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"PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN."

In these times of world tension, this beautiful age-old greeting is more than an expression of friendliness and good will.

It is a petition, a prayer, for peaceful solution of the world's problems.

There is then, this year, special significance in this holiday greeting to each member of the CTA family:

"Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Walter J. Mc Carter
GENERAL MANAGER





SELECTING presents for the neighborhood children is an enjoyable task for Trainman Robert Brehm and his wife, Flora.

HE'S Santa's HELPER

IT was a bleak, cold day in 1943 as 150 orphaned children sat down to their Christmas dinner in Ipswich, England, a small town some 90 miles from London. There was a war raging all around them—a war that didn't take time out for Christmas, New Year's or any other holiday. For many of these children, who were from 1½ to 12 years old, the war was their reason for spending Christmas in an orphanage—a day, that to them, was going to be like any other day of the year.

As these children ate their dinner, there was quiet but concentrated activity going on in the recreation room of the orphanage. A Christmas tree was being decorated, gifts were being placed under it, and, most important, "Father Christmas" (in England, Santa Claus is referred to as "Father Christmas.") was there in the person of Trainman Robert Brehm, Northside.

Brehm, at that time, was a supply sergeant in the U. S. Air Corps, and was stationed at a field base near Ipswich. When one of the chaplains of his outfit heard that this particular orphanage was going to have to spend Christmas without any celebration, he started a collection among the men at the base that netted \$165, enough to purchase two truckloads of presents for the children. Brehm aided him in purchasing the presents and consented to act as "Father Christmas."

When their dinner was over, the children were led to the recreation hall. Eyes opened wide in amazement when they saw the gaily decorated tree and gifts. It was Christmas!

They knew because "Father Christmas" was there—and because some 200 American soldiers, far from their homes and families, decided that nothing was going to deprive these young war victims of "their day."

"Playing 'Father Christmas' was one of the happiest experiences of my life," Brehm says. "I will always remember the happiness that came over those children's faces."

Since that Christmas day in 1943, Trainman Brehm has continued to be Santa's assistant. "It's my hobby now," he claims, "and I'm always looking forward to it." In 1944 he was still stationed in England and again acted as "Father Christmas" at another orphanage near Ipswich.

When he was discharged from the service in June, 1945, after 33 months of duty, Brehm started work as a trainman for the rapid transit system. As the Christmas season approached that year, he once more helped Santa bring happiness to youngsters. This time, however, it was the neighborhood children he gave presents to with the help of his wife, *Flora*, who purchased the gifts and wrapped them.

Trainman Brehm has been Santa's helper in his neighborhood every year since 1945. In 1949 he assisted the American Red Cross chapter in Chicago, in the traditional Santa Claus outfit, by distributing Christmas gifts to needy children. Now that another Christmas season is upon us, Brehm and his wife are prepared for their day when the small neighborhood children will get a first hand look at one of Santa's helpers as he distributes Christmas gifts to them.

The PROPANE STORY

PUBLIC interest in propane, one of the by-products of natural gas and crude petroleum production, has been greatly stimulated by Chicago Transit Authority's purchase of 500 propane-fueled buses from the Twin Coach Company of Kent, Ohio, (CTA TRANSIT NEWS, August, 1950) as part of the Authority's 10-year \$150,000,000 modernization program . . . These are some of the questions being asked: What is propane? How is it produced? What are its commercial uses? Its advantages as an automotive engine fuel? . . . In this article, prepared in cooperation with the Phillips Petroleum Company, CTA's supplier of propane; the Twin Coach Company, and the CTA Training and Engineering departments, CTA TRANSIT NEWS presents a non-technical description of propane and its uses.

BACK in 1910 an oil refinery in West Virginia was confronted with a perplexing problem. In storing gasoline, the company was experiencing serious losses due to the natural process of evaporation. To offset this loss at least in part, the company tried condensing the gasoline vapor and thus became the first producer of liquefied petroleum gas in the United States.

It was not until 1920, however, that production processes were perfected sufficiently for marketing propane on a commercial scale. The year 1920, therefore, marks the beginning of the "modern era" of LPG—liquid petroleum gas.

In this era, the Phillips Petroleum Company has been an outstanding leader—in LPG production, in research, in devising and sponsoring handling and storage procedures and regulations, and in developing new uses and new markets for LPG.

On a competitive bid basis, the Phillips Petroleum Company recently was awarded a five-year contract to supply the CTA's propane (LPG) requirements. It is estimated that the CTA will use 28,500,000 gallons of propane dur-

ing the contract period. Seven storage tanks, each having a liquid capacity of 18,000 gallons, are now being installed at CTA garages. There will be four tanks at North Park, two at North and Cicero, and one at Lawndale.

Commercially LPG was first used principally in rural areas as "bottled gas." This is the gas that is delivered in small metal cylinders to homes not having access to city gas mains. "Bottled gas" has brought to rural America some of the aids to comfortable living generally available to city dwellers. In thousands of farm homes, LPG is now used for cooking, for heating and for operating household refrigerators.

Use of LPG is no longer confined to homes in rural areas. Farmers are using it to fuel their tractors, trucks and stationary engines, to heat brooders, water tanks and vats, to burn weeds, and to operate "walk-in" refrigerators and freezer cabinets.

Industry also recognized the potentialities of LPG. Industrial firms are now using LPG for firing heat treating and paint-drying ovens, for melting metals, for heating dip vats, and for oxy-propane cutting of heavy metal plates. Many utilities rely upon LPG in manufacturing gas for household and industrial use. A large number of gas companies use it for blending with other gases, or store it in large quantities to tide them through an emergency arising from a cold wave or a break in the "natural gas" pipe line system.

Chemical applications of LPG range from anesthetics to specialized solvents.

What Is LPG?

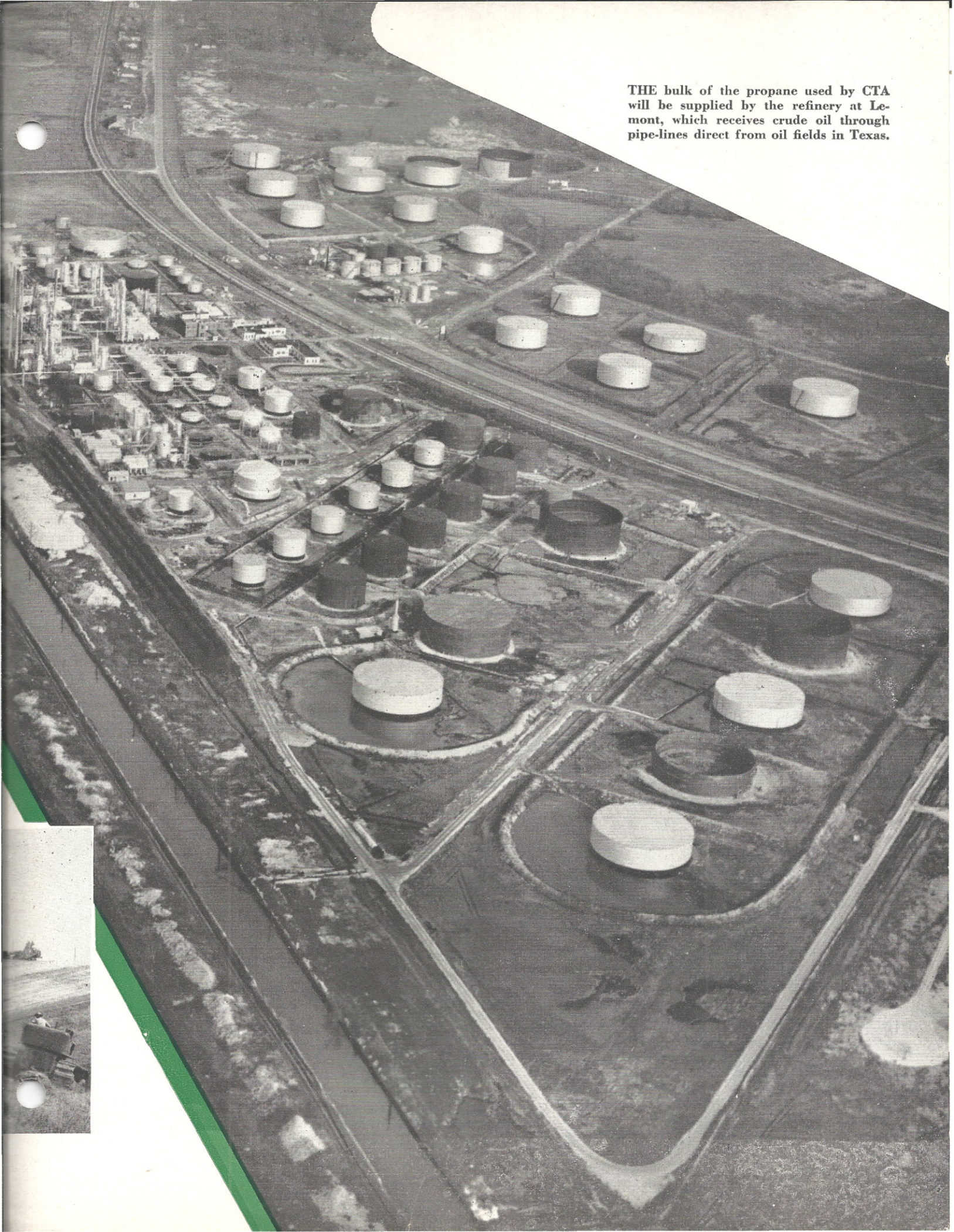
Natural gas and petroleum, as they occur in nature, consist of many different substances. Chiefly they are compounds of hydrogen and carbon, called "hydrocarbon."

