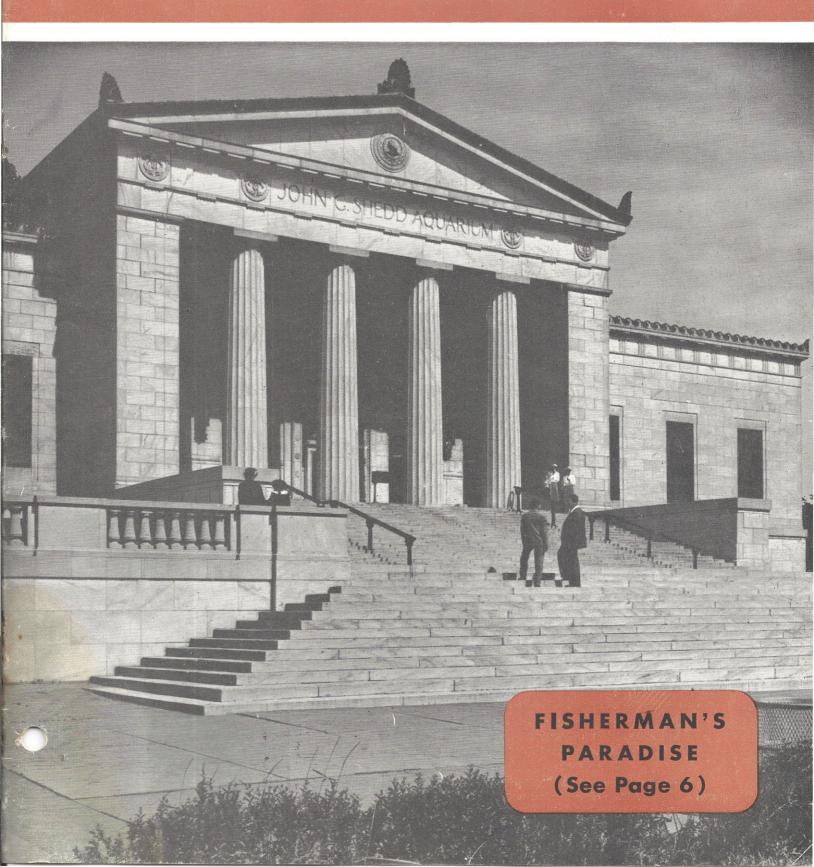


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OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

ALTHOUGH Chicago Transit Authority is doing everything possible to make our service more attractive to passengers, the most important asset in accomplishing this objective is the employe who knows and practices courtesy. Reprinted here are some of the letters received recently by CTA that show how much courteous treatment is appreciated by our passengers.

Genial, Courteous and Helpful

"Your conductor, number 4758 (Ervin Lesniewski, Cottage Grove), is the most genial, courteous and helpful man I ever encountered on a streetcar. Not only did he direct me to my destination but generally looked after the welfare of his passengers. 'On the ball,' I guess you'd call him. It's nice to see someone so very kind and pleasant."

Kept His Head

"An elderly man stepped directly into the path of our bus without looking. Our driver (Bus Operator F. Kimmel, Lawrence) miraculously swerved the bus and slowed his speed so that he was able to avoid striking the man, but how he did it I'll never know. He kept his head and didn't seem to be unnerved, and I know he saved a man's life. He should be congratulated for his conscientious work and ability."

Orchid to a Bus Operator

"An orchid to the bus driver (Harold Lemieux, North) who took time to escort a blind man from his bus to the Ashland avenue street-car. It was a wonderful sight to witness."

A Perfect Gentleman

VOLUME IV

"The conductor on the car I was riding recently was number 186 (John Wilson, 77th). I want to tell you that I was never treated as courteously by any employe of your company before. He was a perfect gentleman in every way."

Most Conscientious

"I was very much impressed with the extreme courtesy, delightful manner and conduct displayed by conductor number 4434 (F. Vollmann, 69th). He was most conscientious in performing his job and always had pleasant replies for his passengers. This is something I just couldn't let slip by without commenting on because this kind, gracious and high type of individual is not always found."

Makes Friends for CTA

"Here is a commendation for number 25613 (Conductor William Conley, Westside). I requested directions which he immediately and courteously gave me. He loaded passengers rapidly, yet nicely. He found time to speak to two children who got on at different stations. This man is definitely superior to any other conductors I have seen in Chicago and his kind can make a lot of real friends for your many lines operating in this city of Chicago. Your other men are good, but he is outstanding."

Most Commendable Employe

"While on the 'L' train I carelessly left some mail on the seat which I occupied. When I told Miss Mary McGee, your station agent at the Merchandise Mart station, of my loss, she immediately volunteered assistance. Her cooperation, efficiency, and understanding manner were most commendable. The items were returned through the mail by a passenger, but I felt the courtesy shown by this employe was outstanding."

Just Plain Did It

"While on the station platform a sudden breeze put my hat square in the middle of the tracks. One train passed over it, but your men (Service Inspector John McDonald and Platform Man John McNamara, both Westside) held the next one and retrieved the 'skimmer,' oily, but unbowed. My thanks for a typical railroad job—no fuss, no fanfare—just plain did it."

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New CTA Additions To the Armed Forces

A. J. Brown, Jr.—Shops and Equipment (Blue Island)

Wm. P. Coleman—Transportation (Southside)
Willard G. Loerzel—Transportation (North
Park)

Michael F. Maguire—Shops and Equipment (Kimball Terminal)

Martin A. McMahon—Transportation (Archer)
Joseph F. Mikieta—Transportation (Devon)
Donald Miller—Transportation (77th)

Jerry J. Sullivan—Material and Supplies (General Office)

David W. Thompson—Transportation (South-side)

Robert F. Wilms-Transportation (Lawrence)

Returned from Service

C. J. Stewart J. H. Walsh



DEVON CONDUCTOR KILLED IN KOREA

RICHARD T. JANKOWSKI, a CTA employe at Devon station until entering military service last January, has been reported as killed in action in Korea, April 23.

Having spent more than two years with the Army in the Pacific theatre during World War II, Jankowski started with CTA as a conductor October 19, 1950.

Jankowski, who was 24 at the time of hiddeath, leaves his father, Vincent, with whom he lived. He also is survived by eight brothers. One brother, *Casimir*, is a CTA bus operator at Lawrence Garage.

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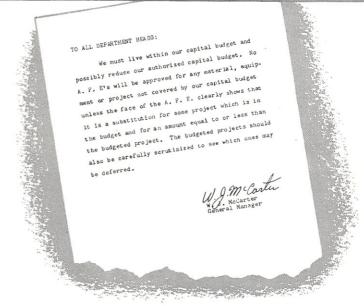
"The General Manager shall manage the properties and business of the Authority and the employes thereof . . ."

Personal inspection trips enable General Manager McCarter to keep tab on CTA's progress.

BEFORE the Chicago Transit Authority began operation in October, 1947, the Chicago Transit Board was confronted with the job of finding a general manager. The By-Laws of the Transit Board provide that "the Board shall appoint or retain and fix the salary or other compensation of a General Manager or an Acting General Manager. The General Manager shall be a man of recognized ability and experience in the operation of local transportation systems and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board."

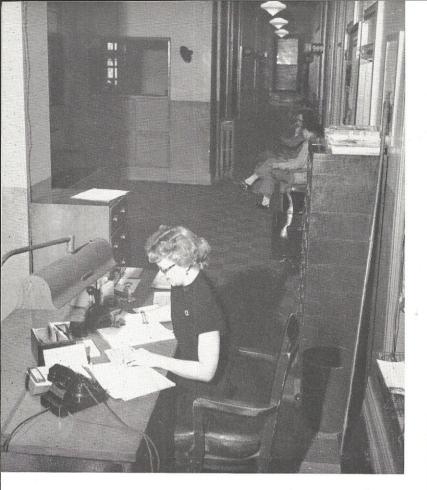
It was imperative that this man have a sound sense of public relations, that he be a man of action, not afraid to try new things, and that he have a good understanding of ransit personnel and their problems. On his record Walter J. McCarter was selected as the man to fill the job.

A trained engineer, McCarter has spent his entire life,



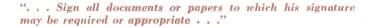
". . . Direct the enforcement of all ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations of the Board. . ."

The General Manager is the direct link between the Chicago Transit Board and the operating staff of CTA.



"... Have the power to appoint, transfer, promote, demote, discipline ... fix the duties and compensation to be paid ... arrange for the classification of all officers, positions and grades of employment ... consult with accredited representatives authorized to act for such employes ..."

The Chicago Transit Board has delegated to the General Manager the responsibility of carrying out the personnel policies set up in the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act.



It is estimated that in the course of a week's business the General Manager signs his name at least 250 times.





". . . Keep the Chairman and the Board informed as to all matters under his charge . . ."

Because the Chicago Transit Board is an operating as well as a policy-making board, there is a close relationship between the General Manager and members of the Board.



". . . Have power to delegate duties to assistants . . ."

In conferences such as this on the proposed Douglas Park changes, each department is delegated the responsibility of working out its phase of any changes or improvements.

since leaving college, in local transportation. He started with the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light company. In 1929 he went with the Cleveland Transit System and rose through the ranks to the position of general manager.

All of his experience has been put to good use during the past three and one-half years since CTA began operation. There has been plenty of action. On McCarter's shoulders has fallen the responsibility of shaping two separate companies into one organization and then supervising the oper-



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An inveterate reader of CTA advertisements, General Manager McCarter heeds their advice by leaving his car at the end of the "L" line and riding by CTA, "free of parking and traffic problems."

ations of what has turned out to be the second largest transportation system in the country.

