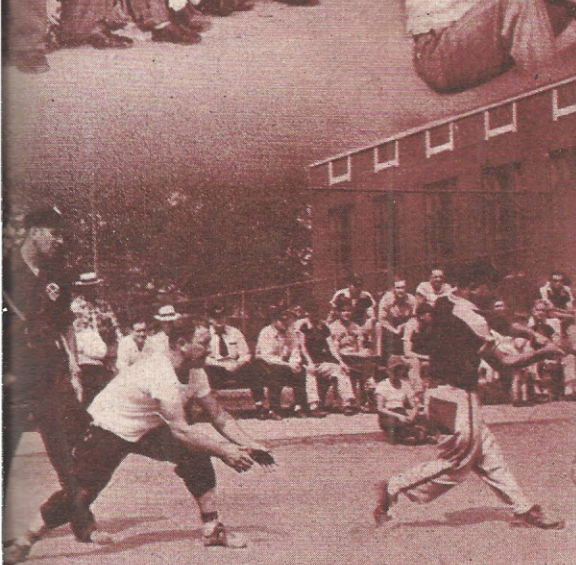
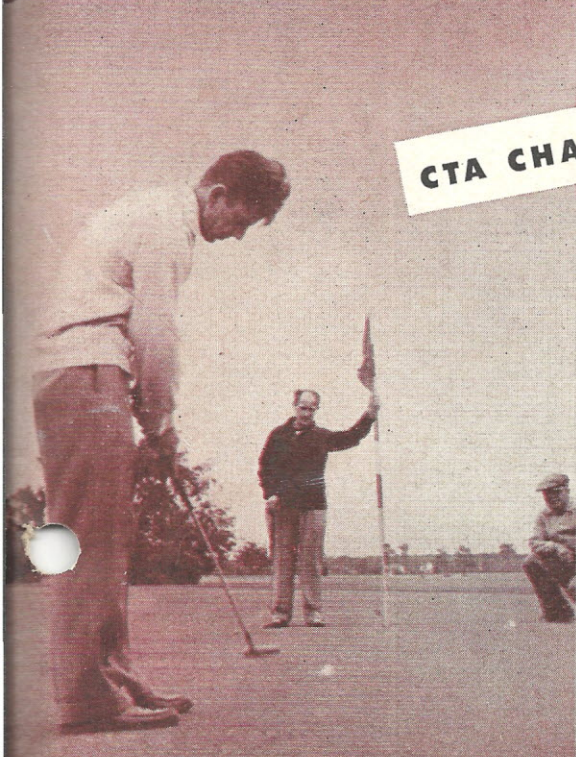


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CTA CHAMPIONS (See Pages 8, 17)



# Inaugurate New Advertising Display

A RECENTLY - INAUGURATED program providing for the display of commercial advertising on the exterior of CTA vehicles, and for the renovation of poster boards on the rapid transit system is progressing rapidly.

"Traveling displays" of commercial advertising copy appeared on the sides of about 250 streetcars for the first time in Chicago's history, early in July. Authority for the sale of this space was granted to CTA by City Council ordinance passed April 13, 1950.

First customer for the new outdoor display medium was Ringling Brothers Circus, whose copy appeared in 400 spaces on new streetcars.

Plans call for the ultimate installation of 17,000 weather-proofed aluminum frames for advertising displays on CTA vehicles. The initial program contemplated the installation of 8,900 frames on the side of 2,680 streetcars



ALSO being installed as part of the renovation of poster boards on the rapid transit system are 100 miniature 24-sheet boards, six feet by twelve feet, and 100 six-sheet boards, seven feet square. These are the first boards of their types to be installed on any transit line in the country.

and buses by September 1, 1950. The frames are being installed by CTA shop employees.

Two frame sizes are being used — 21 by 27 inches and 21 by 44 inches. Most vehicles will carry one of each on their right sides, with one of the larger size on their left sides.

Traveling commercial displays, while new in Chicago, have been standard equipment on transit vehicles in most principal cities for many years. Chicago's installation, however, is one of the most extensive ever undertaken at any time, and will present the most

uniform and attractive setting in the transit industry for traveling displays.

Poster boards at 78 rapid transit stations have already been replaced or repainted, and work will continue until 50 additional stations are similarly equipped. A total of 5,710 poster boards are involved in this program. The work of rehabilitating old boards and making and installing new boards is being performed by CTA employees.

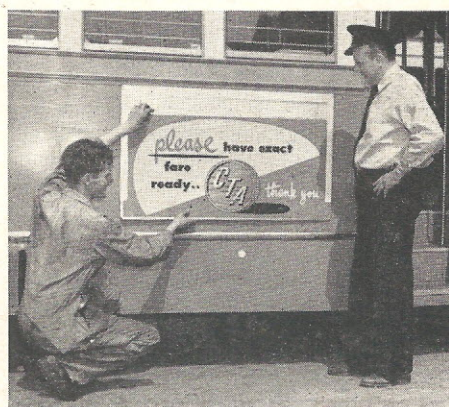
Revenues obtained from the sale of advertising space on CTA properties adds to funds available for the purchase of additional modern equipment.



ONE of the first traveling displays carrying CTA institutional copy to appear on our vehicles is inspected by Stenographers Geraldine Burak and Joanne Sorensen, Accident Investigation Department.



THE weather-proofed aluminum frames for advertising displays on CTA vehicles are being installed by shop employees. Part of this work is being done at the Limits station by such men as Car Repairman Peter Van Boven, a surface employee since 1920.



WATCHING Car Cleaner Timothy O'Connor, Limits, insert CTA institutional copy in the new traveling display frames on CTA vehicles is Motorman Theodore Kinderman, also of Limits. These CTA displays are produced with semi-permanent paints on aluminum and will appear only during periods when the space is not under a commercial contract.

# Fire! Fire!

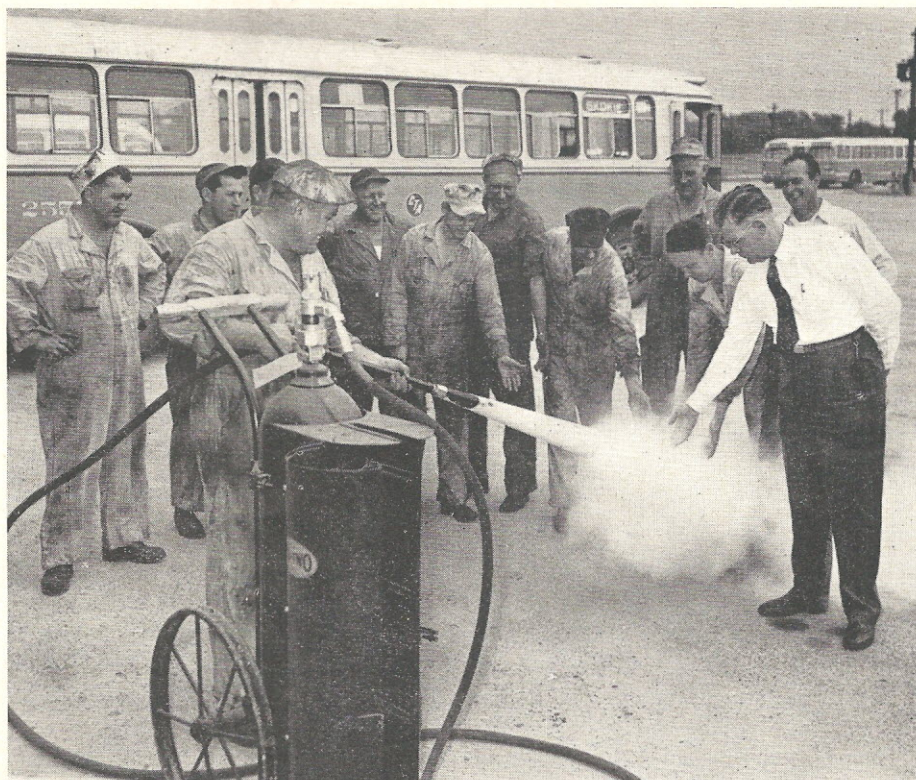
## Fire Prevention Helps Protect Your Home, Your Job, Your Income

FIRE is the leading cause of all disasters and catastrophes in the U. S. The cost of our fire losses, including home, industry and public fires, amounts to more than two million dollars per day. There are more than 570,000 building fires in our country each year. These represent a loss of homes and in some cases loss of life. It means a loss of industrial buildings and equipment with a resultant loss in jobs and income.

The tragic thing is that 90% of all these fires can be prevented.

In the U. S. we maintain a fire fighting force of about one million men to protect lives and property. This includes about 75,000 paid firemen and nearly 720,000 volunteer firemen, as well as nearly 200,000 men in private fire brigades and forest areas.

But fire prevention still rests principally upon the individual. Three out of



Know your extinguishers and what they will do.

ten fires reported during the ten-year period ending December, 1948, were caused by smokers and the careless handling of matches!

Good housekeeping and good safety practices could eliminate the majority of industrial fires.

From January through June of this year the CTA had 31 fires reported (this does not include a number of blazes known to have occurred, but on which no official reports were made). Losses ranged from eight dollars to \$4,500. None of these was a "large" fire. But because "large" fires begin as "small" fires this experience emphasizes that it is important for all employees to know, and observe, good fire prevention practices.

The causes of these fires—short circuits, defective wiring, operating bus with hand brake set, cigarettes, spontaneous combustion, etc. This shows the necessity of all transportation employees observing good operating practices and of all maintenance employees exercising greater care in seeing that their jobs are completed efficiently and safely.

### ORDER NEW TROLLEY BUSES

The largest order for trolley buses ever placed by any transit company in the United States was authorized Sept. 7 by the Chicago Transit Board.

Three hundred and forty-nine electric buses were ordered from Marmon-Herrington Co., Inc., of Indianapolis, at an aggregate cost of \$5,979,417, or \$17,133 per bus delivered in Chicago.

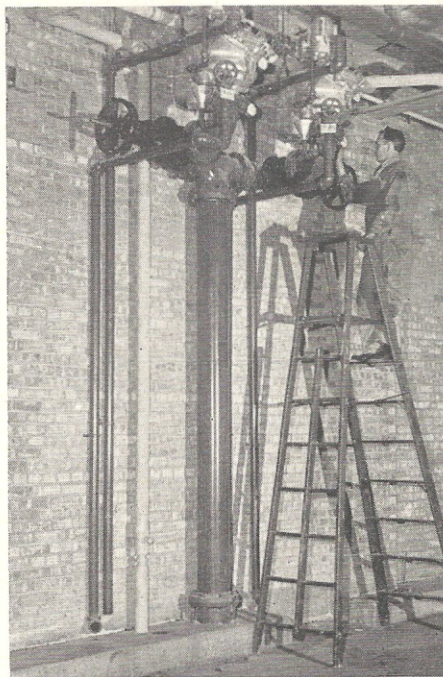
Originally the Authority had intended to purchase between 210 and 260 trolley buses, but because of the existing materials situation and the favorable unit price offered by Marmon-Herrington, General Manager Walter J. McCarter recommended increasing the order.

# TURN IN *Fire!* THE ALARM

WHENEVER a fire is discovered, the first thing to do is send someone to *turn in the alarm*. It is better to have taken precautions and have too many people to fight a small blaze than to discover too late that the fire has gotten out of hand.

Three different types of fire alarms are used on CTA property—the steel triangle, (a hand alarm), an electric alarm (to summon our own employees for fire-fighting), and the American District Telegraph fire alarm (to summon outside aid and the fire department). Each employee should be familiar with all three types.

The most modern type of electric alarm is being installed at our Beverly and North Park garages. But practically

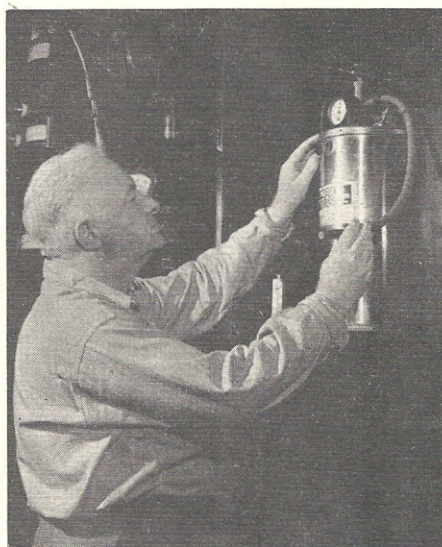


**AUTOMATIC** sprinkling systems protect Beverly and North Park and have been installed in a number of shops and storage locations.

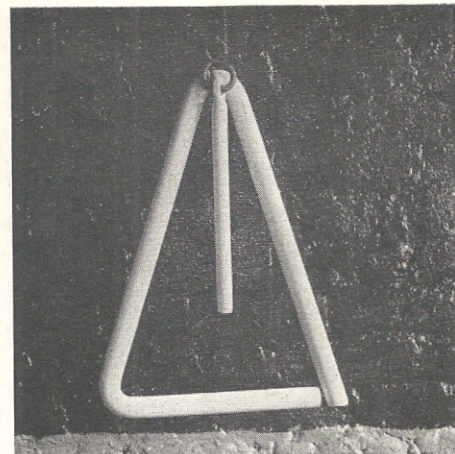
all shops, carhouses, garages and principal CTA buildings have the American District Telegraph fire alarm boxes. Every employee—transportation—and maintenance—should know the location of these boxes and how to use them.