LPG-powered trucks, such as these used on the Peter Kiewit-Garrison Dam, are popular for mining and construction work.



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THE bulk of the propane used by CTA will be supplied by the refinery at Lemont, which receives crude oil through pipe-lines direct from oil fields in Texas.





POWER for the air conditioning and electricity used on individual cars on many streamlined trains is provided by propane.

Among these hydrocarbons are methane (which is the principal constituent of the "natural gas" used in the "natural gas" pipe lines of most cities), hexane (important in ordinary gasoline), and propane and butane.

The term "liquified petroleum gas"—LPG—usually refers to propane or butane, two of the highly volatile gases obtained from natural gas or crude petroleum. These gases turn to liquid when subjected to moderate pressure, but readily return to their normal gaseous state when the pressure is released, providing the temperature is above their boiling points.

Commercial propane, which is the fuel the CTA will use in the 500 new Twin Coach buses, boils at minus 51 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. In its liquid form, propane is as colorless and clear as water. It has no odor, and must be artificially odorized before it is distributed to commercial users so that leaks in storage facilities, should any occur, may be easily and quickly detected. Propane is neither poisonous nor toxic.

Unlike gasoline, propane remains in a liquid state only so long as it is kept under pressure. For this reason, it is manufactured under pressure, trans-

ported to storage tanks under pressure, transferred from storage tank to bus tank under pressure, and carried in the bus tank under pressure.

Propane is as safe as any volatile substance, and safer than most. For example, it is safer than gasoline in most respects. Gasoline is highly inflammable in either liquid or vapor form. In case of fire, flaming gasoline runs and spreads until it is extinguished, or burns itself out.

Propane on the contrary can be ignited only when it is a gas and properly proportioned with air. A propane fire does not spread. This is due to the

fact that it changes rapidly from a liquid to a gas as it is released to the air. Consequently, it will only burn at the source of the fire—in the manner of a blow torch—until the fire is put out, or the supply of liquid propane cut off.

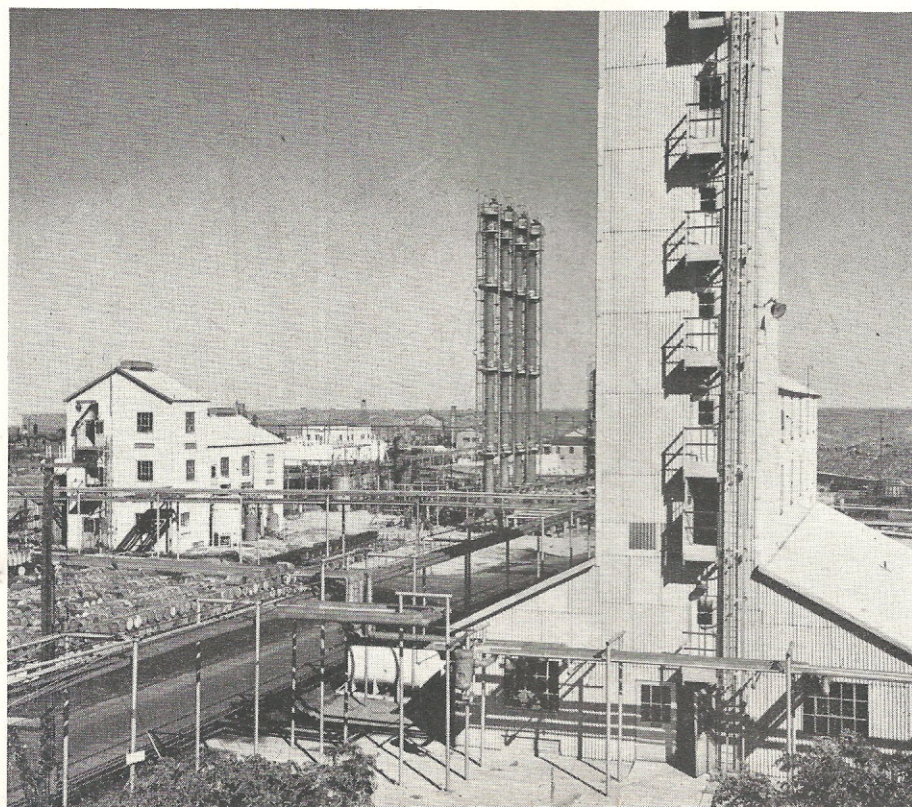
Where Does Propane Come From?

There are two main sources of propane. The major amount is from wells producing the natural gas distributed by utilities for use in cooking and heating. Refineries, where crude oil is processed to produce gasoline and other petroleum products, constitute the major secondary source of supply.

In the early stage of its commercial development, propane was generally regarded as a waste product of the petroleum industry. Refiners and natural gas producers burned their excess propane. Some states, however, soon prohibited the burning of propane at the source of production and required it to be pumped back into the ground.

Even today a tremendous amount of propane is not put to use, being either burned at the source, pumped back into the ground, or permitted to escape during the refining processes.

THE Phillips Petroleum Company has been a leader in LPG research. This is the Philtex Experiment Station at Borger, Texas.



FARMERS have long been familiar with propane as a fuel for tractors and engines as well as a source of heat for their homes.

Potential production of propane is estimated at 15 billion gallons annually, yet less than three billion gallons were marketed in 1949—principally for non-

transit purposes. An even greater surplus than presently exists is inevitable if the national defense program should require a sharp increase in the production of gasoline.

Civilian supplies of diesel oil and gasoline, on the contrary, are certain to decrease and the price to increase as the supply is curtailed. Even now 85 per cent of the refining industry's capacity is required just to meet the nation's daily requirements of diesel oil and gasoline.

Propane, being a surplus product and a non-strategic material, should continue to be readily available at little if any increase in cost.

**Part Two of
THE PROPANE STORY
Will Appear in the
CTA TRANSIT NEWS
for January, 1951**

Retires as Comptroller of CTA

CLEMENT A. WHONSETLER, the first comptroller of Chicago Transit Authority, retired November 30, ending a 47-year career in the transit and electric railway field, much of which was as an executive of lines serving Chicago and adjoining areas. A testimonial dinner in his honor, held at the Illinois Athletic Club on November 27, was attended by a large group of friends and business associates.

The Chicago Transit Board, in accepting Mr. Whonsetler's decision to retire, adopted an ordinance extending its "gratitude and appreciation for his long service to Chicago Transit Authority and Chicago Rapid Transit Company, and for his constant courtesy, unswerving loyalty and efficiency."

The Board also adopted another ordinance approving General Manager McCarter's appointment of *Peter J. Meinardi* as CTA comptroller, effective December 1, 1950, succeeding Mr. Whonsetler. Meinardi has been assistant comptroller since April 1, 1948.

Born in Indiana

Mr. Whonsetler, who was born in Avilla, Indiana, in 1885, formerly served as financial officer of the Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railway and the Chicago Rapid Transit Company. He was named comptroller for CTA when the Authority began operating the city's local transit properties on October 1, 1947.

His first position in the transportation field was as a chief clerk with the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction Company in 1903. He became secretary to the vice-president of the Chicago Aurora and Elgin Railway Company seven years later, and subsequently served as auditor, secretary-treasurer and assistant to the financial officer of that property.

Mr. Whonsetler entered the Chicago transit field in 1929 when he was named assistant to the financial officer of the



CONGRATULATING Peter J. Meinardi, left, on his appointment as comptroller of Chicago Transit Authority is Clement A. Whonsetler, who retired from that position November 30.

Chicago Rapid Transit Company and, in 1941, advanced to financial officer of that company and of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad and the Chicago Aurora and Elgin, as well. He served in the latter capacities until his appointment as CTA comptroller.

Mr. Meinardi is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. He was born in Herrin, Illinois, on August 4, 1909, and was associated with Arthur Andersen and Company, independent public accountants, from 1931 until April, 1948. He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Mr. Meinardi is married and the father of three children.

PRESENTED LIFE SAVING AWARD



FOR his heroic action and quick thinking in saving the life of a fellow employee, CTA Switchman *John Van Hilst*, Westside, (second from left, front) was recently presented a life saving medal

and certificate by the American Motorists Insurance Company . . . Van Hilst was selected for the award for his "unhesitating and courageous action" in rescuing Switchman *Leroy Haslam* from

almost certain death when he fell across the power rail and running rail while uncoupling cars in the "L" yards at Hamlin avenue and Lake street. (CTA TRANSIT NEWS, September, 1950) . . . He also won the Chicago Tribune's \$100 civilian hero award for this life saving effort . . . Shown with Van Hilst at the presentation ceremonies are, front row, left to right, *Mark Kemper*, treasurer, American Motorists Insurance Company; *Ralph Budd*, CTA Board Chairman, and *Walter J. McCarter*, General Manager. Standing, left to right, are *W. D. Hillyer*, Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Company; *Con Loughery*, Trainmaster, Westside section; *L. W. Hagerup*, American Motorists Insurance Company; *Thomas B. O'Connor*, Assistant General Superintendent of Transportation; *Charles M. Smith*, General Supervisor of Accident Prevention; *Arthur Heidecke*, Assistant General Superintendent of Transportation, and *W. Dean Keefer*, American Motorists Insurance Company.

