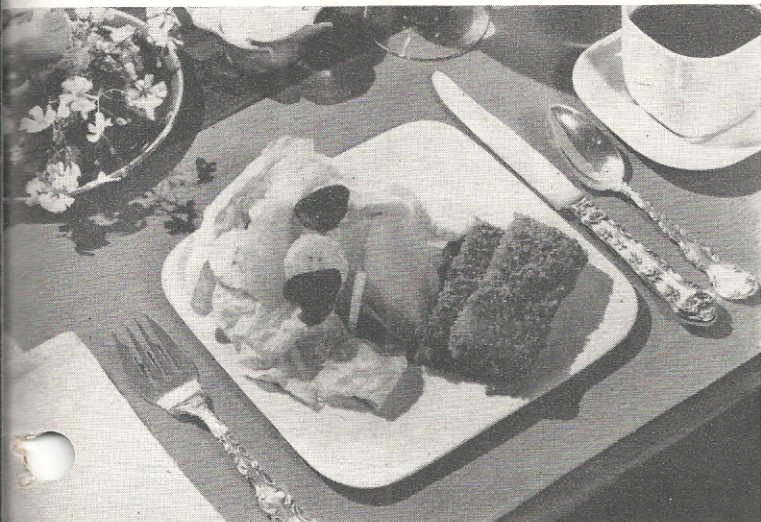
solid comfort for hot weather sleeping. The pair shown has a cool v-shape top, front and back. If you sew and you're looking for easy-to-laundry, easy to pack pajamas for your "two weeks with pay," you'll want the simple-to-follow directions for these shortie pajamas.

TAKE A tip from this pretty picture and serve a lunch attractive enough for a party, yet filling enough to be just right for a summer mid-day. Mix fruits of the season for the salad and serve with the unusual, easy-to-make Crusted Egg Toast Fingers.

#### Crusted Egg Toast Fingers

- 4 slices bread
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups corn flakes
- 1/4 cup shortening

Cut each slice of bread into three strips and remove crusts. Dip strips in egg mixed with salt, then in corn flakes which have been crushed into fine crumbs. Fry in shortening until crisp and brown on both sides. Drain on absorbent paper. Sprinkle lightly with confectioners' sugar if desired. Serve warm. Yield: 12 fingers.





# The "GESUNDHEIT" Season is Here



THE SUMMER SEASON means swimming, golf, tennis, hiking, picnicking—and, to a lot of unfortunate local residents, hayfever. Yes, summer is also the time of the year when "gesundheit" replaces "how're you" as the customary greeting.

Hay fever is a seasonal allergy occurring when the pollens of trees, grasses, or weeds are floating in the air. A mild attack of hay fever is uncomfortable and, in a severe form, it may be very wearing since it interferes with sleep and affects appetite.

Some sure signs of hay fever are red and watery eyes; "stuffed up" nose; the eyes, nose, throat and roof of the mouth burn and itch; and sudden sneezing attacks. Sometimes, nose, ear and throat infections may occur and, late in the season, bronchial asthma may develop.

For those troubled by hay fever, it will be well for you to reduce your contact with the substances that are common causes of the allergy. Here are some hay fever precautions that should help you:

1. Try to build up your resistance to respiratory infections by healthful living habits.
2. See your physician immediately. It may be possible to reduce contact with the pollen affecting you and to in-

crease resistance to it by injections, a change of climate, medicine, or partial removal of pollen from the air by mechanical devices.

3. Outdoor workers, such as CTA trainmen, should wear a damp gauze mask, or a small filter that can be worn in the nose.

4. Keep your bedroom windows closed during the hay fever season. At

night open a window in an adjoining room.

5. Avoid drafts, wind, and long exposures to cold, raw air.

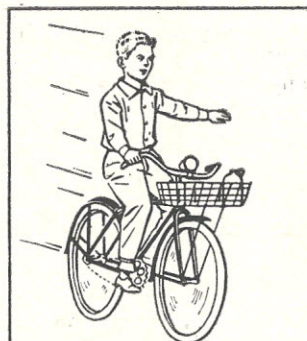
6. Do not travel through the country.

7. Avoid anything that is irritating to the nose, throat or lungs, such as inhaling dust, smoke, or strong fumes.

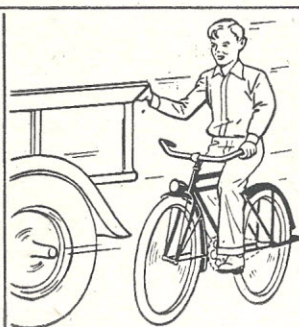
8. Try to avoid emotional stress. It may only make you worse.