**SOME** of the shops have an electrical control push-button warning system. (Posed by Fire Marshall Mike Anzelmo and Joe Decker, Wilson.)



**HAND** extinguishers should be checked regularly to see if they are in operating condition. (Posed by James Woods, Broadway Substation.)



**STILL** in use in the majority of the car stations, but scheduled for replacement, are these triangles, which are used to indicate a local fire.

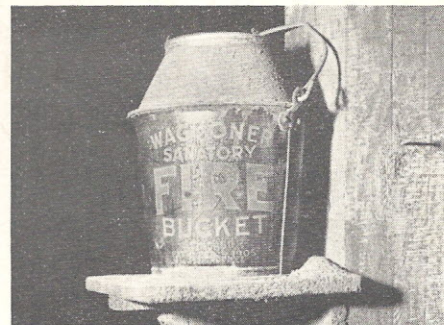
## FIRE IN TRANSIT

IN case of fire on a transit vehicle:

1. Shut off the power immediately.
2. Remove all passengers from fire area.
3. Notify the radio dispatcher immediately. (He will summon the fire department if needed.)



**EXTINGUISHERS** on all buses are located convenient to the driver's seat. (Posed by Herman Brundage, North Park.)



## OLD TIME METHODS HAVE THEIR PLACE

IN the oil rooms, where no machinery is involved, pails of sand are still used to fight oil fires.

AT terminal locations on the "L", water barrels and buckets assure protection in case of structure fires.

RELIC of a by-gone era, now out-dated by automatic sprinklers, is this fire pail found at Grand and Leavitt (filled with water and ready for use!)

**DON'T POUR Fire!**  
**Fire! ON WATER**  
(It May Be Dangerous)

A FIRE depends upon three factors:

1. A substance that will burn
2. Enough heat
3. Enough oxygen

If any one of these three factors is removed, the fire will be put out. Sometimes the substance which is burning can be removed, but usually it is necessary to either reduce the heat — by cooling — or reduce the oxygen — by smothering.

It is not safe to use water on every type of fire. On a gasoline or oil fire water may actually spread the flames. On an electrical fire the stream of water might become electrically charged and cause shock or death.

The CTA Insurance Department has attempted to anticipate all locations where there is a possibility of fire and has supplied appropriate fire-fighting equipment at those spots.

We have three principal sources of fire hazard, and each has its own recommended fire-fighting material.

1. GASOLINE AND OIL. Use dry powder extinguisher, CO<sub>2</sub> extinguisher

or carbon tetrachloride extinguisher, but *never water*.

2. ELECTRICAL. Use carbon tetrachloride extinguisher or CO<sub>2</sub> extinguisher, but *never water*.

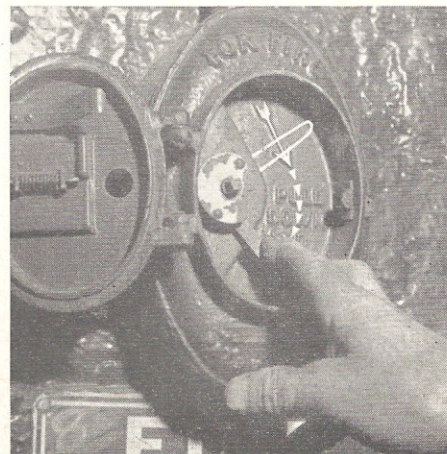
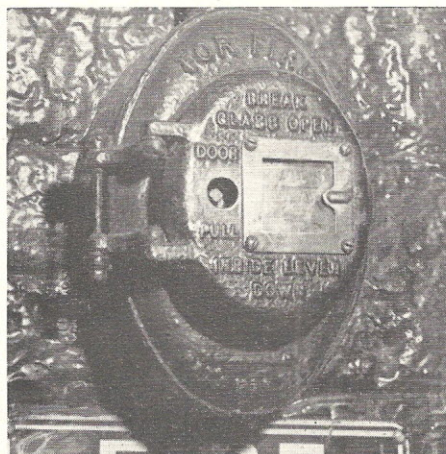
3. MATERIAL (wood, rubbish, etc.). Use carbon-tetrachloride or possibly water.

Use of the wrong fire-fighting equipment on a fire may prove ineffective or especially in the case of water, endanger life and property.

So know your fires — *and* your fire-fighting equipment.

Remember, it's always best to notify the fire department immediately.

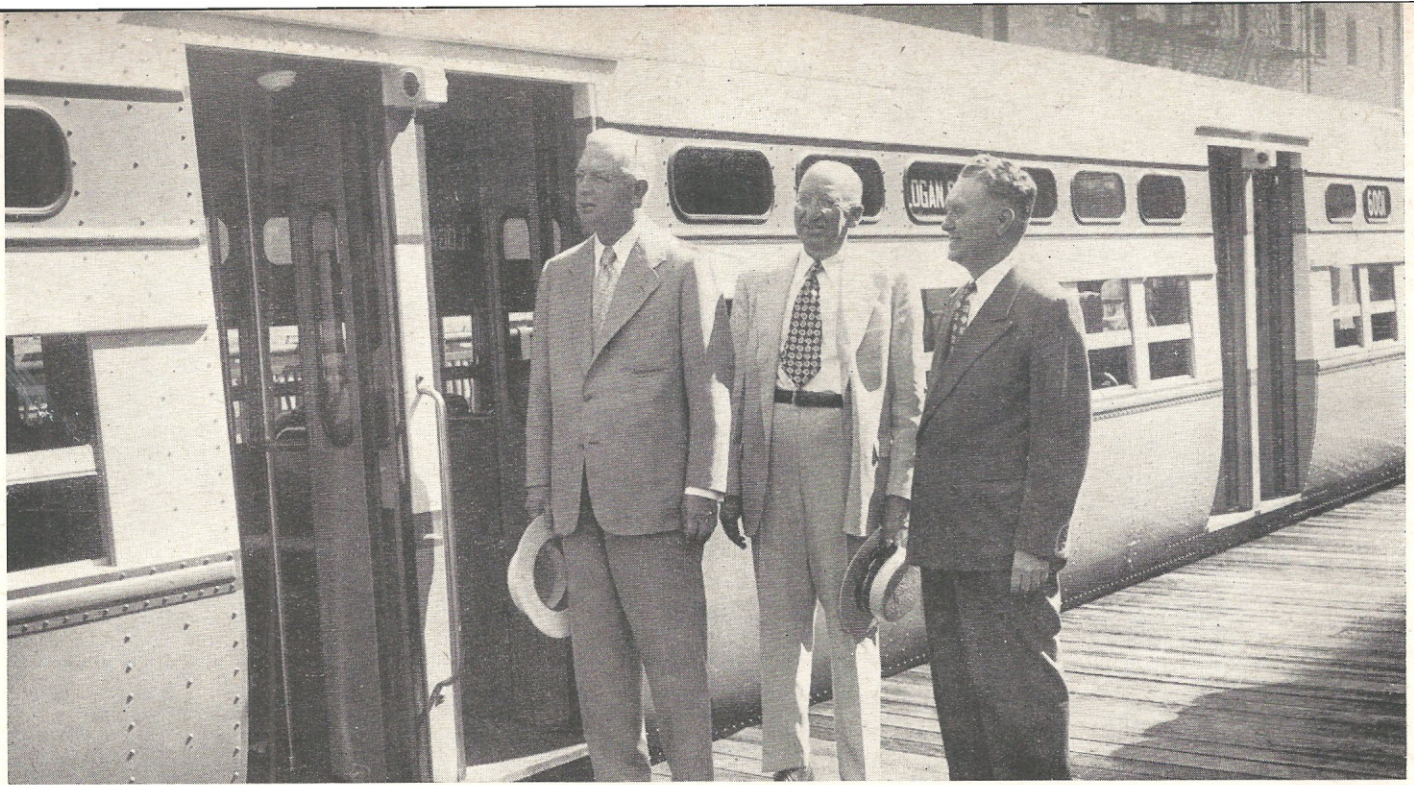
## DO YOU KNOW HOW TO TURN IN A FIRE ALARM?



ADT fire alarm boxes are conveniently located at most CTA buildings.

TO SUMMON out side fire-fighting help, first, *break the glass*, which makes it possible to open the box.

SECOND, *Pull the lever down and release*. The alarm is given as the lever returns to its normal position. Then *stay nearby* to guide the firemen to the fire.



HEADING the group of public officials who inspected the new "L" cars was Mayor Martin H. Kennelly. Shown with him are CTA Board Chairman Ralph Budd and General Manager Walter J. McCarter.

Chicago Daily News Photo

## INTRODUCE NEW RAPID TRANSIT CARS

THE initial four cars of Chicago's fleet of 200 new rapid transit vehicles made their inaugural run on Wednesday, August 16, with public officials headed by Mayor Martin H. Kennelly, civic leaders, officers of various unions of CTA employes and businessmen as passengers. Representatives from Chicago Transit Authority who were present included Chairman Ralph Budd, members of the Chicago Transit Board and General Manager Walter J. McCarter.

The special train traveled from North Water terminal, 341 North La Salle street, to the Logan Square "L" terminal,

where representatives from that community boarded the vehicles for the return trip to the Loop. Following the trial run, two of the cars were stationed at each terminal where they were placed on public exhibition for a two-day period.

Preliminary training of approximately 200 motormen and trainmen in the correct operation of these cars has now been completed. These employees work at the Logan Square Branch of the rapid transit, where the new cars have been put into operation.

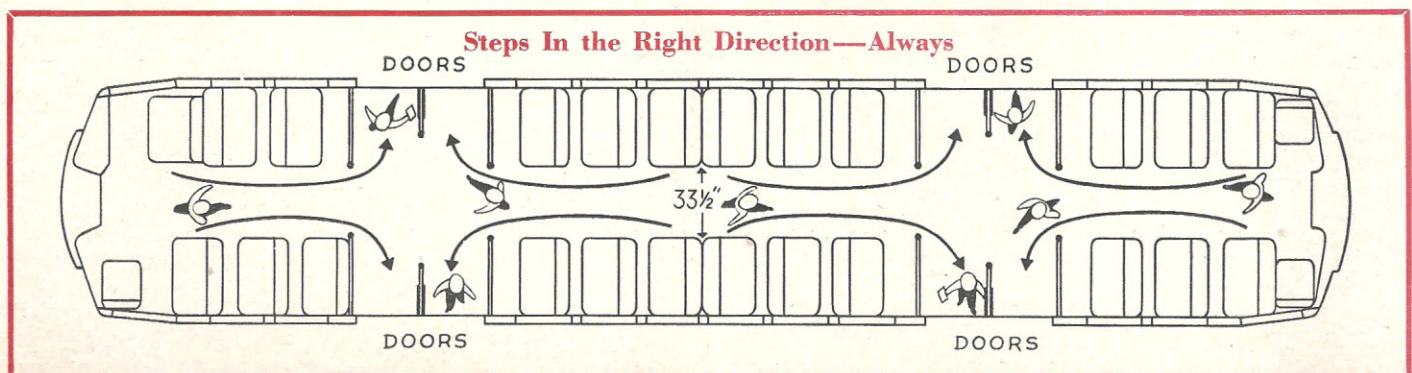
## NEW "L" CARS DESIGNED FOR RIDER COMFORT

THE COMFORT and convenience of CTA passengers were of first importance in the designing of our new "L" cars. The car body itself was made eight inches wider at the window ledge than the older "L" cars. This has made possible a wider aisle and a wider, more comfortable seat.

The seats are so arranged that a passenger is always facing a door, which is no further than eleven feet away. Therefore there will be only a minimum of confusion at any time, because boarding passengers are all moving in one general direction (toward a seat) while alighting passengers are moving in the opposite direction (toward a door). Hand grips are located on the back of each seat for the convenience of passengers as they walk down the aisles.

To speed up boarding and alighting, four entrance-exit doors have been installed in each car—two on each side. Under this arrangement passengers are never more than a quarter of a car length from a door. Each is double, with each section of the door having a clear opening of twenty-four inches. This allows passengers to enter and exit in two separate lines. The doors are supplied with sensitive rubber edges, which cause them to open automatically should they come in contact with an object while closing.

Improved mechanical features such as the noise-proofed trucks and wheels, the rubber insulated springs and the automatically controlled heating and ventilating systems assure the maximum of rider comfort.



## ADVERTISING PROGRAM SELLS RIDES AND MODERNIZATION

A NEW advertising program, designed to sell the public on the advantages of CTA service and to present the progress of the modernization program, was recently inaugurated by the CTA.

The first of the series of newspaper ads appeared on August 7. Two columns wide, it quoted "Bill Saver" as saying: "Save Your Car, Save Your Tires, Save Your Money, Too: Ride CTA Lines". It was scheduled in one metropolitan daily paper each day of the week for the balance of the month of August.

In September the campaign switched to give emphasis on the modernization program, with "Bill Saver" selling copy tied in. These ads have been following the same schedule as during the month of August.

Display space is also being used to tie in with the newspaper program. Twenty temporary banners stressing the same advertising copy are being used, and 60 permanent metal signs on the "L" structure are being redone with "Bill Saver" copy.

The entire program is very timely in that it not only plays up CTA's modernization but is keyed to the economic developments resulting from the international situation.