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

A Surprise Change From Miss to Mrs.

ACCOUNTING — *Millie Govedarica* created a stir of excitement in Revenue when she returned from her vacation with the title of MRS. She and *Rod Blagojevich* exchanged vows at the Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church in the presence of only their families and close friends on October 21. Millie wore a blue lace gown and a pink hat trimmed with forget-me-nots for the ceremony. After a honeymoon in Milwaukee, they are now at home at West Fullerton avenue. *Helen Mohan*, formerly of Revenue, has a new title, also. She is mother to *Joseph Michael*, who arrived on November 18, weighing in at ten pounds, three ounces.

Leon Salisbury enjoyed a motor trip through Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico, and stopped off to see his daughter and grandson at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California, where her husband, a Marine, is stationed. Leon spent a few days with them in the Quonset hut which serves as their home. *Dolores Smith* spent her vacation in New Orleans. They engaged a guide who drove their car and took them on a private tour of points of interest: the French Quarter, dinner at Antoine's, and, of course, visits to the cemeteries. The last was quiet memorable for it happened on All Saints Day, when everyone decorates the graves.

Turkey Winner

Thomas McCormick got the bird, literally, this time, when he won 18 pounds of gobbler as a prize. This was a much more palatable one than he received when he recently drew what proved to be the winning ticket in the pool for the Louis-Charles fight, which he disdainfully sold to *Eddie Bole*. *Harold Brown*, *Larry Winowitz* and *Joe Adelizzi* won turkeys from the "El" Post, American Legion. They carried off three of the ten prize turkeys.

Season's Greetings

from Your CTA Staff and Reporters

Eleanor Bonk

Jerry Burak

Helen Lowe

Paul A. Gade

Ted Shumon

Dante Brunod

Patrick Garrity

Burton Engberg

Gilbert Andrews

Cathy Barry

La Vergne Chwistek

Julie Prinderville

Mary Clarke

Robert Knox

William Feiler

Joseph Klein

Harold Sedin

William A. Gehrke

Edith Edbrooke

Jean O'Neill

Joseph Hiebel

Larry Hippert

Walter J. Reich

L. C. Dutton

Joseph Smith

Wilbur Jensen

David Gerwick

Patrick White

Anne McCrea

Catherine Halton

Robert E. Brown

Vincent A. Petricca

J. B. O'Reilly

Violet Carnes

Kitty Keogan

Ruth Hanson

Tom McGrath suffered a mangled left hand in an accident while fixing his car. He is in West Suburban Hospital.

Condolences are extended to *Theresa Hayes* in the death of her brother.

The new *Sundstrand* operators are *Patricia Ann Sopoci*, *Joan Georgeson* and *Rose Violet Genova*. *Jane Johnson* is the newcomer in the stenographic division. — HELEN A. LOWE.

They Took the Long— Long Way Around

ELECTRICAL (SURFACE DIVISION)—*Bruno Czanstkowski*, foreman and his brother *Harry*, apprentice operator, motored some 8,000 miles on their vacation, ending up by visiting relatives and friends in California.

James (Jimmy) Oniones has been confined to his home on account of illness since September.

Ernest Anderson, chief carpenter at Grand and Leavitt, has recovered from a major operation.

Oscar Ohman, line foreman, retired November 1 after 52 years of faithful service. What he intends to do in the future is not known.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS.

Congratulations In Order For Chief Clerk

ARCHER—Congratulations to our esteemed *Chief Clerk Joe O'Connor*. Best wishes for a long and happy wedded life. It seems that November 4th Joe at last decided that single blessedness was not what it was cracked up to be and now has taken a teammate to travel along life's way.

A big "Hello" to the new men. The men at the Archer depot welcome you into the fold. Best of luck and success, fellows.

For quite awhile we all have been wondering about all the activity in No. 4 bay. Things are now taking shape and lo and behold, we now have the latest in bus washing equipment to be seen anywhere. Enormous roll brushes that whirl and scrub our buses to perfection.

Rough weather is setting in and icy, treacherous streets are in store for all of us. Forget schedules and drive with care. Drive safely and keep a wary eye on pedestrians and cars alike.

Seems like *Joe Wills* and *Emmet McCarthy* had not seen each other

for quite some time. Their greetings to each other was a sight for sore eyes. They tell me that you would have thought they were a couple of foreign soldiers decorating each other on the field of battle.

How about more news from you fellows in the coming year. Till next month—Keep 'Em Rolling!— PAUL GADE.

Armitage Gets 55 Men From North

ARMITAGE—With the addition of 55 men from North Avenue, Armitage is beginning to look like old times.

A card from *S/Sgt. Ray Fisher* says he is not bothered with time tables or double streets. He is stationed at Augusta, Ga. His wife is with him and he says they have a swell apartment for next to nothing.

Don't forget January 1st, *Motor-men Frank Rudolph* and *Frank Halek* were both born on that day—many years ago.

Wins Uniform Cap

At a recent political rally *Car Mechanic Jim O'Neill* won a uniform cap. From the number of men who are trying to buy it, they seem to think it is equipped with an expansion head band to fit all sizes and shapes of heads.

The first day of November the following motormen retired on pension: *Wm. Prendergast*, *Henry Pauley*, *Rheinie Haug* and *Mike Gibbons*. Our best wishes for a long and happy life go with them.

Our board member, *Conductor John B. MacHale*, resigned preparatory to his retirement in the near future. *Conductor Eddie Lawrence* was elected to fill his shoes.

A card from *Al Broach* from "Republica de Cuba" said he was having a great time with our island neighbors.—TED SHUMON.

81st Birthday



A PLEASANT surprise for Superintendent William P. Becker, Grand and Leavitt, on his 81st birthday, was supplied by fellow employees who presented him with a basket of flowers and a box of his favorite cigars. Superintendent Becker has been a local transit employee 50 years and following in his footsteps is his son George, standing, who is an armature winder foreman out of Grand and Leavitt.

—Gilbert Andrews

Beverly Celebrates Its First Birthday

BEVERLY — Beverly Bus Garage celebrated its first birthday on December 1. Since then some of the boys left to go to the country, some back into the armed services, and some to other jobs or duties. George Haas, one of our members, died, and John Piker was the first to take his pension.

Bus Operator and Mrs. Edward Steffan and family vacationed at Scott Lake near Bangor, Michigan. After fishing all day with no success, he finally spotted a bamboo pole left by someone in the bulrushes with a lonely bullhead on the end of the line. It was so small he threw it back in.

Bus Operator Bert Novack and family toured the Southland on their vacation. Came back with such a line of chatter he must have spent the night on the Mason-Dixon line.

Bus Operator Jerry Gleason not only works on Western avenue, but

was seen playing a western scene from one of the leading television shows, such as Hopalong Cassidy, Gene Autry or Roy Rogers. That's right, he was toting a toy six shooter pistol.

Bus Operators Richard Lawlor and Merrill Danhour, all decked out in brand new duck hunting duds, traveled south to Odell in Southern Illinois. Great expectations, of course, but the result not quite what you would expect. Net gain "only" one mallard. Talking things over on their way back home, decided their new grounds for ducks for next year would be: 71st and State street. Open market season—all year. Ducks cleaned free and cheaper—but definitely.

Bruce Peterson is following in his father's footsteps, Bro. T., who served his time at the 69th street car barn as a motorman and is now on pension.

James P. Schwerfeger, before he joined our family at Beverly, worked for the Suburban Transit System.

Stanley W. Kirk has had his share of driving, previously working for a tractor and trailer concern.—DANTE F. BRUNOD.

Traveling at Its Best

LOOP — Bert Doyle has changed "yes" to "Oui Oui" since her return from a tour through France (noted for its famous galleries, beautiful country-side and pastry), and Italy (Rome, the Eternal City, hours spent admiring the leathers, jewelry and laces of Florence, Venice with those singing gondoliers and Venetian glassware), across the border to the natural loveliness of Switzerland (equalled nowhere) and then home.

Another traveller from abroad is Margaret Donagher who visited friends and relatives in Ireland.

Thanksgiving had a double meaning to Elizabeth Diamond, Mildred LaMeu and Geraldine Wallace drawing their vacations then. Also Lillian Scott spending hers with her daughter at La Crosse, Wisconsin. It is good to see Dorothy Parker, Virginia Cashion and Margaret Brennan back among us and are anxiously awaiting the return of Theresa Strain after her

Behind The By-Lines



A FEW days ago a fellow reporter for CTA TRANSIT NEWS called Jean Hartley to ask why she had given up her job as correspondent for the magazine . . . Jean reassured the caller that she was still meeting deadlines and accepted belated congratulations when she told her the name is now Jean O'Neill . . . This change became effective on October 16, 1950, when she was married to James A. O'Neill . . . On delving into the personal information concerning Inside News reporters

it becomes more apparent than the State of Iowa is well represented on the staff . . . In the November issue we learned that L. C. Dutton claims this state as his home and this month it's Jean who proudly admits hailing from the town of Creston, Iowa . . . However, she now believes the "Windy City" can also be called her home, since she has been living here the past 16 years . . . Jean, who reports the news from Materials and Supplies, has been a transit employee since 1943 when she began as an office clerk . . . Now secretary to the General Storekeeper, she made her debut as a correspondent in January, 1948, and has been a consistent contributor since that time . . . Her favorite hobbies include knitting and interior decorating, plus a secret desire to become a beauty operator . . . Other secret ambitions she "prefers to keep secret."

hospitalization. Because of illness of her brother Nellie Keating returned from Colorado. Surprises were too much for Virginia Powers who almost missed the tea given her at Fields. The farewell party in Frank Kennedy's honor was a grand success. — EDITH ED. BROOKE.