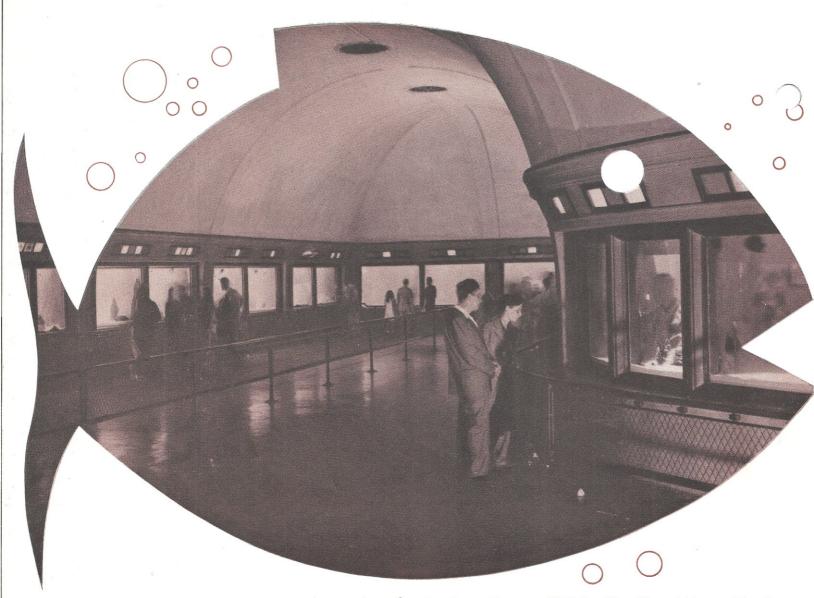
What does the job of general manager entail? Shown on these pages are some of the many phases of the job, as set forth in the By-Laws of the Chicago Transit Board.

". . . Perform such other duties . . ."

The General Manager's duties are not confined to office hours. Many evenings and week-ends are spent in making speeches and appearing at public functions.



Born in a small town in Indiana, General Manager McCarter has never gotten over a fond feeling for the soil. His hobby and favorite form of recreation is working in the yard around his home in River Forest.



A popular attraction to Motorman Ed Baker, Westside, and his son, Edward, Jr., is the sea horse exhibition in the first gallery of the Aquarium.

A FISHERMAN'S PARADISE

JUST imagine fishing in the Shedd Aquarium!

There are plenty of fishermen, like *Motorman Ed Baker*, Sr., Westside, and his son, Edward, Jr., 14 years old, who would relish this opportunity, and with good reason, too.

Where else could they find such a large collection of live fish and other aquatic creatures from every continent, averaging 10,000 specimens. There are over 350 kinds of fresh and salt water creatures on display at the Aquarium, large and small, beautiful and ugly, rare and familiar.

The Aquarium, named in honor of John G. Shedd, who donated \$3,000,000 to the building fund, is situated at the foot of Roosevelt Road in Grant Park. The largest and finest

equipped institution of its kind in the world, the Shedd Aquarium is octagonal in shape and is built of white Georgia marble. Since the Aquarium opened in June, 1930, it has attracted an average of 750,000 visitors a year.

The first sight of live specimens visitors get at the Aquarium is in the Rotunda where there is a forty-foot pool occupied by turtles, frogs and other typical swamp dwellers. Radiating from the Rotunda are six main galleries, each 90 feet long and 30 feet wide, containing a total of 132 exhibition tanks where the various types of fish are on display. In addition, there are 95 reserve tanks to hold reserve stock and to accommodate the show specimens when their exhibition quarters are being cleaned.

One of the featured attractions at the Aquarium is the Balanced Aquarium Room, decorated in colorful, oriental style with large lanterns and real bamboo poles. In the center of this room is a Kiosk with seven large aquariums. Around the wall of the room are 65 balanced aquariums ranging in size from nine to 65 gallons. The fishes exhibited in the tanks of this room are comparatively small and come from warm climates.

How are these many and varied specimens collected? The answer to this question is the "Nautilus," a collecting railroad car specially built for this purpose. One end of the car provides accommodations for the crew of six men while the balance is, in effect, a traveling miniature aquarium. During a normal collecting season the "Nautilus" travels more than 20,000 miles.

The Aquarium is opened every day of the year, except Christmas and New Year's Day, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CTA transportation to the Aquarium is provided by Roosevelt road streetcars which connect with Rapid Transit trains stopping at the Roosevelt road subway station.

(This is another in a series of articles presented to aid CTA employes in knowing their city and to assist them in serving passengers interested in visiting famous Chicago locations.)



WHILE visiting the Balanced Aquarium Room, Motorman Baker shows his son what a White Cloud Mountain fish from China looks like. This type of fish is $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.

"IT was this long," Ed smilingly tells his son as they stop in front of the exhibition of black bass. Ed is a black bass enthusiast, but admits the size he is showing may be exaggerated.

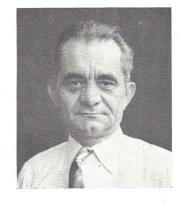


WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF HAVING FUN?

Inquiring Reporter: VIOLET CARNES Location: Way & Structures



"Fishing is my idea of having fun. There is nothing more that would add to my pleasure than to row along in a beautiful lake, cast for fish, and wait for them to nibble. On other occasions I would like to attend the different ball games. The epitome of my recreation would be reached if I could fish and listen to the haseball scores on the radio at the same time."



JAMES BURKE, Plumber, Building Division:

"My way of having fun is seeing as many ball games as I possibly can during the season. I also love to take the family out to the park on picnics, to the zoo, and various places like Riverview, and visit with friends and relatives."



GEORGE J. SULLIVAN, Instrument Man. Track Division:

"Swimming in clear cool water with a lot of relaxation thrown in. Hawaii would be my favorite spot as the weather there is ideal. Rifle and pistol shooting would be my next stimulating sport."





ROBERT GILMORE, Material Dispatcher, Utility Division:

"Fun to me is living out-ofdoors in the wide open spaces, simply camping out, cooking, hunting and fishing. The quietness and beautiful scenery, so far from the city, is my idea of relaxation and fun."



DAVE McCAULEY, Foreman, Track Division:

"My idea of having fun is the adventure of travel, to visit old scenic places and study their history and background, and to see old towns, the different buildings and all the wonders of nature. It would also be fun to travel by boat or ship to far off placesto be able to spend a lot of time digging through the historical ruins of history, and to see all the various islands of the world."



THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

There's a Reason for That Bright Look

ACCOUNTING-The bright look in Frances Haddix's eyes may be attributed to her recent motor trip to Florida. She admits to visiting Saint Augustine and drinking from the Fountain of Youth while there.

Rita Kasmarek, payroll, became the bride of Henry W. Lagowski at St. Roman's Church on June 16. Rita had bid her friends and CTA farewell the Thursday before. The newlyweds are making their home in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

John (Bud) McGrail, formerly of Accounting, on leave from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, slipped a lovely diamond on the finger of Mary Keigher, I.B.M. department. Wedding plans are indefinite for, at this writing, Bud is on the way to the Orient.

Memorial Day, 1951, was a very special day for June Johnson, stenographic, for baby sister Judy Lynn arrived. June's dad is Operator George Johnson of North Avenue.

California Visitors

Lawrence Franceour had a wonderful week's vacation becoming acquainted with his grandson and namesake, aged two. His son, Theodore, came from San Bruno, California, with his wife, daughter Judith, 9, and young Lawrence. "Ted" as he was known to many when he worked for C.S.L. during school vacations, has been residing in California since 1946.

William Parillo spent his vacation taking in some of Chicago's attractions - the museums, parks and beaches. On one excursion, young son Joseph showed a remarkable inclination to become a pushbutton engineer. They could scarcely tear him away from the exhibits in the Rosenwald museum.

If you see a brand new, shining, grey Plymouth cruising along on North Harlem avenue, you will notice behind the wheel none other than our charming Danish miss from the Revenue department, Genevieve Bagger.

LONG-TIME EMPLOYE RETIRES



A FAREWELL party in honor of Josephine V. Kelly, Accident Investigation, who retired recently after completing 37 years with the surface division, was held May 25, at the Como Inn . Shown presenting her a white gold wrist watch and cash gift is James O. Dwight, Chief Attorney . . . Mrs. Kelly and her husband, C. R. Kelly, left, also a retired CTA employe, are building a home in Bradenton, Florida, where they expect to be living by the end of July.

Reported by Jerry and Cal

Here's One Way of Improving His "Lot"

ARMITAGE-The dirt farmers northwest of Chicago had better look to their laurels, for to hear George Nelsen tell about his vegetable garden, they might just as well sell out and quit. Gardening, of course, is the Swede's way of improving his LOT.

Supervisor Karl Sorensen received word that his son in Korea was wounded in both legs and the neck. We extend our sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

On June 23rd, a large and joyous crowd of well wishers gathered at 1003 N. Wolcott street to help Conductor and Mrs. Joseph Schmidt celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. Our congratulations to this happy couple.

On the 10th of June, Motorman and Mrs. Frank West celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. On the day before, they received a telegram from their Marine Lieutenant -HELEN A. LOWE | son, informing them that they had | gain.

become grandparents. The new grandson is Jeffery Allen West.

A card from retired Motorman Rheinie Haug says that he has purchased a home in Inglewood, Cali-

Just received the belated news that Conductor Al Hutchinson is the proud papa of a baby girl, who was born a few days before Mother's Day. Mother and daughter are doing fine, and Al has fully recovered

Conductor Frank Urban is a likely candidate for the blister club. He spent his May-June vacation building a super foundation for a super garage.

Now that school is out we all miss the smiling face of Conductor Stanley Krupa, who has been loading 'em on at the Carl Schurz School for the past two semesters. He did a fine job and we hope to see him back there next fall.

After losing our Armitage downtown cars and 84 men to North Avenue, our depot looks absolutely deserted. However, our loss is their —TED SHUMON

Wait Until He Has to Cut It

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION - He insists that it is grass, and all visitors to the new home of the Daniel McNamaras had better agree with Dan, or a second invitation will never be received. His secret for the fine green moss is plenty of water . . . reason for Dan prayin' for rainy days. . . . 352 of them a

Our tamale lover, Eleanor Garro, has just returned from the land that made it famous . . . Mexico. Before she left, there were vacinations to get, which left her arm quite technicolored.

Mary Kay Rowland toted her tooth brush to New York City, and on her return, insisted it was her arrival that started all the commotion between Macys and Gimbels. Seems they both wanted her business, and went to all extremes to get it. (She bought a 3c stamp at each store.)

A hearty 'Glad yer wid us now' to Adelyn Trapper and Theresa Kuzius, clerks, and to Elizabeth West, our new switchboard oper-

Baby Saved

Attorney Joseph Farmar was overioved that the saving "A bad penny always turns up" came true. His two-month old daughter Eileen swallowed one of the coppers and had already turned blue, but thanks to the quick acting of his wife, it was dislodged. However, the mystery of where it came from and how the baby got it is still a secret never to be told by his other three

The June wedding bells have pealed for Eugene Borowczyk, clerk, and Muriel Grzella. Con-JERRY & CAL gratulations!