## The Public Remarks On New Cars

*Charles J. Smigiel*, 3322 N. Harding Avenue, Clerk: "After looking the new cars over I can see that a big stride has been made in improving transportation for the public. I particularly like the light fixtures for reading purposes. The seats are also very comfortable and roomy."

*Harold Wexler*, 1911 W. Foster Avenue, Painting Estimator: "These cars are a terrific improvement over what we have now. The exterior is very attractive and the entrance-exit doors are sure to make it easier for passengers to board and leave without confusion. The seating arrangement in relation to the doors is also a step in the right direction."

*Lester C. Miller*, 6055 Marmora, Foreman: "It's going to be a pleasure to ride to work in these new cars. I think the wide aisles will prove very popular, and tall fellows like me appreciate the room there is between the seats for our legs."

*Mrs. Sophie Rhode*, 2623 N. Troy, Housewife: "The new 'L' cars look wonderful and I am sure they will be comfortable to ride. One of the best features I have noticed is the windows. They are so easy to open compared to the windows on the older cars."

*Fred Dilzer*, 1309 W. Rosedale, Retired Heating Contractor: "I have been riding local transportation for many years and believe that these cars are the best I have seen. The arrangement of the seats with the doors should make it a lot easier for the riders to get on and off without unnecessary delay."

*John Mateka*, 1857 N. Mozart, Painter: "CTA has certainly modernized the elevated with the purchase of these new cars. I think the windows impress me most because even the persons who may have to stand will still be able to see outside. Another feature I like is the handles on the seats for standing passengers."

## Saves Life Of Fellow CTA Employee

A CTA employee is alive and working today because one of his fellow workers knew what to do at the right time.

During his 25 years as a rapid transit employee, *Switchman John Van Hilst*, Westside, learned a lot about the importance of safety precautions and first aid. What he learned paid dividends recently when he was able to save the life of a fellow employee, *Leroy Haslam*, also a switchman for the Westside section and the father of four young children.

The near fatal accident occurred July 31, when Haslam was at work in the "L" yards at Hamlin avenue. His clothing became wet as a result of the heavy rain that had been falling during the latter part of the afternoon.

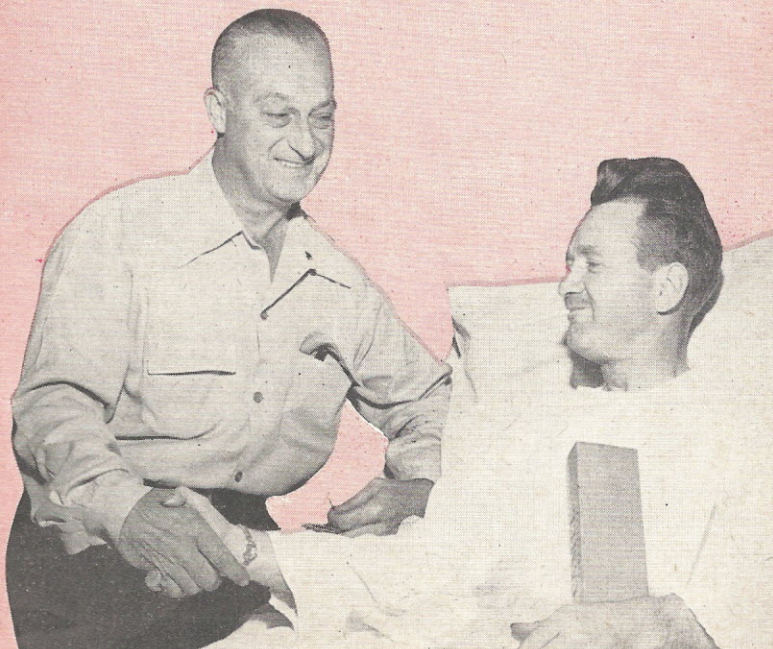
While he was uncoupling cars, Haslam's left leg came in contact with the third rail and the sudden shock caused him to fall across the live rail and running rail. Van Hilst, who was near the scene, quickly grabbed an iron bar and threw it from the third rail across the running rail, shorting the electrical current. He then pulled Haslam off the rail, and, seeing no signs of life from the injured man, began applying artificial resuscitation. Van Hilst did this for ten minutes and Haslam began showing signs of life. A few minutes later a doctor and fire department rescue squad summoned by other employees arrived and Haslam was taken to the Garfield Park Hospital where it was learned he suffered severe shock and second degree burns on his back and both knees.

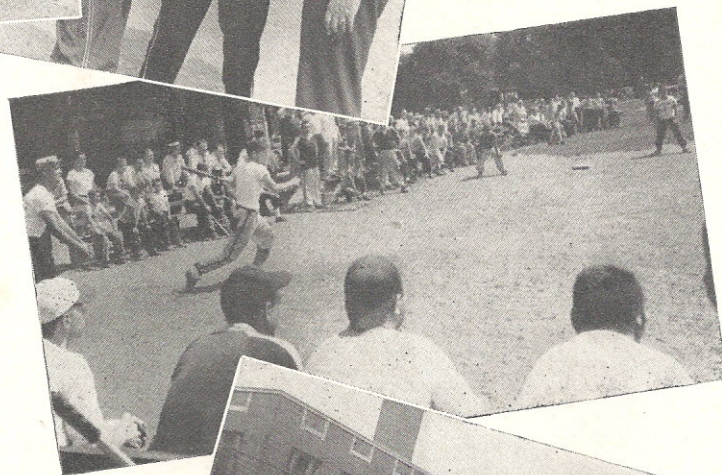
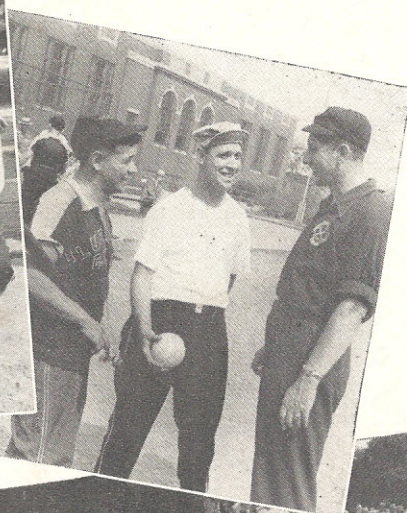
Now recovered from his injuries, Haslam is back at his job and ever thankful that Van Hilst was present when the accident occurred.

In recognition of his heroic deed, Switchman Van Hilst received a letter of commendation from General Manager McCarter.

THE man who saved his life, *John Van Hilst*, gets a welcome handshake from *Leroy Haslam* at the Garfield Park Hospital.

—Sun-Times Photo





## Blue Island-Lawndale Wins CTA Softball Championship

NEW champion of the CTA Softball League is the Blue Island-Lawndale team (see cover) which captured the coveted title by defeating Kedzie (above) in the final of a three game series, 12 to 10 . . . Co-managers of the new titleholders are *Bus Operators Frank Partipilo and Bob Thezan* (above, right) . . . Blue Island-Lawndale replaces the north side "L" nine (above, left) which won the championship last year and finished in third place this season through a default by the Lawrence team. (At right are photographs taken during the championship series of games.)

SEPTEMBER, 1950

# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## Quiet Wedding Was No Surprise Here

ACCOUNTING — *John Ruberry* was surprised upon his return from vacation to find his desk bedecked with white crepe paper and piled with many little gift packages. Over his chair was suspended a realistic noose. John had thought he put one over when he was quietly married to *Agnes McVady* in St. Sabina's Church on July 19, but the news had reached the office before him. A substantial gift from his fellow workers expressed their good wishes.

Vacationing *Delores* and *Pat Kenny* surprised her folks in Leyden, North Dakota, by driving up in their new Studebaker. *Anne Jungwirth* covered Niagara Falls, Canada, New York State and vicinity, going ocean fishing. Her fish was the second largest caught by their party. *Arthur Mueller* visited Indiana and did some angling in Wisconsin. *Anne Garrity* flew to the Sunshine State, Florida, to acquire that vacation tan. *William Foltz's* vacation spot was Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. *Harold Brown* spent most of his vacation following that little white ball, golfing at Delavan, Wisconsin.

*Estelle Duell's* holiday was terminated abruptly by breaking a bone in her ankle which will require a cast for six weeks or thereabouts. *Lillian Huard* is convalescing at home after a prolonged illness.

—HELEN A. LOWE

## In Other Words, Come Ready for Work

ARMITAGE—*George Demco*, our deluxe horticulturist, is inviting the entire Armitage depot to visit his home at corn cutting time. *George* says to come after breakfast, bring your own lunch and leave before supper time.

*Barnacle Bill Kozorowski* thinks there is no place like home, so he stayed there during his vacation period.

*Conductor P. J. McGuire* and wife are spending their vacation



## CHICAGO FAIR FEATURES TRANSPORTATION DAYS

THE Chicago Fair of 1950 recently held two Local Transportation Days at which all Chicago transportation employees who attended were admitted free of charge. . . . Participating in the special events held on these days were a number of Chicago Transit Authority employees, Chicago Motor Coach operators and Yellow Cab Company drivers. . . . Contest winners were, left to right, *Thomas McPherson*, Chicago Motor Coach; *Thomas Curcio* (kneeling) Chicago Motor Coach; *CTA Bus Operator Martin Bakka*, North Park, who placed second in the Where To Chicago Quiz; *CTA Bus Operator Anthony Hartowicz*, North Park, first place winner in street calling contest; and *Nelson VanVoort*, Yellow Cab.

on a second honeymoon through Ohio, New York, Quebec, Montreal and Niagara Falls.

We at Armitage offer our sympathies to *Motorman William Prendergast* and *Conductor Julius Neber*, each of whom lost a brother during the month of August.

The Armitage bowling team began their annual kegling September 8. We hope to see some real action this year.

*Barney Walters* says he intends to spend his last years in dear old California.

—TED SHUMON

## Anniversary Means Second Honeymoon

ARCHER — Congratulations to *Brother Jack* and *Mrs. Wagner* on their recent 19th wedding anniversary, August 1. Seems they made a second honeymoon trip by the way of celebration. Jack, wife and two kiddies stopped at Hannibal, Missouri, but due to "Ol' Miss" being on the rise they left the next A.M. Before their departure they visited the childhood home of *Huckleberry Finn*. Creeks and rivers for a 110 miles around

were at an all time high. After a four day stay at Atchison, Kansas, they traveled to visit world's famous Boys Town in Nebraska. Jack says it was one of the most thrilling sights he's ever seen and the scenery is totally unlike that of Illinois.

Most hearty congratulations to *Brother George* and *Rita Ali* on the arrival of a new little playmate for little *Lana*, aged three and one half. *Sandra Irene* made her debut on August 9 and weighed seven pounds, eleven ounces.

—PAUL GADE

## A Sudden Windstorm Enlivens Their Trip

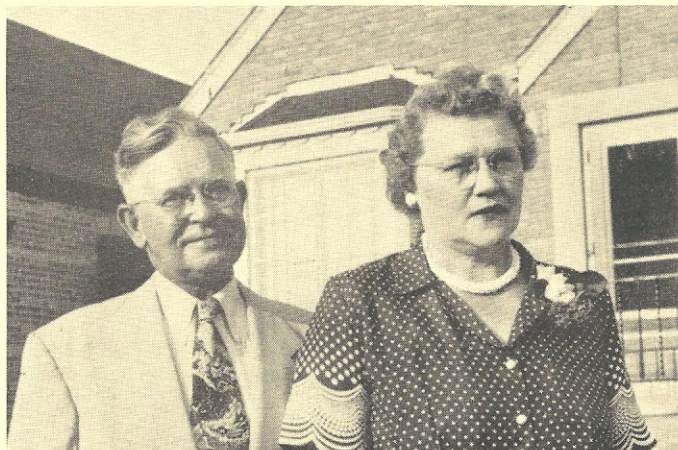
BEVERLY—*Bus Operator* and *Mrs. Byron Iseminger* and family sure had quite a story to tell their friends when they came back from their vacation. It all happened at Lake Kabetogama, Minnesota. With the Indian spirits around, anything can happen. Two boats were sailing along, with four in one boat and three people in the other. A big wind storm caused them to take refuge on a small island for fear of being thrown overboard. They were stranded there for 8½ hours and finally rescued at 11:30 P.M. What a happy lot they were when they reached their cabins safely.

Our night receiver, *August Sahr*, and his wife visited Stager Lake, Crystal Fall and Iron Mountain, Michigan. Stayed in a log cabin and believe there is nothing like the rugged outdoor life. Also spent a few days at Florence, Wisconsin, where they have their 4th of July celebration on Labor Day.

*Bus Operator William Farrell* and family finished painting the house, then spent a few days at Fence, Wisconsin. From there they toured to St. Louis, Missouri.

*Bus Operator* and *Mrs. Charles H. Dahmer* had a visit from the

## MARRIED 35 YEARS



IT WAS approximately 35 years ago that assistant Divisional Storekeeper *Otto Hoger*, Material & Supplies, and his wife became Mr. and Mrs. Hoger has been a surface system employe the past 37 years.

Reported by *Jean Hartley*

stork, who left them a boy, *Ronald George*, on July 11, 1950, weighing in at seven pounds, eleven ounces. They also have another boy, *Fred*, seven years, and a girl, *Darlene*, 19 months.