## BIKES ARE FUN, BUT

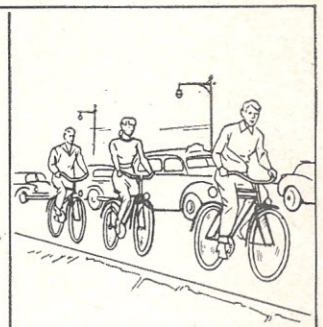
IF YOUR boy or girl rides a bike, he is indulging in healthy outdoor activity. But make certain that he follows good safety-first practices. The following instructions from the National Safety Council should be required reading for all bike-riders.



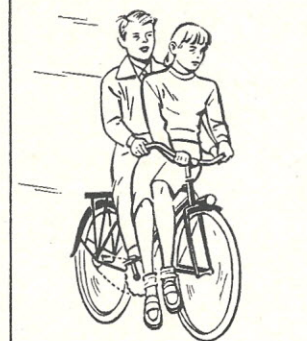
DO use arm signals to warn those behind that you intend to slow down, stop or turn. Bicyclists must follow rules of road just like motorists if 1947 bike death toll of 550 is to be cut.



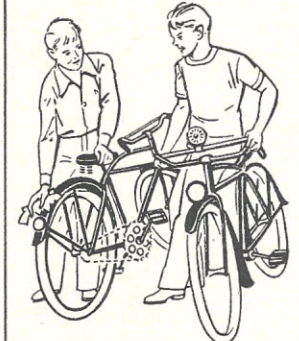
DON'T hitch to moving vehicles of any kind. This is one of the most dangerous bike stunts, takes many lives and brings countless injuries. You are in danger from every direction.



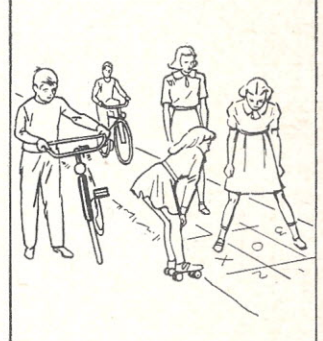
DO ride single file on the extreme right side of the road. Riding abreast or weaving in and out of traffic slows vehicles, confuses motorists and boosts chance of accident.



DON'T carry passengers on the crossbar, handlebar or fender. Never break this rule, even for the best girl friend. Extras make bike hard to handle, is one of chief crack-up causes.