Here's News From The U. S. Navy

SCHEDULE — TRAFFIC — We have word from Kenneth Kaiser, U. S. Navy, and it is our hope that he appreciates the mild climate of Hawaii this winter.

The welcome hand is extended to F. Weber and John Toomey who

have recently joined our traffic checking group.

The proud papa section now includes Eugene Jania, traffic clerk, father of Kenneth who arrived on November 15, and Traffic Checker Wm. Doeden father of Mary Eileen, who arrived on November 17.

Patrick McStay, Traffic Checker, now with the Artillery at Ft. Knox, dropped in for a visit.

Fred Excell, retired statistician, dropped in for a visit and among other things Fred has been elected as aide to the National Commander of the Spanish American War veterans organization.—L. C. DUTTON.

WEDDING DAYS



THE former *Katherine Horath*, Purchasing, became the wife of *Robert Benson* recently in a ceremony at the Atonement Lutheran Church. Approximately 400 persons celebrated with the new bride and groom at a reception in the Square Post Legion Hall after the ceremony. The couple honeymooned in the Ozarks, visiting Lake Norfolk and Bagnell Dam. Reported by *Mary Giger* and *Cathy Barry*



WITH the memory of a wedding march still illuminating their smiles, *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hogan* posed for this photograph just outside Presentation Church, where only a few minutes before they had been pronounced man and wife. Mrs. Hogan is better known to her co-workers as *Mary Sullivan*, Insurance Department. Reported by *Julie Prinderville*



AMONG the recent males to leave the bachelor ranks in the Accident Prevention department was *Edward Henry* who is shown here with his bride, the former *Loretta Vessely*. The newlyweds were married at Christ the King Church and honeymooned at the Dells in Wisconsin. Reported by *Mary Clarke*



A recent bride was *Therese Horan*, West Shops, who was married to *Joseph Cortina* at St. Mel Church, Kildare and Washington boulevard. Their reception was held at the Madison Athletic Club, 5247 W. Madison street, after which the couple started a honeymoon trip to Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Reported by *Jean O'Neill*

Stop - Look - Run For Your Life

GENERAL OFFICE (79)—*Emily Hall* is taking lessons and some day soon will be known as one of those %\$&()/? lady drivers. *Dick Torp* of public information has received "greetings" from his Uncle Samuel, and said his farewell to 79 W. Monroe on November 29. We hope Dick will keep us informed as to where he is stationed, and we also trust his uncle will not detain him too long. Our sympathy to *Mary Isbrandt*, whose uncle passed away recently. *Mary Wiley* is on vacation, getting a head start on the Yuletide shopping. Another late vacationer is *Colonel Blair*. "Guess I'll 'tryon' No. Carolina for size," sez he, with the results so satisfying that the Col. is sending cards postmarked "Tryon," North Carolina. *Deanne DeSutter*, *Lee DeSutter's* young hopeful, made her debut on *Morris B. Sachs* television show a recent Sunday as a camp fire girl, when she really put over the song, "I love the guy."

Now the seventy-niners are all alerted to see if she will be one of the winners. *F. J. Scheubert* is receiving condolences in the loss of his appendix. *Lois Cortopassi* has joined the ranks of the signal branch of the electrical department. Her dad, *Louis Cortopassi*, a foreman in the shops, is a veteran employee of the "L." *Lois* spent the preceding eight years at Mooseheart, where along with being an excellent scholar, she became an avid fan of football, basketball—in fact, any sort of outdoor sport. It took several days to adjust *Arthur Heidecke* and the Missus to our brisk, windy, Chicago weather, after spending three weeks basking in the Florida sunshine. Our sympathy to *Louis Bohlin*, whose Mother passed away while he was vacationing in Arizona.

Air-Minded Vacationers

"They Fly Through The Air" seems to be the favorite song of most of the gals in the Employment department, Clark & Division.

Marilyn Christian and *Peggy McIntyre* flew to sparkling New York and took in proverbial points of interest, such as Billy Rose's Diamond horseshoe, the Empire State Building, and all points in Greenwich Village. When asked what spot was most interesting, the gals answered "The Village Barn, of course!"

Mary Stanley made like a "boidie" when she flew to her home, Lancaster Pennsylvania. *Mary* still regrets going, though, because all she did there was pick up a few extra pounds.

Anne Zahumensky, hobnobbing with high society, spent the second and third weeks of November in none other than Miami, Florida. And true to tradition in Employment, flew down there via Delta Airlines.

Among the more cautious in the department were *Charlotte Maywald*, *Anton Mokstad*, and *Elliott McMahonel*. *Charlotte* took a nice safe train to the town of Carbondale, where she visited her mother

and various other relatives. "Moksie" was kept busy by Mrs. Moksie, washing windows, floors, and the kid's faces. *Elliott* spent his time riding around in his new Ford.—*MARY CLARKE* and *JULIE PRINDERVILLE*.

Last Year's Turkey Still On His Mind

KEDZIE — Speaking of Christmas, last year, *Gabriel Biorn* ordered the smallest size turkey they had from a farm near Bensenville, Ill. When the turkey arrived it weighed 34 pounds and covered the whole table. To make matters worse, expected guests from out of town failed to arrive on account of a snow storm. Did you ever eat turkey for 30 days straight? Well, that is why *Gabriel* is having capon for Christmas this year and he is picking it up himself.

The rabbit grape-vine in the cornfields adjacent to Watseka, Illinois, has passed the word along for all good bunnies to remain in their holes the next time *Glenn*

Kelly comes that way. On a recent Sunday hunting excursion, Glenn bagged ten rabbits. Four cock pheasants, a little more adept at dodging the leaden pellets, lived to fly another day.

Free Chest X-rays

The Tuberculosis Institute of Chicago and Cook County contemplate taking 500,000 free chest x-ray pictures with their portable equipment circulating about the city. *Motorman R. Brezcek*, one of their first customers, thinks it gives one a feeling of inner satisfaction to know that he has a healthy pair of lungs, and says, "it doesn't hurt a bit."

Boy babies were the vogue during the past month. Our night superintendent, *Leslie Keag* and *Mrs. Keag* are the proud parents of a son who weighed nine pounds and five ounces. . . . *Mr. and Mrs. William Rafferty* also welcomed a new arrival during the past month. . . . With the arrival of *Charles, Jr.*, recently, the *Charles Holton's* now have four, three boys and a girl.

Previous experience of "Red" *O'Connor* was a contribution to the success and orderliness of the recent new style pick at our depot. "Red" and *Bill O'Brien* were both welcomed back to our depot in the last clerks pick.

His many friends will not soon forget *Bob Dillon* who took his pension on December 1.

The merry spirit of Christmas is in the air, enhanced by the twinkling lights and shining decorations of the giant Christmas Tree annually installed in the trainroom by the Kedzie Depot Credit Union. The work and efforts put forth in trimming the tree go a long way in helping to provide the proper holiday spirit.—R. D. KNOX.

Here's a Case of Borrowed Trouble

LAWDALE—*Jerry Prochaska* had an unfortunate experience with a borrowed car, when he developed motor trouble. He had to get it pushed and got the trunk dented in the process. It would have been cheaper to take a cab.

Mike Hanley and *Mike McCarthy* were reelected to represent

STEAM FITTER RETIRES



A GIFT was presented to *Henry Prestine*, South Shops steam fitter, by his fellow employees upon his recent retirement on pension after completing 29 years of company service.

Reported by *Anne McCrea*

Lawndale depot on the Executive Board again by a heavy majority. This is *McCarthy's* second term in office, while *Hanley* has put in 25 years on the Board. We congratulate both men and confidently expect the same efficient representation we have had in the past.

The good-natured and popular motorman, *Frank Ruska*, retired on October 31st and intends to go into the baby-sitting business by taking care of his grandchildren.

Grief struck in three homes as the mother of *Ben "Broncho" Bruhnke* passed away, "Blackie" *Tricoci* lost an infant son two days old and *Ed Hojnacki* lost a sister.—BILL FEILER.

Bowling's the Thing At Limits

LIMITS—Limits is represented by three teams in the P. M., CTA Bowling League on Friday nights. Number 1 team consists of *Leon Murphy*, *Harold Sedin*, *Captain Harold Hansen*, *Art Hamelin* and *Bill Godelman*. Number 2 team: *Wally Dinse*, *Mel Curtis*, *Captain Pete Colucci*, *Harold Enright*, *President Charley Clark* and *Jess Ax*, sixth man. Number 3 team: *Edward Plath*, *Ralph Groat*, *Bill Cox*, *Captain Paul Cerotzke*, and *Bill Kugelberg*. Last year *Bill Ku-*

gelberg took high individual average with 184.

Captain Harold (Head Pin) Hansen is using too much eye strain watching his new television set. Seems that's why he is not hitting the head pin.

Conductor Andy Dourvis is the proud father of a new baby boy, born November 7th at Evangelical Lutheran Hospital, naming him *Andrew, Jr.*, weighing six pounds. Mother and baby doing fine.

Congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cerotzke* who celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary on October 19. They also celebrated *Paul's* birthday on October 22.