*Bus Operator Richard Lawlor* is back at work now and feeling fine after an illness that kept him home for a few weeks.

### Visit Daughters

*Bus Operator* and *Mrs. Tom G. Wilson* spent their vacation visiting their daughters, one in Lafayette, Indiana, and the other in West Liberty, Iowa.

Beverly was represented at the CTA golf tournament, held August 18 at White Pines Country Club, by *Bus Operator Edward Ricker*, who scored an 86 to win one dozen bars of soap, and *Bus Operator Al Klein*, who won a beautiful door lock by scoring 99. After the tournament they all enjoyed a wonderful dinner.

*Bus Operator James F. Gannon* had quite a tour. Land miles to Michigan City then water miles on a boat to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, across the blue Lake Michigan. A conducted tour took him through the Schlitz and Pabst breweries. He can't understand why they use such large vats to make beer and then put it in such small bottles. From there he switched to

Schenley and visited Peoria, Illinois.

*Bus Operator Anthony Battista*, a veteran of World War II, left for service again with the Marine Corps, on August 7, a week after the death of his father.

—DANTE F. BRUNOD

### One "Bird" Isn't Taking A Vacation

ELECTRICAL (SURFACE)—*E. H. Shintani*, testing department, passed out cigars on July 11. The occasion was the delivery by the stork of a baby boy, *Kerry Toichi. George Kelly*, 48th substation, is the proud daddy of little "Nancy," who arrived on July 10. On August 11, a little visitor arrived at the home of *Operator Chester Matuszewski*. Her name is *Dorothy Elizabeth*.

*Fred Schurke*, armature winder, now retired, is very sick in a LaPorte, Indiana, hospital. Sympathy is extended to *Walter Banicki* of Robey substation, who sustained the loss of his mother.

*George Nelson*, supervisor of personnel, motored to Minneapolis and reports having had a wonderful time. *John Woods*, chief operator of Broadway, traveled via rail to the "Four Famous Soo Locks" at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

*Roy Walsh*, operator at Western

substation, motored some 3800 miles, via the Southern route, through Florida and the Great Smoky Mountains. *Harry Geier*, chief operator at Homer substation, vacationed at Pelican Lake, Wisconsin. *Chester Rusakiewicz* of the Electrolysis gang, enjoyed a fishing trip to "Tamarack Flowage" near Conover, Wisconsin.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

### Call To Air Corps Moves Vacation Up

GENERAL OFFICE, (INSURANCE EXCHANGE)—*La Verne Chwistek* took a week of her vacation earlier than she had planned in order that she and her husband, *Johnny* (Electrical Dept.), might visit the North Woods before his induction into the U.S. Air Corps. . . . *Nell McArdle* saw the Great Lakes via boat. Is there a better way to see them? . . . Another Western vacationer was *Florence Butterfield*. After a trip through the Ozarks, she and her husband headed for the Canyons—Bryce and Grand—with plenty of movie film to record their ventures. . . . *Jim Bittourna* spent a part of his earned free time catching up on his relatives in Kankakee . . . *Margie Dolan* took to the Dells . . . *Marion Walsh* to Lake Delavan . . . *Kay Frayne* to Paw Paw Lake . . . *Ed Devine* and *David Carey* to Lake Geneva. *Ed Coates* got in lots of golfing.

Real estaters *George M. Boehm* spent his vacation at French River, Ontario . . . *I. B. Miller* auto-tripped through the Black Hills and Yellowstone Park . . . and *E. P. Wade* did his auto-tripping to Plum Lake, Wisconsin. . . . *Steve Vukso* reports he had a good rest after two weeks spent in Michigan.

### Cupid Is At Work

*Emily Gordon* became the bride of *Howard G. Helfert* at St. Stephan's Lutheran Church on September 16. There were 150 guests attending the wedding and 300 guests for the reception in the evening. Florida was the honeymoon locale, after which they returned to her mother's apartment, conveniently vacated for three months.

We're laying the carpet for *Verna Ranier* who took over *Irene Donoghue's* duties in Mr. *Blare's* office . . . and also for *Natalie Kaczowski* who is now in the Invoice department.

We erroneously reported *Muriel Birtley* as being transferred to the Executive department. Muriel said she was not transferred, but merely helping out for a few weeks.

—CATHY BARRY and MARY GIGER

### The "Fox" Girls Are Taking Over

GENERAL OFFICE (MONROE)—Another alumnus of Fox College has joined the CTA ranks. *Joe Kennebec* is now located in specifications. Miss Jo is an accomplished artist and may some day lend her talent to TRANSIT NEWS. The other two "Foxy" colleagues, *Jean Sehring* and *Nancy Eustace*, after three months with the CTA, are veteran employes.

*Ruth Soutter's* vacation consisted of a trip to California in a

## COLLEGIATE QUEEN



QUEEN of the recent 16th Annual Elmhurst Inter-Collegiate Invitational was *Virginia West*, daughter of *Henry West, Jr.*, interlocking maintainer, Met (and grand-daughter of *Henry West, Sr.*, and niece of *Peter West*.) *Virginia* is in her junior year at Elmhurst college, where she is majoring in music. She and her court were selected by the 265 members of the college's varsity club.

## SOUTH SHOP WEDDING



ANOTHER CTA wedding took place recently when *Grace Rubey*, typist at South Shops, and *Assistant Stock Clerk John Kurgan*, South Shops, were married at the First Congregational Church of Oak Lawn. The bride wore a white lace ballerina length dress, with lace cloche hat trimmed with lilies of the valley and a shoulder length veil, and white opera pumps. Her corsage was a white orchid with purple tongue and lilies of the valley. They honeymooned in the East.

Reported by *Jean Hartley*

brand new Studebaker. Coming back, Ruth "took to the air." Best wishes to *Marge Rochford* who has taken over the position of seniority clerk in the transportation department, and to *Alice Pletzke* who has pulled up stakes in specifications to become secretary to *Mr. Olmstead*, traffic engineer.

*M. L. Eisenberg*, chief engineers office, on board a Greyhound bus, traveled through Canada, New York, then to Cleveland, Dayton, Columbus, Indianapolis and home. *Lee DeSutter* and her husband, after tucking *Tommy* and *Deanne* in at camp, hopped into that new car of theirs and headed West for two weeks. *Messrs. W. S. Helmer* and *F. N. Graham* are exchanging vacation notes and snaps. *Mr. Helmer* went east to New York and Pennsylvania, *Mr. Graham* went to the West Coast. *John Bowen* of Public Information vacationed in Florida. *Virginia Lee Baldwin* packed everything except a horse

when she set out for Diamond Cross Ranch, Seebe, Alberta, Canada.

### Vacation Special

The CTA vacation special moves on and when it stops at Glacier Park, *Ruth Monahan* alights. *W. S. Allen* with his wife and young son leave the vacation special at Casper, Wyoming, to pick up *Bill, Jr.*, who has been "ranching" all summer. *Bill* will attend Michigan U. in the fall. The Special heads south and we stop to pick up *James K. Miller* and the Mrs. who talk on and on about the grandeur of the Ohio River.

### Optimistic Outlook

*Wally Gillies* is hauling in the big fish in Northern Wisconsin. *Rose Ruger* will spend a late vacation in Detroit with her son, *Bob*, and his wife, *Betty*.

*Ernie Gerlach* gives up his bachelorhood to take upon himself *Frances Kay Jeffery* in New Jersey. Other employees recently on vacation: *Frank Misek* and family touring the east; *Mary Isbrandt* motoring to Arizona and Louisiana; *John O'Connor* in Wisconsin, playing golf, that is; *Rosemary McAndrews* to Quebec City, visiting Shrines and Cathedrals in Montreal, Quebec City and Toronto; *George Krambles* to Salt Lake City, then onto Vancouver, B.C.; *Rose Fahey* mingling among the movie stars down California way.

Our deepest sympathy to *Herman Anders* on the death of his wife.

*Donald E. Boal*, son of *Robert W. Boal*, assistant superintendent of Utility department, was recently graduated from Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. A few days later, *Donald* was married to *Miss Charlotte Lemke* in the Park Presbyterian Church in Streator, Illinois.

—MARY CLARKE and  
JULIE PRINDERVILLE

### TRANSITAD

FOR SALE: One Master Stoker and 3-ton auto jack. Telephone *Watchman John Lhotka*, Gunderson 4-2326.

## Kedzie Golfers Win In Golf Tournament

KEDZIE — Culmination of play in Golf league occurred on the day of the Golf Tournament held at White Pines Golf course, with two Kedzie teams battling it out for final honors. *Ed Schneider* and *Walter Weinert* bested *August Flohr* and *John Pater* in the final match, bringing the beautiful big golden trophy to Kedzie, where all the local golfers hope to see it rest for the next two years, which will make it a permanent fixture. The many golfers who attended the tournament from Kedzie are deeply appreciative of the efforts put forth by the committee which made it possible for them to play a grand sport, enjoy a delightful buffet luncheon and win one of the many prizes awarded. Altogether it was a very successful and entertaining affair.

Enjoying a privilege very seldom accorded a law abiding citizen was the experience of *Ray Washburn*, when he was conducted on a personal tour of the modern penal institution at Stateville. *Ray* thought it was a novel and interesting way to spend his day off and was sorely tempted to accept an invitation to spend the night, after passing through the kitchen and seeing 2000 loaves of bread in the process of being baked and 250

gallons of chocolate pudding being mixed for the evening meal.

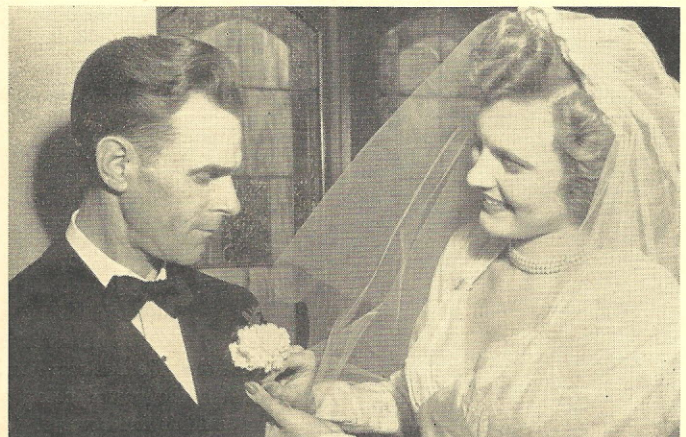
### New Occupation

Speaking of eating, any of you fellows who may amble up Fort Sheridan way in the near future may be served victuals prepared by *Conductor Roy Horning* who is assigned to the 5422nd ORASU service unit as a cook. He is the first man to leave for the armed forces from our depot in the present emergency.

In spite of the coolness of the evenings the vacationists are still visiting those resorts spots. . . *Evil Hill* has been spending his touring the scenic route around Lake Michigan. . . *William Beausejour* enjoyed a nice vacation in Vermont with a side tour through southern Canada. . . *Emil Voss* has been touring Canada with stops and sightseeing trips at Toronto and Quebec. . . *Joe Shea* has been enjoying the cool breezes that blow off of beautiful Lake Geneva. . . *Peter O'Neill* has been relaxing up at Pistakee Bay. . . *Martin Wollpert* also spent his vacation in the vicinity of Pistakee Bay.

That red swish you might see going up or down the street is not the tail of an atomic rocket, but *William Stoeke* in his new cardinal red Kaiser. *Bill* claims the shake down cruise proved very satisfactory.

## A FLOWER FOR FATHER



HIS DAUGHTER'S wedding is an important occasion and *Supervisor Al Pfeiffer*, District D, carefully checks the way *Delores* fixes his lapel flower. Her marriage to *Robert Larson* was followed by a reception attended by 20 guests. The couple honeymooned in Florida.

The stork was fairly active during the second half of August, delivering a baby girl to the home of *Frank Ciceraro* on August 15. *Motorman Sam Eppollito* became the proud father of a little boy on August 17, and the *William Baldyga's* were also made very happy by the arrival of a boy on August 19.

Their many friends will miss *Louis Schroeder* and *Stephen Derenski* who took their pensions on September 1. —R. D. KNOX

## Here's Different Way To Ride on Vacation

LAWRENCE—*Earl Willis* spent his vacation riding around in a different way. Where? Riverview Park. Up and down the roller coasters. And don't think that he didn't enjoy it. He is looking forward to the next vacation. *Warner Stokell*, *Eddy Gron*, *Marty Carey* and *Fred Bartel* are on their way to the northern peninsula of Minnesota, to try their luck at fishing. It should be better than the last time.

*Onnie Hildebrandt* and *Happ Hannemann* spent part of their vacation at one of the near lakes, as guests of *Happ's* sons, at his resort. While fishing one day, a sudden storm came up. It found them out in the middle of the lake, the

storm was so strong that the mariners rowed their way back to shore. While there *Onnie* took up flying lessons from *Happ's* son in his two-seater plane. He is now waiting for his pilot's license.

*Steve Limdroth* has a summer home at St. Joseph, Michigan, on the shores of the lake, with a private pier. It took *Steve* and his carpenter brother-in-law several years of their leisure time to erect the home and put in all of the modern conveniences. This year *Steve* managed to rent the summer home out for two weeks. He expects to be in the resort business in a few years, without any advertising.