TRANSITAD

WANTED-Middle-aged couple need 4-5 room, unfurnished apartment, North or Northwest side. E. E. Scheel, SP. 7-5357.

Bread's Long Gone But Story Continues

BEVERLY—In the May, 1951, issue of TRANSIT NEWS you read the story of the lost loaf of bread and of the one who found it. But who lost the loaf of bread? A phone call came to me about it and the one who lost it was another CTA employe. He said he was glad Bus Operator Grajek found it and it was enjoyed by his whole family. The loser of bread wished to remain anonymous.

Bus Operator Frank Black of Beverly who is one of the men fresh from 77th was driving his bus in a combination of rain and electrical storm when he had quite a jumpy thrill. At the moment he was traveling under the Rock Island viaduct at 89th St. and Vincennes Ave., the lightning struck something above on the railroad right-of-way. With a flash and a bang he jumped in the air and at the same time the top of the bus received a shower of cinders. He claims he almost jumped out of the seat. Lucky he was holding the steering wheel tighter than usual. Operator Black's final statement was "If that's lightning, I don't care about it hitting twice, once is enough."

Long Wait for a Bus!

Bus Operator Julian Vandemoortel and family waited patiently for the arrival of that lucky day when they would start their vacation. They left Chicago for Detroit, the

FATHER OF THE BRIDE



ABOUT to give his daughter, Dolores, away in marriage is Conductor Sam Tamburino, North . . . The new bride became Mrs. Edwin Raivinen on May 5.

Reported by Joe Hiebel

great motor city and all its beauties. But they saw very little of it, for the day after arriving, the Detroit buses and streetcars went on strike. By doubling up in autos to go to work, his brother-in-law was able to leave the auto home for two days so he could get around a little. Now when someone complains to him about having to wait 15 or 20 minutes for the bus, he replies, "I've waited all day for a bus." "That's right," he'll say. "This was in Detroit when they were on strike."

Bus Operator and Mrs. John Radosevich were blessed again with a boy—James, seven pounds, four ounces, at the Roseland Community Hospital on May 26. The other boy is John, two years old.

—DANTE BRUNOD

Gets Sunburn, Nice Ride, But No Fish

Devon—Bill Pinasco went fishing to the lake sometime back, and came back with a sunburn. The following week on his day off he took his fishing equipment to a Wisconsin lake and came back, empty-handed, after a nice ride. He still hasn't given up. The fish are somewhere, but not where Bill is.

The reason why *J. McEverly* is so proud is that *Mrs. McEverly* has presented him with a new daughter. The baby will answer to the name of *Maureen*.

George Brown has a summer habit of making week-end trips to his mother's farm in Michigan. The Browns now make the tour in their

Pat Bryne (of our mechanical department) has left to pay his mother a visit. She has passed the ripe old age of 80. Pat boarded a plane and will leave it at Shannon, Ireland. From there he must travel to the northern part of the country. This vacation and trip will take the better part of six weeks.

Household Hazards

Ernest Dittsworth found a new apartment. In preparing and getting ready to move, the oil stove always seemed to be in the way. So he decided to move it, which was all right. Only he should have held on to it. In letting go of the stove,

THREE REASONS TO CELEBRATE



A TRIPLE celebration took place at the home of Machinist Louis Skulski, Skokie Shops, on Friday, June 8... He and his wife observed their 30th wedding anniversary and celebrating with them was their son, Richard, and his bride, who choose this date for their wedding... Earlier in the day, Richard was graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology with a master of science degree in mechanical engineering... Shown at the right are the elder Skulski's daughter, Shirley, her busband Edward Robey, and their daughter, Lynne.

Reported by Dave Gurwich

it landed on his middle toe, causing a fracture and a week off. That's the reason for his limp.

Ambition also bothered Bob Quetschke. Remodeling in his home is his specialty. That is, it was until his forefinger found its way between the hammer and the nail.

Leo Herring is back at work after a thirty-day sick spell.

Paul Cascio and his wife attended a party on a Saturday night. After the party was over they accepted the invitation of his sister and brother-in-law to sleep at their home. The women took to the bedroom, and Paul and his brotherin-law were to sleep on the enclosed porch. This was at 4 a.m. They were ready to turn in, when they heard a squeaking sound. Paul and his brother-in-law talked it over for the next half hour. It could be the wind, or a screen, or anything. They were still awake at 8 a.m. At this time it was decided to tear out the base board. It must be a mouse, a field mouse, they said. Out came the crow bar and the hammer. The neighbors? They shouldn't sleep after eight on a Sunday morning. They baited and set two mouse traps. There they sat and waited and waited. After 2 p.m., and the squeaking noise still

there, they left the porch. After 4 p.m. and no sleep all night, they went to the porch to see how the traps were. They found two baby herons walking around and squeaking away.

—JOE KLEIN

They're on Vacation — And Having Fun

ELECTRICAL—Cards received from the following vacationers say thusly: Operator Jerry Waters of Homer substation—"Having a nice time at Lake Geneva;" Lawrence Testolin, "B" electrician — "Enjoying the scenery at Stevens Point, Wisconsin."

Anthony (Tony) Pennelle, substation utility man, retired July 1. Tony's legs began to weaken so he decided to hang up the shovel and take it easy.

Operator - apprentice Wallace Clemens is proud of the recent arrival of a baby boy, "David Terence." This is number two for the Clemens.

Sympathy is extended to *Operator Reese Miller* of Argo substation who sustained the loss of his father.

Substation Utility Man Albert Adelizzi entered the service of his country on June 19.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

Yes, There Is a **Doctor** in the House

79 Monroe-Cecelia E. Miller recently completed her studies at the University of Illinois Medical school and was awarded her M. D. degree. Interested spectators at the graduation included her husband, James R. Miller, telephone information service, her father-inlaw, James K. Miller, legal department, and Josephine Ann, their nine year old daughter. Mrs. Miller will interne at County Hospital.

Jim Gordon has been entertaining his son, a See Bee, in on furlough from Port Hueneme, California. George Krambles, Barney Stone and Bill Janssen have 1,400 feet of colored film covering their rail trip to California. They rode the coast from Seattle to Los Angeles, even chartered an interurban on the Sacramento Northern to Oakland, so that no other passengers could interrupt their picture taking. On Father's Day, Jessie Reed received many gifts and salutations-'twas her birthday. The red American beauty roses on Joan Peacock's desk, to celebrate the passing of another milestone, were the admiration of all her friends.

TRANSITAD

WANTED - 4-5 room, unfurnished apartment. Two adults, no pets. E. Olsberg, CA. 7-5367.

BRIDE AND GROOM



DOWN the aisle come newlyweds Edward Domeracki and Esther Keslinke, following their marriage at St. Viator's Church . . Esther is the daughter of August Keslinke, North avenue depot employe.

Want to Get Trimmed?

George Mays purchased for himself a hair clipper and in one evening had himself five customers. If you feel in need of a trimming, contact George Mays or Larry Stephens. They are both interested now in a slightly used barber chair.

Each month there seems to be a romance in bloom at 79 Monroe and this time Cupid has done it again. Jack Campbell of Staff Engineer's office and Jerry Burak of 600 Washington are honeymooning on top of Old Smokey.

> —JULIE PRINDERVILLE MARY CLARKE

In the Good Old Summertime

GENERAL OFFICE (175) - Phyllis Delaquila followed the highways and byways that lead Texas way on her vacation.

Lillian Pellicore didn't stray quite so far from home, she motored from one spot to another along Lake Michigan shores.

Jane Garrity has many a tale to relate on the sights and wonders she and Marty observed on their two weeks' train tour to California.

For his summer vacation trek, George Boehm was down Florida way trying to bag a "whale" with his deep sea fishing equipment.

Nell McArdle was enthusiastic about the wonderful vacation she thought she was going to have in Guatemala until the Maritime strike changed her plans. Although Nell enjoyed "On Top of Ole Smokey" this year, maybe the Maritime workers will be more considerate next year.

After enjoying three weeks of leisure about town, Ray Solberg reported to Clark and Division for new duties.

Eyes beaming, third finger left hand sparkling-that's how Kitty Cooney is traveling these days.

Agatha Barnsley brought to all the glad tidings that Mary Shields Giger named her first son Anton George. Before Mary took up the

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BUS OPERATOR WEDS DAUGHTER OF MOTORMAN



ONE of the many wedding pictures taken at the recent marriage of Bus Operator James Dohoney, North, and his lovely bride, Mary Ellen Finley, shows them with the bride's parents, Motorman and Mrs. Dan Finley, Kedzie . . . Following a reception for 300 friends and relatives, the newlyweds left on a honeymoon trip to New Orleans.

Reported by Joe Hiebel

chore of full-time household duties, she was a Steno in Public Information Service Section and was also a CTA Reporter.

Just before our deadline date, Pvt. Matthew Cioffe dropped in en route to Virginia. The army has big plans for Matt. For the next eleven weeks he is going to attend an Engineering School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

> CATHY BARRY and LA VERNE CHWISTEK

Ball Team Looking For More Recruits

KEDZIE - The good work of Manager "Red" Staton and Captain Gus Enders and the co-operation of their players have kept the Kedzie softball team in first place with a four and one record at this writing. However, they are handicapped by a lack of reserves and would like to see more men come out for the

Operator Stanley Suchecki has a right to be justly proud these days in the culmination of his successful efforts in raising two fine boys. One son, George, has recently returned home after doing his bit for Uncle Sam in the U.S. Army. His other son, Thomas, just graduated with honors from Lane Technical High School.

During the recent spell of hot weather, many a friend of Mitchell Fidanze has cast an envious glance northward, with a thought in mind of the cool arctic breezes blowing off the Alaskan shore. Mitchell who recently enjoyed a two week furlough at home from the U.S. Navy, bid a fond farewell to his many friends before he left for Alaska.

Bill Andrews, an old Oklahoma homesteader, has headed south to spend his vacation visiting old friends. Bill is responsible for a lot of old sayings and deeds remembered to this day by the old timers down that way. He was the first person to introduce the growing of wheat in the state, and it is now one of the leading wheat states of the country.