Best of luck to *Bus Operator Lloyd Ludwig* on his appointment as choir director of Seminary Federated Church.

We wish a speedy recovery to *Conductor Robert Apitz* who underwent a major operation recently.

We extend our sympathy to *James Wallace*, retired, on the recent loss of his wife.

Ray Simon, receiver, spent two weeks on jury duty and then visited his sister down in Indiana for three restful weeks. *Ray* took in sights in Brown County, Indiana, which is famous for its trees changing colors in the Fall.

Conductor Edward Skau will receive all his mail in the future at San Francisco, California, V-2 Division, U.S.S. Pime Island (Av-12), Fleet Post Office. He is training in the Navy. He sent the boys at the depot a nice letter. I know he will appreciate hearing from you so drop him a line, boys.—HAROLD SEDIN.

Student Trainman Takes a Wife

SOUTHSIDE—Student Trainman *Michael Collins*, Agent *Mary Collins'* pride and joy, was married to *Mary McIlreevey*, December 2.

Among those serving in the armed forces, are Trainmen *D. Worker* and *John Stumpf*.

It's a girl—*Linda Lorraine* at *Switchman Al Lipke's*—Towerman *Al Lipke* is justly proud of the Grand-Pa title.

Terminal Despatcher *Hugh Kelly* and his DEAR are spending their vacation in Michigan, hunting DEER.

Former Agent *Margaret Mulqueen*, Agent *Pat Mulcahy's* wife is a victim of that scourge—Polio. She is at the Wesley Memorial, last reports are encouraging, her many friends wish her success in the fight to regain her health.—ROBERT E. BROWN.

Piano Tune-up Brings Music Back to 77th

77TH—The piano that rested in untuned bliss for some time recently received a going over by an expert in the ills of that instrument. When *Jim Nelson* discovered the change he lit out on it with a fast loud "boogie" that shook the second floor and the official offices at its northern end. The piano and its administrators now have a special place just outside the Credit Union offices where the depositors will be lulled into depositing more by sweet tunes from its sonorous depths.

We held our copy to the last minute for the arrival of *John Patrick Farris* who was considerate of his father from the very beginning in waiting for him to have his day off. John Patrick was born November 20.

Switchboard Operator *Johnny Stich* and his wife vacationed in Florida. John spent most of his time in a boat pulling in fish that wouldn't allow him to take time to bait his hook. According to John, the life span of a worm in Florida waters is less than 30 seconds.

Tom McGuire's family voted in a new member on November 7, a

Worth Crowing About



ONE of the fruits of retirement is proudly displayed by *Louis Coppersmith*, retired Elston motorman. Now living in Beloit, Wisc., he raised this nine pound rooster in anticipation of Thanksgiving. Needless to say, Louis is feeling fine and is really enjoying retired life.

baby boy. Several hospitals were crowded and almost immediately after young Mac's arrival, mother and baby were taken home and a registered nurse engaged. Everything is fine now.

There is a new baby girl in the *Ed McMahon* family. Mother and daughter are fine. We congratulate the parents as we do also the *Joe Gerber* family on the arrival of baby *Ronald Joseph*.

Conductor *Joe Stanton's* son has been reported wounded in Korea.

Henry Ross and *Don Carl* recently went into the Indiana wilderness to shoot themselves a pheasant or two. When Don was scuffling and kicking through the tall grass to flush the birds, two pheasant roosters shot out of the grass immediately in front of him. Henry got both birds but Don still can't figure out how he got the barrel of his gun against his shoulder.

Mike Tierney had his picture in the local newspapers officiating at a military funeral in full Marine Corps uniform. Mike is Service Officer of the Marine Corps League, Chicago Det. No. 1. He officiates at all Marine funeral services for men brought back from overseas and members of his branch of the league. In this respect he acts as chaplain. His other duties are to find and help needy families in his district. He does a good job on both counts.—WILBUR JENSEN and JOE SMITH.

Live Wires Set Pace In Bowling League

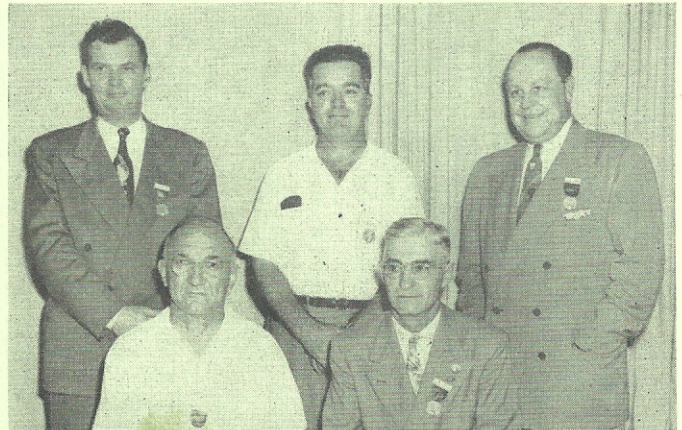
WEST SHOPS—On November 21 the "Live Wires" team of West Shops Bowling League finished in first place and, as a result, will represent the CTA West Shops Bowling League in the Chicago Bowling Association Tournament next month.

Leading this League is *Dan Scully* with a 177 average and leading the Bus Overhaul League is *Bill Wess* with a 175 average. The "Push-Overs" of Bus Overhaul

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FOR SALE—One Schick Electric Razor, like new, \$15. Telephone JU niper 8-3662.

TRAVELING CONVENTIONEERS



THE OCCASION which prompted these Electrical Department workers to travel to Miami, Florida, was the annual convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Representing CTA are, left to right, (standing), *Richard Dorgan*, Grand Avenue substation; *Robert Adair*, South Shops; and *William King*, Grand and Leavitt. Seated, left to right, are, *George Doerr*, West Shops, and *Carl Jackson*, Grand and Leavitt.

Reported by *Gilbert Andrews*

are holding sixth place. C'mon *George Clark*, let's push 'em up to first place.

On November 14 the turkey winners for high game in the West Shops League were *A. Blake*, *J. Ciezadla*, *L. Drew*, *W. Hoey*, *R. Lazzaroni* and *J. Gawerecki*. On November 21, *John Ruh* and *Steve Kudelka* were among the winners of turkeys offered by the Bowling League.

Glad to see *Manuel Newman* back on the job after a long illness.

William Collins of Miscellaneous department entered the Army November 1. Hope you'll be back with us real soon, *Bill*.

Art Gburek of Bus Overhaul is the proud father of a seven pound son, born November 20.

Don Riess recently returned from a vacation spent in Palm Beach, Florida, with a becoming sun-tan and some very good "fish" stories.

We were glad to know the only damage was a "dent" in the rink when *Mildred Bonomo* made a comeback in roller skating recently.

Future Thanksgiving Days will be doubly celebrated by *Harvey Williams*. He chose this national holiday for his marriage to *Winifred Wittwer*. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

Our former reporter for West Shops, *Mary Hendrickson*, began her new role as a mother when she gave birth to *Janice Mary* on November 27. The recent arrival weighed in at six pounds and was born at the Swedish Covenant Hospital.—CATHERINE HOLTON.

December First Was a Big Day for Many

WAY & STRUCTURES—We have quite a number of employees who retired the first of December, most of whom are in the track-surface division. One of the employees is *Andrew L. Micetic*, general foreman, who has been with the company since 1904. We want to wish all of these men many happy and successful years ahead, and we hope to hear from them frequently.

We wish to welcome *Muriel Agnew* who has assumed duties in the building division, and hope she will be happy with her new surroundings.

A Lasting Friendship



A FRIENDLY hand clasp is shared by *John Hutton*, left, and *John Gilmartin*. Both retired from the Lake Street Branch after each had completed over 40 years of service with the rapid transit division, where their warm friendship began.

George Booth, who has been a trouble clerk for a number of years, is retiring the first of the year. His ambition is to travel through the Southern states and he says he will probably make his home in the state of Oklahoma. —VIOLET CARNES.

Sounds Impossible, But It's the Truth

LAWRENCE—*Jimmy Lynch* and his wife attended a club social dance that featured prizes of turkeys. Jim secured two tickets and won himself two turkeys. Can anyone top this?

Well — *George Kaufman* can. *Mrs. Kaufman* attended a church social and went home with a free turkey under her arm. The following day *Mrs. Kaufman* went to her club card party and brought home turkey number two. In the meantime *George* brought home a nice turkey he had won. So we have the *Lynches* with two birds and the *Kaufmans* with three birds. This could happen to you.

George Jensen bought himself a new car. When he did he lost his rented garage. So *George* had to

build a new garage for his new car.

George Stephens had a good sized chicken coop in the back of his home. He got busy one day and rebuilt it into a cozy five-room home. Now he is receiving a nice little return for his efforts.

Hank Thiede, *Art Summers* and *John Miller* and his two boys went out hunting on opening day. The two *Miller* boys shot down 11 ducks. *Hank*, *Art* and *John* had to pay the boys a dollar for every bird they wanted. That's one way to come back with a bird.

George Ley went out hunting for the first time with all new hunting equipment. *George* was walking around looking for rabbits. Suddenly one of the rabbits ran right over one of his feet. *George* pulled the trigger, but the safety catch was on. A good thing that it was or *George* would be minus a foot.

Chester Stevens loves pigeons so much that he feeds them five cents worth of peanuts every day at the corner.