*Fred Murbarger* is on his way through the Black Hills, then further west to the coast of California. *Jim Talent*, our night clerk, spent his vacation on the shores of Lake Superior. *Jim* went there for another reason. He stayed at the resort of *Carl Halgerson*, formerly of North depot, and renewed old acquaintances.

*Andy Kopczyk* spent his vacation at Eagle River. *Andy* pulled out several fish, including a 20 pound pickerel that was skinned, stuffed, and cut into steaks for the freezer.

## Garden Lover

*Emil Gagler* has a beautiful garden. It contains a variety of flowers and vegetables. *Emil* has worked hard to make it the bright spot that it rates in Edison Park. And *Bob Winthers* has been patiently watching the garden from seed to maturity, especially the cucumbers. *Bob* is going to be sure both of the *Gaglers* are gone for the day when the cucumbers are ripe.

On one of our very few hot days a while back, *Mike Johnson* called the "Harp" (*William Hargraves*) to bring one of the tow-busses over to Lawrence from Avondale. It took him a little longer than it should have. He was all warm and steamed up when he returned and explained that the bus was headed into one of the power poles, and that he couldn't find reverse! (The payoff—the old-type busses used for towing have a different transmission than those used in daily service. No wonder he couldn't find reverse! Suppose he moved the power pole?)

## FATHER OF THE BRIDE



BEFORE he gave her away in marriage, *Interlocking Maintainer Richard Linn*, Road Department, and his daughter, *Marion*, Insurance Department, showed happy smiles for the photographer when this picture was taken. The nuptials took place at the Immanuel Lutheran Church where *Marion* changed her name to *Mrs. Gottfried DeGraf, Jr.*

Reported by *Julie Prinderville*

*Mr. and Mrs. Richard Broscovak* announce the birth of a new baby daughter. The new baby had a new cousin born in the same hospital just 15 hours later.

*Ed Scharlau* has moved his family into their new home in Skokie. More room for the youngsters to romp around in. *Bill Dominik* will be paying taxes for his home on Christiana avenue, with no landlord to tell him to keep his work tools out of the basement.

*Clarence Lehmke* just returned from a vacation in Tennessee, with a good sun tan and a southern brogue. —JOE KLEIN

*Sisters*, Michigan, relaxing and basking in the sun. *Bus Operator and Mrs. George Dillas* traveled through the Straits of Mackinac and report they enjoyed their trip very much.

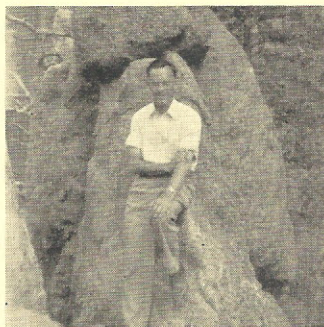
*Assistant Station Superintendent Elmer Milz*, wife and daughter, and *Supervisor Tom Greenslade* and wife, traveled 4000 miles through the west. They covered such beautiful places as the "Bad Lands" and the "Black Hills" of South Dakota, Yellowstone National Park, Rocky Mountains, then onto Denver, Colorado.

Congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Tony Anzalone* to whom the stork delivered a handsome seven and one-half pound boy, *Steven*. *Tony* is from the Bus garage. Also to *Bus Operator and Mrs. Ralph Groat* who celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary recently at Gages Lake.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to *Paddy Henry*, motorman, in the recent loss of his sister; also to *John Nolan*, motorman, in the loss of his brother. We extend our deep sympathy to the family of *Michael Healy*, pensioner, who suddenly passed away recently.

—HAROLD SEDIN

## VISITS SOUTH DAKOTA



BACKGROUND of this picture of *Mail Clerk Claude Worland*, Material and Supplies, was the Black Hills, South Dakota. *Claude* also traveled through the Bad Lands, Yellowstone, Tetons, Medicine Bow and the Snowy Range while on a 3500 mile vacation tour.

Reported by *Jean Hartley*

## Double Reason For Celebrating This Date

LIMITS—August 15 was a big day for *Tim Williams*, motorman, for on that day he married *Miss Betty Colfman*. *Tim* also had a birthday on this date. They were wed at the Christian Church, 1507 Sunnyside, at 7:30 P.M. After the ceremony, there was quiet reception at home.

*Bus Operator and Mrs. Jimmy Elder* spent three weeks vacationing at Tomahawk, Woodruff, Rhinelander, and Minocqua, Wisconsin. The *James Nesbit* family enjoyed their vacation at Three

## Life of Traveler Starts for Page

Loop—It is the gypsy life for *Oakley Page* after 20 years of service. With his new trailer, which is to be his and *Mrs. Page's* home from now on, they are going to visit all the places and points of interest they always wanted to see. After that it's migrate with the birds north in summer, south in winter. *Mae Shupe* also joined the pensioners the first of August.

*Anita Schrieber* is a very proud aunt. Her five-year-old niece had an audition with *Paul Whiteman's* band and was awarded second prize.

Wisconsin has called many vacationists. *Fred Till* said the biggest and best fish he brought back was on a picture postcard. If *Frances Brandl* has the same luck her cherry picking will be more profitable. Now *Mary Fergus* contends this is the time for relaxing which she plans to do plenty of up Madison way.

*Lola Beukinga* and daughter went south to make a tour of Florida and bask in the sunshine. *Albert Dodge* visited his 80-year-old mother whom he has not seen in 15 years.

*Elizabeth Hill* and her son plan on spending their vacation visiting the lakes around Chicago. *Curtis Thomas* has returned from a trip to Georgia to visit relatives.

Glad to welcome *Lorreta Sullivan* back after her long illness.

*Paul Grant* is going west to the Mississippi and does not know which he will be the most of—fishing or hoping and praying they do not bite and so disturb that god, *Morpheus*.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

## Sightseeing, Fishing Spell Good Vacations

MATERIAL & SUPPLIES—Our South Shops vacationists include *Art Egger*, who enjoyed Devils Lake, Wisconsin, except that it was so cold you could almost go ice skating instead of fishing. *Otto Schwendt* took trips to Indianapolis, Rockford and Milwaukee. *Patrick McCanney* saw the sights of New York and *John Marasovich* enjoyed staying in good old Chicago. *Michael Korzeniowski* and *Walter Passot* also gave Chicago the once over during their vacation. *Earl Wilcox* went to Yardville, New Jersey, to visit and enjoyed a little fishing trip. He says that catching sharks is really a thrill. He also caught blues, flounder, skate, etc. This was all done at Delaware Bay. New Jersey is known as the Garden State.

From our West Shops we had *Al Mix* who took a trip to Colorado, and *Mr. Buckley* enjoying Mackinac Island and northern Michigan, even to Ontario, Canada.

*Mr. Jensen* stayed in Chicago—and if anyone wants to know about how good a picture at the movies

is—just ask *Mr. Jensen*. He went to all the movies.

## A "Farmerette"

*Mrs. Lois Knobloch*, typist at West Shops, resigned to become a "farmerette." Maybe we will have somewhere to buy our eggs cheap from now on.

*James Bittourn, Jr.*, enjoyed the Dells, Starved Rock and Lake Geneva, for a change from his daily work at our Grand and Leavitt location. *Mr. Patito* at our Grand and Leavitt location vacationed by enjoying little fishing trips around Chicago.

*Lea Gallagher*, storeroom 42, helped celebrate the "Centennial" at St. Anne, Illinois. His wife and he visited friends in Kankakee, Bourbonnais and St. Anne, Illinois while on their vacation.

## New Faces

The new faces in our department this month are, *James Sullivan*, *Ray Bieniasz* and *Michael Alebich*. We also welcome *Thomas Chambers*, who was recently transferred to our department from the Revenue Accounting.

*Frances Louward*, general office, will remember her vacation for awhile. She fractured the tip of her thumb and is now walking around with a small cast on her hand—just because she let the car door shut and left the hand in the door. This all happened in Wisconsin. *Dorothy Schlieter* enjoyed the quiet life of Lake Geneva while on her vacation. *Theresa Barry* spent her two weeks vacation cleaning house and renewing acquaintances with all her friends.

—JEAN HARTLEY

## LONG FISH STORY



HERE is a long distance fish story about *Operator L. F. David*, his brother-in-law *Jean Streight*, and *Jim Daniels*, Associated Press photographer. Maybe you'd like to try to guess how long it took to land this string of finny beauties. Nope, you're wrong, these three anglers hooked this mess of lake trout in just about two hours. They range from 10 to 15 pounds and they were caught at Lake Deza-deasch in the Yukon near Haines, Alaska. The boys made this trip to Fairbanks and back in three weeks. If anybody intends to make this little jaunt get in touch with Brother David and he will give you all of the trials and tribulations of their trip. Say Dave where are the samples?

—Reported by *Paul Gade*



"It's not so much for myself, sir, as it is for the government. My income taxes are so pitifully small"

## New York Is A Place To Sing About

SHOPS & EQUIPMENT (MET.) — *Jack*, alias the "singing porter," *W. Smith* has spent his three-week's vacation in the city of New York. If it is a good time that you want, go to New York he said. *Smith* is doing porter work at Throop.

*Mike Heil*, the finest fisherman there is, spent a wonderful vacation at his sister's summer home on the Chesapeake Bay in Baltimore. *Mike*, who works at Logan Square as repairman "A," caught 94 one-pounders in a single day.

—DAVE GURWICH

## TRANSITAD

FOR SALE: Umbrella tent, 7x9 feet, complete with poles and stakes; auto tire, 6:00 x 6.16, fine condition; Val-Pack folding suitcase with two side pockets; and film editing outfit, 8mm with Franklin splicer, viewer and rewinds. Telephone *Irene Mostak*, Irving 8-5933.

## TRANSITAD

FOR SALE: Large nine piece carved Walnut dining room set three years old. Selling because of lack of room. \$250. Also boy's topcoat, new, size 18. \$10.00. Telephone *George Novicki*, Tuxedo 9-3628, after 6:30 p.m.

## North Park Golfers Hit the Jack Pot

NORTH PARK—Yes sir! It takes the North Park golfers to get things rolling. North Park took top prizes in the annual CTA golf tournament held August 18. The low net trophy went to *Robert Pfeiffer* of our depot. *Lenny Baeuchler* took third prize, a dandy putter. *Mel Norning* took fourth prize, a wonderful golf bag. *Joe Guarise* also won a golf bag. *Tom Roan* received a carton of cigarettes and, last but not least, our one and only *Red Laske* won a carton of cigarettes. *Richard (Swede) Gustafson* copped the door prize, a beautiful \$29.00 golf bag which holds each club individually. A good time was had by all. *Mr. O'Connor* also stopped in and had a steak dinner.

We are hoping the bowling team now being formed by *Frank Feret* and *Tommy Thompson* will make as good a showing as did our golfers. —LARRY HIPPERT

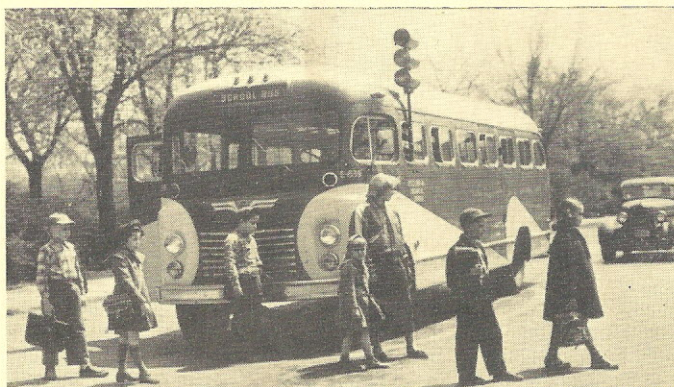
## Wherever You Roam—It Still Isn't Home

NORTHSIDE — *Motorman Jimmie Higham* and his wife, former *Ticket Agent Mary E. "Peggy" Grant*, have just returned from a trip to Toronto, Niagara Falls, New York and Long Island. Sailed with a nephew, who is quite a sailor, up to Larchmont and saw a lot of the big city. On the return home they stopped off to see *Former Towerman Charles Schander* and family who reside in Wescosville, Pa. They send their best regards to all on the "L" who remember them. "We traveled over many wonderful super-highways but we still agree," says *Peggy*, "that we had to come home to appreciate our own Lake Shore drive and its approaches to Chicago's beautiful skyline."

Our Kimball avenue despatcher, *E. J. Mamer*, just returned from his vacation. He and his wife spent some of the time with relatives in Michigan. . . . *Despatchers' Clerk Robert Blaney* enjoyed his vacation. *Trainman Joseph Newbauer* and his wife are admiring their new arrival, a boy.

*Carl Sagmeister* and *Louis Weincord* seem rather downhearted these days on account of being separated. Carl is on the P.M.

## PATENTS PORTABLE TRAFFIC LIGHT



ATTACHED to this school bus is the portable traffic light patented by CTA Statementman Fred Martin.

AN ever present danger facing young children who must ride buses to school is getting across the street or highway after they alight.

Realizing the seriousness of this situation, *Fred Martin*, a CTA statementman in the department of Accident Investigation, decided to do something about it. Some five years ago, Fred and his family were taking a ride in the country when he saw a school bus discharge its passengers. "Some of the children had to wait five to ten minutes to cross the highway," Fred said, "and did so when the traffic was still very heavy. I realized then that the lives of these youngsters were being endangered everytime they stepped off that bus."