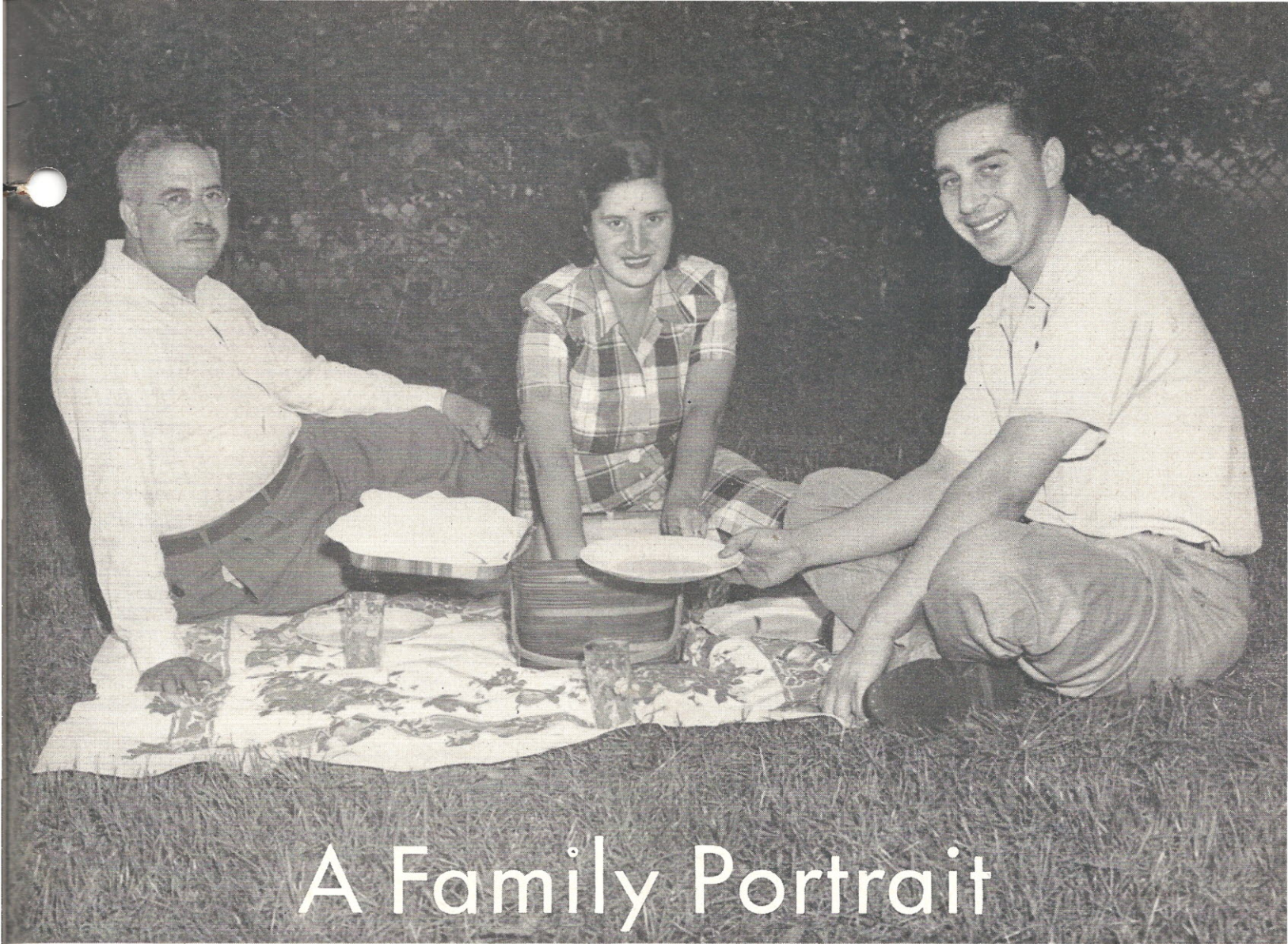
DO have a dependable headlight on front and clean reflector on rear for night riding. Risk goes up as sun goes down, so smart riders will have bike in garage by nightfall to be safe.



DON'T ride bike on sidewalk when there are pedestrians or playing children. Dismount and walk your bicycle around them.

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## A Family Portrait

PICNICKING IS the favorite way many people enjoy a summer day outdoors. Included in this group of outdoor devotees is the CTA family of *George Koclanis*, his daughter, *Tessie*, and his son, *James*. Taking the children to the park for a picnic has always meant a good time for the Koclanis family. And, even though the children are now grown and married, they still find it a pleasant way to get together.

The senior member of this family of CTA'ers, George, is employed as a car-cleaner at the 77th street depot. Born 55 years ago in Palacorion, Greece, he left his home in 1912 for Chicago, where he went to work as a clerk in an ice cream parlor. In 1915 he started as a maintenance man with the Chicago Surface Lines. In 1924 he decided to try running his own ice cream business. "I soon realized that I had left a good job with security," George said, "so I was back with the Surface Lines in six short months. I'm glad I tried owning a business because it made me

appreciative, more than ever, of my job with the surface division."

The other male member of this CTA family is James, who has been a transit employe for seven years. "I applied for work even before graduating from high school in February of 1941," James remarked, "but was not hired until May, 1942." He started at the South Shops as a clerk and five months later was in the U. S. Army, serving until August 28, 1945. At the present time he is a clerk at Blue Island. James and his wife, *Florence*, were married in 1946 and are the parents of a boy, *George*, one year.

The only daughter in the Koclanis family, Tessie, is a typist in the Accident Investigation department where she has worked five years. Going to work for the surface division was a big moment in her life, according to Tessie, but a bigger one came September 5, 1948, when she was married to *George Foutris*.



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# A Transfer Tale....

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WATCHING WILLY  
WHO PUNCHES TRANSFERS  
UP LIKE SILLY ....



**T**RANSFERS HE GIVES YOU  
SURE ARE A MESS -  
WHICH WAY YOU GO IS  
ANYONE'S GUESS !



**T**HIS IS THE WATCH-HOUND  
WATCHING PETE -  
WHO PUNCHES TRANSFERS  
UP REAL NEAT ....



**T**RANSFERS HE PUNCHES  
ARE CORRECT FOR ALL -  
RIDERS, EMPLOYEES, SAY  
"HE'S ON THE BALL !"



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