Ed Riley is determined to get a fishing trip organized around the end of July. We all wonder if he was encouraged by the fact that Ed Schneider pulled in 42 perch fishing off the Montrose Horseshoe on a recent excursion, or if the good fishing enjoyed by Andy Mason and his wife, who travelled all the way down to Arkansas, had anything to do with it.

Their many friends will miss their pleasant smiles and wish a long, enjoyable and well earned

HONOR RETIRED ELECTRICAL EMPLOYES



THE fifth annual dinner in honor of retired employes of the CTA Electrical department was held June 3, at the Graemere Hotel . . . Guests at this event who were presented the official CTA pin are shown standing in the front row . . . They are, left to right, Michael Kotlarz and James Oniones, retired inspectors; Thomas Walsh, formerly of Illinois Substation, and Archie Smith, retired chief operator of 63rd Substation . . . Other retired employes present were, rear, left to right, Henry Richter, Timothy Culnan, John Stiglich, William Broderick, Daniel Grogan, Arnt Sorensen, and Harry Burke . . . Unable to attend the affair in their honor were Adelaide Hogan, General Office; Patrick McNamara, Chief Operator of 44th street substation, and Line Foreman Oscar Ohman.

Reported by Gilbert Andrews

rest to Conductors Peter Golden, Frank Ridler, John Fitzmaurice, Henry Peterson and Stanley Bielawa, and Motormen Patrick Rafferty, Thomas J. Taylor, Michael Sullivan, Simon Anderson, and Thomas McShane, who retired on their pensions July 1.

On Father's Day, $Mrs.\ Virgil$ Walker presented $Motorman\ Virgil$ Walker with a baby boy.

-R. D. KNOX

Lawrence Wins Bronze Safety Award Plaque

LAWRENCE - If anyone visited the Lawrence Garage recently, he might have noticed that Mr. E. Nassar's chest expansion is about six inches more than normal. The reason is that Lawrence has won the bronze safety award plaque which was presented to him at a banquet. We have been striving for this plaque and have been very close to getting it since 1946. Last year we missed by only a fraction of a per cent. The boys at the garage are very proud of it. Mr. Nassar will have a fight on his hands next year to get one, now that he is going to North depot. We are going to try hard to keep the plaque at Law-

We are sorry to see that Mr.

Nassar is leaving Lawrence Garage, but glad that he is getting a promotion. In his place we welcome G. Dorgan, as day station superintendent and W. Powers, as night station superintendent.

Henry Bruton and family recently took a trip to the Ozarks to visit Hank's kinfolk. Hank reports that a good time was had by all, but said the natives were all very much surprised to see the baby wearing shoes. They claim shoes keep the baby's feet from growing.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tipperreiter and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pokryfka have moved into their new homes. They both have a lot of odds and ends to finish up, but as soon as they get settled they'll be having a house-warming.

-CHESTER PAWLAK

Stork Busy During Month of May

LIMITS—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frantz now have ringside seats at the side of the crib containing their son who was born at Augustana Hospital May 7 at 7:00 a.m., weighing seven pounds, 12½ ounces. The name is Michael John Frantz.

For a newcomer, Constance Denise Haynie, nine pounds, eight ounces, gave happiness in wholesale quantities. No less than four

persons were overjoyed by her advent May 8 in St. Lukes Hospital. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Haynie for whom she is obstetrical venture No. 3. The family now consists of two girls and one boy.

A young chap who knows a good setup when he finds it is *Karl Albin Jensen*, favorite son of *Mr. and Mrs. Albin Jensen*, who arrived at the American Hospital May 31. Weight, eight pounds, four ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Fragel celebrated their 25th anniversary May 15 by going to Cubs Park, then to the Moose Lodge for dinner . . . Mr. and Mrs. William Kugelberg also celebrated their 25th anniversary on May 22.

Arkansas Farmers

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pressnall just returned from Glenwood, Arkansas, where they spent ten days on their farm. During that time the Mr. painted the house, also planted and set 37 fruit trees. The weather was always sunny; the temperature was between 75 and 80 degrees.

The brother of Operator Frank Kouba, the Rev. Charles Kouba, who was just ordained a priest, recently said his first solemn Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish. This occasion is all the more notable since Father Charles was born and raised within the shadows of the church. He is the first young man from this parish to be elevated to the dignity of the holy priesthood. Father Kouba attended Our Lady of Good Counsel grammer school, Sacred Heart High, and Quigley Preparatory Seminary. He completed his schooling for the priesthood in the major seminary of St. Mary of the Lake at Mundelein, where he was ordained May 3, by Archbishop Samuel Cardinal Stritch.

-HAROLD R. FRAGEL

Two Different Ways To Spend Two Weeks

Material and Supplies — Frank Patronski, laborer at Grand and Leavitt, started the vacation parade this year by enjoying Chicago sights. Joseph Kilcullen, fork lift truck operator at South Shops, ruined his vacation by having his tonsils out.

Richard Daly, former laborer at Grand and Leavitt, who entered

military service on January 18, surprised the department with a visit. Dick is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

We welcome Mrs. Violet Yaw and Tony Banzinas back to work after their long seige of illness.

Bride for a year — as the saying goes. We can now call *Grace Kurgan*, typist at South Shops, an old married woman since she and *John*, stock clerk I, celebrated their first wedding anniversary on June 17.

It is now 36 years of wedded bliss for the *Otto Hogers* as of June 12. Otto is our assistant divisional storekeeper at South Shops.

Hungry Dogs

Since the shortage of beef on the market, beware of the dogs around Leamington avenue. Our Mr. E. Jensen, divisional storekeeper at West Shops, knows how hungry these dogs are since one decided to bite him.

Sympathy is extended to Walter Miller, stock clerk II at West Shops, in the loss of his brother; to George Sweeney, stock clerk I at West Shops, in the loss of his father; and to John O'Connell, stock clerk I at West Shops, in the loss of his father-in-law.

THE BIG ONE!



PROUD FISHERMEN are these CTA employes, and well they might be . . . Conductor Omar Hart, left, and Motorman Lloyd Dean, both of North avenue, are shown holding the 14-pound, 38-inch Northern Pike they recently caught on a fishing trip to Lake Marie, Wisconsin . . . Altogether, the men returned with 63 pounds of fresh fish and thoughts of returning for more when time permits.

Reported by Joe Hiebel

WEST SHOPS "WEENIE ROAST"



ENJOYING a "weenie roast" at Elks Grove, near Bensenville, is this group of CTA employes from West Shops . . . To climax the evening's fun, several of the "hot dog" enthusiasts took an airplane ride over the northwest side of the city in a plane piloted by co-worker *Jim McCoy*.

Reported by Catherine Holton

New faces in the department are Patrick McGuire, laborer at South Shops, and Tony DeMaria and Jimmy Doody, mail clerks in the general office.

"Kathy Ann" King is the new niece of Dorothy Moran, typist, Kathy was born on June 5, weighing 6½ pounds.

-JEAN O'NEILL

All Roads Leading To Sunshine States

Loop - Bess Sullivan, agent, returned from her flight to California where she visited friends in San Francisco, Long Beach and Malibu Beach at which place she and Ann McGeeney, pensioner, spent many happy hours . . . Dorothy Richter, another agent who wants the sunshine, is touring Florida making her home stand at Sarasota . . . Elizabeth Docherty, agent, is headed west on her vacation for a tour of the mountainous state of Colorado . . . The Fred Becks are also driving west to Arizona and we hope the climate will be beneficial to his health.

James Howe, platformman, forsook his bachelorhood to marry Dorothy Jean Schomer July 7 at St. Andrew's Church. The couple is honeymooning at Niagara Falls.

Glad to welcome back Anita Schreiber after her attack of pneumonia, and Mary Dye, agent, from her eye injury; also Julia Curry.

-EDITH EDBROOKE

Join the Win Win Club At North

NORTH — Our new baseball manager, Joe Dillon, really has the boys hustling. At this writing our fellows have won five in a row without a loss. Down at the Sox ball park it's GO GO, at North it's WIN WIN.

Operator Dan Donohue is doing nicely after his recent operation ... Supervisor Walter Hansen was a patient at St. Anne's hospital.

Motorman Joe McVey just can't wait for his vacation so he can give his new car a workout . . . Motorman Matt Weber had his fish poles and bags packed two weeks before his vacation.

Congratulations to Operator Warren (Bud) Wood on his 13th wedding anniversary which was celebrated June 10... Our congratulations to Operator A. DeBuono who was presented with a darling baby girl. She was named Carol Ann.

Pensioner Joe Reinhard was a pleasant visitor to our trainroom, looking like a million.

Congratulations to Operator James (Red) Corbett on his 28th wedding anniversary which was celebrated June 28.

Congratulations are also due *Operator Edwin Bensen* who was married 21 years June 28.

—JOE HIEBEL

Possum Story Has Sad Ending

NORTHSIDE — The nine baby possums nursed by switchmen at Howard street terminal after their mother was killed by a train (CTA TRANSIT NEWS, JUNE, 1951), all died despite the sincere efforts of the men to keep them alive. They went so far as to purchase tiny nursing bottles to feed them, but even this proved futile.

The writer had a baby grand-daughter, *Margaret Ann*, presented to him May 5. On June 5 the baby's grandparents celebrated their 39th year of marriage.

The Northside "L" baseball team has started its quest of the championship of our CTA league. Reports are in circulation that the new team has considerable speed, furnishing thrills for the fans. Special invitations are extended to our pensioners to be on hand to root for the "L."

Schedules where games will be played can be secured at Kimball Ave. Terminal or by telephone. Most of our games are at 10:30 a.m. Northside "L" won three games and lost two. One game postponed to a later date.

The men on the sick list are: Edward Lambrecht, Elmer Prentice, both with broken arms; H. C. Itter, R. A. Schmidt, Wayne Nimphie, J. S. Anderson, M. J. Vaughan.

-WALTER J. REICH

Twin Boys Arrive at McCarthy Home

77th — Bus Operator Joe McCarthy of North avenue was in the vicinity of 77th street station when he got a call (having left word as to his whereabouts), on Wednesday evening, June 20, that his wife was at St. Anthony's hospital with a new set of twins, Patrick Joseph, five pounds, two ounces, and John Stephen, five pounds, one ounce. Peggy McCarthy, their proud mother, is OK and, though John got short weight, he is as healthy as Pat. Joe will also recover.