As a result of witnessing this scene, Fred set about devising some means of signalling motorists to come to a complete stop until the children were safely on the other side of the street or highway.

What he has developed and recently had patented is an automatic portable traffic control light which can be attached to vehicles and is under the control of the driver. It has the regulation red, amber and go lights that motorists must observe everyday at numerous street crossings.

"It's operation is simple," says Fred. "When the bus driver is 200 feet from his stop he switches the red and amber lights on. Then, when the bus comes to a complete stop, the driver leaves only the red light on until all the children have reached the other side of the street." Fred says that in all tests with his bus light, the motorists who saw it came to a complete stop.

while *Louis* is working the A.M. They are commonly known as the "O'Connor and Goldberg" combination.

*Joseph Adelizzi* is confined to a hospital bed after an operation. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery.

*Anton Mielich* and *Herman Polte* went on the retirement list, and left September 9 on a trip to Germany. —WALTER J. REICH

## East, South, West—Which Was Best?

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC — Vacation Notes: schedule makers enjoyed their holidays, with *Frank Irvine* motoring to Woodland Park, Colo.; *Joseph DeGrazia* motoring as far as New York; *Ted Cowgill* heading westward for Oregon and his ranch; *George Bryan* at home in Evergreen Park; *John Franzen*

and *Norman Johnson* in Chicago; *Art Langohr* in the vicinity.

*Schedule Clerks Edward Joyce* and *Ray Primeau* enjoyed Chicago climate, while *Walter Thomas* and *Al Pisors* selected Wisconsin. *Bill Hodges* enjoyed the New York metropolitan area. Angler "*Andy DeGrazia*" tried hooking them in Fox Lake. *Ralph Tracy* got his share of fishing in Wisconsin, while *Glenn Crump* enjoyed the northern Wisconsin scenery.

*Laura Schrecke* says Chicago is good enough for her vacation, and we hear *Ed Reilly* felt the same way, while "*Pete*" *Donahue* made his annual inspection of the Ozarks. Next issue shall have a lot of reports from the Traffic Checkers on where they enjoyed their vacations.

*Traffic Checkers Don Cannon*, *Daniel Sheehan* and *Robert Shermirsky* have been requisitioned for military service. . . . *John Bennis* underwent surgery, but is now well on the way to recovery. . . . *Schedule Clerk Jacob Sumner* enjoyed his vacation awaiting the arrival of his second son, *Donald Craig*, on August 16. *Schedule Clerk Edward Joyce* reports the death of his grandmother on August 28. —L. C. DUTTON

## Calling All Ducks—You Better Duck!

77TH—*Johnny Phelps* and *Scotty Brownlow* have been filling in between hunting seasons with fishing. As this goes to press they are limbering up their guns for the fall and winter hunting seasons.

On July 25, *Carl* and *Helen Wanderson* celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a large reception.

There was a great reunion in New York when *Pat Loftus* and his son, *Reverend Joseph Loftus*, flew there to meet *Mrs. Loftus* returning from a vacation in Ireland. She arrived in New York on August 13.

*John Rodriguez* and *Bob Nugent* are on their way to Korea. They left for camp on the 25th of August. . . . The *Pat Skerretts* are entertaining a new baby girl that arrived on the 12th of August.

*Owen Duncan* is back from a vacation partly spent in resorts of the north woods and partly spent in pursuing his secretarial duties

in the 77th L. & A. Club. . . . *John Theis* and *Catherine Mooney* were married at a nuptial mass in St. Dorothy's Church. *Superintendent Jack Theis* was back from his vacation in time to attend the ceremonies.

*John McElwee* and *Mrs. McElwee* spent a three weeks vacation at Lake Eliza, near Valparaiso, Indiana. While vacationing they were visited by *Mrs. Myra Booth*, formerly *Myra McElwee* of the general office.

*Jim Keyes*, who relieved *John McElwee*, spent a weekend at Cedar Lake, Indiana, fishing and swimming. Seems like the bus garage personnel all head for Indiana. —WILBUR JENSEN and JOE SMITH

## Dust Off the Pins, Here They Come!

SHOPS & EQUIPMENT (WEST SHOPS) — The bowling season is just about here and the shop teams are all organized and ready to go. The boys bowl on Tuesday nights at the G. & L. lanes.

Congratulations are extended to *Mr. R. H. Martz*, in his recent promotion to superintendent of West Shop. . . . The welcome mat is out for two new members of the office, with *Stuart Maginnis*, typist, and *Joseph Tunzi*, mail clerk.

There are a few new additions to families of shop men. *Al Dorociak*, of the armature room, proudly announces the birth of a new son, *Michael*, born August 9, and weighing 8 pounds. . . . Also *Bill O'Brien*, laborer, announces the arrival of a daughter. The boys in the shop have named her "*Bridgett Kolen*" —sure and it's a good Irish name! —HELEN STRAKA

## Sharpshooters Ready For Duck Season

WAY & STRUCTURES — Since the duck season isn't too far away, it reminds us of some of our sharpshooters, who are very adept at this sport. They are *R. J. Shanklin*, building division; *David McCauley*, northern division; and *Arthur Steers*, 39th & Halsted.

*R. E. Harmon* and wife, enjoyed their trip through the East, which began with a boat trip from Detroit to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. *G. A. Weiler* and his wife had the opportunity to visit the wilds of Canada. The Weilers are avid fishermen and usually bring back some whoppers. *W. L. Uitti*, superintendent of ironworkers, spent his vacation tidying up some of the loose odds and ends of his new home in Wheaton. *H. G. Petersen* enjoyed a quiet, cool three weeks fishing at Fox Lake and is back on the job.

Some of the wonders of the world were visited by *C. R. Potter*, superintendent of track, who, together with his wife and two daughters, motored down to Yellowstone National Park, covering most of the states up through that territory and back.

## Return To Visit

We want to give mention to a few of our retired men who have recently been in to say hello. *C. C. Chambers*, who was a division superintendent and is well over 78 years of age, but doesn't look a day over 50, and his sidekick, *C. R. Kelly*, live a life of ease during the summer months at Stone Lake in Indiana, where Mr. Chambers has a summer home.

## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

**JERRY BARICH**, 89, retired watchman, Track. Died 7-10-50. Employed 5-19-23.

**EDWARD BIRNS**, 59, chauffeur, Utility. Died 7-14-50. Employed 11-18-18.

**ARTHUR J. BURGESSON**, 69, retired motorman, Beverly. Died 6-21-50. Employed 10-16-05.

**WILLIAM COLLERAN**, 63, trackman, Road. Died 7-9-50. Employed 3-24-19.

**MICHAEL T. COYNE**, 60, motorman, Limits. Died 7-9-50. Employed 9-24-13.

**WILLIAM C. CLINE**, 57, conductor, Northside. Died 7-27-50. Employed 12-29-20.

**STANLEY CZAJKOWSKI**, 64, loader, North. Died 7-15-50. Employed 1-14-14.

**WILLIAM G. DUEL**, 45, motorman, Devon. Died 7-28-50. Employed 2-14-45.

**JOHN R. FRANZ**, 46, switchman, Westside. Died 7-31-50. Employed 6-4-26.

**HARRY TOTTEN FREEMAN**, 66, "B" agent, Northside. Died 7-15-50. Employed 2-8-44.

**MAURICE J. GRIFFIN**, 76, retired motorman, Kedzie. Died 7-11-50. Employed 5-21-01.

**BERTINE A. HALL**, 67, clerk, Financial Department. Died 7-11-50. Employed 10-1-05.

**THOMAS F. HAYES**, 79, retired motorman, Southside. Died 7-16-50. Employed 12-18-94.

**EDWARD W. HORNING**, 41, superintendent, West Shops. Died 7-4-50. Employed 9-14-31.

**JOSEPH JARDIN**, 68, retired blacksmith, South Shops. Died 7-20-50. Employed 8-3-20.

**CARL E. JOHNSON**, 67, retired general foreman, Track. Died 7-17-50. Employed 12-15-02.

**DAVID L. KELLY**, 77, retired conductor, Archer. Died 4-4-50. Employed 1-6-04.

**WILLIAM LYONS**, 61, motorman, Lincoln. Died 7-26-50. Employed 12-11-19.

**ANTE MATACIN**, 55, laborer, Track. Died 7-30-50. Employed 11-17-30.

**FRANCIS JOHN MULLIGAN**, 38, Northside shops. Died 7-5-50. Employed 8-5-48.

**MICHAEL MURPHY**, 57, watchman, Material & Supplies. Died 7-11-50. Employed 9-20-23.

**CHARLES NELSON**, 62, motorman, Armitage. Died 7-26-50. Employed 11-4-13.

**FRANK A. RITTENHOUSE**, 46, conductor, Cottage Grove. Died 7-26-50. Employed 5-20-24.

**FRANK SNIDER**, 57, chauffeur, Utility. Died 7-23-50. Employed 8-19-23.

**RUTH SWAGGERTY**, 49, ticket agent, Westside. Died 7-8-50. Employed 5-16-47.

**ELZA F. TYREY**, 50, supervisor, Cottage Grove. Died 7-23-50. Employed 9-16-26.

**EMERY WICKHAM**, 76, retired conductor, Lawndale. Died 6-28-50. Employed 8-2-09.

**WILLIAM H. WILSON**, 50, conductor, Lawndale. Died 7-26-50. Employed 3-22-17.

Also *Harry Abbott*, who enjoys many outdoor sports, and is very active with his wife in doing the many chores to keep up their beautiful home located at Grays Lake, Illinois.

*John Uitz* is motoring with his brother through the West, going to Rocky Mt. Park, Yellowstone and back through the Black Hills.

—VIOLET CARNES

## Something Is Fishy About This Deal

WAY & STRUCTURES (WEST SIDE) — *Sig. Pavlak*, road clerk, spent his time on the 64th Street pier on the lake front during his three-week vacation, showing *Earl Snyder* of the Electrical Department how to fill bushel baskets with fish. Snyder reciprocated by giving Pavlak a driving lesson in his new Ford. . . . *Martin Duffy*, assistant superintendent, and his family were observed taking in the sights at the Chicago Fair during his vacation. . . . Your writer and his family spent a delightful three weeks as a guest of *Kitty Keegan*, agent, and her mother at their summer home at Mirror Lake, Wisconsin. We recommend highly the

boating, swimming, hiking and berry-picking in this Dells country.

*Sam McCarthy*, *Konstanty Skrundz*, trackmen; *Bill Veasman*, ironworker helper; *Philip Virgilio*, laborer; and *Innocente Ciardi*, tie-man, were presented with alarm-clock radios upon recently taking their pensions, by their fellow workers, who also wished them many years of happiness in their life of ease.

*Ed. Raftery*, superintendent, and his family enjoyed a vacation trip along the Florida coast, with a stopover in Palm Beach for a little fishing and ocean swimming. . . . *Howard Angell*, track foreman, and *Irving Schumann*, carpenter foreman, motored to Michigan for their three weeks. They promise pictures in the next issue to back up their fish stories. We'll wait.

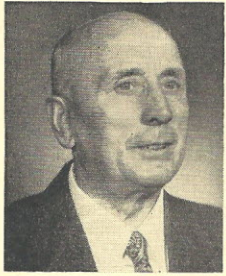
It's a "spanking new" 1935 Oldsmobile for *Jimmy McTigue*, ironworker helper. Jim says it is new to him and he is proud of that first 700 miles without any trouble. . . . *Joe Matula*, ironworker helper, put his 1949 Plymouth to the test with a 1700 mile trip through the West and Southwest.

—JACK O'REILLY

## MISTAKEN IDENTITY

WHEN Retired Conductor *Fred Giese*, Limits, saw his name in the July CTA TRANSIT NEWS, he was quite surprised to find it under the photograph of another employe, Retired Motorman *Enoch Warmoth*, Cottage Grove. It was also a big surprise to Mr. Warmoth when he read the page. Our apologies for this error.

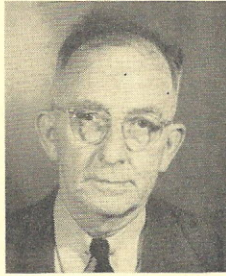
## AMONG THE RECENT RETIREMENTS



**Frans H. Rutstrom**, Conductor, West Side "L". "Working on the "L" was the first and only job I've had in Chicago."



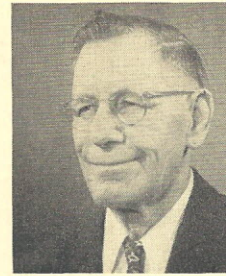
**William H. Harding**, Motorman, 77th. "My wife and I are driving to California and Texas to visit relatives."



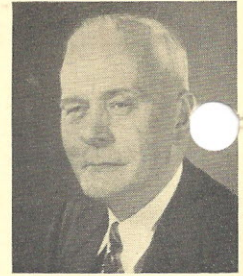
**Ernest Potenberg**, Conductor, Cottage Grove. "Weekend trips and television sportscasts sound good to me."



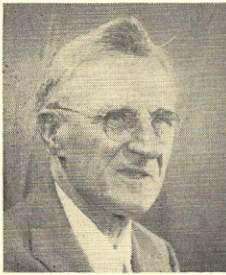
**Frank J. Machalinski**, Conductor, North-South "L". "I was tickled to death to work for good superiors."