Bill Konig can't make up his mind whether to get married or wait for Uncle Sam to make up his mind.

George Ward and *John Simko* are back with us and to them, it feels like home.—JOE KLEIN.

Attends Meeting And Brings Home the Bird

MATERIAL & SUPPLIES—*Henry Spuehler*, stock clerk at South Shops, was a winner of a nice big turkey when he attended the legion meeting on November 21.

Our new proud parents in the month of November are *Mr.* and *Mrs. John Mohan*. *Joseph Michael* was born on November 18, weighing ten pounds, three ounces. Proud daddy *John* is an assistant stock clerk at West Shops.

John Casper, stock clerk at Storeroom 44, gained a daughter on November 4, when his son, *Richard*, and *Mary Lou Nielsen* became *Mr.* and *Mrs.* The couple honeymooned at Niagara Falls, New York.

Earl Wilcox, stock clerk at South Shops, is really a busy person these days. His mascot, "*Nellie*," became the mother of five puppies the early part of November. A week later the mother was killed, and

now *Earl* is bringing them up on a bottle.

R. E. Buckley, divisional storekeeper at South Shops, is sporting a new 1951 Dodge. The color is green.

John Jankus, assistant stock clerk at South Shops, vacationed this year by moving into his lovely new home located at Dalton, Illinois.

We are very happy to welcome four new employees to our department—*Carmen Cardomone*, laborer at West Shops; *Edward Cronin* and *Lloyd Foster*, laborers at our South Shops; and *Bernard Grant*, laborer at Grand and Leavitt.—JEAN O'NEILL.

350 Leave North For Non-Military Service

NORTH AVENUE—This month is really a sad month for many at North. You know the feeling you had when your boy, relative or friend was drafted into the armed forces. We of North have that feeling and from the bottom of our hearts we wish the 350 men who have transferred to Armitage and Kedzie depots the best of luck.

Motorman Harold (Red) Forster, *Conductor Louie Chappette*, and *Operators Andy Medema*, *Ted Tedeschi* and *Bill Miedema* drove all the way to Urbana to view the Illinois-Ohio State football game, mind you, without tickets. The day was saved, however, when *Red* found a guy with four tickets and *Miedema* turned up with one.

Congratulations to *Clerk Joe Dillon* on his 20th wedding anniversary which was celebrated November 16.

Our congratulations to *Conductor Anthony Mullozzi* who was presented with a darling baby boy. He weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and was born November 1 at Walther Memorial hospital. Mother, *Frank* and *Tony* are doing nicely.

The call of the wild goose was whistled by *Joe Cochrane*, his brother, *Fred*, *Bob Kramer*, *Al Nehls* and *Charley Conroy* as they merrily left on a hunting trip. *Buck* fever overtook *Nehls* as he spotted a deer eating nearby. He took careful aim and fired. Nothing happened. The deer continued to eat as *Nehls* fired three more shots.

Recent Newlyweds



INTRODUCING *Rose Mary (Kennedy)* and *George Sweeney* who were married at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 30, at St. Cornelius Church. A reception followed the ceremony, after which the couple took a honeymoon trip through Missouri and Arkansas. *George* is an assistant stock clerk at West Shops and *Rose Mary* is a typist at the same location.

Reported by *Jean O'Neill*

Yes, you guessed it, the deer got away. The next time they go hunting *Al* is taking a bow and arrow.

Congratulations to *Augie Johnson*, *Joe Hill* and *Buck Bennie Mathy* on their re-election as board members. A double congratulation is due our new First Vice-President, *August Johnson*. All these men wish to thank you for a wonderful turnout.

December 1 found eighteen old timers added to the pension list. They were *Harold E. Anderson*, *Otto F. Batzlaff*, *John C. Behnke*, *John C. Carbonel*, *Bernard A. Cassidy*, *Edward V. Gabel*, *Stephen T. Giles*, *Thomas J. Hawkins*, *Edward M. Linnane*, *Patrick Maloney*, *Joseph M. Phelan*, *Elbe H. Preston*, *Jens L. Prindahl*, *Charles E. Schultz*, *Harrison E. Smith*, *Robert Walsh*, *Robert E. Joyce*, and the best janitor in the world, *William W. Moore*.

—JOE HIEBEL.

The Luck of the Irish

WESTSIDE (MET) — Agent Mary O'Grady's father (Edmund, pensioner of the road department) won two tickets for a plane trip to Florida. Of course, Mary will see to it that she takes that trip with him. . . . Bess Grogan of the Douglas Park division won \$100 consolation prize from the Personality House contest in Glenview.

Agent Mary Scanlon is back from a ten week vacation. She visited her mother and family in Ireland, then went to Rome. . . . Ann Fogarty is also back from a trip to Rome. Both girls are feeling fine and looking radiant since their return and are back on the job full of pep. Hope that more of the gals can take that kind of trip in the years to come.

An acknowledgement of the gift sent to the agents who were not at the dinner given for the pensioners is at Marshfield and any agents getting down that way be sure and read it.

Mrs. Lenihan is better and will soon be back to work. . . . Rose

A GOOD DAY



OUR avid hunter, John Powell, assistant stock clerk at Storeroom 60, South Shops, had a lucky streak on one of his recent Sunday hunting expeditions. His prizes consisted of a mallard weighing 6¾ pounds, a hen weighing 3¼ pounds, and another hen weighing 4½ pounds.

Reported by Jean O'Neill

HOLD FESTIVITIES



A LUNCHEON was held recently to honor the retirement of Devon Clerk William Spackman, standing, center. His wife, Olive, right, and over 30 co-workers attended the affair, which was held at the Oxford Lounge, near Clark street and Devon. Spackman was presented with a Lord Elgin wrist watch and a wallet containing cash by Devon Station Superintendent Filbert Smith, standing, left.

Janacek is home from the hospital and will be glad to hear from her co-workers. . . . Porter Charles Romane and his wife celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with their family and friends. Charles presented his wife with a beautiful

watch.

The agents on vacation now are: Madeline Hayes, Emily Kerner, Katherine Prinderville, Sarah Simmons and Augusta Stanard. — KITTY KEEGAN and RUTH HANSON.

Reporter Retires To Home Life

GENERAL OFFICE (175)—Another CTA pass was turned in for the last time—name—Mary C. Giger, Public Information, former Inside News reporter. Mary was guest of honor at a luncheon given by 25 of her co-workers. Every time Mary wears her Navy quilted satin house coat with a lining of rose colored crepe she will remember the gang at the office.

"California Here I Come"—that is the tune *Lumina Shay* of Purchasing was humming as she went westward to be married to Charles Morgan on November 11, in St. Vincent's Church of Los Angeles.

Two of our former members have increased our future transit population—Irene Donahue with David Vincent and Irene Peterson with Carolyn Ann.

That new voice who answers "Service Section" in Public Information is Isabel Kastengren and once again that familiar voice on the other phone is no other than Ray Solberg who has returned after being on the sick list.—CATHY BARRY and LA VERNE CHWISTEK.

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

SAMUEL L. BARBOUR, 80, retired conductor, Blue Island. Died 10-27-50. Employed 4-19-95.

WOLF BOOSEL, 65, conductor, Cottage Grove. Died 11-10-50. Employed 9-27-43.

EDWARD J. DALEY, 52, retired conductor, North. Died 10-22-50. Employed 5-22-23.

JAMES DEMAS, 71, retired car repairman, 69th. Died 11-1-50. Employed 5-15-14.

THOMAS J. DOHERTY, 77, retired flagman, Burnside. Died 10-23-50. Employed 7-12-99.

ANDREW DUCKMANN, 58, motorman, North. Died 11-11-50. Employed 1-11-22.

STEVEN DYKINGA, 76, retired car cleaner, Armitage. Died 10-7-50. Employed 4-19-21.

WILLIAM EDELSTEIS, 55, clerk, Armitage. Died 10-29-50. Employed 2-15-11.

JAMES L. EDMAN, 83, retired flagman, Burnside. Died 11-13-50. Employed 1894.

STANISLAUS GILHOOLY, 46, line helper, Electrical. Died 11-8-50. Employed 8-28-45.

ANDREW GUSTAFSON, 65, retired motorman, North. Died 10-22-50. Employed 8-28-13.

SYVER HANSEN, 60, conductor, Devon. Died 11-2-50. Employed 5-12-20.

GEORGE HILLGOTH, 54, conductor, 69th. Died 11-13-50. Employed 11-18-19.

AUGUST PAUL JENDRZEJEWSKI, 45, gateman, Westside. Died 10-5-50.

Employed 1-13-49.

J. W. JONES, 87, retired superintendent of sub stations, Electrical. Died 10-26-50. Employed 8-12-92.

ROBERT WILSON KEENE, 40, porter, Loop. Died 10-18-50. Employed 10-19-43.

PATRICK O. LYNCH, 78, retired motorman, North. Died 10-17-50. Employed 1-26-99.

JAMES O'CONNOR, 71, retired conductor, Lawndale. Died 10-11-50. Employed 5-14-03.

MARTIN B. OLSEN, 70, retired conductor, Armitage. Died 10-28-50. Employed 12-15-17.

RICHARD PAGIN, 73, retired flagman, Burnside. Died 11-4-50. Employed 7-15-13.

OSCAR FRED SACKS, 60, agent, Loop. Died 10-16-50. Employed 10-11-45.

FRED SAENGER, 63, conductor, 69th. Died 11-7-50. Employed 1-20-10.