Twenty-year-old Helen Marie Luebeck, daughter of Instructor C. "Butch" Luebeck, received a Master of Mathematics degree at graduation exercises on June 3, from Valparaiso University.

Golden Anniversary

On May 21, Retired Motorman and Mrs. Charles L. Norton celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the Norton home in Muskegon, Michigan. The occasion was attended by their two children, Ralph A., and his family from Albert Lea, Minnesota, and Howard F., and his family from Chicago. Also attending were their five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They were married on June 3, 1901, in Hammond, Indiana.

We bid our good friend and ex-

QUICK-THINKING CTA EMPLOYE PREVENTS SERIOUS FIRE DAMAGE

(The following letter of appreciation was recently received from one who benefited by the alertness of Michael Tierney, 77th)

"On the 22nd of April, at 4:50 a.m., an employe of Chicago Transit Authority, *Michael Tierney* (77th), in going to or from work, noticed a fire in a garage that was blazing up over the utility wires.

"Through his quick thinking that our phones were dead, he quickly drove to a gas station and called the fire department. After that he came back and woke all of us up.

"With the fire department getting to the fire quickly, it saved the houses in the block from going up in smoke. It also saved most of my garage.

"I wish to thank Mr. Tierney for his good work in reporting this bad fire and saving our houses."

cellent Union Leader scribe good luck in his new position of assisting in the prevention of accidents and promotion of safety. John "Muscles" Curry is doing the Union Leader scribing alone and we wish him luck without his partner, John J. Donovan, who is now Assistant in Accident Prevention.

Frank Knor's daughter, a polio victim, gave birth to a son recently. Frank's new grandson, Kenneth, is a fine strong baby and his mother is doing fine.

Motorman Mack Robinson and his wife, Evelyn, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with an all day celebration at their home attended by their children, grandchildren and friends.

John Theis, Jr., 4-A clerk, and his wife, Catherine, spent their vacation skiing down the noses of the statesmen sculptured in the side of Mount Rushmore.

Bill Murphy sojourned for the greater part of a month in the Yellowstone Park area and said he was on his back playing dead more than he was on his feet on account of the bears. He was told the bears were tame, but, besides not trusting the information or the bears, he needed the rest. We don't believe Bill's story about taking a steam bath in Old Faithful. The geyser doesn't spout long enough to bathe, but you surely can get scalded.

> --WILBUR JENSEN and JOE SMITH

Leaves CTA for UNM To Get M.A.

WAY AND STRUCTURES - We were all sorry to hear that Charles Bates who had been with the Company for over eight years left the employ of the rapid transit division where he was employed as a stenographer. He is planning to take up residence in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and to attend the University of New Mexico. He is anxious to get a M.A. degree and hopes to teach some day.

We are glad to see Mrs. Margaret Hansen of the Building division back at work after several months leave of absence.

CUTTING THE CAKE



CUTTING the wedding cake after their recent marriage are Virginia Allshouse, Job Classification, and the bridegroom, Albert J. Pucceti . . . The couple was married at St. Giles Church, Oak Park, followed by a reception for 275 guests at the Oak Park Elks Club . . . Marilyn Christian, Employment, was one of the bridesmaids in the wedding ceremony, and Frank Krautsak, a former co-worker of Virginia's, served as best man . . . Another CTA touch to the nuptials was added by James Carney, Supervisor of Job Classification, who was guest soloist. Reported by Mary Clarke

Have You Seen the Logan Beauty Shop?

Westside (Logan) - Some of you no doubt have seen the bright shine on the Logan cars of late, and you probably have wondered just what has been going on. Well, here's the answer: A new car washing system is being used and the cars now get a periodical shampoo, complete with soap, water, brush and hose.

I have just received the address of Charley Holmes, retired motorman from the Logan, who would like very much to hear from the "boys." His address is 14434 Herron Street, San Fernando, Califor-

New Quarters

I ran into my good friend John Hanning, who is now P. M. clerk, and he took me on a tour of the new quarters now being constructed

First of the new places we visited was the three unit trainroom. switchmen's quarters and recreation room combined. Everything is freshly painted, well put together, -VIOLET CARNES and looks as though it will be

nice and warm for the winter months ahead.

Next we took a look at the new office which will be for the dispatcher, trainclerk and receivers. This also looks very good as there seems to be plenty of room for everyone concerned.

Douglas Park-A busy and worthwhile vacation has been completed by James Hartigan, conductor, who reports practically all his time spent painting and decorating.

Looking forward to a trip through the western states is Louis Cortopassi, shop foreman, who has just purchased a light blue "51" Pontiac. With him will be his wife, Maria, and daughter, Lois. . . . Another new car owner is "Marty" Bogan, motorman, with a "51" Plymouth.

We had one of the new men who has been promoted to the supervisory force with us for a few days. Michael Veltri was here filling in for John Gilhooley, P. M. Dispatcher, away on vacation.

GARFIELD PARK - Best wishes to Motorman and Mrs. Robert Schuth on the arrival of a "new" daughter.

Miss Darlene Roberta, born at Loretta hospital June 8.

A wonderful two-week vacation through the Ozarks of Missouri and Arkansas was spent by George Liebhaber and wife who made the trip in their new "88" Oldsmobile.

George says: "When vacation time comes there's no place like the Ozarks."

-ARTHUR DICKSON

Former Agent **Returns for Visit**

Westside (Met) - Former Agent Marcelette White is here on a visit from Phoenix, Arizona, to see her Godchild, Noreen Dillon, graduate. Noreen is the daughter of former Agent Mary Mulvihill. Marcelette

Agents Margaret McMahon, Mary O'Grady and Margaret Donagher visited one of our former agents, Eileen Cusack Wright, and it turned out to be her fourth year wedding anniversary. Train-clerk Robert Baraglia and his wife, Eileen, also dropped in, so a good time was had by all. Eileen says "hello" to all and wishes some of the agents would call on her in Stone Park, Ill.

Congratulations to one of our reporters, Jack O'Reilly and his wife, nee Eileen Ryan, one of our former agents, on the arrival of their second daughter, Mary Agnes, born Saturday May 26. A red head, too.

Agent Elizabeth West has transferred to Accident Investigation to be a switchboard operator.

Agent Ann Metzger became a proud grandmother June 10 when her daughter, Helen, gave birth to a son, Dale Allen.

We all wish Agent Rose Daniels a lot of happiness on her pension.

> -KITTY KEEGAN and RUTH HANSON

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE — Fairbanks-Morse Stoker, Minneapolis-Honeywell Controls. Good condition — \$65.00. Wm. Novotny — 1433 S. 61st Court, Cicero 50, Ill.

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE — CTA overcoat. size 46, in good condition, and four French windows. Leaving city. Telephone N. Mootz -KI. 5-9225.

Catching the White Sox Fever

SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT (West) — It's five straight wins for the West Shops Softball team, now in first place in the Altgeld Park Industrial League. The boys play every Thursday night at 5:30 PM at Harrison and Washtenaw. Why not come out and root for the "home team."

On June 5 at the annual Midwest Safety Conference, West Shops was honored with three safety awards. R. H. Martz accepted one for West Shops, J. F. Gillen accepted one for the Carhouses and G. J. Clark accepted one for Bus Overhaul.

Wedding bells for Arlene Mangiantini of Bus Overhaul and John Sarno on June 10... for Ramona Vandermier and Merrill Evans, both of Industrial Engineer's office on June 16... for John Devine of Industrial Engineer's office and Loretta Galvin on June 16... Charles Battaglia of Bus Overhaul and Dolores Bart on May 26.

Helen Doherty of Bus Overhaul and Jerry Sullivan of 79 Monroe recently became engaged.

Two more bundles from Heaven — a daughter Kathleen for Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Coleman and Marjorie for Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh.

Our sympathy to *Al Dohm* of Bus Overhaul on the death of his wife.

Welcome to our new employes — Richard Frenette and Winnie Gilleran.

C. Kobida, Michael Paule, Carl Hill, Jorgen Larsen and Patrick Kehoe have retired on pension.

—CATHERINE HOLTON

ENGAGEMENT SMILES



A PLEASANT SURPRISE to Marilyn Christian, Job Classification, occurred recently when her fiance, Frank Krautsak, a former CTA employe, met her for dinner and placed a lovely diamond ring on her finger... Marilyn's father is Robert Christian, Sr., bus instructor at North avenue.

Reported by Mary Clarke

CTA Beauty Spot — Skokie Shops

Shops and Equipment (Skokie)—Now that summer is here, one must see for himself to appreciate the beauty of Skokie shops here at Skokie. Out here in the wide open spaces we have the most modern shops. The men and the bosses are a fine bunch of fellows and very nice people to work with. We also now have a bus all to ourselves that carries our men to and from the shops to the North end of Crawford Ave. streetcar line.

Carpenter Robert and Mrs. Buerger spent their fifth wedding anniversary outdoors, mostly fishing and golfing.

Our deepest sympathy to Machinist George W. Dahlin whose mother passed away June 13.

Congratulations and best wishes to *Truck Foreman Henry* (What again) *Hitterman*, who recently married off his son Arthur.

Blacksmith Helper Martin Soderberg is still in the hospital and a very sick man.

Machinist Michael Pfeffer, who had a brain clot some time ago, is now out of the hospital. However, Mike is still a very sick man and it will be a long time before he will come back to his job. Mike is now at the home of his daughter in Pontiac, Illinois.

Once again the Stork paid a visit at the Lewis Memorial hospital to Mrs. David Guereca on June 10, and it was another girl weighing in at seven pounds, eleven ounces. The proud parents named her Gloria. Dave is working as a truckman here at Skokie.

Machinist Patrick McVerry was off sick for almost a week. However, Pat has now completely recovered and is back on the job.

Machinist Foreman Auggie Feinendegen spent the first week of his vacation painting and making improvements on his home.

—DAVE GURWICH

Trip to "Egypt" Startles the Office

Shops and Equipment (South Shops) — Arvid Lindquist startled the office by telling us he went up to Egypt, on his vacation — Egypt, Ill. Lindy drove thru all our suburbs and took in quite a bit of fishing, before returning home.