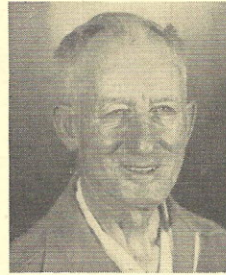
**John Beisiegel**, Motorman, 77th. "Hunting, fishing and working with wood will keep me active."



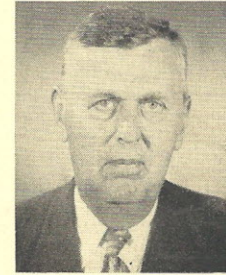
**John Fiala**, Conductor, West Side "L". "Moving to Salem, Wisconsin, where I can fish and golf at my pleasure."



**Edward C. Kadow**, Motorman, North-South "L". "Intend to do quite a bit of touring in retirement."



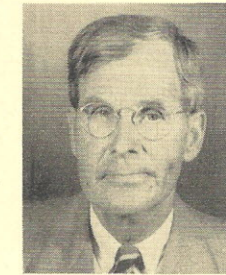
**Joseph Gough**, Motorman, West Side "L". "Worked on the "flat enders" when I started with the "L".



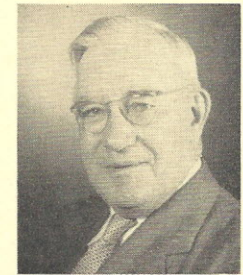
**Louis Martina**, Conductor, North. "Caring for my home, garden, and fruit trees will be quite a job."



**William Schocker**, Conductor, Kedzie. "Puttering around the house will keep me occupied."



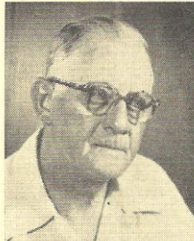
**Carl E. Carlson**, Motorman, Kedzie. "Going to visit with children in Minnesota and Kansas."



**William F. Jeffers**, Motorman, 69th. "Have traveled extensively and will continue to in retirement."



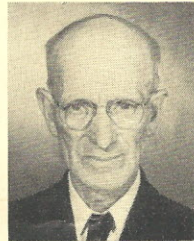
**Patrick Doody**, Motorman, 77th. "Motoring to Missoiri and Florida to visit friends."



**Philip H. Barger**, Conductor, 69th. "Will visit relatives in Oregon and Arizona."



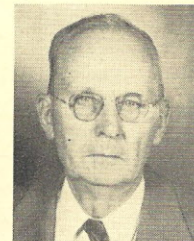
**Peter F. Dunphy**, Conductor, Limits. "I intend touring the southwest."



**Edward J. Edgecomb**, Motorman, 77th. "I operated the first new PCC car out of 77th."



**Albert G. Mielich**, Conductor. "I'm just going to take life easy."



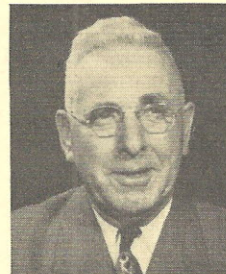
**Henry Jurgensen**, Motorman, 69th. "Driving to California with my wife."



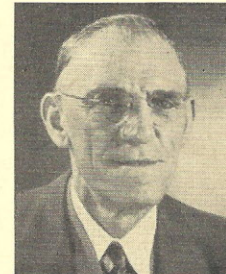
**Michael Hyland**, Motorman, Devon. "Looking forward to plenty of fishing."



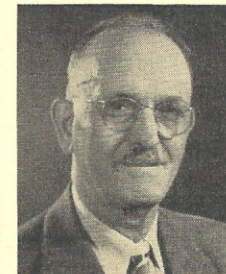
**Richard Duffin**, Motorman, 69th. "Raising a garden and White Rock chickens will keep me busy."



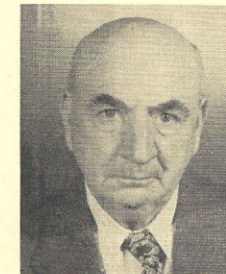
**Edward T. Walsh**, Motorman, Devon. "Have been working PCC's on Clark street ever since they came out."



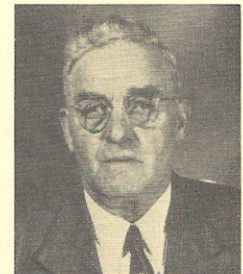
**Frank P. Samp**, Motorman, Lincoln. "Raising and racing pigeons is a mighty interesting pastime."



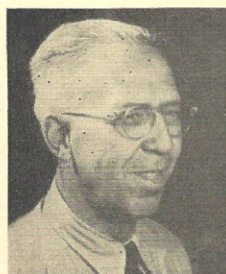
**Steve Milos**, Track Foreman, Way and Structures. "Four of my sons will still be active with the company."



**Erwin Jaggi**, Conductor, North. "Worked on the mail car when I first began with the company."



**Terence J. Hughes**, Motorman, Devon. "I've worked on the new PCC cars ever since they came out and I sure like them."



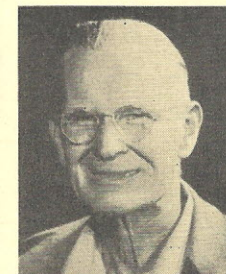
**Frank J. Schaaf**, Visual Aid Operator, Accident Prevention Department, Motorman, North. "My wife and I are moving to Newport, Tennessee."



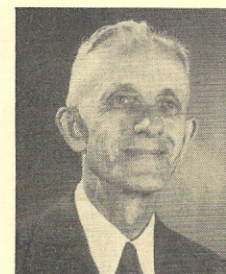
**Charles A. Holmberg**, Motorman, Limits. "The PCC's are a wonderful improvement over the old hand braked cars I started on."



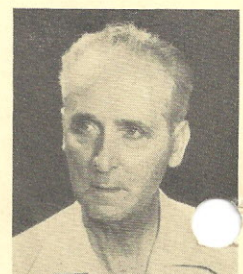
**Larry Dorich**, Steel Foreman, Way and Structures. "Been in transit work over 53 years, and helped with the installation of the old cable system."



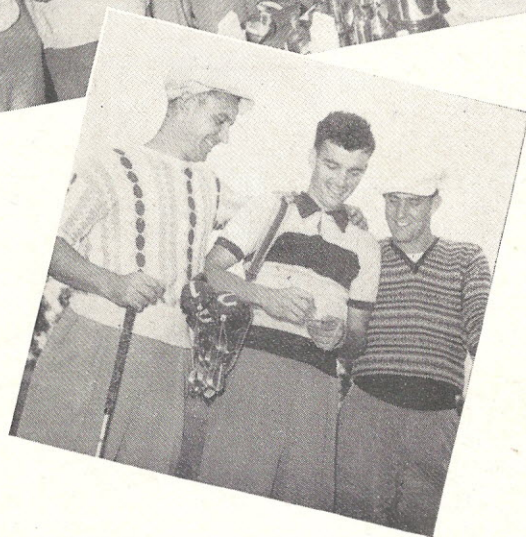
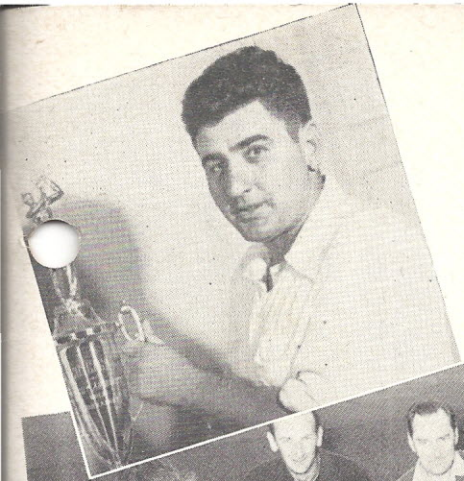
**Rudolph Salewsky**, Motorman, North-South "L". "There is lots of fishing near Clearwater, Florida, and that's where I'm moving."



**Louis W. Schroeder**, Conductor, Kedzie. "Gardening and fishing are my hobbies and I hope to spend quite a bit of time at them."



**Lawrence B. Jones**, Motorman, North-South "L". "Will have more time to devote to my hobbies—hunting small game and fishing."



## CROWN CTA GOLF CHAMPIONS

SPORTY White Pines Golf Course tested the nerves of 120 golfers when they participated in CTA's annual golf tournament on August 18. And at the end of an ideal golfer's day the new champions received trophies donated by CTA (left) . . . *Bus Operator Lowell Brubach*, 77th, (upper left corner) a left handed player, busted down the portals of the tournament with a battering low gross score of 76 (six over course par) to take top honors . . . *Bus Operator Robert Pfeiffer*, *North Park*, (above, center) added additional punishment to Old Man Par with a low net score of 68 to place first in the handicap contest . . . *Kedzie Depot* made a grand slam of the team-match playoff when *Valentine Weinert* and *Ed. Schneider* (see cover) emerged victorious over *August Flohr* and *John Pater*. The new team champions and runners-up all work at Kedzie. (Other photos on the cover and on this page were taken the day of the tournament.) Station Superintendent Clint Sonders, Kedzie, represented CTA in the presentation of the trophies.



# OUR PUBLIC

**LETTERS OF commendation about the service CTA employes give passengers are concrete indications that courtesy is of prime importance in the mass transportation business.**

*Passengers appreciate courteous acts performed for them. Proof of this are the many letters received by Chicago Transit Authority in recent weeks praising the courteous, efficient and patient work of our bus operators, conductors, platform men, trainmen, motormen and station agents. Reprinted on this page are some excerpts from a few of these letters, all of which show that courtesy costs nothing but means a whole lot in winning satisfied customers.*

## STOPS CAR TO RETRIEVE PURSE



"This is in regard to an employe of the Chicago Transit Authority, Michael Hummel, Elston, a conductor on the Elston avenue streetcar line. I lost my purse while riding on a motor bicycle. Conductor Hummel saw something fall from the cycle and stopped the streetcar, thinking it might be a hat.

"Well, it was more than that, it was my purse, and practically everything I owned was inside of it. A word of praise to Mr. Hummel, I have yet to meet a more honest man."

## FAST ACTION



"I want to express my appreciation for the efficiency of your Lost and Found department. This morning I left a book containing correspondence on the 9:00 Lake street 'L.' It was turned in to Joseph Marcus at 3860 West Lake street who kindly forwarded it to the Loop office. The book was back in my possession at 11:30 a.m."

## COURTEOUS AND PATIENT



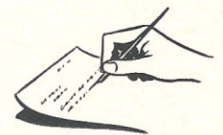
"Yesterday I had occasion to board a Halsted street car at 72nd street and ride north all the way to Fullerton avenue. The conductor on this car was number 8552 (David J. Miele, 77th). I want you to know that I have never met such a patient and courteous conductor. While carrying on his duties in a very efficient manner, he answered numerous questions and gave directions, never forgetting to warn the passengers to 'watch your step.' He made such a lasting impression on me that I thought I should take these few minutes remaining on my lunch time to let you know about him."

## THOUGHTFUL CONDUCTOR



"At 8:00 a.m. this morning I boarded a CTA car at Augusta and Western avenue. The morning was warm and gave all indication of a 'scorchers.' When I stepped into the car the conductor (Sylvester Scellato, 69th) on duty smiled brightly, and cheerfully gave me the change and transfer. I noticed as we went along he did the same thing to everyone. By the time I got off at Harrison street, I certainly felt that the day was off to a wonderful start. I think you have a conductor on that car who likes his job and is most thoughtful."

## WRITER KNOWS MEANING OF COURTESY



"Just a letter of commendation for one of the most courteous bus operators (James Lyons, Lawndale) I have ever met while riding CTA buses. He treats all of his customers with kindness and never is too busy to answer a question. He says good morning to everyone and is considerate to all. He surely is a credit to your company. I work at the telephone company and we are drilled to be courteous, so you see I know what it means to the public."

# SPEAKS



IS OUR service to the public improving? How can we tell whether or not we are doing a good job?

Few people take time to praise service which they feel worthy. However, many people will notify us of incidents which they find disturbing. The increase or decrease in the number of complaints received is an indication of public reaction to the service we are providing. It is only one of many factors, however, that must be considered in judging the quality of our service.

During the year of 1949 there was a general decrease in the number of complaints received, as compared with the previous year. But the same cannot be said for 1950. During the first seven months of this year the number of complaints received each month, with the exception of the month of April, has exceeded the number of complaints received during the corresponding month in 1949.

It should be borne in mind that while these complaints were increasing, the total number of passengers carried by CTA was declining!

## They Keep Increasing

The percentage increases by months for 1950 as compared with 1949 were as follows:

January	35.81%	May	19.32%
February	14.39%	June	48.42%
March	15.05%	July	15.26%
April	7.3% (decrease)		

Undoubtedly, complaint statistics are affected by any favorable, or unfavorable publicity received by the CTA. Probably a part of the increase in complaints during June was an aftermath of the State-63rd place disaster.

However, discourtesy, pass-ups, quick starting, rough operation and faulty transfers are the biggest sources of complaints. These are all traceable to the manner in which transportation employees carry out their responsibilities.

What can be done to remove the dissatisfaction which is being expressed more and more by our riders?

That is a question which must be answered by the individual trainman and bus operator. Transportation employees are the CTA's personal representatives. Through their direct contact with the public they can do more than any other group of employees to sell—or unsell—CTA Service.