WILLIAM SCHENCK, 68, retired general foreman, Electrical. Died 11-3-50. Employed 3-10-02.

FRED W. SCHURKE, 74, electrician, Electrical. Died 10-22-50. Employed 6-19-01.

LAWRENCE B. SCOTT, 55, motorman, Kedzie. Died 11-9-50. Employed 9-18-23.

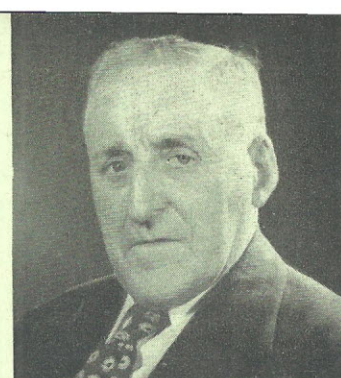
WEBER WOLTMAN, 58, conductor, 69th. Died 10-21-50. Employed 7-12-13.

GEORGE ZIMMERMAN, 87, retired jr. supervisor, Archer. Died 11-2-50. Employed 1883.



Frederick S. Fredericksen, Motorman, North. "It will be a pleasure to sit back and take things easy."

AMONG THE RECENT RETIREMENTS



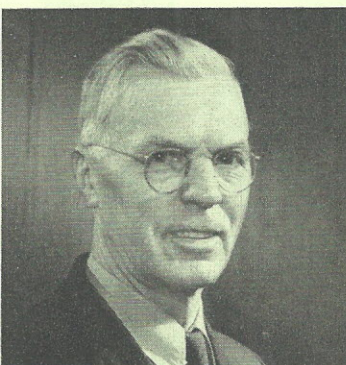
Patrick Geary, Motorman, Lawndale. "I like to watch sportscasts on my television set, especially boxing."



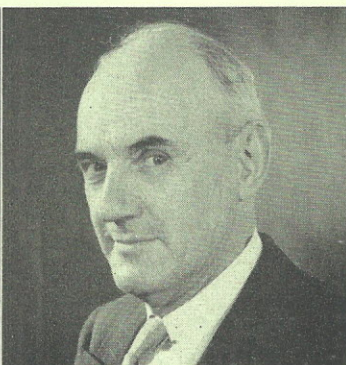
Arthur Hollst, Trainman, North-South. "Am going to reside with my brother in Fresno, California."



Thomas C. Sullivan, Motorman, Lawndale. "I'll be busy keeping up with the grandchildren and sports world."



John H. Claussen, Motorman, 77th. "It doesn't seem like I've worked as long as the record shows I have."



Patrick J. Killen, Conductor, Lincoln. "Intend to spend some time with my son in New London, Wisconsin."



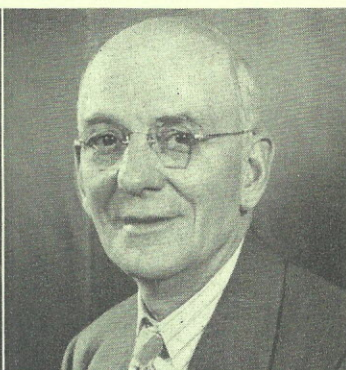
Henry E. Simon, Motorman, Devon. "My working years with the company have been very pleasant."



Andrew L. Micetic, Foreman, Track. "Doing all the things around the house that I'd like to will keep me busy."



Samuel Van Schoick, Motorman, Westside. "My interest in show horses will keep me very occupied."



James P. Phillips, Conductor, Cottage Grove. "I'm going to visit some friends in Paw Paw, Michigan."



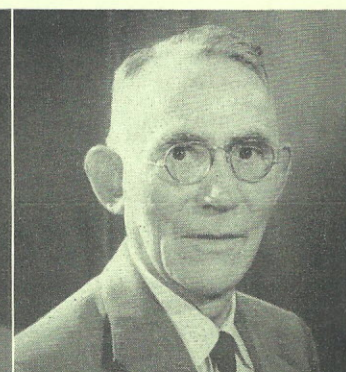
Walter Christensen, Conductor, Lincoln. "I think it would be swell to just take it easy for awhile."



Thomas Hawkins, Motorman, North. "I'll keep right on playing checkers with the boys around the trainroom."



Fred Giese, Conductor, Limits, 35 years. "May move to Michigan and enjoy the fishing."



Thomas F. Carey, Motorman, North. "Now I'll have time to enjoy the summer home I built at Lake Geneva."

America's Greatest Shopping Center

AMERICA'S greatest shopping center — that's State street in Chicago's Loop area. Today this great nine-block downtown shopping district has more big stores and does more retail business than any other similar area in the world.

Every day an average of 500,000 people buy goods there that is valued at more than \$1,500,000. Small wonder that State street is Chicago's street of fame.

The story of State street—its rise to fame as a centralized shopping district — is parallel with the growth and development of Chicago as one of the largest cities of the world.

This fabulous street as we see it today had its humble beginning in 1833, the year Chicago was incorporated. It was at this time that a series of official plats was drawn and what was previously called State road appeared as State street. The original boundaries of Chicago in those days were State, Madison, the river and the lake. This area had been known as the Fort Dearborn settlement, later as the reservation.

When State street was born, Chicago "walked a mile for a drink." There were wells here and there but careless housewives tossed garbage into the back yard and contaminated the drinking water. As a result, the water merchant came into existence. He would fill his two-wheel cart with water from the lake and then drive about town selling it.

DURING the present holiday season, State street in the Loop is a scenic wonderland that brings the excitement of Christmas to both young and old of the city. Highlight of the holiday season's activities was the recent Toyland Parade to announce the arrival of Santa Claus to State street.

STATE STREET as it looked in the late 1800's was beginning to acquire the fame it has captured today as a retail center. Gone today is the bustle back and the derby, and gone, too, are the horse cars that have been replaced by modern, streamlined CTA streetcars and buses, both part of a local transportation system that has had an important part in the tremendous growth of State street.



Unique Buying Method

During the 30's and on through the 40's and into the 50's, the forefathers of State street bought their merchandise in a unique manner. Figurines, or Fashion Couriers as they were then known, were built by German craftsmen. They were dressed in Paris and London in fashions of the day and then dispatched to New York and Chicago. Here the early merchants set them up and inspected them carefully. If they liked the merchandise it was ordered by mail.

During the next two decades, Chicago and State street grew together at a rapid pace. In 1855 the city's population was 80,000, and by 1870 it grew to 270,000. State street, too, grew, and was beginning to present a serious threat to the Lake street commercial district that was flourishing then as the city's dry goods center. A boom to State street's growth in those days, as it is at present, was the beginning of a local transportation system in 1858 that now ranks as one of the best in the country. Four little horse cars, each drawn by one horse and seating 25 passengers, appeared on State street in 1859, operating from Lake street to Cermak road. This gave State street an importance other streets craved.

Chicago Fire

The Chicago Fire of 1871 probably helped the growth of Chicago and of State street more than it injured it. While it destroyed miles of property and did \$186,000,000 worth of damage and many people lost their lives in the flames,

the fire spurred Chicago to greater achievements. This was especially true of State street. Its merchants, who lost practically everything in the fire, immediately set about to rebuild their stores. This trend brought to State street most of the small businesses that had been located in the before-the-fire retail center on Lake street.

Soon State street became the principal retail street of Chicago. Then it gained definite identity as an important shopping area in the middle west. The location of the important stores on one street, and the principles of service these stores fathered, helped it develop rapidly, and soon it was known as the greatest concentration of retail establishments in the world.

State street stores offer everything from pins and needles to airplanes. There are huge department stores, women's specialty shops, men's shops, shoe shops, millinery shops, jewelry shops, hosiery shops, grocery shops, drug stores, restaurants, sports goods shops, notion shops, theaters, and many other services. Today State street is a retail empire.

Serving this great shopping district and the area immediately surrounding it is every type of CTA service — street-cars, buses and rapid transit vehicles. On a typical weekday, 9,679 CTA vehicles bring 287,000 people into or through this district. These people constitute a great majority of State street shoppers who know that "A day on State Street" would not be available to them were it not for the fast, efficient and convenient service CTA offers its riders to this shopping center of Chicago.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS MONTHS OF OCTOBER 1950 AND 1949, TEN MONTHS AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1950

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

	Month of October		Period Ended Oct. 31, 1950	
	1950	1949	10 Months	12 Months
Revenues	\$9,788,639	\$9,841,729	\$96,319,765	\$116,705,897
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	8,472,051	8,730,551	84,151,088	101,579,185
	1,316,588	1,111,178	12,168,677	15,126,712
Debt Service Requirements:				
Interest Charges	318,003	318,003	3,180,243	3,816,250
Deposit to Series of 1947 Bond Reserve (Note 1)	107,000	107,000	1,070,000	1,284,000
	425,003	425,003	4,250,243	5,100,250
Balance before Depreciation	891,585	686,175	7,918,434	10,026,462
Provision for Depreciation—Current Period	541,667	541,667	5,416,667	6,500,000
Balance available (A) for Reserves for Operating Expense and Municipal Compensation; and (B) for Modernization. (Note 2)	\$ 349,918	\$ 144,508	\$ 2,501,767	\$ 3,526,462

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 ten months and \$1,880,853 for the twelve months ended October 31, 1950 were applied to cover prior period deficiencies in deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund.

PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	63,788,923	68,593,273	626,229,419	759,241,080
Transfer Revenue Passengers	3,249,152	3,176,401	31,371,002	37,792,111
Total Revenue Passengers	67,038,075	71,769,674	657,600,421	797,033,191

TRANSIT FAMILY DELUXE

A REAL transportation family among CTA employees is that of *Louis Bartelheim*, who, with the help of his two sons, *August* and *Arthur*, has amassed a total of 79 years in mass transit work — with all three still going strong.

On top of the Bartelheim seniority list is Louis, who started his transportation career in July, 1908, as a conductor. He is now relief night superintendent for CTA at the Blue Island-Lawndale stations.

Louis had numerous jobs before becoming a conductor. These included stints as a barber, policeman, fireman, and custodian of a peace court. "I've found work I really like in this business—and also have always been sure of a paycheck," he says in commenting on his lengthy service record.

The first of two sons to follow their father into transportation work was August, who recently completed 23 years of service and is now a District "A" supervisor. A fellow employee who has much in common with August is his brother, Arthur, also a supervisor in the same district. Arthur has 14 years of transit experience behind him — "not anywhere near Dad's record," he says, "but it's a good start."



Supervisor Arthur Bartelheim

Supervisor August Bartelheim



**Superintendent
Louis Bartelheim**





Merr



جورج علي ارشر

(Arabian)
George Ali
Archer



(Japanese)
Emmett Shintani
Electrical

クリスマス

CHICAGOANS may think of employees of Chicago Transit Authority as being native Chicagoans, one and all, but a casual survey of records reveals that we really hail from almost everywhere. Recently the CTA TRANSIT NEWS photographers went around the system and made this collection of pictures. Represented here are only a few of our fellow employees who have come from far away places. Some of these men have worked here for many years, others, only for a short time. But they all have in common their jobs with CTA — and the desire to wish you a “Merry Christmas.”

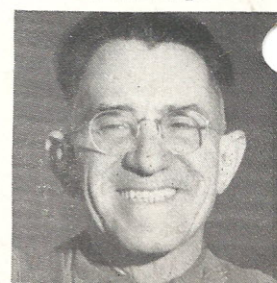
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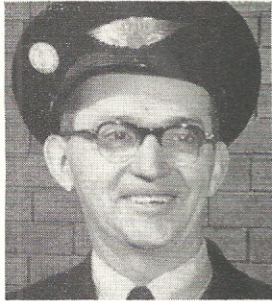
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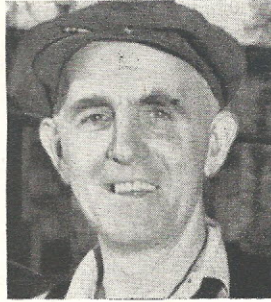
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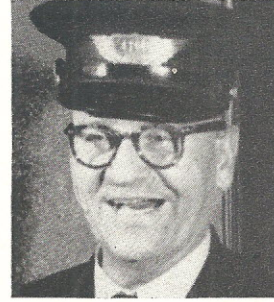
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Jesse Rodriguez
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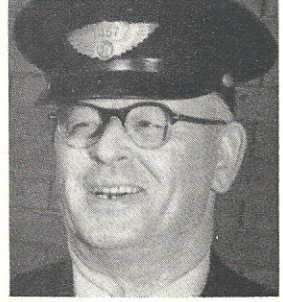
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(Irish)
Patrick Burns
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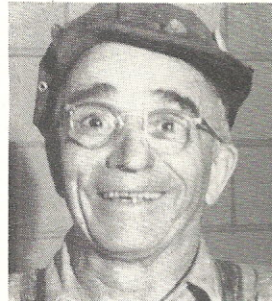
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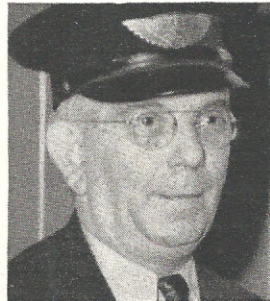
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Francis J. Mitchell
77th



GLAD - YUL
(Danish)
Otto Ziegler
Wilson Shops



BORNE NATALE
(Italian)
John Musachhio
Beverly



GELUKGE KERSMIS
(Dutch)
Hartog Looper
Devon



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(Norwegian)
Truls Rusing
Way & Structures



NADOLIG - LLAWEN
(Welsh)
Dave Williams
Wilson Shops



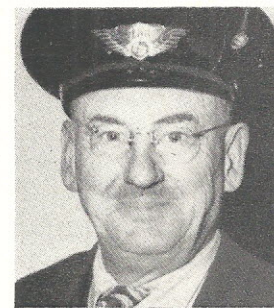
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Vincent Shubat
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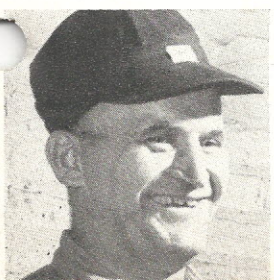
MERRIE CHRISTMAS
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Joseph H. Hill
Southside



JOEUX NOEL
(French)
Alexis Allard
Way & Structures



ROZDESTBO HRESTOBO
(Russian)
Adolph L. Huff
Southside



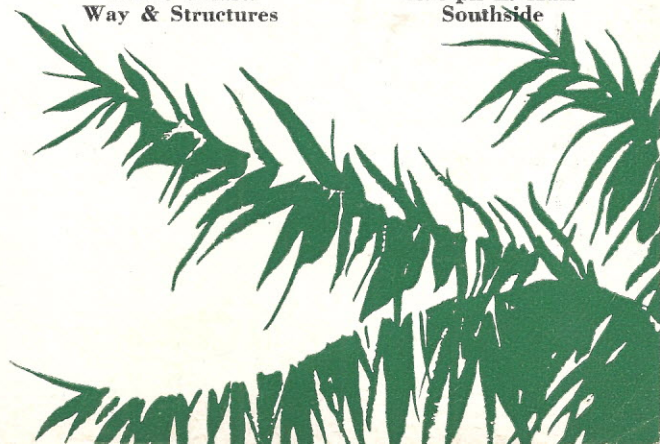
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(Slavic)
John Romancik
West Shops



EN GOD JUL TILL ALLA
(Swedish)
Arthur G. Anderson
Southside



VESELE - VANOCE
(Bohemian)
Henry Kostka
Archer



Honor Retiring Station Agents



SPECIAL festivities were held recently by the Metropolitan and South Side station agents in honor of retiring members of their group. . . . The South Side Agents Club (left) held their second annual banquet in the Embassy Room of the Morrison Hotel. . . . The three

club officers, standing from right to left, *Margaret McMahon*, President; *Lu Hamann*, Treasurer; and *Elizabeth Buckley*, Secretary, were unanimously elected to serve for a second year. . . . Over 100 employes of the Metropolitan Branch dined together at Harding's restaurant

to pay tribute to those ticket agents who have retired (right). Each pensioner was presented a monogrammed billfold . . . Years of service among the agents present ranged from 15 to 53 years . . . The huge cake shown was purchased from club funds to honor the occasion.

Reported by *Julie Prinderville*.

Industrial Publication Exhibit

DURING the month of October, thousands of visitors to the Chicago Public Library, Washington and Michigan, were able to view outstanding examples of industrial publications on display in the central Randolph street lobby. The exhibit, sponsored by the Industrial Editors' Association of Chicago, featured three articles published in previous issues of CTA TRANSIT NEWS.



TO THE ladies

from Joan



▲ LETTING the children do the whole job by themselves will thrill them. Here *Eileen*, left, and *Kathleen* do the popping for the cranberry and popcorn strings.



▲ JUST show them how and leave them alone. They'll be occupied for hours as *Katherine Sweeney*, mother of *Eileen* and *Kathleen*, found out.

THE girls are proud of their work and we're sure their tree is going to be a pretty one. The angel *Eileen* is holding is simple enough for any child to make.



THE "feeling of Christmas" has been seeping into your consciousness little by little, until by now it's upon you in all its hectic state. It seems like there's a million things to do—and trimming the tree is just one of them.

Christmas is for children, and should be. They love to get in on the preparations. Recently we visited the home of Motorman *D. J. Sweeney*, Northside elevated, who has two lovely daughters, *Kathleen*, 9 and *Eileen* who is 8.

Mrs. Sweeney has the solution for keeping the children occupied and happy, and getting the tree decorated, too. *Kathleen*, who is in fourth grade at St. Mary of the Lake School, is an expert at making the brightly colored paper chains they string around the tree. To *Eileen*, a third grade student at the same school, falls the job of making the popcorn and cranberry strings.

Start your younger set making decorations and see how proud they'll be of "their" tree. It will be a truly gay holiday, full of fun—one the children and you will really enjoy.

The children will have their own

ideas, of course, but here's a few which you can suggest. Have them pin popcorn on the end of branches with a pin—it will make the tree look like it's covered with snow.

As Christmas cards are received,

punch a small hole in one corner, slip ribbon through the hole and tie to tree branches. A novel way of displaying your cards, this will also prove to be a decorative addition to your holiday living room.

Jack Frost Tree

The all-white tree has a winter charm. Accent this whiteness by hanging colored gum drop rings to the branches of a table tree. Tie silver ribbon bows to every branch tip. Hang all-silver ornaments here and there. You'll have a tree as sparkling and delicate as the designs Jack Frost etches on the window pane. Particularly lovely as a table centerpiece, it is also shiningly effective on a mantle buffet, or end table

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