Our condolences to John Tuveson (car repair) upon the recent death of his wife. The welcome mat has been laid out for Bill Maginnis, formerly of the West Shops and now a booth clerk in the Blacksmith shop. While home on leave Private Ralph Roter (office) was quarantined with the German measles

Frank Coonan (paint shop) is enjoying a three-month furlough in Ireland. Faulkner McCrea, Bill Shaughnessy and Joe Kehoe recently had a wonderful fishing trip on the Canadian border. Tom Bowman is sporting a beautiful light blue '51 Buick. Frank DeWitt at this writing has put his first 1000 miles on that 1951 Pontiac.

Going Up!

A card from Private Dan Proffitt arrived asking us to kindly take note of his status with the army—it's Pvt., First Class, now. Betty Byrne spent her vacation money on summer clothes, so had to stay in Chicago and appreciate some of its sunshine.

A big treat of some wonderful whipped creamed cake was enjoyed by the boys in the Machine shop. Ed Foster treated on the occasion of his birthday. George Alebich (frog shop) has been off sick since last December due to an accident. George is at home at 3351 S. Union avenue, so drop him a card or letter to help him pass the time away. Tom Doyle (power house) is still in Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Howard West (power house) is vacationing in California, while

RECENT RETIREMENTS



Charles M. Boege, conductor, Northside.
"Hunting and fishing in South Dakota where I have a home."



Carl G. Malm, yard foreman, Northside. "Planning trips to Florida and California for vacation with wife."



Charles N. Weisseg, conductor, Cottage Grove.
"Taking a vacation and then plenty of work around the house."



John T. Smyth, flagman, Beverly. "Will have plenty of time to enjoy myself now that I have retired."



Emil C. Schwichtenberg, conductor, Westside. "Moving to Arkansas where I have bought a home."



Carl F. Ratzel, motorman, Westside. "Heading for California to visit friends and enjoy himself there."

Andy Ziegelmeier chose Florida for his vacation spot. Charles Bareishis had guests from Pittsburg. He wanted to show off the Buckingham Fountain, but the fountain hadn't opened as yet. Who did he think he was, MacArthur?

> ANNE McCREA and BETTY BYRNE

Door Prize Puts Her in Training

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC — Gertrude Figge won a door prize and is now busily engaged in training a parakeet.

Thomas Rice has been requisitioned by the United States Navy to return to active service as Radio Man, 3rd class. The big smile being carried around by Ray Primeau is because Ray was the first in Schedule-Traffic to receive his G.I. insurance dividend check.

Charles Pfaus vacationed in and around Chicago, and this was supposed to include Lincoln Park and Lincoln Fields. Frank Irvine is pushing the Mercury up to Sampson Air Base to visit son, Jim, who is taking Cadet training.

George Johannes happily informs us that he expects to have his wife back home after an extended illness. Arvin Kreutzer was studying the airplane timetables so he could meet his two sons who flew in from California recently.

-L. C. DUTTON

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

CHARLES AKERSTROM, 82, tired foreman, Southside Shops. Died 4-28-51. Employed 5-4-96.

STEPHEN BARRETT, 77, gateman, Westside. Died Employed 8-27-23.

JOHN BECKETT, 80, retired motor-an, Archer. Died 5-4-51. Employed 1.9.05

THOMAS BENSON, 78, retired motorman, Armitage. Died 4-28-51. Employed 5-15-09.

CHARLES E. BOOTH, 55. ductor, Northside. Died 5-24-51. Employed 11-3-16.

JOHN E. CONLON, 73, retired despatcher, Northside. Died 4-23-51. Employed 2-12-99.

JOHN CONRY, 62, retired motorman, Cottage Grove. Died 4-18-51. Employed 6-20-14.

JOHN COUGHLIN, 68, retired conductor, Armitage. Died 5-5-51. Employed 6-28-04.

HERBERT DAGENAIS, 47, chauffeur, Utility. Died 5-25-51. Employed 1-16-24.

EDWARD DROEGE, 57, man, Devon. Died 6-6-51. Employed 1-7-20. JAMES J. DUNN, 86, retired watch-man, Track. Died 5-25-51. Employed 1889.

GEORGE GIROUX, 74, retired conductor, Lincoln. Died 6-8-51. ployed 5-3-18.

ISAAC GRICE, 30, retired flagman, Cottage Grove. Died 4-16-51. Employed 1-13-93.

JOHN HAEFLINGER, 76. car placer, North. Died 5-28-51. Employed 1-13-21.

IRVING HANSON, 70, retired motorman, Burnside. Died 5-13-51. Employed 3-23-06.

OSCAR JOHNSON, 75, retired motorman, Armitage. Employed 12-30-99.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, 65 motorman, North. Died Employed 10-13-15.

LEW E. JORDAN, 80, retired motorman, 77th. Died 5-16-51. Employed 7-10-13.

JOSEPH KENNEDY, 66, retired motorman, 77th. Died 8-27-50. Employed 5-16-16.

JAMES KENNY, 64, retired conductor, Devon. Died 5-12-51. Employed 5-3-09.

GEORGE KOLLOCH, 70, retired despatcher, Northside. Died 5-8-51. Employed 6-10-08.

WILLIAM KRAMER, 63, motorman, Lawndale. Died 6-15-51. Employed 6-16-26.

JULIUS KRAUSE, 86, retires motorman, North. Died 4-21-51 Employed 4-6-04. retired FRED E. KUNTZ, 82, retired flag-

man, Burnside. Died 6-13-51. Employed 9-24-92.

KATHERINE LEONARD, 63, retired agent, Westside. Died 4-28-51. Employed 10-17-29.

JOHN LUDWIG, 78, retired car-penter, South Shops. Died 6-8-51. Employed 11-12-19.

HARVEY E. LUTZ, 63, motorman, 69th. Died 5-19-51. Employed 3-17-25.

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EMMET F. LYNCH, 50, car repairman, North Shops. Died 6-17-51.
Employed 6-15-22.
PATRICK MALONEY, 66, retired motorman, North. Died 6-8-51. Employed 2-11-13.
FRANK MASKOLUNAS, 70, retired watchman. South Shops. Died 5-30.

watchman, South Shops. Died 5-30-51. Employed 2-16-20.

DANIEL McGOVERN, 76, retired conductor, North. Died 4-21-51.

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SAMUEL MITCHELL, 69, retired motorman, North. Died 4-11-51. Employed 8-16-09.
FRANK G. SCHEUER, 63, conductor, Lawndale. Died 6-15-51. Employed 3-9-15.
PETER J. SIMON, 57, retired guard, Northside. Died 4-22-51. Employed 2-20-23.
HARRY J. STEPHENS, 70, retired motorman, Cottage Grove. Died 4-22-51. Employed 11-11-20.
FRANK SULLIVAN, 64, retired conductor, Devon. Died 5-11-51. Employed 11-28-12.
WALTER SURDEJ, 78, retired gate-

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WALLER SURDEJ, '18, retired gate-man, Metropolitan. Died 5-27-51. Employed 6-14-24. WILLIAM TERRELL, 79, retired motorman, Metropolitan. Died 4-16-51. Employed 9-2-96. WILLIAM TETROW, 73, retired

motorman, North. Died 6-5-51. Employed 4-11-07.
GEORGE VITEK, 54, retired motor-

man, 77th. Died 6-2-51. Employed 2-19-20.

2-19-20.
WILLIAM WACKROW, 70, retired gateman, Westside. Died 5-8-51. Employed 4-8-25.
STONE WALLIN, 78, retired conductor, Lincoln. Died 4-30-51. Employed 1-14-15.
JOSEPH L. WATERS, 70, retired

JOSEPH L. WATERS, 70, retired motorman, Utility. Died 5-31-51. Employed 3-9-06. BENJAMINE ZIEMER, 54, motor-man, Southside. Died 6-15-51. Em-ployed 2-22-18.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



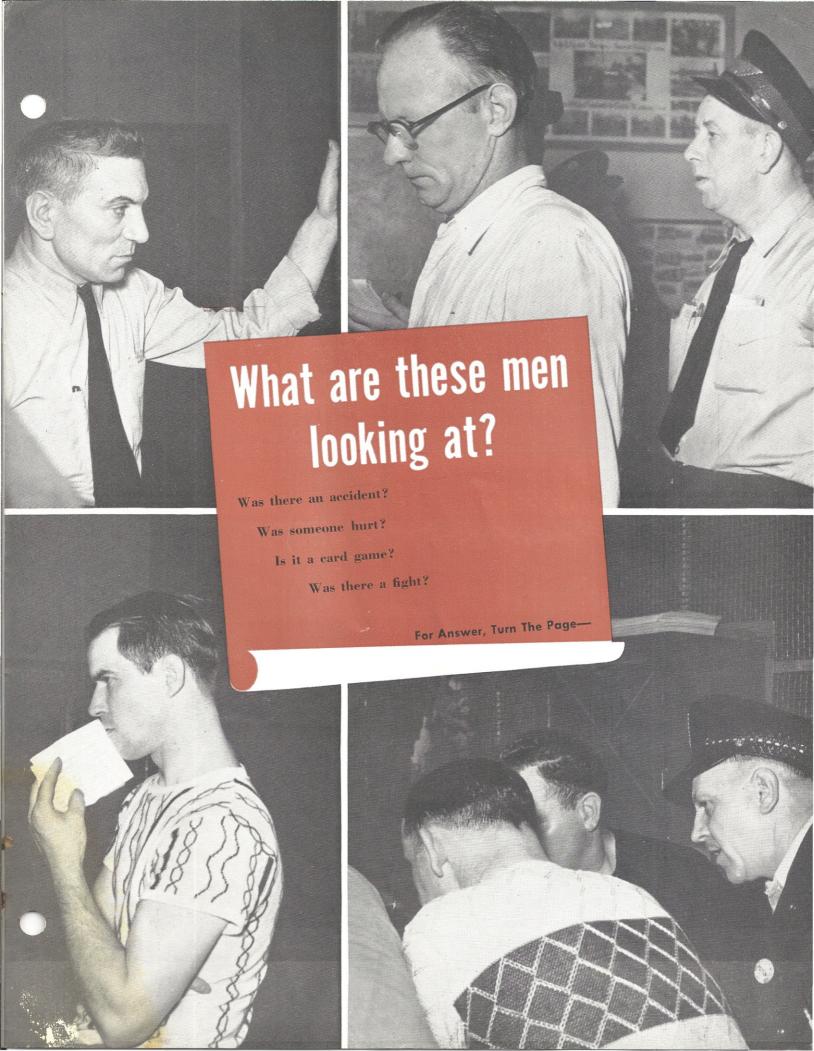
"AHEAD OF THE STORM" is the appropriate title given this picture taken by Wilbur Jensen, 77th . . . He made the photograph during a vacation trip last summer while passing through Chaldron, a small town in Nebraska . . . It was snapped just moments before a typical Nebraska storm came up and shows a local resident attempting to reach home before the rains