No doubt, a more polite, considerate, tactful and diplomatic handling of patrons by trainmen and bus operators would considerably reduce all types of complaints. At the same time it would help to increase passenger traffic volume, which is essential to continued successful operation of the Chicago Transit Authority.

## HOW COULD THESE COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN PREVENTED?

(Based on actual complaint letters received by CTA.)

DEAR SIR:

"Attached you will find transfer which I retained because of a controversy encountered last night returning from the office to my home.

"The route I took is not my regular way of going home but have, on other occasions, taken this same route and had no trouble. I left my office last evening and took an Ashland streetcar to Archer, where I boarded an EXPRESS bus (paying an additional two cents or 17 cents total fare), then transferred to a streetcar and later got off to board an "L". I handed the agent my transfer to be punched but she insisted that I was to pay an additional two cents which would have made a total of 19 cents fare—which I did pay. Therefore, a refund of two cents is due me. I encountered no further trouble and my transfer was honored from that point on to my home."

*Comment: The "L" agent on duty failed to notice that the transfer presented by the passenger was marked "Archer Express." This type of transfer indicates that a 17 cent fare was paid and entitled the holder to ride the rapid transit without making an additional payment.*



DEAR SIR:

"A little after 5:00 P.M. I paid a fare at the elevated station and requested a bus transfer. I intended to transfer later to a CTA bus.

"At the L station I received the enclosed transfer which, however, was refused by your bus driver. He offered no suggestions about correcting my procedure on succeeding trips—simply insisted on a cash fare, which I paid.

"I think that I am entitled to a refund of that cash fare. No questions of any kind were asked when I received the transfer. There was a mistake here somewhere and I do not feel that it was mine."

*Comment: When the patron simply asked for a bus transfer, the agent should have asked if she wanted a CTA or Chicago Motor Coach transfer. Since this was not done the wrong transfer was given. The passenger was also entitled to an explanation as to why her transfer was not acceptable and the bus operator should also have told her the correct procedure to follow in the future.*

# CTA Offices To Move

CONSOLIDATION of the executive and operating departments of Chicago Transit Authority into one building, the Merchandise Mart, was recently authorized by the Chicago Transit Board, at a savings of \$144,000 a year. The new lease is for a ten-year period and will effect a total saving in office space costs of \$1,440,000. The consolidation of offices on a single floor will also produce additional substantial savings through increased efficiency of operations.

CTA executive and operating offices are now located in five buildings, three of them being in rented space costing a total of \$404,000 per year. The two office locations owned by CTA, at 600 W.

Washington Boulevard, and at 1165 North Clark street, cost \$79,000 a year, making a total of \$483,000 annually for office space.

Rental and operating charges for 110,000 square feet of space on the seventh floor of the Merchandise Mart will total \$339,000 a year. The space will be available to the CTA on November 1, 1951, the expiration date of existing leases on quarters at 175 W. Jackson Boulevard, 79 W. Monroe street, and 111 W. Jackson Boulevard.

The CTA owned buildings at 600 W. Washington Boulevard and 1165 North Clark street will be offered for sale after they are vacated.

## Recent Appointments

IN a bulletin issued by *General Manager Walter J. McCarter*, it was announced that *Willis W. Helfrich* has been appointed assistant secretary of the Chicago Transit Board, succeeding *Frank L. Hupp*, who retired recently after completing nearly 48 years with CTA and predecessor companies.

Mr. Helfrich is a graduate of the University of Illinois and John Marshall Law School. He began his transit career on April 7, 1934, in the Accident Investigation department of the Chicago Surface Lines. In June, 1948, he was named assistant to Mr. Hupp.

EFFECTIVE August 1, 1950, *Ralph H. Martz* was appointed superintendent of West Shops, succeeding the late *Edward W. Horning*. Mr. Martz began local transportation work in June, 1930, as engineer of tests for the Chicago Surface Lines. He held this position until April, 1949, when he was named assistant engineer of equipment for the CTA.

Born on April 2, 1906, in Sunburn, Pennsylvania, Mr. Martz attended Bucknell University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

EFFECTIVE September 1, 1950, a Training Department has been re-established within the CTA. The function of this department is to plan and to develop procedures for the instruction of all employes. The department will work functionally with all other departments on training programs and will report to Mr. Charles E. Keiser.

*Gordon J. Wagner* has been appointed Supervisor of Training and in this capacity will be charged with the responsibility of supervising and carrying out the duties assigned to the Training Department.

Wagner has been in the personnel department ever since he came with CTA in November, 1948. A graduate of the Wisconsin State Teachers College, he had eight years of training work with the army air forces.

## CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Condensed Statement of Application of Revenues To Fixed Requirements  
Months of July 1950 and 1949, Seven Months and Twelve Months Ended July 31, 1950  
(Revenues applied in order of precedence required by Trust Agreement)

	Month of July		Period Ended July 31, 1950	
	1950	1949	7 Months	12 Months
Revenues .....	\$8,982,848	\$8,851,375	\$67,715,747	\$116,223,967
Operation and Maintenance Expenses.....	7,952,443	8,421,938	59,333,487	102,486,559
	1,030,405	429,437	8,382,260	13,737,408
Debt Service Requirements:				
Interest Charges .....	318,003	318,003	2,226,233	3,816,250
Deposit to Series of 1947 Bond Reserve (Note 1) .....	107,000	107,000	749,000	1,284,000
	425,003	425,003	2,975,233	5,100,250
Balance before Depreciation.....	605,402	4,434	5,407,027	8,637,158
Provision for Depreciation—				
Current Period .....	541,667	541,667	3,791,667	6,500,000
Balance available (A) for Reserves for Operating Expense and Municipal Com- pensation; and (B) for Modernization. (Note 2) .....	\$ 63,735	\$ 537,233*	\$ 1,615,360	\$ 2,137,158

### NOTES:

(1) 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.

(2) 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; \$856,158 of the balance available for the seven months and \$1,377,956 for the twelve months ended July 31, 1950 were applied to cover prior period deficiencies in deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

\*Red Figure.

## PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers.....	57,673,032	65,841,185	440,923,158	778,999,684
Transfer Revenue Passengers.....	2,848,968	3,004,276	21,995,192	37,968,764
Total Revenue Passengers .....	60,522,000	68,845,461	462,918,350	816,968,448

## INQUIRING REPORTER

# What Kind of Motorist Peeves You Most?



**INQUIRING REPORTER ROBERT D. KNOX interviews  
MOTORMAN WALTER TAJDUS:**

"I find that the most puzzling driver I have to face is the one who passes me up just before I reach a corner and then makes a sudden stop in front of me to let an intended passenger out of the auto. Those involved usually laugh ridiculously when you make the necessary stone-wall stop. If they would stay in their own lane of traffic it would prevent a lot of unnecessary accidents."

EVERYONE who drives has, at one time or another, encountered a person whose driving ability is not what it should be. To find out the types of motorists who rate high on the "pet peeve" list, our Inquiring Reporter for September, Robert D. Knox, questioned some of his co-workers at the Kedzie Depot.

### **MOTORMAN EDWARD HARROLD:**

"The 'jalopy' driver is my biggest headache. The driver of these antiquated models of cars and trucks, with their double parking and parking over the white line, plus their faulty brakes and other mechanical failures, are a general nuisance and the main source of trouble during my day of work."

### **MOTORMAN CARL H. SCHERENBERG:**

"The driver I dislike to encounter is the 'Sunday motorist.' He cruises along the street about five miles an hour and gazes from side to side at the store windows with no consideration for anyone in the traffic lane behind him. He disrupts the schedule, and inconveniences everyone—the passengers, those waiting further along the route, and the crew."

### **MOTORMAN GEORGE SANSBURY:**

"The type of driver who discourages me the most is the one who is just ahead of me at the stoplight. He is usually in a trance or asleep when the light turns green. When he wakes up and finally gets his car started, he is about the only one who is able to make the light."

(The "sleeping" driver is posed by Robert D. Knox.)



**MOTORMAN PETER HNATIUK:**

"My pet peeve is against the driver who pulls out from the curb without looking. This violation occurs so often that you must constantly be on the alert if you want to avoid accidents."





**TOMATO** stuffed with tuna fish salad is the top salad on *Mrs. Joseph Dillon's* list and it ranks high in popularity with her husband. Cooking isn't the only thing at which *Mrs. Dillon* excels. She does beautiful fanciwork of all kinds. The *Dillon's* have two children, a girl 15 and a boy, 9½.

#### Tuna Fish Salad

2 cups tuna fish, flaked    1 cup chopped celery  
8 stuffed olives, chopped    1 cup cooked peas  
½ teaspoon salt    2 hard-cooked eggs  
Lettuce    Salad dressing

Combine tuna fish, celery, olives and peas; sprinkle with salt; add sufficient salad dressing to moisten. Place in refrigerator to chill.



IT'S EASY to understand why *Robert Stach*, relief clerk at North Avenue, comes home for lunch, when he can get his favorite salad. *Mrs. Stach* frequently serves Creamette and shrimp salad as a main dish at lunch for her husband and two little girls, *Judy* and *Dorothy*.

#### Creamette and Shrimp Salad

1 package Creamettes, cooked until tender  
2 small cans shrimp    1 small onion  
Cut a pimento in small pieces  
1 small can peas

Combine above ingredients, add salad dressing to moisten, and garnish with quartered tomatoes.

## to the ladies . . . . from JOAN

THERE SEEMS that there is no end to the number of delicious salads that can be prepared to grace the luncheon and dinner table. This is true, of course, because of the large number of vegetables and fruits, which, when mixed, provide such delicately blended flavors.

Salads have a place in your menus all the year round, whether it's a main dish, side dish or dessert. So polish up the salad bowl and hunt up some delicious recipes.

This month we contacted the wives of two CTA employees—*Mrs. Dillon*, wife of *Joseph Dillon*, clerk at North

avenue station, and *Mrs. Stach*, wife of North's relief clerk, *Robert Stach*. We are passing on to you the recipes for their favorite salads.

Here are some other pointers on salad making: (1) Keep them simple. No elaborate arrangement. (2) Ingredients should be large enough to be identified. (3) Always have salad greens fresh, crisp and chilled. (4) Use other greens besides lettuce; try watercress, endive, romaine and tender leaves of spinach. (5) Of course, let us not forget the dressing. Don't use the same dressing all the time; vary it according to the salad.

#### Modern Lampshade

Wound lampshades are attractive for a modern decor—and they're easy to make! Buy a wire frame, or use an old one, and "cover" it with yarn. There is a new all-rayon yarn, called Lusterspun, that's particularly nice for lampshades because of its thickness and attractive luster. It comes in a wonderful selection of 19 shades, to fit any color scheme.

Instructions for this easy-to-make lampshade are available free. Write to Women's Editor, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, 79 W. Monroe Street.

# A WEDDING PREVIEW



AN important day is fast approaching for *John P. Murray, Jr.*, CTA repairman at the Lawndale depot. That day is September 30 when he will be united in marriage with *Miss Margaret Curcio* at St. Peter Canisius Church. Helping him get a preview of how he will look in his formal suit are his father, *John, Sr.*, a traveling carhouse foreman for Chicago Transit Authority, and his brother, *Repairman Edward*

*Murray, Ardmore*, who is participating in the wedding ceremony as best man.

"I guess my marriage will sort of even things up with my Dad and brother," said Jack. "We are all CTA employees and I am the only single one of the trio—that is, until September 30 at 10:00 a.m."

(This is another in the series of CTA Family Portrait articles.)

# How Do We Rate?

Here's a self-quiz for transit people—It is not tough but the answers will give an indication of the kind of service we are rendering the public. Want to take it?



What's the first thing you do when a passenger approaches?

- ☐ A. Let him start talking.
- ☐ B. Ignore him.
- ☐ C. Smile.



How do you answer absurd questions like "What time does the 8 o'clock bus leave?"

- ☐ A. I point out the stupidity of the question.
- ☐ B. I just don't answer!
- ☐ C. I give correct information, without sarcasm.



Do you use words like "Please," "Thank You," "May I," "Sir," "Ma-m"?

- ☐ A. Never!
- ☐ B. Occasionally.
- ☐ C. Often as possible.



How do you handle an angry complaint?

- ☐ A. Fight back—and loud!
- ☐ B. Give 'em the icy stare.
- ☐ C. Talk it over quietly—and try to settle it.



What's your attitude in dealing with each customer?

- ☐ A. Get it over with.
- ☐ B. Do my job, and that's all.
- ☐ C. See that he's satisfied—and even pleased.



How do you answer the office telephone?

- ☐ A. I just say, "Hello"!
- ☐ B. With the telephone number.
- ☐ C. With my name and the name of my department.



Where do you look, when talking with people?

- ☐ A. Out the window.
- ☐ B. At the floor.
- ☐ C. Directly at them—and pleasantly!

In scoring the quiz, give yourself 30 points just for taking it. Then add 10 points for each time you checked "C" as an answer. Give yourself zero for each "A" or "B" checked.

According to people who know, transit folk who score between 80 and 100 rate well with the public; 60 to 80 could use some effort. Forty to 60 ranks mighty low in the opinion of the customers. And forty or below—you're certainly not on friendly terms with your public.

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