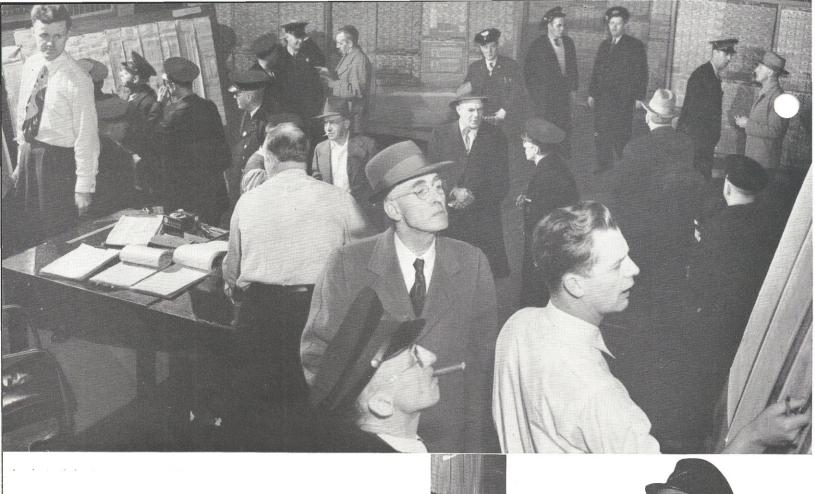
EACH month CTA TRANSIT NEWS will select the "Picture of the Month" for EACH month CTA TRANSIT NEWS will select the "Picture of the Month" for publication in the Inside News section of the magazine. Selection of the photograph will be made from those submitted by CTA employes. Any type of picture may be submitted, including scenic, action, portrait and still life. Entries should be given to your departmental reporter, or sent direct to the CTA TRANSIT NEWS, Attention: Photo Editor, 79 W. Monroe street, Room 1226, Chicago 90, Illinois. Be sure to include the story relating to the picture and the full names of individuals in the picture.



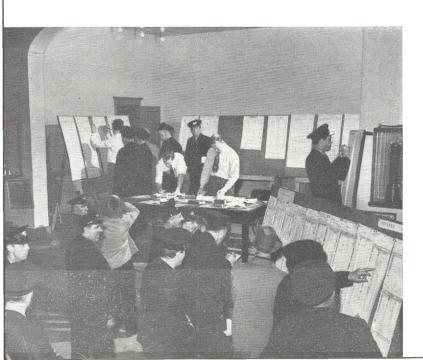


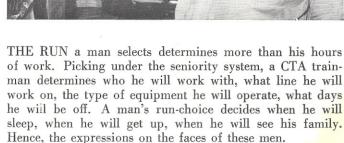
ASK THE MAN WHO'S HAD ONE





...They are making a PICK!





Picking is one of the problems of the transportation business. Not only must a new selection of runs be made with each change in season, but if there is a change in service on an individual line a station may be required to hold another pick. The modernization program of Chicago Transit Authority has necessitated a number of extra picks during the past years. However, this has been felt desirable in order to immediately pass on to the public any benefits from new equipment as soon as it arrives on the property.

These photos were taken during recent picks at 77th.

CTA TRANSIT NEWS





LIKE practically everyone else, Bus Operator Frank Pacula, Blue Island, stops to look at the shoes on display before entering the store. Since men usually leave the fashion angle to the fair sex, there are three major points to guide a man in buying a pair of shoes: materials, fit and foot type.

TO many people, it would probably sound absurd to say that the majority of CTA employes are on their feet most of the working day. . . . After all, aren't we in the transportation business? . . . Don't our motormen, conductors and trainmen ride all day? . . . That's true, but also true is the fact that these men stand a good portion of the day. . . . And let's not forget about our street supervisors, shop employes, file clerks, platform men, etc., who stand and walk a lot more than they sit down. . . . The following article on proper care of the feet should be of interest to all individuals who want foot comfort—on and off the job.

There is a popular notion that America is turning into a nation of sitters and riders. Yet the expression "Oh, my aching feet!" is fast becoming a national lament, for modern living imposes extraordinary strains on your feet.

Pounding sidewalks, climbing up and down stairs, walking on hardwood floors, squeezing feet into too-small or ill-fitting shoes and wobbling along on too-high heels, allowing feet to get hot, perspiration-laden or just plain sore, subjects feet to severe punishment. Results are reflected in clinical records and statistics that tell a grim tale of mounting foot disabilities.

The number of persons suffering from foot ailments has doubled in the past 30 years. A study of the U. S. Public Health Service disclosed that more than 80 per cent of the American people suffered from foot ailments at one time or another; according to the Gallup poll, one-third of the adult



ONCE inside the store, Frank's selection and purchase is a step-by-step procedure. When buying shoes, never order by size alone. Have both feet measured from a standing position.

MANY foot specialists recommend shoes made of leather uppers and leather soles to insure the flexibility required by the natural movements of the feet. Shoes made of this material provide a means of keeping foot temperatures at healthful levels, and also of making sure that the shoes will retain their shape.



population grumbles about aching feet. No wonder then that defective feet ranked sixth among reasons for rejection for military service in World War II. And what is probably more important, examinations of several hundreds of thousands of children in the New York City school system revealed that three out of four suffered from minor or major foot ills, many of them caused by wearing of improper footwear such as hand-me-downs either too small or too large, and by the unrestricted wearing of play shoes, instead of well-fitting, oxford-type shoes with resilient leather soles.

These figures may be startling to you but come as no surprise to podiatrists and other foot specialists. For a long time, they have treated a long parade of footsore patients, most of whom considered consultation with a foot specialist a desperate last resort.

So next time you accuse your feet of killing you, stop and consider if you aren't killing them. Your feet are intricate pieces of machinery containing 52 bones, one-fourth of all you possess, 38 muscles, 214 ligaments and the highest concentration of sweat glands and tiny blood vessels in the entire body.

The overwhelming majority of all people are born with strong, healthy feet, but improper foot hygiene and ill-fitting footwear soon take its toll.

What can be done to put the feet of grownups back on a sound footing? The first step is obvious: wear accurate-fitting shoes. Buy shoes toward the end of the day, since many people have feet which tend to swell during the course of a busy day. Be sure to have both feet measured standing up, since most persons have feet of unequal sizes. Soft-soled shoes and sneakers should only be worn on resilient surfaces, because they do not cushion the foot against the jars and shocks of walking on concrete sidewalks.

Don't keep a "best pair" of shoes for special occasions. Wearing different pairs on alternate days is good for the feet and health, and gives the shoes a rest. The leather of the soles, because it is a natural product, aborbs perspiration and helps to keep foot temperatures at healthful levels.

THE experts have found that feet often spread in the course of a busy day, sometimes as much as half a size. That's why it is best to try on new shoes toward the end of the day. Well-fitting shoes need little breaking in. Shoes that pinch when you put them on first will rarely ever be comfortable later on.





THE manager of a loop shoe store, A. B. Robbins, explains a few of the features of the shoe being tried on by Bus Operator Pacula. This type of shoe, with no seam at the instep, is particularly comfortable to those who must work from a sitting position, when the shoes generally tighten and the instep swells. It allows for foot movement without cramping or pinching and the foot has natural movement without any binding.

Leather is able to do this because of its fibrous structure. Giving it a rest will allow the perspiration to be passed off completely; the shoe will be completely dry when put on again, and the leather sole will be able to do an efficient job of helping the foot stay healthy.

Remember there is no all-embracing curative device or "corrective" shoe. Their indiscriminate use can be harmful. In case of serious foot trouble consult a qualified podiatrist who is equipped to decide which therapeutic appliance, if any, is best for you.

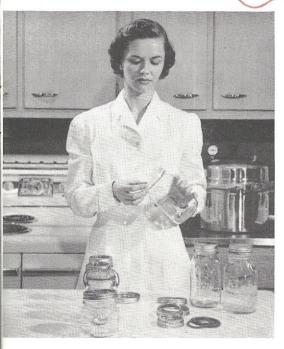
To insure the health of your feet, follow these ten basic rules issued by the American Foot Care Institute:

- 1. Wash frequently! Bathe your feet once or even twice a day, dry them thoroughly and use foot powder afterward.
- 2. Change often! And change socks once or twice a day.
- 3. Trim right! Cut your toenails straight across, not shorter than the flesh.
- 4. Wear right! Wear all-leather shoes, both soles and uppers, and pick the right shoe for the right occasion.
- 5. Fit right! Be sure you have the proper size of shoe, and the proper size of stocking (a half-inch longer than longest toe).
- 6. Exercise! Limber up your feet at intervals; they have muscles too, remember. Wiggle your toes!
- 7. Keep dry! Don't needlessly get your feet wet and don't let them stay wet from perspiration.
- 8. Walk right! Cultivate good posture and give your feet proper support with all-leather shoes.
- 9. Don't neglect! Examine your own and your children's feet at frequent intervals to guard against ailments.
- 10. Take care! Don't be a "bathroom surgeon." If your feet need attention, consult a qualified chiropodist or podiatrist.

TO THE

ladies

from joan



Know Your Canning Jars

Any jar may be used for canning provided the mouth is so threaded that it will take one of the standard tops which will seal air tight. When using old jars, look them over carefully for nicks, chips, or cracks, and discard the imperfect ones. Use new rubber rings and new self-sealing lids.

WITH SO many improvements in food packaging and marketing in the last few years, the canning season isn't the busy time of the year in your kitchens as in years back. But here are some things to think about.

Preserving surplus produce, either home-grown or market purchased, is a real responsibility to the housewife who wants to provide her family with nutritious meals at a reasonable cost throughout the year. Garden vegetables reach their prime in excess of your family's appetite at certain seasons of the year when they are at their lowest cost level. A good manager cans this surplus so that its use may be spread over the entire year, making possible a better balanced and more varied diet.

What to Can

Some of the foods most commonly canned are fruits, fruit juices, and tomatoes; pineapple and rhubarb in the early spring, followed by strawberries and cherries a few weeks later, peaches and tomatoes in late summer, and pears, plums and apples in the fall. Having all these foods available at such varied times, we find the canning season really is not limited to a short period, which makes it possible for a homemaker to keep adding to her shelves, a few jars at a time, from May to November, using only the simplest of equipment.

Storage

Label and store jars in a cool, dry, dark place. Watch the jars, especially the first few days. If any show signs of leakage, examine that lot closely. If fermentation is not too far advanced, food may be re-claimed by re-processing, or it may be brought to a boil and used at once. Harmless molds sometimes form on top; this can be removed with a small amount of the food, as the rest of the jar may not have been affected and can be used.

Watermelon Pickles

With watermelon so plentiful right now here's a recipe for canning the rind:

- 2 lbs. prepared watermelon rind Salt water (made with 1 quart cold water and ½ cup salt)
- 1 teaspoon whole allspice
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves
- 5 two-inch pieces stick cinnamon
- 3 cups vinegar
- 2 cups water
- 2 pounds sugar



Select thick rind from firm melon. Trim off the green skin and pink flesh. Weigh 2 pounds of the prepared rind and cut into inch pieces. Soak overnight in salt water. Next morning, drain off the brine, cover with fresh water and cook until tender. Add more water as needed. Let stand several hours or overnight. Drain. Put spices loosely in clean, thin, white cloth; tie top tightly. Bring to boiling point the spices, vinegar, 2 cups water and sugar. Add cooked watermelon rind and boil slowly until the syrup is fairly thick. Remove spice bag; pack watermelon in hot, sterlized jars. Pour syrup over rind, filling jars to top. Seal. Store in cool place. (1 teaspoon ground cinnamon may be used in place of the cinnamon sticks.)

(Electric Cooking Institute Photos)



Barbecue Pattern

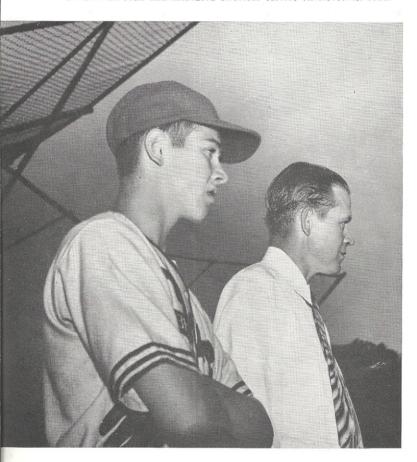
A PERFECT apron to wear when you're eating in the rough, this sturdy striped model of mattress ticking is yours for the making. The bottom edge and pockets are trimmed with red poplin and rickrack. Included in the direction leaflet for making this apron are a matching man's apron, barbecue mitt and barbecue mats. Write to WOMEN'S EDITOR, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, 79 W. MONROE STREET for a free direction leaflet.

TRANSIT IN THE



CTA EXHIBITS PROPANE BUS

ON display for public inspection at the AFL Union Industries Show in Soldier Field was this new 51-passenger, odorless propane-fueled bus, one of a fleet of 551 purchased by CTA in 1950. . . . On duty at the CTA booth were uniformed supervisors who answered questions about this latest type vehicle in the transit industry. . . . The Show was held May 18 through May 26. . . . For the convenience of crowds who attended, CTA operated special shuttle bus service on Cermak road and increased streetcar service on Roosevelt road.



WINS ATHLETIC, SCHOLASTIC HONORS

WAITING his turn to perform at the recent baseball try-out for high school graduates held by the Chicago Cubs is Larry Blades, 17 (left) son of Supervisor William Blades, District B. . . . Larry, a member of the 1951 graduating class from Evanston High School, was selected as the third basemen on the Chicago Tribune 1951 All-Suburban League baseball team. . . . Another honor gained by young Blades was a \$5,000 scholarship award to Dartmouth University for scholastic and athletic ability. . . . He received several other scholarship awards, but chose Datmouth where he plans to study physics, plus play a lot of baseball The father of this talented youngster, William, was also a baseball player in his day and closed out his athletic ambitions as a member of the Devon team that won the north side surface division championship in 1942.



RECENT APPOINTMENTS

IN a bulletin issued by R. J. McKinney, Superintendent of Transportation, and approved by General Manager Walter J. McCarter, it was announced that, effective Sunday, June 24, the Transportation department was divided into two sections: personnel and instruction, and over-the-road operations. The following appointments were made in relation to this departmental change:

General Supervision

D. M. Flynn, Superintendent of Surface Operations; R. J. Bailey, Assistant Superintendent of Surface Operations; A. Heidecke, Superintendent of Rapid Transit Operations; J. Higgins, Assistant Superintendent of Rapid Transit Operations; T. F. Moore, Superintendent of Operating Stations; G. Roesing, Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations.

Surface System, Superintendents

J. B. Becker and J. Kelly, District A; A. Tagler and J. Kramer, District B; J. Hart and S. Sim, District C; J. Hubberts and F. Eggert, District D; J. Mathley, Relief District Superintendent, Districts B, C, and D; E. Nassar, Station Superintendent, Gas Buses, North avenue; G. Dorgan, Station Superintendent, Armitage and Lawrence; W. Powers, Night Station Superintendent, Armitage and Lawrence.

Rapid Transit System, Superintendents

F. J. Sirr, North-South Districts; C. F. Loughery, West District; D. J. McGovern, Station Superintendent, North Side Section; A. W. Washo, Assistant Station Superintendent, North Side Section; R. W. Sanford, Night Station Superintendent, North Side Section; L. J. Hickey, Station Superintendent, South Side Section; R. F. Wenstrom, Assistant Station Superintendent, South Side Section; A. G. Anderson, Night Station Superintendent, South Side Section; S. R. Smith, Station Superintendent, Garfield Park and Douglas Park Sections; F. T. Boland, Station Superintendent, Lake Street and Logan Square Sections; F. W. Till, Night Station Superintendent, West Side Section (Garfield Park, Douglas Park, Lake street and Logan Square); J. Christopher, Superintendent of Agents and Porters, South Side;

R. DeMaria, Superintendent of Agents and Porters, Garfield Park and Douglas Park; J. DeLong, Superintendent of Agents and Porters, Lake street and Logan Square; C. Isaacson, Superintendent of Agents and Porters, North Side Section.

EFFECTIVE June 1, 1951, Edward M. Raftery was appointed Superintendent of Maintenance, Way and Structures, Rapid Transit Division.

A veteran of the rapid transit division (employed as a painter in 1917), Mr. Raftery will be in charge of maintenance on all divisions of the elevated and subway lines.

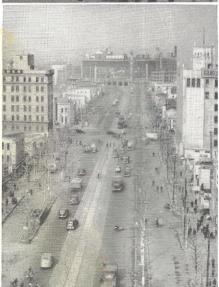
Born in Chicago on December 2, 1898, Mr. Raftery is a graduate of St. Philip High School. He also attended Northwestern University School of Commerce. He and his wife, *Julia*, are the parents of two children, *Edward F.*, and *Mary*.

IN a bulletin issued by H. L. Polland, Director of Public Information, it was announced that, effective June 15, 1951, W. M. Howlett has been appointed Editor of CTA TRANSIT NEWS. He replaces John Fisher, who resigned to accept another position. Succeeding Mr. Howlett as Public Information Assistant is F. C. Knautz, formerly of the Transportation department.

NO TRAFFIC PROBLEM HERE

ALTHOUGH Midosuji avenue in Oska, Japan, is comparable in importance to that city as State street is to Chicago, the lack of automobile traffic is in sharp contrast to the present conditions on State street. . . . Shown here is the shopping district of the city where many stores and theaters are located. . . . The building in the foreground houses the Takashimaja store, one of the largest in Japan. . . . Another view of Midosuji avenue shows the major traffic headache encountered is bicycles, not automobiles or trucks. . . . Observant readers will note that in Osaka the traffic flow is the opposite of what we have in this country. . . . The photos reproduced here were received by CTA from Seiichi Watsuji, Investigation Officer for the Osaka Municipal Transportation Bureau.







SELF-SERVICE SPEEDS FARE COLLECTIONS

EVER ON THE ALERT to find ways and means to speed up fare collections for the convenience of riders, newly designed equipment was placed in experimental operation by the CTA at the Jackson-Adams station in the State Street subway during the latter part of May. Quarters are deposited in the machine at the right (as shown by Jeanne Sehring, Specifications) which returns a token and the exact change. The token is then inserted in the turnstile at the left (demonstrated by JoAnne Kennebec, Specifications) and the patron passes through to a device (center) which automatically issues a blue transfer (being picked up by Julie Prinderville, Transportation) for continued riding on CTA Surface routes.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS MONTHS OF MAY 1951 AND 1950, FIVE MONTHS AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 1951

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

Period Ende	d May 31, 1951
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poses are insufficient therefor, or for accomplishing the final retirement or redemption of all outstanding Series of 1947 Revenu
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(2) Deposits may be made in the Depreciation Reserve Fund only to the extent that monies are available therefor. The requirements for these deposits, however, are cumulative. Monthly deposits not exceeding \$15,000 are to be made to the Option Expense Reserve Fund in any month that cartnings are available therefor. Deposits to the Stuningal Compensation Fund may be made on the Compensation Fund may be made on the Compensation of the Compensation Fund may be made on the Compensation Reserve Fund.

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PASSENGER STATISTICS

 Originating Revenue Passengers
 61,602,088
 65,608,708
 304,541,917
 736,072,000

 Transfer Revenue Passengers
 3,393,917
 3,216,255
 16,735,015
 38,735,526

 Total Revenue Passengers
 64,996,005
 68,824,963
 321,276,932
 774,807,526

STATUS OF EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

June 18, 1951

	Delivered To Date	Remaining To Be Delivered
Propane Buses	472	79
Trolley Buses	24	326
El-Subway Cars	130	70
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